

DEFEND LOCAL COUNCILS

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COURTS BAN BL STRIKE

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

FROM 6 o'clock last night, six trade unions at the state-owned Austin Rover car plants had lost all legal immunities from damages claims and faced massive fines for contempt of court.

High Court judge, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith, had given the unions until 6 p.m. to call off their strike for failing to hold a secret ballot under the Tory anti-union laws.

But when the deadline expired the strike was still on. Union chiefs on the Joint Negotiating Committee have called an urgent meeting for today to decide how to face the biggest legal threat to trade unionism in half a century.

Grenville Hawley, the transport union's chief negotiator, was visibly shaken by the court's verdict and seemed ready to run up the white flag.

Announcing today's union meeting at Coventry, Hawley said: 'We are trying to expedite the request and requirement of the judgement.'

Assets

Having declared the 35-week miners' strike illegal six weeks ago and sequestered all the assets of the National Union of Mineworkers, the Tory judiciary has now declared the strike by 28,000 car workers unlawful.

The six unions under attack from the courts are: the Transport and General Workers Union, the TASS section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, the Association of Patternmakers and Allied Craftsmen and the National Society of Metal Mechanics.

Leaders of two other Austin Rover unions — the engineering and foundry sections of the AUEW and the electricians' union, the EETPU — were represented at yesterday's two-hour private hearing at the High Court. BL's injunction against them will be heard on Thursday.



THE GIANT demonstration in defence of local councils in London last March

Fight rate-capping and abolition

ANGER OVER KINNOCK SNUB

FROM CHRIS CORRIGAN

EDINBURGH — Anger at the absence of Labour leader Neil Kinnock burst through as the first of the National Union of Mineworkers five national rallies got under way here last night in the Usher Hall, packed with 2,500 miners and supporters.

NUM vice president Mick McGahey, chairing the meeting, repeatedly had to call for order as miners and miners' wives in the audi-

ence shouted bitter remarks concerning Kinnock's refusal to attend any of the rallies.

'Rub him out!' was shouted again and again as Donald Dewar, right-wing Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, was introduced as one of the main speakers.

McGahey had to call for quiet in order to enable De-

war to start speaking, and also intervene against hecklers a few minutes after Dewar had begun.

Jim Mortimer, Labour Party general secretary, sat alongside McGahey on the platform.

Interviewed before the meeting began, Monklands NUM president Vic Carr, told News Line: 'Everyone I have spoken to really feels

let down by Kinnock. I've been a Labour man all my life and I cannot understand his attitude that he has an engagement here and an engagement there. Surely he can break one of them?

'I am getting to think Neil Kinnock would be as bad as Maggie Thatcher if he was in her shoes tomorrow.'

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NCB crisis rumbles on

THE CRISIS inside Coal Board headquarters rumbled on yesterday with the announcement by publicity chief Geoffrey Kirk that he is to retire early after a series of rows with chairman Ian MacGregor.

He told journalists after a two-hour meeting with NCB deputy chairman James Cowan that his relations with MacGregor had not been helped by the presence of his two unofficial personal advisers.

The two men are believed to have close links with

Prime Minister Thatcher. David Hart is a freelance journalist, while Tim Bell is a director of the Saatchi and Saatchi advertising agency which has organised the Tories' election publicity campaigns.

Problem

'Obviously it is a problem if other people are advising the chairman and you don't know about it,' Kirk said.

'I have bumped into Mr Hart twice, but made clear

BY BEN RUDDER

I didn't want any contact with personal advisers. I don't know what function they have been performing with Mr MacGregor. It is up to him whose advice he takes. My problem is that he evidently doesn't take it from me.

'Currently, Mr Hart is in hospital with a broken leg as a result of going roller-skating at a disco,' Kirk revealed.

Later, the Coal Board refused to comment on Kirk's statement, as did Bell.

