

Tory threat to Durban three

THE TORY government is taking no action against the South African regime over its refusal to send back four men to face arms smuggling charges in Coventry.

The Botha regime has merely forfeited £400,000 bail which is a cheap price to pay for getting away scot-free.

At the same time, Foreign Office Minister Malcolm Rifkind warned the three anti-apartheid leaders in the British consulate in Durban that they face eviction if there are any disturbances as a result of their occupation.

It follows Monday's announcement that the British authorities have severed all contacts between the three men and the outside world.

Rifkind told the Commons that it was 'impossible' for the consulate to carry out its functions while the sit-in continued.

Labour MP Donald Anderson who returned from a visit to the anti-apartheid campaigners said: 'We are showing ourselves, by our actions both in Coventry and Durban, the best collaborators of the apartheid regime in Europe.'

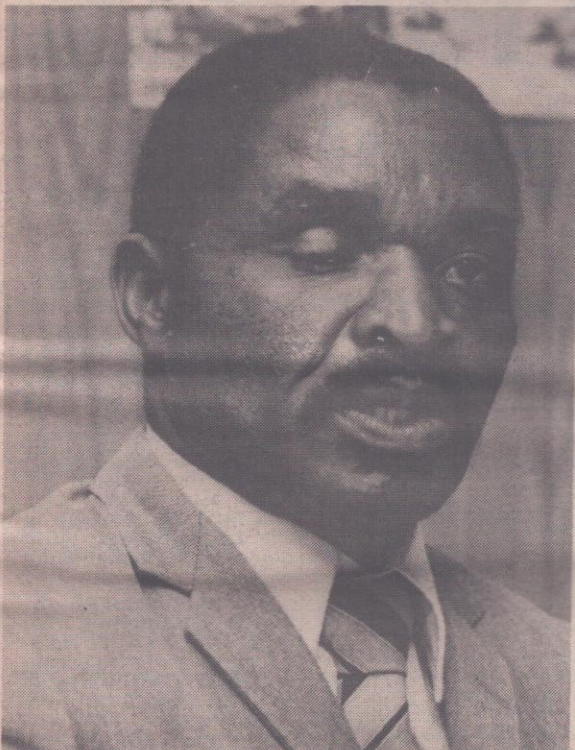
He said the least the government should do is ask the South African ambassador to leave.

Asking aloud why the Tories had not retaliated against the decision not to let the arms smugglers return to face trial, Anderson said: 'Is a uranium deal in the offing or would the government itself be embarrassed if the full story of the arms smuggling charges were to be revealed?'

'It may simply be that a Conservative government feels a natural sympathy towards its friends in South Africa.'

MINERS NEWS
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ARMY TERROR IN TOWNSHIPS



JOHNSON MLAMBO: No respite for apartheid

THE BOTHA regime yesterday sent the South African army and police into black townships in a desperate attempt to crush the spread of the black rebellion against apartheid.

An estimated 7,000 soldiers and police took part in a savage crackdown in the massive working-class townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong, all near Johannesburg.

In the biggest internal security operation in the racist republic's history, 20,000 homes were searched, more than 350 people arrested and black 'dormitory' areas were surrounded, turning them into virtual concentration camps.

Johnson Mlambo, director of foreign affairs of the Pan Africanist Con-

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gress of Azania (South Africa), said in London last night the Pretoria government had gone all-out to suppress the dissent of the black masses.

'Until the question of the self-determination of the black African people is settled, there will be no peace whatsoever in South Africa and no respite for the apartheid regime.'

Revolt

Mlambo, who was released last year after 20 years in Robben Island prison, said the revolt by black workers and youth had been fuelled by rent increases, appalling housing, the education crisis, low wages and sharp increases in the cost of living.

'The black people of Azania are demanding the repossession of their land and their sovereignty,' he said.

The black conscious-

ness Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO) described yesterday's sloop as a declaration of war. 'The occupation shows that the South African government has completely failed in its policies of apartheid.'

Unrepresentative minority rule was at the heart of the revolutionary uprising, AZAPO said.

A spokesman for the United Democratic Front, a two-million-strong anti-apartheid movement, said its warnings two weeks ago that South Africa was entering a state of civil war had proved real.

The white opposition Progressive Federal Party joined in, denouncing the operation as a show of force to try to intimidate the country's 23-million black majority.

Michael Spicer of the South African Institute of International Affairs said: 'The use of such an exceptional show of force is intended to convey that trouble is not going to be tolerated.'

At the United Nations in New York, General Assembly president Paul Lusaka of Zambia said through a spokesman that the crackdown was 'inherently despicable' and should be condemned by the international community.

Officially, more than 80 people have been killed in the past six weeks as opposition to the racist regime has spread through the country's 299 townships, of which Soweto, population 2 million, is the largest.

● See Botha's troops lay siege to Sebokeng — Page 5



BOTHA: Troops sent in to crush dissent

NUM in new ACAS talks

THE National Union of Mineworkers is to meet the Coal Board for talks at ACAS today. They were invited yesterday by ACAS.

The news came last night as desperate attempts continued to divide the pit deputies from the miners.

The Tory aim is prevent the deputies' union, NACODS, from going ahead with a strike from tomorrow, shutting down every pit in Britain.

Talks at ACAS broke up at 8p.m. and a statement is to be put to a meeting of the NACODS executive today, an ACAS spokesman said.

TUC and Labour Party leaders are behind the ACAS-Tory government moves to isolate the miners' union and force the NUM to capitulate to pit

closure plans.

A TUC team arrived at the ACAS headquarters in the early evening after the pit deputies' leaders had completed many hours of talks with NCB chairman Ian MacGregor and his top directors.

They were soon followed by miners' president Arthur Scargill and vice-president Mick McGahey, who said they had come to see TUC leaders.

The miners' leaders had been meeting with the TUC leaders at Congress House when general secretary Norman Willis led the rush across the centre of London to the headquarters of the state agency.

Scargill had earlier in the day branded Energy Secretary Peter Walker and ACAS chairman Pat Lowry as 'liars' (see page 7).

Willis went to ACAS with economic committee



Arthur Scargill arriving at ACAS last night

chairman David Basnett, train drivers' leader Ray Buckton, assistant general secretary Ken Graham and head of industrial relations, John Monks.

After an hour at ACAS, the NUM leaders were invited to meet the NCB today.

Scargill said: 'I am hoping the Coal Board will have a change of mind and, secondly, will accept the very pertinent points we have been making.'

The three demands the union was making as a basis for resumption of talks were the withdrawal

of the March 6 pit closure programme; keeping open the five pits currently threatened with closure; and a definition of exhausted reserves which did not include the 'uneconomic' connotation which the NCB had been seeking to include.

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Plastic bullet decision: a licence to kill

SECURITY forces in the north of Ireland have been given a license to shoot to kill, Father Denis Faul, an outspoken critic of the use of plastic bullets in the north of Ireland, said yesterday.

The Roman Catholic priest made the statement following a ruling by the European Human Rights commission that plastic bullets were not as dangerous as many people had claimed.

The commission yesterday released its reasons for rejecting the case brought by Kathleen Stewart, whose 13-year-old son was killed by a plastic bullet in 1976.

Mrs Stewart's case was contested by the British



Mrs Kathleen Stewart ... case rejected

government, which claimed that the baton round which killed her son had been a use of force no more than necessary and there had been no intention to cause suffering to her son.

The commission's finding said: "... the death of Brian Stewart resulted from the use of force which was no more than 'absolutely necessary' in action lawfully taken for the purpose of quelling a riot ..."

The commission also

rejected the charge that firing plastic bullets amounts to torture or degrading treatment, and that the weapon is discriminatory, because it is used only against the Roman Catholic or Republican community.

The commission also rejected Mrs Stewart's application for a Court of Human Rights hearing on the grounds that 'the applicant's complaints reveal no appearance of a breach of the convention'.

Since 1970, more than 103,000 plastic and rubber bullets have been fired by police and troops. Rubber bullets were phased out in 1975.

During the time of the IRA hunger strike in 1981, nearly 30,000 plastic bullets were fired, and seven people died after being hit by them. Fifteen people have been killed by plastic and rubber bullets since 1970.

The Northern Ireland office yesterday welcomed the ruling.



Anne Scargill, second from right, arriving at the court yesterday

Acquittal for Anne Scargill

ANNE SCARGILL and three other women were cleared of all charges by Mansfield Magistrates last night.

Earlier, the wife of the NUM president described how she felt fear when the police turned violent on a Nottinghamshire picket line.

She was surrounded by police and was 'very afraid', the wife of the NUM president told magistrates.

Mrs Scargill was giving evidence on the second day of a hearing in which she and three other women had faced obstruction charges, which they denied.

The prosecution had claimed that Mrs Scargill, 43, was arrested after twice refusing police requests to move.

Yesterday, from the

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witness box, she gave her account of what happened at the picket against scabs outside Silverhill colliery, Notts.

Mrs Scargill said she and other women were walking away from the main demonstration, beside a fence at the perimeter of the pit site.

Arrested

A police officer arrested another woman and she heard an officer shout: 'We'll have her as well.'

Mrs Scargill added: 'We were surrounded by police, about six of them. I had got my back to the fence and my friend Ann was facing it.'

'I was very, very frightened. The police seemed

very hostile. I couldn't understand what had happened because I hadn't seen anything.'

Until then, the police had been 'friendly'.

The officer who arrested her, PC Clive Powell, 'just came and got me', she said.

'There were a few policemen and their mood was very, very hostile — in fact they frightened me. I was very afraid.'

She was taken away and put in a waiting police van.

On Monday, police told the court that women were shouting 'scab bastards' at miners going to work. One said he clearly remembered Mrs Scargill shouting this.

Yesterday, clutching the sides of the witness box, she said: 'I would like to tell this court that I don't use abusive language. I don't use obscene language. You can ask people who know me.'

She said she freely admitted using the word 'scab' but had never coupled it with an obscene word.

As she walked by the fence, she shouted: 'Stand up and fight: get off your knees! Support your union and think about your kids and your futures.'

She denied that she grabbed hold of the wire mesh perimeter fence and refused to move.

Bench chairman Edward Seabrook asked her: 'You say you were afraid. This was two months into the miners' strike and there must have been ample evidence as to what was happening on picket lines.'

She replied: 'I've never been on a picket line where the police turned so violent. The picket lines I have been on before, the police have always been friendly.'

Bid to free NUM official from jail

ONE of Scotland's main strike leaders, David Hamilton, of Dalkeith, continues to be kept in jail. He was committed to prison by Edinburgh Sheriff Court last Friday.

Hamilton (34), is chairman of the National Union of Mineworkers' central strike committee in the Lothians, and NUM delegate at Monktonhall colliery.

Other leaders of the strike committee held talks with a QC in Edinburgh yesterday in preparation for a bid on Friday to gain Hamilton's release.

Hamilton is being held in Saughton Gaol after the Crown opposed bail when he appeared on petition before Sheriff Peter McNeil on Friday on a charge of assaulting a man in Dalkeith Miners' Welfare Club on October 12.

The Crown said Hamilton had breached bail conditions set previously at the same court on October 11 on a charge of a breach of the peace outside Bilston Glen colliery.

Sheriff McNeil continued the case for seven days and refused an application for bail from James McIntyre, on behalf of Hamilton.

McIntyre said later his client would deny all charges and that a further application for bail would be made. If that was refused, he would apply to the High Court for Hamilton's release pending trial.

ARTHUR Scargill is expected to be the main speaker at a rally to be held in the Lanarkshire steel town of Motherwell on Saturday. Miners and women's action groups are coming from many parts of the Scottish coalfield, and other trade unionists are being invited.

Red Cross criticised

THE INTERNATIONAL Red Cross has failed to respond to an appeal by the Eritrean Liberation Front-People's Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF) to visit prisoners of war held by the front.

ICRC officials were blatantly refusing to provide the necessary attention because of 'political considerations' rather than humanitarian ones, an ELF-PLF statement said.

Osman Saleh Sabbe, the chairman of the executive committee and central

council of the ELF-PLF, said: 'It is now more than seven months since our March approach to visit a group of 53 prisoners held inside liberated Eritrea by our forces.'

Examine

'In our approach, we stressed that we wished the Red Cross to examine the group of prisoners to study the conditions in which they were being held, and to consider ways of providing

assistance to ensure that they are kept healthy.'

'Despite initial reaction from the ICRC that they would be prepared to visit the prisoners, seven-and-a-half months have passed

'Although a group of three Red Cross officials did visit Khartoum in Sudan, to meet our representatives, they failed to take up our offer to visit the prisoners themselves.'

Sabbe said the ELF-PLF provided facilities for prisoners as best it could, in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

'It is now clear to us that international political considerations have determined their stance, rather than the humanitarian considerations which should motivate them,' he said.

WEATHER

NORTHERN and eastern England, northern Ireland will start dry but rain will reach most parts by midday. Wales, western and southern England, will have periods of rain, but drier, clearer weather with scattered showers, reaching the south west about midday will spread northwards to most parts during the afternoon and evening. Temperatures near normal.

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Armagh ex-prisoner on tour

FORMER Armagh prisoner Linda Quigley, 24, is touring Britain to publicise the plight of female Republican prisoners in the northern Ireland jail who are subjected to degrading strip-searches on a frequent and regular basis.

Linda herself was released from the jail in June after serving 18 months. Since coming out she has spent all her time

campaigning on behalf of the women still inside and winning support to get the degrading practice ended.

Strip-searching began in the women's prison in November 1982, under the direction of Governor Murtagh.

Since then over 2,000 strip-searches have been endured by women, the majority of whom are unconvicted prisoners awaiting trial.

Women are searched when entering or leaving the prison. Some, who may be over two years awaiting trial, have to visit court every week under armed guards and are searched every time they enter or leave the building.

A public meeting is being held tonight at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 at 7p.m., where Linda will be the main speaker.

There will be a full interview with Linda Quigley in News Line later this week.

Hospital march

HOSPITAL workers on strike for the fourth week at Addenbrooke's hospital were joined by miners, council workers, students and others on a march and rally in Cambridge yesterday.

The Cambridge Health Authority was meeting yesterday to consider the position of their domestic services, over three weeks after they were taken over by the private company Office Cleaning Services (OCS) with a loss of about 100 jobs and the scrapping of holiday pay, sickness benefits and adequate staffing level.

FREED CAMMELL LAIRD WORKERS STAND FIRM

CAMMELL Laird's shipyard workers will continue the fight for jobs, their leader Billy Albertina said yesterday after being released from jail.

The final 26 shipyard workers of the 37 jailed after occupying two vessels on the Merseyside shipyard were let out of Walton prison yesterday.

Outside they were warmly welcomed by friends, relatives and supporters from the trade union movement.

Meeting

Albertina told News Line: 'The fight will definitely go on. The lads will be at the meeting on Wednesday and we will carry on from there.

'The only thing I can say is the lads over in Cammell Laird's should thank us for saving their jobs because we've said all along that shipyards were closing down.

'Since we've been in jail, this has been proved correct because up at Swan Hunter they've had no sit ins, no strikes, and two yards are closing.

'This sitting back and saying that if you pacify

'We'll fight on for our jobs'

the government and keep them in order that this will bring the work, just does not work. There has been no trouble in Swan Hunter and two yards are closing down.'

Albertina spoke about Monday's mass meeting of GMBATU members who are strikebreaking in the yard, which voted against reinstating the jailed 37.

He said: 'We expected this because everyone who crosses a picket line with local MPs, councillors and our wives on it and then goes to a Tory Party conference, well, we can't have much trust in them.

'It's up to us now to get round the rest of the yards in British Shipbuilding because they will definitely fight this, unlike the men who are going in the gates at Cammell Laird's.

'We will join up with them and join the fight against the denationalisa-

tion of the shipbuilding industry.

'The fight certainly has not failed. We've said all along we would fight on till the end and we are still fighting. We will join up with the rest of British Shipbuilding.

Future

'At the moment there are no trade unionists down at Cammell Laird's. Once they get everything out of the way then they will destroy the yard and the men in it because there's no way that in the future they can win anything when they are not members of a trade union.'