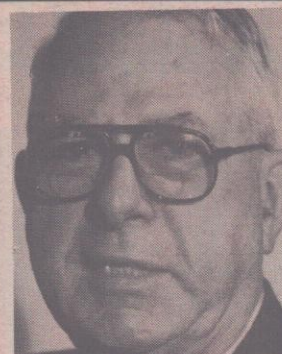
Visitor

Bell, 42, is said to be a regular visitor to the Prime Minister's official country home at Chequers, while Hart, 40, an old Etonian, turns out to be the son of the founder of City bankers Fraser, Ansbacher. Hart is described as an author, journalist, former pop concert promoter, film direc-

tor, photographer, musician and discharged bankrupt.

Kirk added that things reached a head last week after four rows with MacGregor in ten days. He suggested that the rows centred on the abrupt silencing of Michael Eaton — a personal friend of Kirk's — after he had been appointed as a publicity spokesman for the Board.

He also said he thought the Board did not emerge well from the disclosures over links with Libya.



MacGREGOR

Kirk confirmed that the NCB had lied when it said he had gone on holiday last week. 'Holiday is a voluntary thing; being sent on leave is not. I have no explanation why they lied,' he said.

Trouble for bank rescue

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

THE BANK of England's rescue operation at Johnson Matthey Bank has run into serious problems, according to City commentators.

The four main clearing banks — National Westminster, Midland, Lloyds and Barclays — have refused to pump any cash into the rescue bid.

They apparently see the Johnson Matthey enterprise as a bottomless pit which would devour the £100 million they have been asked to provide.

Bill

'If the banks fail to come up with the money it could leave the taxpayer having to foot a bill for the rescue, which could be anywhere between £50 and £100 million,' according to the London 'Standard's' City editor Anthony Hilton.

So much for last month's statement by Bank of England governor Robin Leigh Pemberton that the only cost to the taxpayer would be the £1 coin which he paid to take over the bankrupt bank!

Johnson Matthey's losses, originally reckoned to be £100 million, have now climbed to £250,000.

Interest rates were shaved by half a per cent yesterday in a political gesture to industry and the middle class.

Barclays was the first bank to make the cut, followed by National Westminster, Lloyds, Midland and the Yorkshire.

Figures

It followed publication of Bank of England figures showing a slight reduction in the growth of money supply.

In the four weeks to mid-October, money supply grew between one quarter and one half a percentage point. This gives an annual rate of 9.25 per cent which is within Chancellor Lawson's 10 per cent target.

The slight drop in interest rates prompted reports from the building societies that mortgage rates might be cut by one per cent in the New Year.

The pound closed at \$1.2615.

'Freeze' on NUM funds

A DUBLIN High Court judge yesterday refused to lift the injunction ordering the seizure of all National Union of Mineworkers' funds in the Bank of Ireland.

The ruling followed an application by the union to free £2.8 million held in the bank. Mr Justice Donal Barrington said the injunction freezing the assets would be extended on Monday when the case resumes to consider 'the legal issues involved'.

The court heard that the union managed to move another £5 million held in the bank 'in the recent past'. But the Bank of Ireland lawyer succeeded in an objection to the court hearing where the money had been deposited.

Speaking for the accountants Price Waterhouse, who have been instructed by the English High Court

to sequester the funds of the NUM, Peter Kelly said the NUM had embarked 'on a series of adventures to ensure the court's order could not be complied with'.

Account

But for the NUM, Paul Carney said the miners had opened an account with the Bank of Ireland finance company in March, more than six months ahead of the sequestration move. He said that some of the cash in the account belonged to Derbyshire miners who face a separate court move over their funds.

Carney argued that the sequestration order had been issued under English law, and could not be operated against funds already held abroad.

Receiver move in Yorkshire

A FRESH legal move by Yorkshire NUM scabs Ken Foulstone and Bob Taylor will attempt to hand the union's funds over to the control of a Receiver.

Solicitors acting for the two Manton men, whose contempt action was responsible for the sequestration of the union's assets, confirmed reports in yesterday's press that the court action was going ahead.

They said the moves would be made within the next few days and would be based on laws governing the conduct of trustees.

In their application for the union's funds to be handed over to the control of a Receiver, the two Manton men will contend that the union's funds are being misused by being spent on an unofficial strike.