Referring then to the statement of the director of Cammell Laird's to the effect that the 37 were definitely sacked and finished, Albertina said: 'Michael Murdon can say what he wants.

'As far as we are con-

cerned we are still members of the Cammell Laird's workforce and we will fight on for our jobs, especially on Merseyside. All we've heard while we've been in prison is closures of places like factories and hospitals.'

Of his future plans, Albertina said: 'We will definitely be joining the picket line at Cammell Laird's and joining up with the other yards. The lads have arranged to go to a meeting tomorrow and then go to the picket line on Thursday. We will be calling a lay delegates conference to join in with all the other yards in Great Britain.

'Cammell Laird's workers through defying the union and not going along with union policies have isolated themselves but the rest of the shipbuilders have policies to fight enforced redundancies and this is the battle we will be joining in.

'The conditions were very bad in there,' he said of prison. 'But all the lads thought they were doing right and still think that they are doing right, so it's not so bad.

'All along the morale of the lads hasn't gone down. They are involved in a battle and this hasn't deterred them in any way.'



Billy Albertina outside Walton prison after the last 26 Cammell Laird men were released yesterday

DHSS hands back site

THE DEPARTMENT of Health has given up its remaining freehold interest in the disused St George's hospital at London's Hyde Park corner for £6,100,000.

The agreement was reached yesterday between the Department of Health and the Duke of Westminster's Grosvenor Estate ending a long-running row between them over the sale of what has been called 'Europe's most valuable office site'.

The Department will also receive a further payment 'linked to the rental achieved upon completion of the proposed 135,000 square feet development scheme'.

The one-acre site includes numbers 1-9 Knightsbridge and half the buildings fronting Hyde Park Corner. It was previously the site of St George's hospital.

The hospital was one of the first victims of the Thatcher government's axe on health service spending and was shut down after an occupation by hospital workers four years ago.

Last month the estate pulled out of negotiations after the Department turned down its £6,100,000 offer and demanded nearly twice that amount.

'WALL OF FLAMES' IN CHEMICAL BLAST

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

TWO WORKMEN were taken to hospital suffering from burns and shock yesterday after an explosion and fire at a chemical works.

Three firemen were also treated in hospital after being overcome by fumes while fighting the blaze in the storage area of the Synthetic Chemicals Company, at Four Ashes, Staffordshire, on the outskirts of Wolverhampton.

More than 80 firemen

from Staffordshire and the West Midlands fought for an hour to bring the blaze under control.

Staffordshire's chief fire officer, Peter Reid, said that two chemicals had been involved in the explosion — pyridine and toluene.

Extreme

He said they were not toxic but had a 'narcotic effect' similar to an extreme form of glue sniffing.

Experts are still sifting through the debris to try to establish the cause of the explosion.

Outside contractors were working at the chemical plant earlier yesterday, but Reid could not confirm if they had been using cutting gear.

Chief Supt Ray Woolrich of the Staffordshire police said all 250 workers at the plant were evacuated.

One workman who was believed to have been using cutting gear in the storage area, was said to be suffering from serious burns. The other casualty also taken to hospital suffered burns and shock.

Woolrich said the nearby London-Manchester railway line had been closed for about 20 minutes following the explosion as a precaution. But he added there was no danger to people living near the plant.

Cutting

He had seen a man using cutting equipment near the chemical cylinders where the blast happened, he said, but had no chance to help him.

'There was nothing I could do, I just ran for my life,' he said.

Downturn in US economy

WASHINGTON — Orders for consumer goods fell 4.3 per cent in the United States, according to figures released by the Commerce Department yesterday.

The larger than expected downturn in the US economy, coupled with renewed speculation of a fall in interest rates, slowed down the dollar's three-week spree in New York and Europe.

It was the largest fall since April in demand for durables, such as cars and machinery.

Economists who until a few weeks ago jauntily forecast continued growth and a fall in interest rates began specu-

lating on the economy's health.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige was the only leading American figure to shrug off the sharp fall in orders as a passing phase.

He blamed it on the General Motors strike and a sharp fall in defence goods orders that are usually subject to rapid changes.

A cut in the prime lending rate to 12.25 per cent by the First National Bank of Minneapolis also helped the dollar's decline.

The dollar was buying more than 3.15 marks until yesterday but fell sharply

One-day strike by hospital staff

HEALTH workers from the Royal Free, New End and Coppice Wood hospital in Hampstead health district are taking 24 hours official strike action today.

They are calling on the district health authority, who meet today at 4p.m., to rescind their previous decision to embark on a programme of competitive tendering.

It is the first round in what now is an enormous battle against privatisation, job losses and wholesale decimation of the NHS.

Workers at Friern Barnet hospital are also sup-

porting the campaign.

A motion passed by the joint shop stewards committee, representing nine unions in the hospitals, supported the action but recognised that by itself 24 hours 'may be insufficient to change the decision of the district health authority' and that further industrial action may be necessary.

Indications are that the district health authority

decision is very unlikely to be overturned. NUPE members in all three hospitals are overwhelmingly supporting the action. Only limited emergency cover will be provided.

In Coppice Wood (a 30-bedded isolation hospital) where both evening and night catering services have already been cut and a vending machine introduced, staff have de-

cided to provide no emergency cover at all.

Nurses at New End who are already trying to man geriatric wards at reduced staffing levels are supporting the strike by refusing to do ancillaries' work and by joining the picket lines during their lunch break.

Miners based in London have agreed to support the picket lines.

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WORLD
SUMMARYGemayel's
shuttle
mission

ROME — Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel arrived for hastily-arranged talks with Italian leaders and the Pope after a surprise visit to Libya on Monday.

Editor

WASHINGTON — Harold Evans, who resigned as editor of 'The Times' in 1982 after disputes with Rupert Murdoch, has been named editorial director of the right-wing 'US News and World Report' magazine.

Talks

MOSCOW — South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) leader Sam Nujoma met Politburo and Central Committee officials for talks on Namibian independence.

Arrested

COLOMBO — Security forces have arrested five people in connection with a series of bomb blasts in the Sri Lankan capital, Defence Ministry sources said.

Cheque

NEW YORK — The US government has presented a \$1 million cheque to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) programme for victims of drought in Ethiopia.

Investigate

NEW YORK — A grand jury is investigating two property deals involving Geraldine Ferraro's husband, the 'New York Times' reported yesterday.

World News Line

OPEC CALLS FOR
CUT IN OUTPUT

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GENEVA — Ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries will recommend a 15 per cent production cut at a summit meeting next Monday.

The six ministers who attended a pre-summit meeting here said they had unanimously agreed to defend the cartel's reference price of \$29 a barrel.

The meeting was called after Nigeria unilaterally cut \$2 off the price of its crude oil, and cuts by non-OPEC Norway and Britain.

The ministers decided to meet the non-OPEC Egyptian and Mexican oil ministers to persuade them against following suit.

A key question for the cartel is whether they can persuade Nigeria to cancel its price cut. Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani has been given the responsibility of talking to Lagos.

The meeting was attended by the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, United Arab Emirates, Libya and Venezuela. Nigeria's Tam David-West predictably pulled out.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali

Khalifa al-Sabah said agreement on production cuts had not been concluded but added: 'We have narrowed down the figures.' The Egyptian and Mexican ministers had been 'very supportive', he said.

Yamani told his colleagues on Monday a cut of up to 3.5 million barrel per day (bpd) — a fifth of present output — would be in order but it apparently did not receive support from ministers who had debt-payment problems in mind.

OPEC secretariat officials said agreement on such a large production cut would create im-

mense problems for the poorer members, among whom are Venezuela and Indonesia and some of the Gulf states.

The ministers were also reported to be unhappy about Yamani's proposal that Saudi Arabia cut only 1.5 million bpd as its contribution, apparently arguing that Riyadh had made cuts previously.

They said they had agreed on a range of production cuts needed to stabilise the market but did not reveal details. Production is likely to be cut from 17.5 million bpd to about 15.5 million bpd.

Output should not be so low, however, that it was reversed by the seasonal surge in demand during the northern winter, Khalifa said.

The fear is that members could break ranks to cash in on the usually favourable price levels during the rise in seasonal demand.

Officials said David-West would attend the summit next Monday. The military Cabinet of Major-General Muhammad Buhari, who did not consult their oil minister, instructed David-West to slash the price of the high-grade Nigerian light late last Thursday.

Nigeria's high-quality light crude is officially priced at \$3 above the OPEC benchmark but because of the world glut, its produce has fetched only about \$1 more on the spot markets.

Yamani will visit Norway later this week to



Oil Minister Yamani

discuss the world oil price crisis, according to the leading daily 'Aftenposten' in Oslo yesterday.

The meeting is likely to be on Thursday or Friday.

Soviet boost
for Baghdad

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz has just returned from Moscow where he was warmly received by the Soviet bureaucracy.

Top item on the agenda was additional Soviet arms supplies to the Baghdad regime to continue its war of attrition against the Iranian revolution.

A Tass report of his meeting with Andrei Gromyko and other Soviet officials said: 'During the talks satisfaction was expressed with the state of Soviet-Iraqi relations, which are developing successfully on the basis of the Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation.'

'It was pointed out that of late the mutually beneficial economic and technical co-operation between the two countries had expanded in range and grown in volume.'

'The two sides favoured the further development and deepening of contacts between the USSR and Iraq in various fields.'

While Tariq Aziz was in Moscow 'Izvestia' published a report condemning an 'anti-Soviet campaign' conducted by the Iranian authorities.

The Stalinist daily claimed that 'certain circles in Iran are stubbornly trying to distort our country's position in relation to the Iran-Iraq conflict'.

It referred to an Iranian television film which 'attempted to convince the Iranian public that the Soviet Union bears the responsibility for the continuation and escalation of the military conflict.'

With consummate hypocrisy and political cynicism 'Izvestia' added: 'As is known, the USSR, occupying a position of non-interference in the Iran-Iraq conflict, is striving to maintain normal good-neighbourly relations with Iran, and this has been borne out by concrete deeds.'

It did not say whether the 'concrete deeds' referred to the Soviet-supplied rockets and missiles which have been devastating Iranian towns and villages.



Israelis face harsh budget cuts

Israel's \$2bn cut

TEL AVIV — The government is planning a \$2 billion budget cut that means thousands of sackings in the civil service, the abolition of food subsidies and linking the bankrupted shekel to the US dollar.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres's 'rotating' Cabinet has been given recommendations by the Treasury as part of a plan to patch up the tattered Israeli economy.

As part of a plan to link the fast-eroding value of the shekel to the US dollar, Treasury is demanding a 20 per cent devaluation of the currency, purportedly to make Israeli exports competitive.

The Cabinet has been told the abolition of food subsidies and compensation for exporters will save \$400 million.

Treasury officials have recommended that wages be calculated in dollars but paid in shekels in an attempt to shore up the rapidly eroding value of the shekel.

A year ago, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor

was forced to resign for recommending that he dollar replace the shekel. The Treasury recommendation is similar, with slight variations.

Aridor was denounced for selling out the state's alleged Jewish identity and pride. Yitzhak Modai, then Energy Minister and now Finance Minister, compared the plan to changing the national anthem or the Israeli flag.

wage cut accompanied by a reduction in income taxes, arguing that the money 'saved' will allow industrialists to reduce prices and lower inflation.

Unemployment stands at 6 per cent in Israel but the government is planning on a new immigration programme to flood the labour market and depress wages.

Furore

Inflation was 130 per cent at the time of the Aridor furore. It has since hit 800 per cent and many Israeli economists and officials admit privately that it may be time to swallow national pride for the sake of long-term economic health.

The new government of the Labour Party's Peres has sliced \$1 billion for its budget and Modai and Treasury officials are investigating new areas to impose the cuts.

The corporatist Histadrut trade union federation has backed the austerity budget by proposing a

PLO and
renegades
clash in
Beirut

BEIRUT — Lebanese soldiers manned checkpoints yesterday outside a Palestinian refugee camp following factional clashes in which seven people died and at least 20 were wounded.

It was not clear how the clashes at Bourj El-Barajneh camp began on Monday between supporters of Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yassir Arafat and followers of his Syrian-backed rivals.

Invasion

It was the first armed conflict between Palestinian groups in Beirut since the evacuation of thousands of Palestinian guerrillas following Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

The Lebanese army came under fire after cordoning off the camp. Three soldiers were wounded.

Intermittent fighting between the groups using machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades died down after the army arranged a cease-fire.

Death squad kills
union chief's son

SAN SALVADOR — A right-wing death squad abducted and killed the 14-year-old son of a union worker as a warning to the man to halt his union activities.

A US embassy statement said Boris King Montes was taken from his home by heavily-armed men dressed in civilian clothes on October 19. Later that evening his body was found with a note addressed to his father which read 'Stop working for the UCS'.

The boy's father, Alirio Montes, is a spokesman for the Salvadorean Union of Peasants (UCS), one of the largest unions here whose leaders have frequently been threatened by death squads.

El Salvador's security forces have been linked by churchmen, union leaders and the opposition to the death squads, which have murdered thousands of suspected leftists since the civil war began five years ago.

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India
provokes
border
clash

NEW DELHI — Indian troops opened fire on Pakistani soldiers on the Kashmir border yesterday, alleging the Pakistani troops were digging trenches in a no-man's strip of land.

State-run Press Trust of India quoted sources in Poonch, a border town on the Indian side of the disputed Jammu and Kashmir border, as saying a house in the Indian side was badly damaged in the shooting.

Although PTI said there was no civilian casualty, it did not refer to casualties on either the Indian or Pakistani side.

Clashes started last Thursday in Poonch district's Khari area and have since spread to exchanges of small-arms fire along a 30-mile stretch between the towns of Balakote and Bagyal.

Both sides suffered heavy casualties in June, when Indian paratroops opened fire on a Pakistani military expedition during a battle on a glacier in Kashmir's Nubra Valley.

US banks
chalk up
failures

A RECORD 797 banks in the United States are on the 'problem list', according to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation chairman William Isaac.

The 'problem list' was drawn up in the wake of a series of banking crises after the Reagan government nationalised Continental Illinois bank earlier this year, when a \$7.5 billion rescue operation failed to bolster the ailing institution.

The number, not broken down by size or geographic location, is more than twice the peak of 385 in November 1976, according to the London 'Financial Times'.

The paper said a record 66 FDIC-insured banks had failed and the figure was expected to rise to about 75 by the end of the year.

Last year there were 48 bank failures, in 1982 there were 42 and in 1981 only ten.

The figures reveal the extent of the breakdown of the US corporate and finance system that burgeoned into multi-billion dollar trusts in the wake of the runaway lending to the Latin American countries in the 1970s.

'Evidence in recent weeks has shown that some bank examiners are taking a tougher line in classifying loans which are perceived to be at risk,' the 'Financial Times' said.

BOTHA'S TROOPS LAY
SIEGE AT SEBOKENG

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

SEBOKENG — The black South African 'township' of Sebokeng in the Transvaal was transformed into a military camp yesterday as thousands of white soldiers in combat gear lined the streets and sealed it off.

Angry residents watched from their doorsteps as the soldiers of the South African Defence Force, accompanied by hundreds of guard dogs poured into the dormitory town 30 miles south of Johannesburg.

Standing with assault rifles at the ready, the soldiers cordoned off sections of the town, while police searched 19,500 houses and arrested hundreds of the area's 120,000 inhabitants in South Africa's industrial heartland.

Seven thousand troops swooped on the town in the early hours yesterday and immediately arrested 350 blacks, according to some reports.

The racist regime of President Pieter Botha ordered the reprisal after more than 1,000 blacks barricaded streets and set fire to buildings as police tried to quell the angry rally.

Refused

At least 100,000 schoolchildren, supported by their parents who have refused to go to work, are involved in a nationwide boycott of schools in protest against squalid facilities and lack of funding.

Pretoria's police force, helped occasionally by troops, who have indiscriminately used birdshot, rubber bullets, teargas,

truncheons and rhino whips, have failed to put a stop to the mass anger.

The black majority's hatred of the apartheid regime has been fed by Botha's implementation of a fraudulent 'shared-power' constitution under which he has set himself up as president and opened two separate chambers for mixed-race and Indian politicians.