In the earlier case, the courts ruled that the Yorkshire strike was unofficial.

They will also claim that the five trustees who are responsible for union funds have put themselves in breach of trust, and that they cannot use the cash for picketing or other expenses incurred in the strike.

Lawyers have said that any action to impede a Receiver could result in contempt of court proceedings and result in fines and even imprisonment for any union member.

THE TRANSPORT union branch representing British Airports Authority workers at Heathrow airport have passed a resolution saying any members who cross NUM picket lines should be expelled and their firms blacked.



'YANKS Against Reagan' and peace protestors held a candlelit vigil outside the US Embassy in London last night against American policy in central America. Inside news of the presidential elections was being closely monitored

Heseltine in 'Belgrano' probe

DEFENCE Secretary Michael Heseltine will appear before a House of Commons committee today to face an onslaught of questions from MPs over allegations of a government cover-up on the sinking of the Argentine Cruiser 'General Belgrano'.

Heseltine will also try to rebut claims from angry

MPs on the Commons Foreign Affairs committee that he and other Ministers deliberately misled parliament over the sinking of the ship with a loss of 368 lives.

Sitting at the back of the Commons grand committee room will be Clive Ponting, the MoD official now awaiting trial at the Old Bailey charged with leak-

ing Ministry documents on the affair.

Most of the questioning will be in public, but the five Tory and four Labour MPs on the committee will decide whether to further grill the Defence Secretary in private afterwards.

Tam Dalyell, whose continuous questions into the sinking have been a thorn in the side of the government for months, will be among those interrogating the Defence Secretary.

The Labour MP for Louth received documents, allegedly sent by Ponting, in July.

One of these documents was a draft letter from Heseltine to Dalyell, which was never sent.

RAILWAY guards from depots in Liverpool Street, Stratford, Southend, Victoria, Gidea Park, Shenfield, and Ilford car sheds lobbied the National Union of Railwaymen headquarters at Unity House yesterday during a 24-hour strike over flexible rostering. The guards came out in opposition to claims by management that Sunday rosters involving more seven and nine-hour days instead of the usual eight hours were part of the 1982 flexible rostering agreement. Andy Dobbs, assistant general secretary of the NUR, assured them the situation would be clarified as soon as possible.

COURTS BAN BL STRIKE

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Yesterday's hearing marks the first use of the Tory government's 1984 Trade Union Act. It abolishes the right of workers to decide on industrial action at their own democratic mass meetings.

Instead, unions must hold secret ballots or they are deprived of their legal immunity from damages claims.

In its writ, Austin Rover seeks damages against all eight unions. Under the law the maximum for each offence is £250,000, depending on the size of the union.

POLITBURO member Mikhail Gorbachev, apparently secure in his position as second only to Konstantin Chernenko, will visit London for talks with Tory Prime Minister Thatcher next month.

But if contempt of court charges are brought, then the fines are unlimited. And as with the NUM and the National Graphical Association a year ago, it will almost certainly lead to the sequestration of the unions' assets.

There is now a class identity between the struggle of the miners and the car workers. Both are facing the ruthless class-war onslaught of Thatcher's Bonapartist regime.

While the miners are fighting for jobs, car workers are fighting against the slave labour economy outlined by Thatcher, Chancellor Nigel Lawson and Lord Young, formerly of the MSC.

On government instructions, BL has offered car workers £5 this year and the same next year. Set against the rise in inflation,

this will actually lead to a drastic cut in living standards for car workers.

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PM wants to starve miners

THE MINERS will be starved back to work if their union does not accept the terms dictated by the Coal Board, Prime Minister Thatcher made clear yesterday.

Speaking in the debate on the Queen's Speech she told MPs: 'I do not believe that the NCB has room for any further movement.'

And she accused the NUM leadership of mounting an 'extra-parliamentary challenge to the House of Commons and the government'.

They were in a 'sinister alliance' with the Libyan government which had rightly been condemned by Labour leader Neil Kinnock.

Reason

'There is no industrial reason why this strike should go on one day longer,' Thatcher told MPs.