The elections in August were overwhelmingly shunned by both the non-white communities who won the wholehearted support of the blacks.

The SADC troops have turned the town into a concentration camp. Residents who have been forced to endure house searches have been issued with bright orange and green (the apartheid state colours) stickers to

show they have been cleared by the security forces.

Schoolchildren, who have been in the lead of a wave of uninterrupted revolts across the country, were issued with leaflets ordering them to lift a boycott of schools that is in its third month.

Satchels

The leaflets showed five 'model' black schoolchildren with satchels at the ready.

Blacks had their hands marked with coloured inks after they had been checked by the security forces and the badges handed out to them read, 'I am your friend, trust me,' and 'Co-operation for peace and security.'

A married woman said: 'The police — three white men — came to our house at four in the morning... they searched the house and we had to show our passes.'

The SADC's immediate objective is to seal off Sebokeng from neighbouring Evaton which, along with Sharpeville, have been the scene of bloody police attacks against blacks for the past two months.

Sebokeng's police station has been transformed into a military headquarters. Army vehicles surround it and posts have been set up around it.

A circle of armoured personnel carriers and trucks form a circle between Sebokeng and Evaton.

The roar of armoured troop carriers and a helicopter clattering overhead mingle with the

crackle of radio sets and the barking of police guard dogs.

The town, lined with one-storey brick bungalows and men-only workers' hostels, is pockmarked with burnt-out vehicles and charred buildings belonging to Pretoria's collaborators.

Industrial

Buses, cars and taxis ferrying blacks to jobs in white industrial areas nearby are scrutinised closely at road blocks.

Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange said yesterday 'revolutionary forces' were behind the unrest in the 'townships' around Johannesburg and the Eastern Cape.

'This lawlessness must be curbed by all available means,' he said in a statement issued in Johannesburg.

Agrava's private
report to Marcos

MANILA — Former judge Corazon Agrava who headed an inquiry into the assassination of opposition politician Benigno Aquino told President Ferdinand Marcos yesterday a soldier who accompanied the returning exile shot him.

She was the sole dissenter on the inquiry panel of five investigators who said a military conspiracy was responsible for the assassination on August 21 last year.

Agrava, accompanied by members of the commission's legal staff, presented her 120-page report after a ten-minute private meeting at Malacanang Palace.

The report says all testimony naming Rolando Galman as the killer 'has to be rejected'.

The other four members of the commission said they had agreed to issue two reports.

The main disagreement involved the implication of General Fabian Ver, a confidante of the Marcos family and armed forces chief of staff.



Britain's dole queue has grown from 11.8 per cent to 12.4 per cent of the workforce, a significant section of the EEC's total

EEC dole queues
rise by 330,000

LUXEMBOURG — More than 330,000 people joined the dole queues in the Common Market last month, bringing the jobless rate to 11.3 per cent of the workforce.

There are almost 12.7 million unemployed in the EEC countries, apart from Greece, which does not register all its unemployed at public employment offices.

Jobless people were registered by Eurostat, the EEC statistics office, at 11 per cent of the workforce — 12.3 million people — in August.

The September unemployment figure last year was 12 million or 10.7 per cent of the EEC's workforce.

Women are the worst affected by the increase in unemployment and rise in the seasonally adjusted figure.

Eurostat said an 8 per cent jump in joblessness in France was the main reason for the rise in the seasonal figure.

French registration of a large number of school-leavers was the key factor, Eurostat said.

Jump

West Germany showed a slight drop in the seasonal figure but Chancellor Kohl has accelerated steel industry closures, heralding a big jump in the adult unemployed population by Christmas.

Leading West German research institutes this week predicted economic

performance would drop from 2.5 per cent to 2 per cent next year.

Unemployment would rise to about 2.28 million people in West Germany next year from an expected 2.27 million this year, or 9.4 per cent of the workforce.

A separate report issued by the EEC's industry commission (UNICE) in Brussels offered little hope of improvement in Western Europe's employment.

This week's developments in the banking and oil industries are further proof that unemployment is being fed by the austerity policies of all the EEC governments.

The net result is the closure of major production plants in the steel, car and shipbuilding industries.



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Anger over race row headmaster

A HEADMASTER at the centre of a school race row survived a vote of no confidence at a meeting on Monday where he came face to face with angry parents.

The calls for Ray Honeyford's resignation came after he wrote an article for the right-wing magazine 'Salisbury Review'.

Parents of some of the 523 children at Dummond Middle School, Bradford, west Yorkshire — where nearly 90 per cent of the pupils are of Asian origin — said the article was racist.

In his article Honeyford questioned aspects of Bradford's multi-ethnic education policy, and also allegedly suggested that white children were at a disadvantage in mainly black schools.

Parents of 283 pupils have since asked for them

to be moved to another school.

Honeyford, 50 told parents at the town hall meeting on Monday that he had said what he did 'in good faith'.

'It is not the case that I have lost the confidence of parents', he added. He also claimed that parents had been misled into signing a petition calling for his resignation.

His words provoked an angry response from the audience. Amid shouts of 'resign', Honeyford declared: 'This pressure group should go. It is coming between me and the parents.'

Bradford Council's schools sub-committee also rejected a Labour group proposal of no confidence in Honeyford.

The committee instead backed a report outlining numerous recommendations on how the school should be run, including improving its relationship with parents and community.



WOMEN KNEELING IN PRAYER BEFORE MOUNTJOY PRISON DURING THE EXECUTION OF KELVIN BARRY.

For the cause of liberty

BY JOHN SPENCER

THE execution of one of Ireland's most famous martyrs was rushed through on the direct orders of the British Prime Minister, according to details recently released at the Public Record Office.

David Lloyd George was determined to have 18-year-old medical student Kevin Barry executed as soon after his trial as possible, and the Home Office went to great lengths to ensure his wishes were carried out.

To avoid 'bungling', two hangmen were specially hired and sent from England to Dublin to carry out the judicial killing which took place less than two weeks after Barry was convicted for his part in an IRA raid.

His trial had been little more than a formality. There were rumours that Barry had been tortured and little evidence had been produced in court.

The documents in the PRO show that the top Home Office civil ser-

vants took a prurient interest in the details of the execution and were closely involved in choosing the two hangmen.

The documents were made public several months ago, but their significance appears to have been overlooked until now, possibly because Barry is referred to throughout as 'Berry'.

The file contains a note from the assistant under-secretary at the Home Office to the Irish Office under-secretary, sent on October 20, 1920. It says:

'Berry convicted, sentenced to death yesterday. Am sending by bag tomorrow note on various legal and other points that arise.'

Confirmed

'Meanwhile, assuming that sentence is confirmed and executed it is desirable services of executioner should be secured at once.'

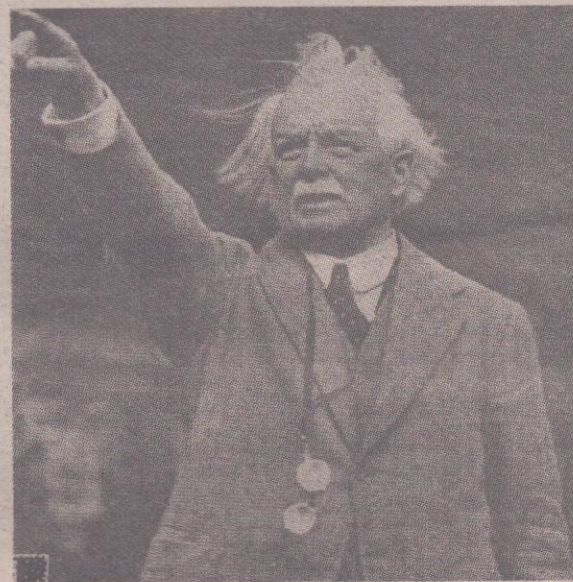
'Urge in order to avoid any chance of bungling we ought to engage professional from England if possible. If you approve will you ask Home Office to obtain executioner and assistant for date about 14 days hence. Suggest they should be given free hand as to fees payable.'

A marginal note from Sir John Anderson, then top civil servant at the Irish Office, asks: 'Sir E. Troup can you kindly help?'

The same day Anderson wrote in more detail to Troup. He said: 'The two gentlemen about whom we spoke yesterday may be required earlier than the note I left with you indicated.'

'The Prime Minister is very anxious that there should be as little delay as possible in completing the business. It will be well therefore to secure a call on the two men's services, at say 24 hours' notice, any time after Thursday next.'

The two men whose ser-



Lloyd George, wanted Barry hanged as speedily as possible. Top: Barry's execution created a wave of revulsion in Ireland

vices elliptically referred to in Anderson's note were John Ellis of 3 Kitchen Lane, Balderstone Fold, Rochdale and William Willis of 22 Bunyan Street, Hyde Road, Ardwick, Manchester.

They both received similar letters from the Prison Commissioners. Willis proved difficult to contact because he was working away from home as an employee of the Manchester Steeplejack Co.

The job offer to Ellis said: 'I am directed by the Prison Commissioners to ask whether you are prepared to act as Executioner at an execution which will take place in Ireland some time after the 28th instant.'

'The conditions of employment are attached. The usual travelling expenses — third class railway fare and such cab fares as are shown to be necessary — will be paid.'

'In the present disturbed condition of things in Ireland, you should not mention this matter to anyone or divulge the ob-

ject of your journey.'

'You would be informed of the prison is (sic) due course and, on receiving a summons to go, you should go straight to the prison and not attract attention to yourself in any way. Arrangements would be made to secure you from molestation while in Ireland.'

'Please reply at once stating whether you accept this offer.'

A printed form sent attached to the letter offered double the usual pay. Ellis was offered £10 plus £5 'if conduct and behaviour satisfactory'. His assistant Willis was offered £2.50 with £2.50 good-conduct money.

The form, entitled 'Memorandum of conditions to which anyone acting as executioner is required to conform', shows that the Home Office was mainly concerned to keep the hangman sober until after the execution.

He was required to report to the jail concerned not later than 4p.m. the

preceding afternoon and to remain on the premises until the grisly business was completed.

Once on the premises his liquid intake was to be rationed. The key part of the memorandum states: 'By desire of the Secretary of State the supply of articles for maintenance while residing in the prison will be subject to necessary restrictions to ensure moderation, and the daily supply of alcoholic liquor to each person will be limited as under:-

'1 quart of malt liquor (1 pint at dinner, 1 pint at supper)

'or

'¼ pint of spirit.'

The hangman was also prohibited from 'giving to any person particulars on the subject of his duty for publication'.

Ellis replied on October 23: 'I am prepared to carry out an execution in any part of Ireland, on any date you care to fix, in the terms stated. You can rely on me not mentioning the matter.'

Assure

By October 25, 1920, the Home Office was able to assure Dublin Castle that arrangements were complete.

'If it is desired that a rope and other apparatus should be supplied from the stock under the control of the (Prison) Commissioners, the rope &c will be despatched on request being made by telegraph to the Secretary to the Prison Commissioners,' says a memorandum to the authorities in Ireland.

There is no indication in the records whether Dublin took up this offer. A memorandum to Troup also dated October 25 states: 'Probably they have a set.'

In the event Kevin Barry was executed in Dublin's Mountjoy Jail on November 1. His memory is immortalised in one of the best-known rebel ballads.

PRISON conditions are still falling short of the standards expected in the 1980s, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Sir James Hennessey, said yesterday.

In his annual report he criticises overcrowding, lack of staff and poor sanitary condition in many jails in England and Wales.

He points out that more than half the prison population still has to perform the 'daily ritual' of slopping out chamber pots.

Prisoners use these in conditions which are neither conducive to good hygiene nor the preservation of human dignity, says Hennessey.

In at least one prison doctors consider their use

a possible health risk.

Hennessey points out that at Leicester 40 men have to share a single lavatory.

Many prison regimes remain impoverished because of lack of resources and many activities have to be cancelled because of lack of prison staff, says the report.

Escorting prisoners to court, in particular, is putting great demands on the prison service, and after overcrowding is the biggest single problem affecting the quality of life in local prisons.

Hennessey calls for the system to be looked at urgently and says the cost of providing escorts should be accounted for separately.

However, he also notes that the Tory government is now spending more on prisons.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

WALKER IS A 'LIAR'



says NUM president

MINERS' president Arthur Scargill yesterday called both Energy Secretary Peter Walker and ACAS chairman Pat Lowry 'liars'.

Scargill said that when Walker talked about there being only one ACAS document, produced during the last round of failed talks, he was 'a liar'. There were three documents, the NUM chief said.

The NUM had agreed to two of them and the Coal Board had agreed to only one, he said.

'Liar' was the only word, he added, one could use and if Walker wanted to take him to court over this he could do so.

Scargill made his comments as he arrived for talks with the TUC's 'wise men' monitoring the pit dispute — TUC general secretary Norman Willis, Ray Buckton and David Basnett — at Congress House.

The NUM leader said the talks were part of the normal weekly meeting with the TUC at which they would be analysing the situation.

From the outset, he said, the TUC stated it would not seek to involve itself in negotiations between the board and the NUM, and he had no reason to believe it would depart from that.

Scargill said he refused to accept that when the talks broke down ACAS chairman Pat Lowry had referred to only one document which bore the title 'ACAS proposal'.

Asked if he was calling Lowry a liar, too, Scargill replied: 'Yes I am. ACAS put forward three documents and they made that absolutely clear in their press statement afterwards.'

And asked about the prospects of NACODS reaching a conclusion at the new ACAS talks, Scargill said: 'That is a matter for them, not for us. It will be determined by their national executive.'

Scargill said that the NUM was prepared to talk at any time and pointed out that it was not the NUM who broke off the negotiations but the NCB who refused to talk.

'Lowry came to us and said he had no alternative but to draw stumps,' he said.

'We indicated that we were prepared to discuss at any time provided the Coal Board were willing to withdraw their pit closure plan, withdraw the threat to close five pits and defined what was an exhausted pit.'

'If the NCB indicate their willingness to negotiate free from government interference and indicate they are prepared to move, of course we are available to talk at any time.'

Scargill said he was 'surprised' his union had not received a formal in-

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

invitation to the new ACAS talks, bearing in mind that the NUM had been on strike for eight months.

If ACAS wished to invite the NUM, he added, it could do so, but on the clear understanding that the NCB was willing to move.

'If the Coal Board have had a change of mind and ACAS feel it would be useful to call us together, no doubt they will do so.'