The strike was destroying jobs and, by supporting it, Labour had forfeited any right to lecture the Tories over unemployment.

She also spelled out the government's determination to impose wage cuts, particularly on young workers.

'If we are to have German or American standards of pay, we have to have German or American standards of efficiency and output per person first,' she proclaimed arrogantly.

'For young people, lower pay helps to win more

jobs,' she said, citing the example of YTS in which youth get only £26.50 a week (and no jobs either).

She urged the abolition of 'old labour practices' as had been done at privatised shipyards on the Tyne.

People should work inconvenient hours if necessary, and accept new technology and its exploitation to the full.

Much of her venom was reserved for the Greater London Council and the Metropolitan councils.

She accused the GLC of spending £7 million on propaganda.

Her closing remarks were directed against the miners and those local authorities which are preparing to defy the rate-capping and abolition legislation.

She said there had been claims at the Labour Party conference that local councils were being 'forced to break the law' as a result of Tory policies.

She said: 'In a democracy where you can vote at least once every five years to change the law through the ballot box no one is "forced" to break

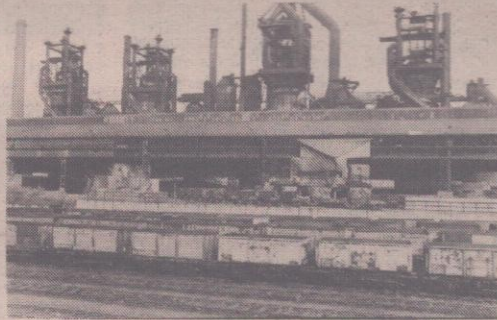
the law.'

And she went on: 'This year let it be seen that those who deny the duty to uphold the rule of law, those who use violence for political ends, those who deny the ascendancy of the ballot box and the supremacy of parliament, find no support in any part of this House of Commons.'

THATCHER: Attacked miners and laid great emphasis on the 'rule of the law' and the Tories' cheap labour plans for youth



THE QUEEN'S SPEECH



THE National Bus Company, British Steel and municipally-owned airports are all intended for the Tory sell-off 'bonanza'

Tories target councils, state firms

THE TORY government's plans to abolish the Greater London Council and the six Metropolitan authorities were at the centre of the programme outlined in the Queen's speech yesterday.

There was only one item in the speech that had not been leaked in advance. That was the establishment of a new 'policing' authority to stamp out international kidnapping of children from broken marriages.

Sold off

There will be widespread de-nationalisation in the next 12 months, according to the government. The National Bus Company will be sold off, as will Rolls Royce, Short Brothers, parts of British Steel and British Leyland and as many as possible of Britain's airports as well as British Shipbuilders' Admiralty yards.

Electoral law is to be changed, raising the deposit for parliamentary elections from £150 to £1,000, to be forfeit if the candidate fails to get 5 per cent of the vote.

The speech made clear that the government will not change its economic policies. Cuts in public bor-

rowing are a priority, as is the control of money supply.

This means even more unemployment — and the government has no new plans to change that. Quite the reverse — they privately envisage the dole queues growing indefinitely.

Aside from the privatisation of the National Bus Company, the government intends to make it easier for 'cowboy' operators, including so-called 'community taxis' to compete with publicly owned bus services.

Treasury supervision of the Trustee Savings Banks will end once they are turned into private banks and be replaced by Bank of England supervision as for other retail banks. The Tories claim this will improve competition.

A new insolvency law will encourage maximum use of private debt collection, re-

ducing the role of the Official Receiver.

Instead, he will be given greater powers to investigate 'delinquent directors and rogue liquidators'.

A national prosecution service will be established in England and Wales, supposedly independent of the police and headed by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The new law will also empower the Attorney-General to refer Crown Court sentences to the appeal court if he thinks they are too lenient.

It will set a time limit under which criminal proceedings must be brought to court, a system which already operates in Scotland.

The government will implement its pledge to implement a ruling of the European Court of Human Rights on caning. It will

give parents the right to refuse to allow their children to be caned or strapped in state schools.