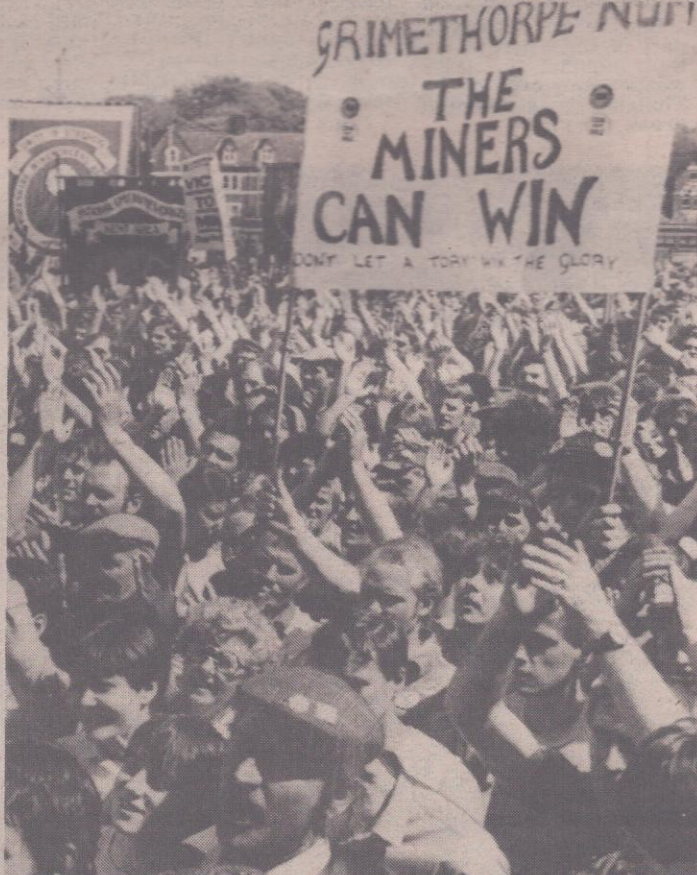


Jimmy Miller (right), Armthorpe NUM secretary, presents £105 to striking Harworth miner Dave Potts

ON THE PICKET LINE

He rises with a quiet calm
Long before the clock's alarm —
Has time to ring and wake the house
The dog, the kids and me — his spouse.
He's off again, his duty calls
To stand among the picket wall —
With his mates they meet together
Regardless of the morning's weather
Fair or foul it makes no matter
Sweating palms or teeth that chatter
The cause is just, and they must go
To demonstrate in the face of foe
With riot shield — horse and dog
Sticks raised high — in threat to flog
Those that shout and push and shove
To protect the life they love
His message is — that job is mine
Please don't cross this picket line
That future jobs are important
Not just now — or for the moment
But years to come — to be certain
All of us can earn a living
In the coalfields of this land
All together — hand in hand
Not split in two or torn assunder
Leaving doubt and those that wonder
It's a simple fact that some contrive
To shut the pits — so we survive —
On hand-outs from Maggie's crew
Yes — all of us — me and you
But if you think you're not included
Safe and sound, somewhat secluded —
From the action taking place
Then turn your head and hide your face
When village life has gone to bust
And everything returns to dust
You may curse the day you didn't stand
Among this proud and noble band

By Jack Poole
Grimethorpe



History of British working class

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STRIKING miners from Armthorpe pit village near Doncaster were warmly applauded by striking colleagues from the Nottinghamshire pit at Harworth for a generous donation of £105. At a social evening on Monday, Armthorpe NUM branch secretary, Jimmy Miller, handed the cash to Nottinghamshire striker Dave Potts.

Miller said: 'We want you to accept this as our recognition, thanks and greeting to the men at Harworth and every striking Nottinghamshire miner.'

Both NUM members were presented with engraved plaques by NUR and ASLEF railmen in acknowledgement of their fight for the rights not only of miners and their communities, but for the whole working class.

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More Tory cant

EVERY year the church, the bourgeois politicians and the do-gooders organise a conscience-appeasing event which is politically, morally and socially obscene. It goes under the title of the 'Crisis at Christmas' Appeal.

It began on Monday when Mrs Rosalind Runcie, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a clutch of Tory, Labour and Liberal MPs gathered in Covent Garden to launch a 24-hour vigil to collect money for London's 'down-and-outs'.

To entice the public to donate, the well-heeled organisers decided to go in for a bit of suffering. (The English middle class love suffering — it's good for the soul). In reverential tones a leaflet handed out said: 'During their vigil they will be served soup and bread which will be their food for the day, to symbolise the hardship that single homeless people face.'

The crucial word here is 'symbolise' since one day on bread and water will do no harm whatsoever to this over-fed bunch. Today they shall be swarming back to the smoked salmon, roast beef, steaks, trout, lamb and whatever else is going at London's fashionable restaurants.

The vigil so impressed the 'Morning Star' that it placed a photograph of Mrs Runcie with a Tory and ex-Liberal MP on yesterday's Page 3. The only other paper to report this obnoxious shindig was — yes, 'The Guardian'!

Picketing in their immaculately tailored clothes, the organisers gave away leaflets which explained: 'Within a mile of here hundreds of London's homeless will spend the night in cardboard boxes, under piles of overcoats, or whatever they have found to afford themselves protection from the night's chill.'

Mrs Runcie, who lives in the 100-room Lambeth Palace, did not look as if she had ever spent a night under a cardboard box although she may have suffered a chill once or twice. Sometimes there's a terrific draught in the vestry.

She and her fellow-sufferers appealed to passers-by to donate 'to kindle a flame which will lead to a warmer and better winter for thousands of single homeless people'. The money would be used to provide them with 'a roof over their head and food over the Festive Season'.

How charming. How delightful. How super. But what happens when the Festive Season is over? What happens when Mrs Runcie's flame goes out? Simple. They are thrown back onto the streets where they came from.

That sums up the 'Christian charity' of the ruling class. After food and shelter for a couple of days, those 'living rough' are condemned to inhuman squalor for the next 360 days — until Christmas 1985.

It can be said with absolute certainty that these same types will not be out collecting for the children of the miners who face the bleakest Christmas of their lives. The church Establishment is 100 per cent with the Thatcher government in its crusade to smash the National Union of Mineworkers and to starve the miners back to work.

'Crisis at Christmas' is an obnoxious farce because it is a patronising insult to the four million unemployed and the working class families who are extremely hard-up. The last thing they want, or need, is charity. Their lives and their lot can only be transformed through social change — the overthrow of the outmoded capitalist system and the establishment of socialism.

The British working class is fed up to the back teeth with do-gooding and do-gooders. What the miners' strike has demonstrated is the tremendous capacity of the class to organise, to mobilise and to struggle for its basic democratic rights and a future free of the scourge of Thatcherism and capitalism.

A socialist future can only be secured through the building of the Marxist leadership to lead the struggle for workers' power — the Workers Revolutionary Party.

ORGANISE A GENERAL S

WE WON'T GO COLD

say strikers and their families

BY BEN RUDDER

YORKSHIRE's striking miners are determined that police and Coal Board harassment of traditional coal-picking from tips will not force their families to go cold.

In scenes which graphically illustrate their determination to have winter as an ally and not an enemy, miners are digging for small nuggets of coal in a council tip, near Thurnscoe.

The deep holes being dug all over the tip resemble something from the battlefields of World War II or a bizarre archeological excavation.

But the work is a vital part of the community's fight against the latest weapon employed by the Thatcher government to break the strike.

Police still guard the coal tip at nearby Grimethorpe, where 20 miners were arrested for picking out small lumps of coal from a heap due only to be grassed over.

But the Thurnscoe council tip is not owned by the Coal Board and is free of police threats of arrest.

Source

Digging alongside at least 40 others yesterday was Goldthorpe miner Stephen James. He told News Line the tip was the only source of fuel for his wife and three children.

'This is the only place

where we can get fuel without being harassed by the police and the Coal Board.'

'We have been told we will be sacked if we pick coal off NCB property.'

'Tactics of trying to freeze us back to work are condemned in Third World countries, but this Conservative government is all in favour of such methods when it comes to the miners at home.'

'We are completely solid in this area and we aren't going to go back until we've won everything. If we don't do that, what good will any trade union be? And without a trade union, a working man has no rights at all.'

'We have no alternative but to fight pit closures, there is nothing else around here, and if we suffer, then everybody else suffers. We keep all the shops, the banks in business.'

Action

'Personally, I think the time has come for the rest of the union movement to take action alongside us. We did it for the nurses, and the steel workers, and now after eight months, it is about time other unions came out with us.'

'We should knuckle down together, and if it means getting shot of the government, then let's get shot of it. The next thing she's got planned for all of us is a police state.'



Digging for small nuggets of



Children join in



One more sackful of coal for the community for the winter

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Coal at the council tip near Thurnscoe



It's hard to find the small nuggets concealed in the earth

CS gas stocks in Yorkshire

STOCKS of the choking and blinding CS gas are being held by South Yorkshire police, local councillors have discovered.

They fear the gas is intended for use against striking miners. And today they will demand the removal of the weapon, which temporarily blinds, and can permanently harm lungs and eyes.

The full council meeting will be addressed by councillor Mike Smith, who has hinted that a police authority decision to scrap plastic bullets and the guns which fire them may well have been disobeyed by the police force.

He told reporters: 'If we have got CS gas, we have got the cartridges to fire it. But they should have gone with the plastic bullets. Something has to be done.'

The police have also admitted that at least 30 men are trained in the use of the guns, and also CS gas grenades.

The police have already made it clear they will fiercely resist any attempt to have the gas stocks removed. They have also opposed plans to scrap the hated horse and dog divisions — proposing instead to sack 200 'lollipop ladies', thus endangering the lives of children on the busy county roads.

Chief Constable Peter Wright claimed the gas

had been held for at least six years, and there was no intention to use it against the striking miners.

But councillors have questioned both claims. If the gas is not to be used in the mining communities then it is not necessary, and if it is to be used, then it must be immediately destroyed, the councillors said.

They are also curious as to why there is no record of the purchase of the gas and the guns to fire it. The police are permitted a mere £2,000 a year to spend without reporting the purchases to the police authority. Police Committee Chairman George Moores said he was appalled and horrified by the revelations.

'It certainly cannot be used under any circumstances in this present miners' strike.'

'I am instructing the county treasurer to find out how and when the purchase was financed,' he said.

LRD 2,000 at pamphlet Emley Moor

THE miners' case is the subject of a new booklet published by the Labour Research Department.

Looking at all aspects of the eight-month strike, it shows among other things:

- The loss of output to the economy after 6 months of the strike is over 9 times as great as the annual subsidy to the coal industry;
- The Tories' 'Ridley Report' in 1978 suggested the coal industry as a likely battlefield for the challenge to the unions over wages and redundancy;

Order the booklet from LRD, 78 Blackfriars Road, SE1, at 55p; 10p of every copy sold goes to the NUM.

ABOUT 2,000 pickets gathered outside Emley Moor pit in Yorkshire early yesterday to stop a lone scab from getting to work.

The scab, the pitbaths manager, is a member of the overmen's union, COSA. He has been going to work for three weeks — with no work to do.

Three policemen were injured when the pickets gathered outside the pit goods entrance through which the scab has been escorted each morning.

But yesterday he was taken through a different entrance. About 1,000 pickets were outside as he came in

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SCOTLAND

MOODIESBURN: Tuesday November 6, 7.30p.m. Pivot Community Centre, Glenmarn Road, Moodiesburn.

Speakers: Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Marie Devlin (YS); Duncan Fogg (Edinburgh WRP, Monktonhall SCEBTA, in personal capacity); Plus film: 'The General Strike 1926'

GLASGOW EAST END: Wednesday November 7, 7.30p.m. YS Youth Training Centre, Tobago Street, off London Road.

Speakers: Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Marie Devlin (YS); Hugh Haran (TGWU senior steward, Victoria Hospital, in personal capacity); NUM speaker. Plus film: 'Czar to Lenin'

VALLEYFIELD: Tuesday November 13, 7.30p.m. Valleyfield Miners Welfare Club, Valleyfield.

Speakers: Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Alan Paton (Valleyfield YS); Speaker from Polmaise NUM. Plus film: 'Czar to Lenin'

CUMBERNAULD: Thursday November 15, 7.30p.m. Beechwood Community Centre, North Cambrin.

Speakers: Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); Barry Huxton (YS National Committee); NUM speaker.

NORTH EAST

BISHOP AUCKLAND: Wednesday October 31, 7.30p.m. Green Tree, Newgate Street.

Speakers: Kevin Townsend (YS National Committee); Dave Temple (WRP Central Committee); Peter Hanson (UCATT organiser, in personal capacity)

NEWCASTLE: Thursday November 1, 7.30p.m. YMCA, Ellison Place.

Speakers: Kevin Townsend (YS National Committee); Dave Temple (WRP Central Committee); Bob Bell (SOGAT branch officer, in personal capacity)

NORTH WEST

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

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

BURNLEY: Sunday October 28, 6.30p.m. AUEW Rooms, Hargreaves Street, opp GPO. Speakers: Lyn Waring (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Ray Waring (Burnley WRP); Steve Large (UCW, in personal capacity)

RUNCORN: Monday October 29, 7.30p.m. Auditorium, Runcorn Shopping City Library.

Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Bob Hill (Sutton Manor NUM); Maureen Mainwaring (Campaigner Halton hospital accident unit)

SKELMERDALE: 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.

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

WIGAN: Thursday November 1, 7.30p.m. Griffin Hotel, Standishgate.

Speakers: Kathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Larry Cavanagh (Merseyside Port shop stewards); Bold NUM speaker

WARRINGTON: Thursday November 1, 7.30p.m. Kings Head, Winwick Street.

Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee); Bold NUM speaker

LIVERPOOL: Thursday November 8, 7.30p.m. Liverpool Youth Training Centre, 100 Gloucester Place, Kensington.

Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)

STOCKPORT: Thursday November 15, 7.30p.m. Trades Union Centre, High Street.

Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

MANCHESTER: November 19, 7.30p.m. Hattersley Community Centre.

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

STAFFS

STOKE ON TRENT: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. Tunstall Town Hall, Tunstall.

Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); In personal capacity: Mick Finney (Secretary Silverdale NUM); D. Anderson (Wolstanton NUM); plus exhibition of News Line photos

YORKSHIRE

LEEDS: Thursday October 25, 7.30p.m. West Grange Club, West Grange Drive.

Speakers: Maxine Caswell (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Dawn Spencer (Dinnington Wives Support Group)

WEST MIDLANDS

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

COVENTRY: Thursday November 8, 7.30p.m. Elastic Inn, near Pool Meadow, Lower Ford Street.

Speakers: Nigel Gilder (Stoke YS); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); W. Midlands NUM speaker

EAST MIDLANDS

DERBY: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. West Indian Community Centre, Carrington Street.

Speakers: Mick Childs (YS Regional Committee); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee); Frances Buonevara (NUPE, Derby Royal Infirmary, in personal capacity)

ALFRETON: Thursday November 15, 7.30p.m. Plough Inn, Nottingham Road.

Speakers: Mick Childs (YS Regional Committee); Mick Nettleship (Alfreton WRP); In personal capacity: Dave Nuttall (Markham NUM); Ken Edwards (NUM branch secretary, Blackwell workshops)

EASTERN

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)

SOUTH WALES

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)

WESTERN

SOUTHAMPTON: Tuesday November 6, 7.30p.m. High-town Centre, Tunstall Road, Hightown.

Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee); Phil Watt (Portsmouth WRP)

KENT

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

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

SURREY

CROYDON: Thursday November 1, 7p.m. Norbury Public Library, London Road.

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

SUSSEX

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

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

HERTS

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

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)

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

Speakers: Sidro 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.

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

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

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

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

Speakers: Sidro 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.

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

HARLES DEN: Thursday November 8, 7.30p.m. Sladebrook School, Brentfield Road, NW10.

Speakers: Matt Hanlon (YS Regional Committee); Paul Stickley (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)

WOOLWICH: Wednesday November 21, 7.30p.m. William Temple Church Hall, Eynsham Drive, Abbey Wood, SE2.

Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)



Miners boost LaBour picket

MINERS from Bolsover and Highmoor in North Derbyshire, Creswell in North Nottinghamshire and Kiveton Park, South Yorkshire were among those who swelled the ranks of the picket line at LaBour Pumps in Wellingborough to 150 on Monday morning.

The miners expressed their anger and disbelief at what had happened to the workers of this small engineering factory who were sacked in February after they took industrial action.

Although the pickets had hoped to stop

production at the factory, the largest mobilisation of police seen over the last eight months herded the blacklegs into the plant.

The engineering union members on the picket were very pleased with the support they had got from the miners, convenor Ray Lane told News Line.

Bob Holden, shop steward, said: 'I'd like to become an honorary member of the NUM since they have given us more real support in terms of people than the AUEW leaders.'

Privatised bus firm criticised

A PRIVATE bus operator in Herefordshire was found to have defective vehicles at a hearing yesterday of West Midlands Traffic Commissioners, the body responsible for issuing licenses to public vehicle operators.

D.D.Buchanan, a private bus operator was found to have 'no facilities for maintenance, except for washing and cleaning vehicles'.

A letter released by the traffic commissioners found that 'inspection reports used indicate that inspections are carried out at two-monthly intervals' which was 'unacceptable'.

'Of the five vehicles inspected, two attracted

immediate prohibition for serious brake defects, one was issued with a delayed prohibition for a steering defect and defect notices were issued on four vehicles,' the letter said.

Defect

The commissioners found that Buchanan's reports 'lack information on defect and rectification action'.

'Clearly this operator's standards of vehicle are unsatisfactory. Vehicles are unsafe. His arrangements for maintenance with Ravenhills are not working, as highlighted

by the frequency of inspection and vehicle condition.'

John Pitt, transport officer for the white collar union NALGO yesterday commented: 'The revelations at today's hearing about the Hereford bus company, Buchanan's, is a further example of how safety stan-

dards fall when bus and coach services are privatised.

'Since the private scheme was introduced in Herefordshire, service to the public has worsened, in many areas, fares have gone up and safety standards have fallen.

'It is a warning of what faces the whole country if privatisation and deregulation of bus services is allowed to go through.'

● The hearing is due to continue next week.

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BAZAARS

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BRITTON: Saturday October 27, 12 noon, Brixton Youth Training Centre, Beehive Place, off Brixton High Road.

LIVERPOOL: Saturday November 3, 1p.m. Liverpool Youth Training Centre, 100 Gloucester Place, Kensington, Liverpool 6.

BENEFIT

SHOBANA JEYASINGH performing South Indian classical dance, Bharatha Natyam, with Sri Valluvoor Samaraj Pillai and his musicians. Saturday October 27, Lewisham Leisure Centre, Riverdale, SE13. Tickets £5, £3, £1. Organised by the Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People.

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CRAWLEY: Saturday November 10, 12 noon. Strawson Hall, Albert Road, Horley.

COVENTRY: Saturday November 10, 12 noon. Sidney Stringer School, Vine Street.

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SAM GORDON



THE funeral of Comrade Sam Gordon, of the Clapham branch of the Workers Revolutionary Party, who died last Tuesday, will take place today at 2p.m. at West Norwood Cemetery, Norwood Road, SE27. Cars will leave the funeral parlour at 335 Wandsworth Road, SW8, at 1.30p.m.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Miners must win!
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WEST LONDON
Thursday October 25, 7.30p.m.
Acton Town Hall
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EAST MIDLANDS
Sunday December 9, 3p.m.
Youth Training Centre
4 Commerce Square
Lace Market
NOTTINGHAM

AUSTIN Rovers' 28,000 car production workers say their 20 per cent pay and better conditions claim is more than justified by the dramatic increases in productivity.

Senior stewards are recommending industrial action in support of the claim, and mass meetings are being held at the different plants tomorrow.

On Monday an Austin Rover delegate conference upheld the negotiating team's rejection of a 9 per cent offer over two years.

A failure to agree at next Monday's Joint National Council would result in five days' notice of action being given to the company.

Unions at the Cowley assembly and body plants have made available to their members the detailed background to the claim.

The shop stewards insist: 'We cannot accept that technological change is accomplished at the expense of our jobs and through an intensification of work.'

Advantages

'It must be introduced by agreement and its advantages must be shared with our members.'

'Hence the emphasis we have placed in this year's claim on reducing the working week, the working year and working life as a whole.'

There is concrete evidence of the dramatic speed-up and rationalisation by BL in the last few years.

For the year ended December 1980, BL Cars then employed 101,709 workers, declared total sales of £1,910 million on which arose a trading loss of £270 million and a net loss before taxation of £329 million.

In 1984, the Austin Rovers Group (ARG) declared that on total sales of £1,799 million in 1983 the previous year's operating loss of £101 million was transformed into a profit of £2 million.

Efforts

The Cowley unions say: 'With this turnaround in the company's fortunes — due in large part to the efforts of our members — our claim for a reasonable wage increase must be given priority.'

'In 1980 each worker accounted for sales worth £18,783 but the proportion of sales per person is now approximately £63,250 — an increase of almost 350 per cent.'

'The contribution of each worker to the company's improved performance must be recognised and rewarded.'

The unions say that management can no longer claim an inability to pay due to the fact that productivity within ARG was lower than its competitors.

Report

They say productivity has shown a 'dramatic improvement', citing a report into Cowley and Longbridge plants which concluded:

'Significant savings are recorded in both direct and indirect labour costs while production output has increased considerably as a quick summary gauge a total workforce in 1979 of 23,548 produced 6,077 units per week, and in 1983 17,389 men/women produced

Austin Rovers claim



BY PAUL FELDMAN

9,051 units per week.'

ARG managers have themselves admitted that productivity has risen by 130 per cent in five years, while in BL's accounts for 1983 it is noted that productivity went up 18 per cent in that year alone.

In April of this year, a senior manager stated that on the Metro, Mini and Rover hours per car had been virtually halved since 1980.

'This improvement in productivity is probably best summed up by noting that in 1979 the number of cars produced per employee per year in ARG was six and this figure has more than dou-

bled to 14 in 1984,' say the unions.

'It is our very firm view that the productivity improvements outlined above merit a substantial reward.'

'If in the past low productivity has been used as an excuse for low pay increases, then the company must, by an exercise of its own logic, now award us the increase we are seeking.'

Elements

The other elements of the claim include a one-hour cut in the working week, two extra days' holiday, sick pay from the first day of sickness, early retirement, full lay-off pay, paternity leave and a renegotiation of the bonus and grade structure.



Productivity levels have soared on cars like the Metro



Cowley workers leaving a mass meeting at the plant last year

Deng demands 'dilligence'

PEKING — China's workers have been told to become 'diligent' or face heavy punishment by a bureaucracy armed with a so-called reform document that plans to uproot the centralised planning set up by the late Chairman Mao Tsetung.

'This egalitarian thinking (of Mao's) is utterly incompatible with scientific, Marxist views on socialism,' the document says.

'If common prosperity were understood as absolute egalitarianism and simultaneous prosperity, not only would this be impossible but such thinking could lead to common poverty.'

'There is an urgent need to unclog the

channels of circulation between town and country, expand the market for the increasing amount of agricultural products and satisfy the rising needs of the peasants for manufactured goods, science and technology as well as culture and education.'

The document, sponsored by the Chinese Communist Party's political and ideological figurehead Deng Xiaoping, was unanimously adopted by the party central committee last weekend.

It emphasises 'socialism with Chinese characteristics' and makes the assertion that the

bureaucracy was not 'taking the capitalist road'.

The 'egalitarian principles' of Chairman Mao Tsetung are the focus of the attacks launched in the document.

Deng has told party bureaucrats that implementation of the document means the 'relaxing' of 'rigid' state planning in a sector of more than one million enterprises that contribute more than 80 per cent of the national revenue.

The Stalinist bureaucracy has been charged with the responsibility of transferring responsibility for running

state companies to departmental and regional managers and to deal with political opposition.

The breakneck speed with which Deng is ramming through his reactionary policies is to attract dollar investments for joint-capitalist projects, hundreds of which have already been approved with the United States and West Germany.

Deng's assertions that Mao's 'egalitarian thinking' are not compatible with Marxism can be believed only by those who have illusions about the counter-revolutionary character of Stalinism.

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Paul Hiney gets to grips with his actors role and Michael Caine's Throat — 'In at the Deep End' on BBC1 9.25pm



Max Miller with Carol Lynne are 'Asking for Trouble' on Channel 4 at 2.30pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Battle of the Planets. 9.25 The Yugoslav Way. 9.55 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Gran. 1.50 Stop-Go! 2.00 International Snooker. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 Superted. 4.15 Curious Creatures. 4.30 Screen Test. 4.50 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 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 I'VE GOT A SECRET

7.25 WILDLIFE ON ONE *The Dragon and the Damsel* Dragonflies and their slender cousins, the damselflies

7.55 NO PLACE LIKE HOME Beryl's mother comes to stay — an ally for Arthur?

8.25 COLD WARRIOR A Message from Trebizond Michael Denison in a story set in the shady world of international intelligence

8.55 POINTS OF VIEW

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 IN AT THE DEEP END (new series)

10.15 SPORTSNIGHT Football: highlights of one of tonight's second-round European matches. *International Snooker:* highlights of the Rothman's Grand Prix. *Rugby Union:* Australia v Cardiff

12.05 News Headlines; Weatherman

12.10 Closedown

BBC WALES: 2.00 Snooker. 3.10-4.10 Wallabies in Wales: Cardiff v The Australians. 6.30-6.55 Sport-folio.

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 File. 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 L-Driver. 1.21 Encounter. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 Watch. 2.18 Geography. 2.40 Zig Zag.

3.00 Dallas. 3.45 International Snooker.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 I CAN JUMP PUDDLES *Boots, Boots, Boots* An Australian drama series adapted from the autobiographical novel by Alan Marshall

6.20 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER *The Rothmans Grand Prix* Highlights from this afternoon's match at the Hexagon, Reading

7.15 EBONY This week takes a look at Grenada, the Caribbean island invaded by American imperialism one year ago. Plus, dominoes — Caribbean-style. Presented by Juliet Alexander and Vince Herbert

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

8.10 BOOKMARK The monthly programme of book publications consisting of fiction, poems and novels by various authors

9.00 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER *The Rothmans Grand Prix* The second quarter-final

9.30 THE BOAT Continuing the wartime story of a hazardous submarine mission on a German U-Boat. With Jurgen Prochnow and Herbert Grunemeyer (with English subtitles)

10.20 THE SEA OF FAITH *Christianity in Change*

11.00 NEWSNIGHT

11.50 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL: *Asking for Trouble* (1942) Comedy with Max Miller as a cockney fishmonger who helps a general's daughter escape a military marriage. With Carol Lynne, Mark Lester and Wilfrid Hyde White

4.00 A PLUS 4 Examining the physical and mental effects of unemployment

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 ALICE Don't Lock Now

5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW *The Birds ... and ... Um ... Bees*

6.00 SILENTS PLEASE *Orphans of the Storm — Part 1* (1922) Lillian and Dorothy Gish star as two orphaned sisters lost in Paris during the French Revolution. Part 2 will be shown next week

6.30 THE LIVING BODY *Water!* How the body maintains its water equilibrium

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by a Tory MP; followed by Weather

8.00 SCOTLAND'S STORY *Athens of the North* David Hayman looks at 18th century Edinburgh and some of its more notable inhabitants — Robert Burns, David Hume, James McPherson and Sir Walter Scott

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS Max Hastings, notorious for his flag-waving reports of Thatcher's imperialist war ventures in the South Atlantic, argues that Britain should never again 'go it alone'

9.00 LA CENERENTOLA Film of Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's production of Rossini's opera with Frederica von Stade as Cinderella, and Francisco Araiza as the prince. With the chorus and orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Claudio Abbado

11.45 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 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 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 The musical quiz show hosted by Lionel Blair

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS Mike Yarwood with a host of stars, personalities and popular characters

9.00 MINDER *Hypnotising Rita* While reclaiming his debts, Arthur takes over a steam-cleaning business with mesmerizing results

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 INTERNATIONAL BOXING Live coverage of Pat Cowdell of Warley making his first defence of the European Super-featherweight title against the former champion Roberto Castanon of Spain

11.30 RETURN OF THE SAINT Ian Ogilvy in *The Debt Collectors*

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS and Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrandu A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.10 Rygbi. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Hey Good Looking! 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 T.G. Ellis. 8.00 Reslo. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.00 Here and Now on Four. 9.35 Diverse Reports. 10.05 Chwaraeon. 11.05 Boris Karloff Presents: *Dialogue With Death*. 12.00 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).

VHF: 8.00 Lyrics on Several Occasions. 8.30 John Gregory. 9.15-9.55 Listen to the Band.

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05, 2.02 Sports Desk). 2.05 Gloria Hunniford (S) (3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton (S) (5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn in Hong Kong (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 Soccer Special. 10.00 The Golden Years. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Renells (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) Wagner, Schubert, Gade, Mozart (8.00 News) Gershwin, Vaughan Williams, Rachmaninov, Alkan. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Schumann; records. 10.00 Masters of the Queen's Music (S) Bax, Bliss, Williamson; records. 10.50 Eilene Hannan (S) Song recital: Berg, Granados. 11.10 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Martinu, Bartok. 12.15 Concert Hall (S) Brahms, Kurtag and Weber. 1.00 News. 1.05 Benny Goodman. 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Resnick, Vaughan Williams, Bozza, Bryan Kelly, Josef Lanner, Ethel Smyth, Stefan de Haan. 2.20 Mozart and Another Salleri (S) Mozart, Girolamo Salleri. 3.10 Roussel (S) Symphony No. 2. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Piano recital: Prokofiev, Scriabin. 7.00 Duos for Violin and Guitar (S) Porro, Giuliani. 7.30 Species Plantarum (S). 8.55 Harpsichord Music by Francesco Durante (S). 9.25 Six Continents. 9.45 Irish Landscapes (S) Norman Hay, Bax, Harty. 10.45 Ladies Lost and Found (S). 11.00 Peter Noye and Helen Krizos (S) Schubert. 11.57-12.00 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; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *The Miracle*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Good Old Sir Moses! 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: *Behaving Badly*. 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 In Business. 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 A Talent to Amuse. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Quick Service*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 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 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 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 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 International Boxing. 11.30 That Girl. 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 Look Who's Talking. 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 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 International Boxing. 11.30 Turning Pro. 12.30 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 One Woman. 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 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 International Boxing. 11.30 Portrait of a Legend. 12.00 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 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 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 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 International Boxing. 11.30 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.35 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 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; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.12 TVS News Head-

lines. 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 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 International Boxing. 11.30 Hart to Hart. 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; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 International Boxing. 11.30 Comedy Tonight. 12.00 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 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 International Boxing. 11.30 The Monte Carlo Show. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Half Free wholly acquainted

HALF FREE (3.40), can gain his third course and distance win in the Longley Handicap Chase at **CHELTHENHAM** today.

He put up his best performance of last season when landing the Mildmay of Flete Handicap Chase at the Cheltenham Festival in March, beating the subsequently disqualified Captain Dynamo half a length, and on his first visit since beat Foggy Buoy by the same margin earlier this month.

Although Foggy Buoy reopposes here on 2lb better

terms he had a distinct fitness advantage last time and will be hard pressed to reverse the placings.

A bigger danger will be the enigmatic Little Bay, who has won first time out for the last two seasons.

Forward

He would certainly win if he put his best foot forward, but that is a big if. This stiff two and a half miles is prob-

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ably as far as he wants to go and he will not be easy to cover up in a small field.

Our Fun's (2.30), 'balance sheet' sums up the economies, or lack of them, in jump racing. Bought two years ago at Doncaster for 32,000 guineas, his two subsequent successes have contributed a meagre £2,000 to the credit side of the account.

His owner deserves a decent prize, for patience if nothing else, and it may be forthcoming in the Lydney Novices' Chase.

Our Fun won a conditional jockeys' event here last month and although this is his chasing debut it could be

too sharp for Primrose Wood, an Ayr winner last time.

No-U-Turn (4.45), is penalised 10lb for his two wins this term, one over course and distance, but he is capable of giving the weight away against some feeble rivals.

Double

Stan Mellor, trainer of No-U-Turn, could complete a long-range double with Malistrano (4.45), in the Bantel Nursery Toys Novices' Hurdle at **HEXHAM**.

Mellor won the race two

years ago with Saxon Farm, who went on to take the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham, and while Malistrano may not be in the same league as his illustrious predecessor he should be good enough here.

He made an encouraging hurdling debut at Kelso, beating Record Supreme by a distance, and can follow up despite a 10lb penalty.

Kindred (2.45), and Jayne Thompson can make it four wins this season in the Bantel Bargains Conditional Jockeys' Selling Handicap Hurdle, while Music Be Magic (3.45), is hard to oppose in the Malden Timber Novices' Hurdle (qualifier).



SELECTIONS

CHELTHENHAM: 2.00 Sizzle, 2.30 Our Fun, 3.05 Light Song, 3.40 Half Free (nap), 4.15 Sam Wrekin, 4.45 No-U-Turn (n.b.).
HEXHAM: 2.15 Veiled City, 2.45 Kindred, 3.15 Always Hopeful, 3.45 Music Be Magic, 4.15 Succeeded, 4.45 Malistrano.