Portable pensions for all employees who change their jobs after five years in a post are to be introduced. It will cover contributions paid into pension schemes from January 1, 1985, and will allow their contributions to be updated by 5 per cent a year or by inflation, whichever is less.

The new Bill on child abduction will empower the authorities to take over the task of fighting through foreign courts on behalf of a parent whose child has been unlawfully abducted.

Powers

The government is to spell out clearly in law its powers covering telephone tapping which can be authorised by the Home Secretary. This follows a judgement against the government in the European Court, which decided that the powers were not sufficiently spelled out in law.

The government intends to abolish the present system aimed at aiding an independent British cinema industry to survive American competition.

The Eadie levy, imposed on cinema admissions, will be replaced by a flat government grant of £1.5 million a year to a private company and £500,000 to the Film Development Fund.

There is also to be new legislation ending impersonation in Northern Ireland elections, where a person votes as someone else on the electoral register, living dead, or fictitious.

Under the new law, voters will have to confirm their identity by producing one of a range of documents, such as a passport or driving licence.

Crisis facing services

BY PENNY BLOOR

THE CRISIS facing local government and its services was at the centre of a conference in London held by the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA) yesterday.

Speakers representing local services, education, leisure, transport, social services and the fire service outlined their opposition to the Tory rate-capping of local councils and the abolition of the GLC and metropolitan councils and spelled out the consequences.

Opening the conference, Sheffield city council leader David Blunkett said the government's moves were a major attack on democracy.

The aim should not be to make cuts, but to consider how to expand services beyond the existing level.

Blunkett pointed out: 'Government ministers have repeatedly denigrated the equal vote in local elections of those who "do not pay full rates".'

Fare

'They propose to take central control not only of the affairs of 18 of the country's major authorities but to also direct the transport fare levels, budgets and manpower of the successor joint arrangements following the abolition proposals.'

'Where the Tories promised tolerance and freedom they are substituting dictates from the centre and short shrift for the exercise at, rather than lip service to, the operation of democracy.'

Steve Bundred, chairman of the Inner London Education Authority's finance sub-committee, spelled out the implications of cuts in London. He said it was 'a terrifying catalogue from which no part of the education service would escape unscathed'.

It was no coincidence that 11 of the 18 authorities selected for rate-capping were in London, where seven of the country's ten most disadvantaged areas were situated — on the Department of Environment's own reckoning.

Councillor Tony Harris, vice-chairman of the AMA's Social Services Committee and chairman of Haringey social services, said that in London 31 out of 33 local authorities were overspending in social services.



Branca Magas and Eric Heffer holding pictures of some of the defendants in the Belgrade trial

Six scapegoats for Yugoslav crisis put on trial

A CAMPAIGN was launched in London yesterday in support of six Yugoslav intellectuals whose trial opened this week in Belgrade.

The six are accused of 'forming a counter-revolutionary organisation' and are liable if found guilty to mandatory sentences of between 5 and 15 years.

Labour MP Eric Heffer, who launched the cam-

paign at a press conference at the House of Commons, described the trial as 'very, very regrettable'.

It is important for the entire labour movement to say that we don't go along with this.

Another member of the newly-formed defence committee, Branca Magas, linked the trial to the economic crisis arising from Yugoslavia's \$20 billion foreign debt.

She pointed out that living standards over the

past three years have been cut by 30 per cent in Yugoslavia.

'The response of the government has been to stop discussion,' she said.

The six defendants appeared to have been

selected at random from among hundreds of people who have taken part in Belgrade's 'free university forums' over the last few years.

One of those originally arrested, trade union activist Radomir Rado- vich, was later found dead in extremely suspicious circumstances, while others had been tortured.

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DEFEND COUNCILS AG UNIONS WILL RESIST RATE-CAPPING

BY SUE LAIRD

JIM O'Brien is secretary of the Lambeth Joint Trade Unions Committee, which was formed to unite all the unions with members directly employed in the local borough in defence of jobs, services and basic rights.

He sees ratecapping not just as an attack on jobs and services, but as a move by central government to smash up local authorities and to implement its decisions in councils against the decisions made by local people.