CHELTHENHAM (NH)

2.00 BEHRENS NOVICE HURDLE (DIV I) £1,500

2m (7 runners)		
1	0/ ARCTIC STREAM F Walwyn 5 11 1	K Mooney
6	PLAY BOY (SPA) F T Winter 5 11 1	J Francombe
8	CELTIC STORM Mrs M Rimmel 4 11 0	S Moorshead
9	EVEN DEEPER J W Blundell 4 11 0	D Dutton
11	0 MAJOR ANTHONY M Salaman 4 11 0	B de Haan
14	STICK OF ROCK (NZ) D H Barons 4 11 0	H Davies
21	SIZZLE N J Henderson 4 10 9	S Smith Eccles

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Stick of Rock, 100-30 Play Boy, 5-1 Arctic Stream, 6-1 Sizzle, 8-1 Celtic Storm, 9-1 Major Anthony, 14-1 Even Deeper.

2.30 LYDNEY NOVICE CHASE £6,000

2m (7 runners)		
2	0210-01 ARCHERS PRINCE C James 6 11 1	A Webber
3	144-112 FREIGHT FORWARDER (D) A J Pitt 10 11 1	J Francombe
4	0/1224-4 NATIONAL IMAGE M Tate 7 11 1	C Smith
5	10/00P-1 OUR FUN (C) J T Gifford 7 11 1	R Rowe
6	0F0P-31 PALATINATE (C) D Nicholson 6 11 1	P Scudamore
8	4123-11 PRIMROSE WOOD (D) G Richards 6 11 0	N Doughty
9	0P0/F34 FRA MAU Lady S Brooke 8 10 10	R Hyett

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Primrose Wood, 3-1 Freight Forwarder, 9-2 Our Fun, 5-1 Palatinate, 7-1 National Image, 10-1 Archers Prince, 12-1 Fra Mau.

3.05 AUDI VOLKSWAGEN AFTER SALES GUILD H'CAP HDLE £2,500 3m 1f (12 runners)

1	4U341-U LUMEN (C) J T Gifford 9 11 12	R Rowe
3	11020-0 BAZ BOMBATI (C) S Mellor 6 11 2	M Perrett
4	0220-12 ALFIE DICKINS R Hollinshead 6 10 7 (6 ex)	J J O'Neill
6	00312-2 LIGHT SONG F Walwyn 5 10 5	K Mooney
8	22000-0 SHOEMENDER P R Rodford 7 10 5	C Gray
11	P/0023-P CAP TOO (C) J W Blundell 8 10 2	D Dutton
12	3302/44 SUPPER'S READY W G Morris 6 10 1	W Morris (4)
13	10-2332 DROPSHOT G B Balding 9 10 0	R Chapman (4)
15	220F0-0 MAN ON THE RUN J H Baker 9 10 0	C Brown
16	00-1123 LITTLE LONDON T Morton 5 10 0	R Dunwoody
17	00-4400 SINGALONG JOE C L Popham 6 10 0	J Southern
18	00/PP-P0 BROOKLANDS BABY P J Kearney 7 10 0	I Raybould (7)

BLINKERS: 11, 12, 13, 17
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Alfie Dickens, 100-30 Light Song, 5-1 Baz Bombati, 13-2 Drophot, 7-1 Little London, 9-1 Lumen, 10-1 Supper's Ready, 12-1 Cap Too, 16-1 others.

3.40 LONGLEY HANDICAP CHASE £6,000

2m 4f (5 runners)		
1	33213-2 LITTLE BAY (C) (D) G Richards 9 11 12	J Francombe
2	13134-1 HALF FREE (C-D) F T Winter 8 11 4 (6 ex)	R Linley
4	1244-01 BEAMWAM (D) C H Bell 6 11 1 (6 ex)	P Tuck
7	43-1132 FOGGY BUOY (D) P Calver 10 10 0	J J O'Neill
8	2031-01 ARTIMARVAL J W Blundell 11 10 0 (6 ex)	D Dutton

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Half Free, 3-1 Little Bay, 4-1 Foggy Buoy, 9-2 Beamwam, 7-1 Artimarval.

4.15 DERMOT DALY MEMORIAL TROPHY (AMATEUR RIDERS H'CAP CHASE) £4,000 3m (5 runners)

1	2021-FP SAM WREKIN (D) C H Bell 6 11 10	Mr T Reed (7)
2	111210-0 BARRYSVILLE (D) P O Connor 8 10 13	Mr A J Wilson
3	4P103-1 BAYHAM SIR VARDON (D) G R Graham 10 10 5 (6 ex)	Mr S Sherwood
4	0020-23 SUNLIT RIVER D F Pitcher 7 10 5	Mr D Pitcher
6	P-F30P1 ZORO R G Frost 9 10 5	Miss K Ellis (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Bayham Sir Vardon, 3-1 Barrysville, 7-2 Sam Wrekin, 5-1 Sunlit River, 9-1 Zoro.

4.45 BEHRENS NOVICE HURDLE (DIV II) £1,500

2m (7 runners)		
1	003-211 NO-U-TURN (C-D) S Mellor 6 11 11	M Perrett
11	20-20 LATIN FORT Mrs C Seymour 4 11 10	J J O'Neill
13	2021 TACHYROS (D) L Lightbrown 4 11 0	K Sims (7)
16	WESTERN WARRIOR C G Roach 4 11 0	B Wright
18	00/000-0 VILLACANA Mrs D Onions 5 10 10	J Nolan
20	KENTUCKY CALLING F T Winter 4 10 9	B de Haan
21	0P200P SHUTTLECOCK DARTER P R Garvey 4 10 9	A Lovell

BLINKERS: 11, 21
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 on No-U-Turn, 5-2 Kentucky Calling, 5-1 Tachyros, 12-1 Latin Fort, 16-1 others.

Windies make several changes

THE five players in West Indies squad of 16 who did not appear in the opening tour match against Queensland last week were named among 13 for a one-day game against a South Australia country side in Loxton today.

Opener Gordon Greenidge, reserve wicket-keeper batsman Thelston Payne, fast bowlers Michael Holding and Courtney Walsh and off-spinner Roger Harper could make their first appearances of the tour.

West Indies team (from):

Clive Lloyd (capt.), Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Larry Gomes, Gus Logie, Gordon Greenidge, Thelston Payne, Eldine Baptiste, Roger Harper, Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall, Winston Davis and Courtney Walsh.

● AN exasperated cricket-hater has appealed to a Pakistan government Minister and the Council of Islamic Ideology to ban live radio and television broadcasts of cricket matches.

'For God's sake don't let

this game paralyse the whole nation,' a Lahore resident, signing his name only as 'A.T.', wrote in the government-owned 'Pakistan Times'.

'Because of its colossal, nation-wide time-wasting impact, it must be restricted to the playing field only,' added the anonymous AT, whose home town has been mesmerised by the first Pakistan v India Test which ended in a draw on Monday.

He said the prospect of live cricket on TV and radio until the middle December —

New Zealand arrive next month when India's tour ends — would disrupt studies at universities and colleges more effectively than student strikes.

Government offices are paralysed during the matches because bureaucrats stay glued to their radios, he moaned.

'The only argument which will disarm me is why I can't enforce discipline in my home and office,' AT lamented. 'My children and colleagues, too, are part of the same crowd.'

HEXHAM (NH)

2.15 BANTEL TOYS HANDICAP CHASE £1,200

2m (7 runners)		
2	014F13- STRAIGHT DOWN N F Crump 7 11 7	B Storey
3	3214-14 VEILED CITY (C-D) F S Storey 8 11 6	Mr K Darby
4	1F040-0 COLOURFULL PADDY (D) G Richards 9 11 6	P A Farrell (7)
5	012321 BIRSBY (C-D) R McDonald 10 11 6 (6 ex)	Mr M Thompson (7)
8	003/102- COEUR VALLIANT (D) V Thompson 6 10 7	D Nolan
9	0102-00 OLD HEAD (D) P Monteith 12 10 0	C Grant
10	P00P-P0 DOM MANCINI Lady Renwick 9 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Birsby, 100-30 Veiled City, 9-2 Straight Down, 15-2 Colourfull Paddy, 10-1 Coeur Valliant, 16-1 Old Head, 25-1 Dom Mancini.

2.45 BANTEL BARGAINS SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £700 2m (11 runners)

1	0-12140 GORSKY (D) Mrs M Nesbitt 8 12 6	Jayne Thompson (5)
2	2141U1 KINDRED (D) R Thompson 8 12 4 (5 ex)	A Fairley (5)
3	020P-22 NECTAR BLANC (FR) C H Bell 5 11 10	P A Farrell
4	2F2310 GUN (D)BF) D Yeoman 7 11 10	D Jones (5)
5	1000-43 FRANKNESS (D) P Monteith 8 11 2	E J Alston
6	0/F3F0F- GRADWOOD P B Allingham 9 11 0	N Fearn (5)
7	000-300 ASCOT AGAIN J P Smith 8 10 8	P Rutland (5)
8	0330-00 HIGH BARN B Charnley 5 10 8	J Duggan
10	4/U00 LEONORA F T Walton 7 10 6	Dawn Pound (5)
11	FP0/00F- FINE BIRD R T Jukes 9 10 5	
12	400-303 WARREN GORSE (D) S B Avery 10 10 5	

BLINKERS: 4, 11
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Kindred, 3-1 Frankness, 9-2 Nectar Blanc, 6-1 Gun, 8-1 Warren Gorse, 12-1 Gorsky, 16-1 others.

3.15 BANTEL FAMILY STORY NOVICE CHASE £1,200 2m (9 runners)

1	P2-132P GOLD CAMP Ld Kilmany 8 11 7	T G Dun
2	400/00-1 REJUVENATOR (D) G Richards 8 11 7	D Cockley (4)
3	30-1002 ALWAYS HOPEFUL C H Bell 6 11 0	S Keightley
4	PFFPU0- ANOTHER FLAME V Thompson 7 11 0	Mr M Thompson (7)
5	P DUSKY SUNSHINE P Monteith 8 11 0	D Nolan
7	ROGUE HERRIES J Storey 6 11 0	Mr C Storey (7)
8	4000-01 SIR BADSWORTH T Laxton 6 11 7	M Brisbane
10	0 CELIA J Robinson 6 10 9	Mr R Robinson (4)
12	4F330-0 THELMAS SECRET T A Barnes 7 10 9	M Barnes

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 on Rejuvenator, 3-1 Sir Badsworth, 6-1 Always Hopeful, 9-1 Gold Camp, 12-1 Thelmas Secret, 14-1 others.

3.45 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) £1,000 2m (14 runners)

1	13 HAND OVER (D) Mrs M Dickinson 5 11 5	R Earnshaw
2	22-1 MUSIC BE MAGIC (D) G Richards 5 11 5	D Cockley (4)
4	P-10 SECRET LAKE D W MacDonald 5 11 5	M Barnes
5	0-42 COUNT BLYTHE (NZ) P Monteith 6 11 0	D Nolan
6	4 GOLD LAME V Thompson 5 11 0	Mr M Thompson (7)
7	IDA'S DELIGHT J Charlton 5 11 0	D Browne
11	DOVER M H Easterby 4 10 13	A Brown
12	GENERAL LEE W Stephenson 4 10 13	K Jones
13	MAGICAL MOMENT N Bycroft 4 10 13	P A Charlton
15	P NICKEL DRUM D Yeoman 4 10 13	
16	0 RASH PRINCE F T Walton 4 10 13	Mr J Walton
17	3 TURKANA S Mellor 4 10 13	G Charles-Jones (4)
20	WIND CHIMES J G FitzGerald 5 10 9	R O'Leary
21	0 TYNESIDE D A Lamb 4 10 8	R Lamb

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Music Be Magic, 3-1 Hand Over, 6-1 Secret Lake, 8-1 Dover, 10-1 Turkana, 14-1 Wind Chimes, 16-1 others.

4.15 BANTEL LTD HANDICAP CHASE £2,050

3m (8 runners)		
3	P20-223 SUCCEEDED (D) W A Stephenson 7 11 9	P J Dun (4)
4	3130-00 THE ENGINEER (C-D) Ld Kilmany 12 11 9	C Pimlott
6	111U30 RUN'N FLY (D) A H MacTaggart 9 11 6	J O'Gorman (7)
7	12F1-FF YOUNG ASH LINN R McDonald 8 11 4	A Brown

Ageing Cowdell is confident

VERY FEW fighters win a world title once they pass the age of thirty.

The odds on a man continuing to improve late in his career are slight, but Pat Cowdell may be about to go against the rule.

At Aston Villa Leisure Centre tonight, Cowdell, who came out of retirement in May this year and won the European super-featherweight title, defends it against Roberto Castanon of Spain.

If Cowdell gets the decision he has an excellent chance of a New Year meeting with world champion Rocky Lockridge of the United States.

At the age of 31 this would be a remarkable achievement. Cowdell, however, is a remarkable man.

Too modest perhaps for his own good, but so efficient that the only really hard fight he ever had was a losing world featherweight championship bout against the fearsome Salvador Sanchez — and that was on a split decision.

Tonight's opponent, Castanon, is no less remarkable though he may be a little more ringsore. The Spaniard is the most prolific European champion of all time with a string of 12 consecutive victories in the featherweight division.

Like Cowdell he was beaten by Sanchez, after losing to Danny Lopez in an earlier title shot. There will be a great deal of talent and achievement on view when the veterans meet to decide who should go forward for what should be their last chance at the top slot.

Castanon, also 31, has lost five out of 57 professional fights after an entirely unblemished amateur career. He has been beaten in his last two, which suggests that he may be on the slide.

Fresh

The Birmingham man is still fresh and unharmed and his 18 months retirement has clearly charged his batteries.

When he decided that he still had some ambition left and came back to the ring under new management and in a new weight division, promoter Frank Warren weighed in by enticing the then reigning European champion to Birmingham.

Cowdell beat him on points in only his second comeback fight. Tonight's will be his third and if he meets Lockridge it will not be without a chance of providing a successful final chapter to an already astonishing story.

Sports Line

SPOT THE BALL

STATISTICS prove that one penalty kick in four is missed.

So Gordon Strachan of Manchester United, Ray Stewart of West Ham and Colin Morris of Sheffield United, arguably the three finest spot kick specialists in the British Isles, have more than earned their keep in recent seasons.

Strachan, who played for Dundee and Aberdeen before moving to United this season, has scored from 50 spot-kicks and missed only five — a success rate of more than 90 per cent.

Stewart, now in his sixth season with West Ham, has taken 55 penalties for them and scored from 50, reaching his half-century three weeks ago in the home game with Leicester.

Morris took his first penalty for Sheffield United against Wrexham at Bramall Lane on October 16, 1982, and has scored 24 out of 26, helping the club to rise from the Fourth to the Second Division in three seasons.

Strachan, four goals from four spot kicks for United this season, says: 'At all my clubs the players and the manager have had confidence in me taking the penalties and that is a big help.'

'I've always been confident at taking them and have missed only five. But my most embarrassing miss was for Aberdeen at St Mirren. That was in the 1982-1983 season and I think my blunder could have cost us in the Championships. We drew 1-1 and finished one point behind Dundee United who won the title.'

Missed

'You can imagine how I felt at the end of the season, but to be fair nobody mentioned my missed penalty.'

His most enjoyable penalty? 'That's easy,' says Strachan. 'My first goal for United against Watford in the opening game of the season. There were nearly 54,000 spectators and though we only drew 1-1 that goal gave me a lot of satisfaction.'

Stewart, like Strachan, believes that confidence is the key to scoring from the spot, but says he became a penalty expert in unusual circumstances.

'I was playing for Dundee United and we were missing so many penalties that the team would rather be awarded a goal kick than a spot kick. The job got round to me, I liked it, and when I moved to West Ham in 1979 I just carried on.'

'I vary my penalties because I never make up my mind what I'm going to do until just before I take the kick. I



don't listen to anyone else. I just try to keep composed, decide which way to take and then have a go.'

His most important penalty? 'Scoring for West Ham against Liverpool in the 1981 Milk Cup Final in the last minute to force a replay.'

Sheffield United manager Ian Porterfield describes Morris as 'a magnificent penalty taker'. As he says: 'Colin can knock them in on either side and places

rather than blasts them. He has great composure and has been very valuable to us.'

The penalty kick has been in existence since 1891 and the first man to score from one was Alex McCall in a Scottish match for Renton against Leith on August 22 of that year. John Heath of Wolves scored the first in England against Accrington 23 days later.

Scored

Three men, Billy Walker, for Aston Villa against Bradford City in 1921; Charlie Mitten for Manchester United against Aston Villa in 1950; and Ken Barnes for Manchester City against Everton in 1957, have scored a penalty hat-trick in a First Division game while Francis Lee of Manchester City

holds the Division One penalty record of 13 in season 1971-1972.

Burnley hold the match record of being awarded four penalties against Grimsby in 1909 but they scored from only one. This, in turn, gave William Scott, the Grimsby 'keeper, the record of saving the most penalties, three, in one game.

Four penalties were awarded in five minutes in a hectic Crewe v Bradford Park Avenue Third Division (North) game in 1924 but as Crewe missed two of their three the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper had the outstanding record of saving eight spot kicks out of ten in the 1979-1980 season while three men have scored the only goal in an FA Cup Final from a penalty.

They were Billy Smith, who achieved the

feat for Huddersfield against Preston in 1922; George Mutch who gained revenge for Preston against Huddersfield in 1938, and Glenn Hoddle for Spurs against Queen's Park Rangers in the 1982 replay.

Mutch had much the most nerve-wracking experience of the three in that 1938 Cup Final. The last minute of extra time arrived with the score still 0-0 when Huddersfield's centre half tripped Mutch.

Kick

The little Preston forward insisted on taking the kick, hit too straight but the ball struck the underside of the bar and shot into the net over Huddersfield goalkeeper Rob Hesford who had instinctively dived. Had the 'keeper stood still he would almost certainly have saved the kick.



GORDON STRACHAN... Now scoring regularly for Manchester United from the spot.

RACING RESULTS

HAMILTON

2.15 (6f): MR LION J Carr (14-1)1; Oykell Bridge (6-4)2; In The Family (evens fav)3; Bonny's Pledge (20-1)4. 8 ran. hd, 2 1/2. (F Carr) T: £6.80; £3. £1.10. CSF: £10.10.
2.45 (5f): SPOILT FOR CHOICE D Nicholls (6-1)1; Chaplins Club (5-1)2; Trade High (5-1)3; Priory (14-1)4. 13 ran. 3, 1 1/2. (D Chapman) T: £8.50; £3.30, £3.40, £1.30. CSF: £33.94.
3.15 (1m): ANGORA J Bleasdale (13-2)1; Caverne (10-1)2; Colterdale (4-1)3; King's Legend (12-1)4. 13 ran. 4, 1. (C Thornton) T: £7.20; £3.80, £2.40, £1.10. CSF: £69.76.
3.45 (1m): FIFTY QUID SHORT K Darley (8-1)1; Top Ranker (11-2)2; Loredana (7-2)3; Saffron Poser (6-1)4. 11 ran. hd, 1 1/2. (Mrs M Nesbitt) T: £9.70; £3.40, £2.30, £1.60. CSF: £48.33. NR: Brave Words and Tang Dancer.
4.15 (1m 1f): CAP D'AZURE R Lappin (14-1)1; Baby Boy (4-1)2; Official Reason (5-1)3; Rowa (2-1)4. 11 ran. 1, 1 1/2. (S Norton) T: £10.30; £2.30, £1.10, £1.60. CSF: £66.16.
4.45 (1m 4f): WILDRUSH C Coates (13-2)1; Ribbons of Blue (16-1)2; A T S Prince (14-1)3; Lady Ever-So-Sure (85-40)4. 16 ran. hd, 2. (W C Watts) T: £9; £2.70, £4.80, £3.20, £1.10. CSF: £113.96. NR: Rural Scene.
5.15 (2m 4f): THREE SHINERS Mr L Hudson (5-2)1; Sampson (12-1)2; Price of Peace (7-1)4. 11 ran. 12, 1 1/2. (C Parker) T: £3.20; £1.10, £1.50, £1.90. CSF: £27.19.
5.45 (2m 4f): NO MYSTERY A Stringer (3-1)1; Carlingford Lough (7-1)2; Ramblix (6-1)3; La Boeuf (12-1)4. 8 ran. nk, 10. (W A Stephenson) T: £7.40; £2.30, £3.60. CSF: £22.70.
3.15 (3m): BREAC BAN G McCourt

SEDGEFIELD

1.45 (2m): UNCLE OLIVER P Mann (11-8) on fav)1; Harburn Rebel (8-1)2; Jumbellina (13-2)3; Barnalyra (33-1)4. 7 ran. 2, 20. (W J Pearce) T: £1.70; £1.40, £2.90. CSF: £6.33. NR: Carnival Prize.
2.15 (2m 4f): THREE SHINERS Mr L Hudson (5-2)1; Sampson (12-1)2; Price of Peace (7-1)4. 11 ran. 12, 1 1/2. (C Parker) T: £3.20; £1.10, £1.50, £1.90. CSF: £27.19.
2.45 (2m 4f): NO MYSTERY A Stringer (3-1)1; Carlingford Lough (7-1)2; Ramblix (6-1)3; La Boeuf (12-1)4. 8 ran. nk, 10. (W A Stephenson) T: £7.40; £2.30, £3.60. CSF: £22.70.
3.15 (3m): BREAC BAN G McCourt

(13-8)1 fav)1; Owen Luck (3-1)2; Stop It (13-8)3; Jlimbrook (10-1)4. 13 ran. 2, nk. (R Champion) T: £2.80; £1.40, £1.40, £1.30. CSF: £57.17.
3.45 (2m 4f): WYNNWITH STAR I Cox (14-1)1; Melhagen (6-4)2; Bantel Bowman (20-1)3; Royal Rainbow (10-1)4. 8 ran. 2 1/2, 30. (L Bridge) T: £21.80; £2.90, £1.10, £2.80. CSF: £36.52.
4.15 (2m 4f): MR DENETOP Mr T Reed (16-1)1; Dusty Farlow (12-1)2; Hatteras (11-2)3; Comedy Fair (13-8)4. 12 ran. 4, 1. (F Musgrave) T: £12.10; £2.20, £5.40, £2. CSF: £176.89.

LEICESTER

2.00 (7f): PRINCE LYPH W R Swinburn (6-5) on fav)1; Generalise (6-1)2; Bassim (6-1)3; Timely Move (12-1)4. 11 ran. 1, 4. (M Sloute) T: £1.90; £1.10, £2.30, £1.50. CSF: £6.11. NR: Abu Fawaz.
2.30 (1m 2f): WINDOW SHOPPER T Quinn (25-1)1; Gooseberry (9-2)2; Speed Up (33-1)3; Video Lad (7-2)4. 14 ran. 5, 1. (G Balding) 14 ran. 5, 1. (G Balding) T: £13.10, £2.5, £1.50, £2.00. CSF: £124.85. NR: Dame Caroline.
3.00 (1m): GUNNER GIRL R Fox (20-1)1; Celtic Assembly (4-1)2; Dream Image (33-1)3; Dukayna (13-8) on fav)4. 14 ran. 1/2, 1 1/2. (R J Holder) T: £41.20; £3.50, £1.60, £7.70. CSF: £89.13. NR: Lady & Boa.
3.30 (1m): SHARP SHOT W Carson (12-1)1; Bundaberg (7-1)2; Nice One Andy (10-1)3; Star Of A Gunner (8-1)4. 23 ran. 2 1/2, 1. (J Dunlop) T: £11.90; £2.70; £2.10, £2.90, £2.70. CSF: £85.36. NR: God's Image.
4.00 (6f): MERLE R Cochrane (4-1)1; Music Market (14-1)2; Shelley Marie (13-2)3; Ninattash (33-1)4. 15 ran. 1. (R Sheather) T: £6.00; £1.90, £1.90, £4.30. CSF: £52.88. NR: Long Bay.
4.30 (7f): TRULY RARE K Bradshaw (6-1)1; Geraghty Of Course (33-1)2; Coastal Plain (14-1)3; Hoowa (5-1)4. 11 ran. 1, 3. (M Sloute) T: £6.40; £1.70, £3.50, £2.50. CSF: £148.53. NR: Sallloom.

TENNIS RESULTS

PRETTY POLY CLASSIC (X denotes seeded player)

1st Round: (X) P Shriver (US) bt I Budarova (Czech) 6-0, 6-1; E Burgin (US) bt P Huber (Aus) 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.
2nd Qualifying Round: A Cecchini bt M Calleja 6-2, 6-3; K Skarnska bt M Mesker 7-6, 6-2; M Skuherski (Czech) bt P Delhees (Switz) 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
Final Qualifying Round: S Gomer (Devon) bt C Squire (Fra) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; P Paradis (Fra) bt J Golder (US) 6-3, 6-4.

VIENNA G.P.

(X denotes seeded player)

1st Round: Heinz Guenthardt (4) (Switz) bt Shahar Perkiss (Israel) 6-4, 6-2; Tim Wilkison (8) (US) bt Danie Visser (SA) 6-2, 6-1; Todd Nelson (US) bt Claudio Panatta (Italy) 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; Hans Gildemeister (Chile) bt Eddie Edwards (SA) 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; Jimmy Brown (US) bt Rolf Gehring (W.Ger) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; Marco Ostojia (Yug) bt Gianni Occhipio (Italy) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; Michael Westphal (W.Ger) bt Shlomo Glickstein (Israel) 6-2, 6-2.

HONG KONG G.P. (X denotes seeded player)

1st Round: (X) Terry Moor (US) bt Ben Testerman (US) 6-4, 6-4; Paul McNamee (Aust) bt Jim Gurflein (US) 6-1, 6-4; (X) Brad Gilbert (US) bt Russell Simpson (NZ) 6-1, 6-7, 6-2; Steve Meister (US) bt Brad Drewett (Aust) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; (X) Tomas Smid (Czech) bt Sashi Menon (India) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; Tom Gullikson (US) bt Shinichi Sakamoto (Jap) 6-2, 6-4; (X) Ramesh Krishnan (India) bt Ndaka Odizor (Nig) 6-2, 6-1.

A.T.P. RANKINGS AS AT OCTOBER 22

1. John McEnroe (US)
2. Ivan Lendl (Czech)
3. Jimmy Connors (US)
4. Mats Wilander (Swe)
5. Andres Gomez (Ecu)
6. Anders Jarryd (Swe)
7. Henrik Sundstrom (Swe)
8. Joakim Nystrom (Swe)
9. Jimmy Arias (US)
10. Pat Cash (Aust)
11. Yannick Noah (Fra)
12. Johan Kriek (US)
13. Aaron Krickstein (US)
14. Eliot Teltscher (US)
15. Tomas Smid (Czech)
16. Vitas Gerulaitis (US)
17. Gene Mayer (US)
18. Joan Aguillera (Sp)
19. Stefan Edberg (Swe)
20. Jose Higuera (Sp)

G.P. STANDINGS

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|----------------|--------|
| 1. McEnroe | 3,118 |
| 2. Connors | 2,693 |
| 3. Lendl | 2,404 |
| 4. Gomez | 1,847 |
| 5. Wilander | 1,658 |
| 6. Nystrom | 1,199 |
| 7. Sundstrom | 1,193 |
| 8. Jarryd | 1,055 |
| 9. Smid | 964 |
| 10. Krickstein | 961 |
| 11. Teltscher | 913 |
| 12. Arias | 822 |
| 13. Noah | 739 |
| 14. Cash | 683 |
| 15. Edberg | 674 |



RAY STEWART... Has hit 50 penalty goals out of 55 attempts for West Ham

Sports Line

QPR pitch hope

QUEENS PARK RANGERS could at last bring European soccer to Loftus Road's plastic pitch. But UEFA's reprieve is likely to be too late to stop all this season's games being

played at Arsenal's Highbury ground.

Rangers take on Yugoslavia's Partizan Belgrade in north London tonight, in the UEFA Cup second-round first leg and club secretary Ron Phillips admitted: 'The switch

has certainly hit the gates and our profits.'

But Phillips revealed that Rangers have reopened battle with the European governing body to gain acceptance of artificial surfaces.

'We have submitted a

case to them, accepting that last season's pitch probably wasn't up to standard but pointing out that the improvements we made in the summer have put Loftus Road on par with the best surfaces in Britain.

'And we have pointed out that serious injuries have been shown to be 65 per cent down on our pitch, compared to grass.

'They have replied that they will review the situation at a forthcoming council meeting. We are hopeful that they will relent on the ban, but we accept any change in their attitude probably won't come into force this season.'

Rangers barely broke even in the last round, when the second leg against Icelanders Reyjavik attracted only 6,196 to Highbury.

Expecting

'We are expecting around 13,000 tomorrow,' said Phillips last night.

'It is a much more attractive game but our profits will still be much less than staging the match at our own ground. Arsenal arrange all the administration — police, stewards, turnstiles, etc — and take a percentage of the gate that leaves them very happy. We have to accept that as a fact of life.'

Meanwhile manager Alan Mullery has picked a side that finished Saturday's 2-1 win at Coventry, Irish winger Ian Stewart having his first game since the last European match in place of Gary Micklewhite.



Ian Stewart has been selected for tonight's game

Wrexham dream of Roman glory

FOURTH Division Wrexham have the most daunting task any lowly British club has ever faced when they turn out in the same Olympic Stadium that brought penalty-kick glory to Liverpool in May against AS Roma this afternoon.

Striker Jim Steel has been singled out as the man who could spark one of the biggest shocks in European soccer history when the Welshmen seek to follow-up their shock defeat of Portuguese League leaders Porto in the first round of the Cup Winners' Cup last month.

But the 6ft 3in, 24-year-old Scot doesn't mind if he is given a taste of Italian-style tight marking in the Roman cauldron. Steel suggests that this was precisely their secret weapon in Portugal.

'I was closely marked in Porto — and the other players were let free to score the goals — so I don't mind if the Italians fall into the same trap,' said Steel.

But the Roma players sighed with relief and celebrated when they initially heard the draw against Wrexham.

'I know the Welsh as great Rugby players,' quipped the Italian team's full-back Sebastiano Nela when he first heard the news.

But Roma, while still firm favourites to reach the quarter-finals, should remember that Wrexham ignored their status against Porto.

Smarting

And the Romans themselves, still smarting from their defeat by Liverpool, seem to have lost their way since saying goodbye to Swedish manager Nils Liedholm during the summer months.

In six League matches this season, they have drawn five and lost one and scored only three goals in the process.

They regained some of their form last Sunday with the return of Brazilian midfielder Paulo Falcao, after six weeks out injured, and held League

leaders Verona to a 0-0 draw.

But Falcao, 31, will be missing today after needing three stitches for a leg injury obtained in the Verona match. Nela, too will be absent but Roma have a virtual armada of possible replacements.

Wrexham, on the other hand, in their fifth season in Europe, arrived in Rome on Monday with an entourage of 52 fans and a squad of players almost a quarter that size to do battle.

Manager Bobby Roberts told reporters at Rome airport that goalkeeper Stuart Parker would be fit to play after recovering from a shoulder injury.

To bring up his squad to a full strength 16, Roberts called up three teenagers including goalkeeper Jones.

Wrexham: Parker, King, Cummington, Keay, Salathien, Wright, Horne, Edwards, Williams, Steel and Rogers.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

NO CHANGE AT THE TOP

BY ROBERT JAMES

THE TOP three teams in Division One of the Home Counties League all won, last Sunday, as the race for the Championship reached the half-way stage.

The day's most thrilling match was played at Studland Road, Southampton, where the home team, Solent, held on to beat Aylesbury 3-2 to keep alive their hopes of lifting the title.

Salvo

After their 16-goal salvo last weekend, the champions Southampton visited C&C Southwick at the weekend and although they didn't manage to hit the goalscoring heights reached in their previous match, the Saints still managed to put six past a hapless C&C without reply.

Friends of Fulham kept their unbeaten record intact with a workmanlike 4-0 victory at Bracknell. The southwest London

side are now one of only three teams in the Home Counties League to have a 100 per cent record.

Another one of those sides is Millwall Lionesses who continue to dominate Division Two. Millwall faced the bottom club Bournemouth in London last Sunday and crushed their rivals 9-0.