The unions' stand on ratecapping was very simple, he told News Line: 'We are against cuts in jobs and services.

All the trade unions in this borough have taken this on board. We are obviously opposed to ratecapping.

'It is not just a matter of the jobs issue, but about the sort of services we are providing. It's going to mean, at the end of the day that an awful lot of essential services will just disappear. We are just not prepared to sit back and let that situation develop.

'It was our idea initially to contact the other London boroughs and the response has been phenomenal. For the first

time ever, all trade unions, white collar and manual, have fallen in behind one single policy.

Jim said the unions' relationship with the Labour Group was a very clear one: 'Providing they stick to their policy of no cuts in jobs and services they will get our full support.

Deal

'It is also important they realise we are not prepared to see any individual council go and do a separate deal with the Department of the En-

vironment. We are not going to stand for it.

The ratecapping law was a direct attack on democracy at local level Jim went on: 'In effect they are saying to the voters in Labour-controlled councils — we can't trust you to vote the way you should so we're going to do it for you.

'You are going to get central government policies being implemented against the decisions of the local people.

'This government is absolutely determined to smash up local authorities, no question or doubt about that.

'They've proven it in 1979, with the National Health Service as well, privatisation, at no matter what cost to the communities and to the people who provide the services.

'Another thing that is significant — and perhaps people have not realised it yet — is that of all trade unionists in this country, well over half are employed in the public services, so it is obviously a major attack on the trade unions as well.'

O'Brien said that the only effective opposition to government policies in recent years had been organised by the trade unions. For this reason the government was determined to destroy the trade unions.

Cripple

'Trade union legislation is being used against us to cripple any action we can take, a direct attack on working-class people's money through the Labour Party funds and trade union funds.'

Ratecapping was a threat to entire communities, said O'Brien: 'It is vital to get the communities behind us, all the community organisations and even people in the street who are not affiliated to any organisation. They are under direct threat.

'This government puts up a very good public relations image of being unbending and the Iron Lady.

'The truth of the matter is this has not been the case. She has backed down on several occasions already. They seem incapable of fighting more than one battle at a time.

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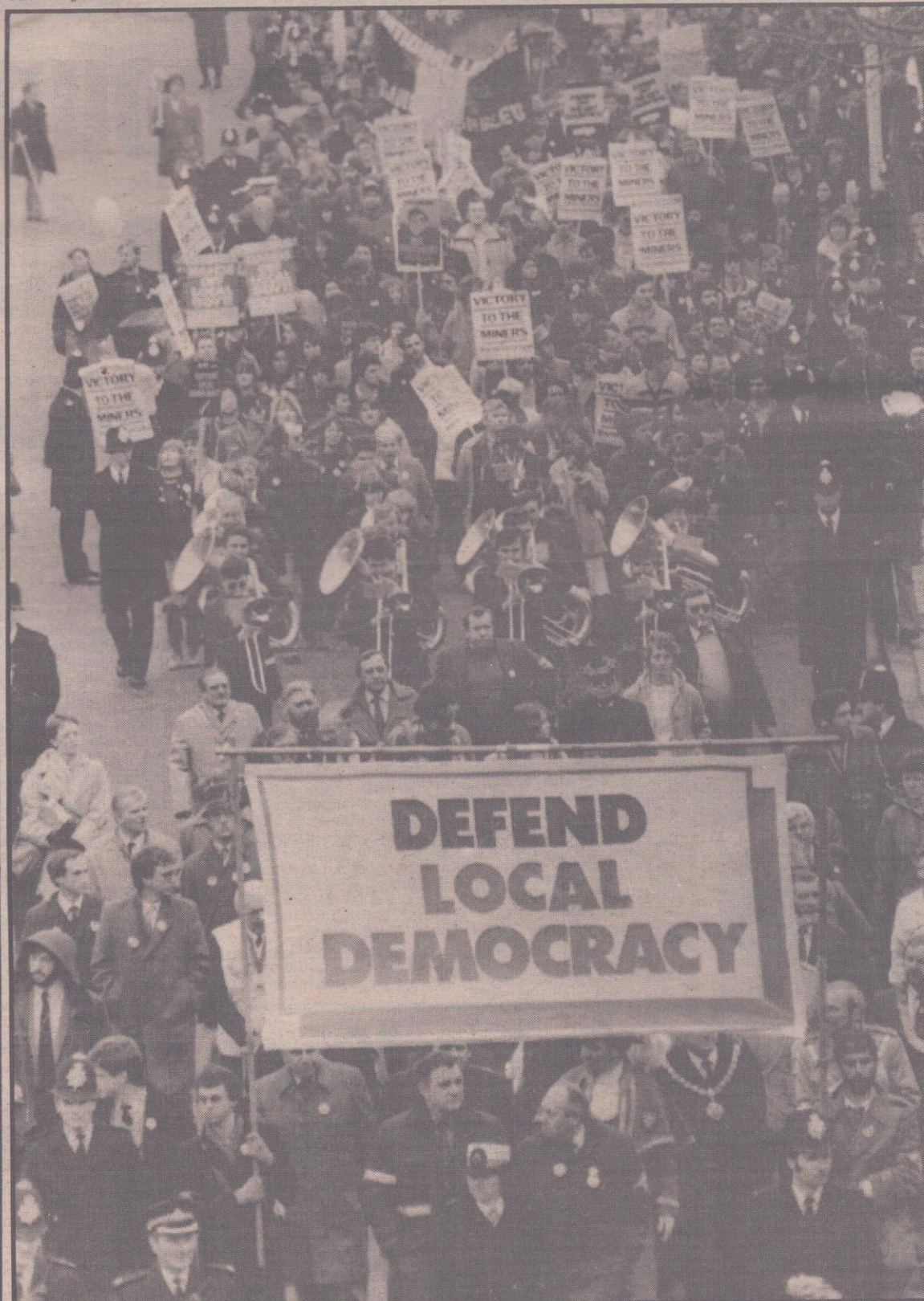
'You have seen how they have tried to isolate the miners. They have paid out extra money, above what is considered to be more than their normal pay targets, to the power workers.'

On other issues, such as the fight of Liverpool council, they had retreated, he said, 'simply because they cannot afford to fight more than one fight at a time'.

'This time they are taking on not just one local authority. We have had contact with every hit-list borough, with the exception of Portsmouth. They have all given their support.

'If a single council worker loses his job because of ratecapping, we will all take industrial action.

'There will be no compliance, no cooperation, whatsoever, with any form of agency sent in to do the normal duties of council officers or councillors.'



The giant main banner on the anti-cuts demonstration in London last March

AGAINST TORY DICTATORSHIP

OVER 100,000 council workers in London and South Yorkshire will strike today against Tory plans for a dictatorship over local government. Legislation to abolish the Greater London Council and six metropolitan county councils was announced yesterday. And 16 Labour councils have been ordered to slash their spending — by law — under rate-capping laws. The councils have said they will not implement the cuts, while the unions are refusing to co-operate with abolition, setting the scene for a major confrontation with the Tory government

Savage attack on London's education

BY PAUL FELDMAN

THE Tories have told the Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority to slash £75 million from current spending, which if implemented would wreck what is regarded as one of Britain's best education services.

Today all ILEA schools and colleges will be shut as teachers and ancillary workers strike against the government's demands for savage cuts.

Steve Bundred, who chairs the authority's finance committee, said the implementation of the target would obviously involve massive job losses.

Cuts

ILEA looked in detail at where the cuts would fall, Bundred explained. It would mean the loss of over 5,000 full-time equivalent posts and cuts which would be quite severe and wholly unacceptable.

These would include:

- A £4 million cut in the £7 million programme for asbestos removal;
- A 43 per cent increase in school meal prices;
- A 30 per cent reduction in school allowances;
- Deterioration in staffing ratios which would cut over 700 teaching posts in schools;
- The school clothing voucher scheme, which currently benefits over 55,000 pupils, would be ended;
- New nursery classes would be left unopened;
- The provision of free school milk would be ended;
- There would be a 30 per cent cut in discretionary student awards;
- Youth clubs and sports centres would be closed;
- There would be substantial cuts in adult education;
- Major cuts in building maintenance and sports services.