Most Second and Third Division teams either had League Cup matches or the weekend off, but those with a keen eye for surprises waited impatiently for the result from Worthing on Sunday evening.

Chance

The local side, currently walking away with the Third Division, had a chance to gauge their progress when they met Division Two's Swindon in the League Cup.

Alas there were to be no shocks here as Worthing were beaten 3-0, the first match this season where they have conceded goals and failed to score any as well.

Chasing

Newbury took time off from chasing Millwall in the League to record a 4-2 victory over Chelsea while Hightown travelled to meet Cope Chat and came away with a 3-0 victory.

This weekend Aylesbury have the chance to move back into the League Championship hunt when they play Southampton at Barnard Close. Anything less than a win here would surely end the home team's hopes of winning the title this season.

Friends of Fulham are

on the road again. They make the trip to Shoreham, while Solent have another home fixture against Bracknell.

The big clash in Division Two will be at Millwall when the division leaders take on second-placed Newbury.

Here again, if Newbury fail to pin back the Lionesses then the race for the title may very well become a one-horse affair.

Defeat

Hightown can move closer to the top if they defeat Bournemouth at Redbridge Lane.

In Division Three Worthing could almost make the title theirs by defeating Compton at Burrell Road.

DIVISION I

C&C Southwick	0	Southampton	6
Solent	3	Aylesbury	2
Bracknell	0	Friends of Fulham	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Friends of Fulham	6	6	0	0	28	3	12
Southampton	6	4	1	1	35	10	9
*Solent	6	4	0	2	18	9	8
Aylesbury	6	3	0	3	16	12	6
Bracknell	6	1	1	4	6	22	3
*Shoreham	5	0	1	4	3	8	1
C&C Southwick	5	0	1	4	2	9	1
*Howbury Grange	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

*points deducted from game against Howbury Grange

DIVISION II

Millwall	9	Bournemouth	0
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	6	6	0	0	46	3	12
Newbury	4	3	1	0	7	0	7
Hightown	6	1	3	2	3	11	5
Swindon	3	2	0	1	5	6	4
Red Star	6	1	2	3	4	17	4
Cope Chat	5	1	0	4	6	13	2
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
Bournemouth	4	0	1	3	2	19	1

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worthing	5	5	0	0	67	0	10
Moorhill	5	2	0	3	13	29	4
Compton	2	1	0	1	3	13	2
Red Star Res	3	1	0	2	4	19	2
Wokingham	3	0	0	3	12	20	0

LEAGUE CUP First Round

Cope Chat	0	Hightown	3
Worthing	0	Swindon	3
Newbury	4	Chelsea	2

WEEKEND FIXTURES LEAGUE CUP 1st Round

Red Star v Compton	
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DIVISION I

Aylesbury v Southampton	
Solent v Bracknell	
Shoreham v Fulham	

DIVISION II

Swindon v Cope Chat	
Hightown v Bournemouth	
Millwall v Newbury	

DIVISION III

Compton v Worthing	
Red Star Res v Moorhill	

WFA CUP - Second Round Draw

GROUP A
C&C Southwick v Red Star
Southampton v Cardiff
Keynsham v Pelynt
Bournemouth v Illogan

GROUP B
Ashford v Worthing
Horsham v Herne Bay
Eastbourne v Shoreham
Reigate v Croydon

GROUP C
West Ham v Molesey
East Herts v Solent
Bracknell v Aylesbury
Chelsea v Gallahers

GROUP D
Millwall v Chingford
Newbury v Hightown
Swindon v Friends of Fulham
Northwood v Watford

GROUP E
Luton Daytel v Norwich
Suffolk Bluebirds v Rangers
Hemel Hempstead v Canley Athletic
Milton Keynes v Biggleswade

GROUP F
Durston v Northampton Town & Country
Bilston v BYC Argyle
Emgals v Droitwich
Solihull v Cortessey

GROUP G
Leasowe v Darlington
Rowntrees v Broadoak
St Helens v Bronte
North Shields v Crewe

GROUP H
Fodens v Rotherham
Ingol Belles v Kilnhurst
Sheffield v Kirkby Sports Centre
Doncaster Belles v Daresbury

(All ties to be played on Sunday, November 4)

WFA CUP - First Round Results

GROUP A: Tiverton 0, Illogan 2; Exmouth 0, Pelynt 3; Exeter 1, C&C Southwick 2; Chard 1, Southampton 4; Keynsham 4, Frome 2; Bournemouth 6, Exeter Rangers 0; Cardiff v Cope Chat (withdrew); TV Pilgrims 0, Red Star Southampton 3.

GROUP B: Northfleet 0, Eastbourne 11; Reigate 3, Gillingham 0; Howbury Grange (withdrew) v Horsham; Ashford 1, Hassocks 0; (Herne Bay, Worthing, Shoreham and Croydon all obtained byes).

GROUP C: Wokingham 0, Solent 11; Bracknell 6, Spurs 2; Vicarage 1, Molesey 24; Gallahers 4, Romford 2; (Aylesbury, Chelsea, East Herts and West Ham all obtained byes).

GROUP D: Moorhill (withdrew) v Millwall Lionesses; Hightown 4, Tottenham 1; Hayes 0, Chingford 3; Swindon 3, District Line 3 (2-2 after replay, Swindon won 4-3 on pens); (Northwood, Newbury, Watford and Friends of Fulham all obtained byes).

GROUP E: Wolverhampton 1, Canley Athletic 9; Gloucester 0, Milton Keynes 6; Norwich 4, Birmingham City 1; Notts Forest 0, Suffolk Bluebirds 9; Worcester 2, Hemel Hempstead 4; Boots 1, Luton Daytel 5; Leicester 0, Biggleswade 18; Rangers (bye).

GROUP F: Burton Wanderers 0, Northampton Town & Country 8; Chertsey 2, Emgals 3; Cortessey 2, Colchester 1; Droitwich 3, Haddon Park 3 (Droitwich won replay 3-2); Durston v Pye (withdrew); Notts County 2, Solihull 5; BYC Argyle 12, Eagles 1; Bilston (bye).

GROUP G: Nab Wood 1, North Shields 2; Leasowe 8, Macclesfield 0; CP Doncaster 1, Rowntrees 4; St Helens 3, Preston Rangers 1; Manchester United 1, Broadoak 10; Chorley 0, Crewe 9; (Darlington and Bronte obtained byes).

GROUP H: Fodens 3, Bolton Boadiceans 1; Ingol Belles 4, Rossendale 3; Doncaster Belles 34, Leek Leaders 0; Cleveland 0, Kirkby Sports Centre 1; Rotherham 1, Middlesbrough 0; Sheffield 5, Deeside 0; (Kilnhurst and Daresbury obtained byes).

Spurs win a moral victory

TOTTENHAM last night finally conceded defeat in their bid to bring to White Hart Lane a closed-circuit showing of their second round UEFA Cup clash against Bruges.

But they must feel they have won the hearts of the UEFA officials they implored to consider their pleas for non-responsibility should any crowd trouble mar their match in Belgium tonight.

Spurs hoped the planned screening of their match would dissuade their fans from making the trek to the land that saw the death of one of their number in Brussels last term.

But those hopes were thwarted by Bruges' demand for a £35,000 fee, and even the late in-

tervention of UEFA general secretary Hans Bangerter failed to bring an agreement yesterday.

After Bangerter met Spurs' chairman Irving Scholar and secretary Peter Day in Berne, Switzerland, he admitted: 'Tottenham have done everything possible to ensure a trouble-free match. I cannot suggest any further measures which might have been overlooked.'

For the match itself — which has seemed a virtual sideline to all the negotiations about the cross-channel TV showing — Glenn Hoddle could be back in the Tottenham team if he suffers no reaction from Monday night's reserve match against Oxford, even though he has made only two appearances as substitute this season.

Olsen savours 'homecoming'

JESPER OLSEN went home yesterday, convinced a hot reception awaits him when his team Manchester United take on PSV Eindhoven in the UEFA Cup second round tonight.

It was Olsen's first trip back to Holland since he left Ajax of Amsterdam for Old Trafford and he says: 'It is something special for me to go back.'

'I don't know what sort of reception I'll get but it's likely to be the same as they give any visiting player.'

The little Dane has been able to give manager Ron Atkinson a run-down on what to expect, saying: 'I was in Holland for two years and played against Eindhoven seven times.'

'They have always done

well in European competitions and put out a strong East German side in the first round this season. They are very strong at home and I would be happy if we came away with a draw.'

'They have one of the best stadiums in Holland and it will be full of atmosphere. I know their back four can play very well, but our best hope will be that they must concentrate on attacking us.'

United, beginning to blend Olsen and the rest of their new signings, were again without England full-back Mike Duxbury for the trip.

Man United (probable): Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Moses, Moran, Hogg, Robson, Strachan, Hughes, Brazil and Olsen.

MARK LAWRENSEN is set to be given the anchor role, so evidently missing since the departure of Graeme Souness, in Liverpool's midfield for the 'crisis' European Cup second round first leg against Benfica at Anfield tonight.

Manager Joe Fagan has promised a 'new midfield combination' in his bid to arrest the decline in the famous Reds fortunes this season, and the versatile Lawrenson could be the only man to help solve the problem.

Fagan said: 'Although we only lost by the odd goal against Tottenham and Everton, it could have been more. There was something missing, mostly in midfield. We are not playing as a team and I feel the problem is in the destructive side of midfield. There will have to be a few changes.'

Fagan's solution, as the Champions' Cup holders

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

try to improve on last season's 1-0 home quarter-final win over the distinguished Eagles of Lisbon, could be a move forward from defence for Lawrenson.

Fagan declined to detail his changes in naming his 16-man squad, but did promise 'a new midfield combination' and the versatile Lawrenson has spent all this troubled season in the back line — save for some occasional thrusts forward.

If Lawrenson is asked to win the midfield possession the team has lacked, another change could see Anfield's prodigal son, Craig Johnston, recalled.

His forward runs from midfield would add zest to the attack. Should Fagan decide that two reserve games since his return from native Australia are not sufficient preparation for Johnston, the possible permutations are still considerable.

Steve Nicol is ruled out by an ankle injury and Jan Molby is ineligible, but Sammy Lee, John Wark, Ronnie Whelan and Phil Thompson all come into contention for

midfield roles. Thompson and Gary Gillespie will vie for Lawrenson's back four spot.

A report on Benfica from ex-Liverpool star John Toshack revealed they have most of the players who went out 1-0 and 4-1 to Liverpool last season and are currently second in the Portuguese League.

Liverpool, top when the sides met last season, are currently 17th.

Fagan said: 'I am not going to have a nervous breakdown over it. I am too hard for that. But it is disturbing my night's sleep. It's very frustrating.'

'We have talked about it, but don't call them crisis meetings. I have no complaints about the way the players are trying, it's just that they are not playing to the best of their ability. It's not fitness, they are as fit as they ever were.'

Liverpool (from): Grobelaar, Bolder, Neal, Beglin, Kennedy, Lawrenson, Johnston, Whelan, Hanson, Robinson, Dalglish, Wark, Lee, Thompson, Rush and Gillespie.



MARK LAWRENSEN . . . Could he be the man to replace Graeme Souness?

Wightman dismissal upsets Barker

FROM MATTHEW NUGENT BRIGHTON

SUE BARKER's dismal year on the international tennis circuit continued yesterday when she was bundled out of the £145,000 Pretty Polly Classic here in Brighton.

Beaten 6-2, 7-5 by Rumania's Virginia Ruzici, Barker has plummeted down the international rankings from 58 in January to an all-time low of 112.

This latest defeat, however, seemed to be the furthestmost thing from Miss Barker's mind when she entered the after-match press conference.

The fact that she had been omitted from next week's Wightman Cup clash with the US was still hurting.

Referring to her absence from the team, Barker said: 'I feel hurt about the way it was done and thought I deserved more loyalty than that after ten years.'

Barker's gripe was mainly with Britain's national team manager Sue Mappin. 'I was told that Sue Mappin said in a radio interview that I was mentally and physically unfit, and I should take time off from the game and get married.'

'I thought she was out of place. I was very disappointed with the way she handled it. She should be encouraging me to continue and not to quit.'

'I couldn't understand why she should say I

should quit because it is none of her business,' added Barker.

Mappin later said that she felt that Barker had misunderstood what was said on the radio broadcast — but still felt that at this stage Barker was 'mentally and physically unfit' to play for Britain next week.

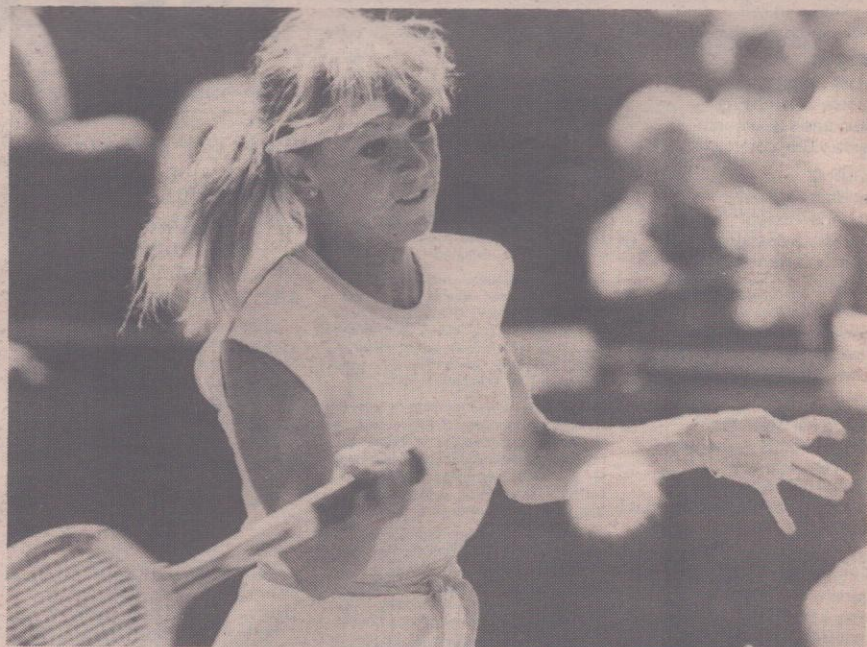
There was a scare for the fans at Brighton last night when Jo Durie lost her first set against Terry Holladay of the US.

But Durie, the No.3 seed, fought back to reach the quarter-finals, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Alycia Moulton, the No.8 seed, stormed past her fellow American Beth Herr, to reach the quarter-finals 6-2, 6-1, while the young French girl Catherine Tanvier also had an easy passage to the last eight.

Tanvier, currently ranked 22 in the world, brushed aside the challenge of South Africa's Rene Uys, 6-1, 6-3.

Kathy Horvath the No.4



SUE BARKER . . . Claimed she's been badly treated by selectors

seed here, once again lost her concentration against an opponent much lower than her on the computer and went out to compatriot Terry Phelps, 6-2, 7-6, (7-5).

The day's most amusing story involved another American, Jamie

Golder.

Beaten in the final qualifying round yesterday by France's Pascale Paradis, Golder was reinstated into the first round proper as a 'lucky loser' after the No.2 seed, American Kathy Jordan, dropped out because of a

troublesome foot injury.

And who will young Golder play in the first round later today? You've guessed it, Paradis!

Jordan's injury also rules her out of next week's Wightman Cup clash at the Albert Hall.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

(7.30p.m. unless stated)

EUROPEAN CUP

Second round, first leg

Liverpool v Benfica (6.00)
Panathinaikos v Linfield (6.00)

CUP WINNERS CUP

Second round, first leg

A.S. Roma v Wrexham (2.30)
Inter Bratislava v Everton (5.00)
Rapid Vienna v Celtic

UEFA CUP

Second round, first leg

Bruges v Tottenham (8.00)
Inter Milan v Rangers (8.45)
Linz v Dundee Utd (7.00)
PSV Eindhoven v Man Utd
QPR v Partizan Belgrade (7.45)

DIVISION IV

Exeter v Swindon
Hartlepool v Southend
Peterborough v Halifax

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Cardiff v Australia (2.30)