'It would be a massive and very damaging blow to the service. There would be no sector of the service that would escape unscathed.

'Our work is very much from the cradle to the grave. We have very excellent provision in all sorts of areas that go unnoticed because they are not part of what people normally understand as education.

'In our adult education institutes, in our nursery provision and in our youth and community education we do a lot of very valuable and vital work that would cause great hardship if it was ended.'

Bundred said the service had been built in a century of work, and with so many old buildings dating back to the 1880s it meant higher costs and a larger budget.

'We have found a very good response to our campaign against the government's limit. It was given a tremendous boost in August when Sir Keith Joseph issued a statement on our consultation document describing the £75 million cuts as "sensible" and that "much remains to be done".'

'So far we have had 3,000 responses to our consultation document — and only 30 of those support the government!'

Areas

ILEA has held meetings through the different areas, and supported the industrial action taking place today.

There was evidence of strong support from outside the ILEA. A poll showed that 74 per cent of outer Londoners were opposed to cuts in the ILEA budget.

'We will making a budget on November 20. It will be a budget that we would ordinarily make in February or March.

'It will be one which is based on our considerations of what an appropriate level of service provision should be and the responses to the consultation document rather

than any regard to the views of the Secretary of State.

Proposals

'We won't be voting for cuts in the budget at that meeting and we will be supporting growth proposals. We will then go out and campaign for that budget.

'Having gone through the consultation, having looked at the matter in some detail, I see no basis in which the authority would then be willing to consider any other type of budget, regardless of whatever announcements the Secretary of State may make in December.'

All the unions which have members who are direct employees of the county council will be on strike. The fire union is giving only emergency cover.

'Feeling is high against abolition. We've had to work hard to get full support. But people recognise the threat to their jobs and services.

'We're a rate-capped authority as well; so there's no complacency amongst the workforce.'

'There may have been some disagreement about whether a one-day strike on November 7 was the right thing to do. But, now we've decided to go forward with it, jointly, everything leads us to think it will be extremely well supported.'

Sanderson added: 'It



NALGO members demonstrated against the abolition of local councils earlier this year in London

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SOLID AGAINST THE TORIES

LONDON

The main march assembles at 11a.m., Burgess Park, Camberwell.

It will set off at noon for Jubilee Gardens, Waterloo. There will be a rally in the Festival Hall at 2p.m. Speakers include Rodney Bickerstaffe, Dennis Skinner, Frances Morrell and Ken Livingstone.

LEEDS

A march through Leeds organised by the West Yorkshire County Council unions leaves Sovereign Street, at 12.30p.m.

MANCHESTER

Trade unionists opposed to abolition will hold a rally in Central Hall, Oldham Street, starting at 1p.m.

will show the united opposition to government policies.

'In the case of our union, with its policy of non-cooperation, it's a serious policy we will carry through. The strike will show that we aren't kidding about these things.'

Budget

Rate-capping means that South Yorkshire has to cut its budget by 10-13 per cent from next April to meet Tory targets.

'We will support the authority if it follows the line of non-compliance, and in so doing takes the union along with it.

'We are looking for a joint stand between the employer and all the unions.'

Sanderson thought the public broadly supported the retention of the county council, but added: 'We recognise that however firmly convinced the public are, that in itself won't change the government's mind.'

'The people of South Yorkshire have consistently voted for the Labour Group and its policies, but that hasn't made any difference to Patrick Jenkin.'

Sanderson insisted that without NALGO's co-

operation the government could not actually carry through abolition.

'We still believe we have a very strong card there. The government is becoming increasingly desperate for the met counties, the staff and the met districts to start co-operating to try and make some sense of their proposals.

Tough

'It is an extremely tough fight and a lot of us are uncertain about what the future may bring. But there is still a lot of resolve to fight.'

WORLD SUMMARY

Hunger strikers critical

LAHORE — Five Pakistani civil rights lawyers have asked for permission to visit 18 political prisoners on hunger strike, four of whom are in critical condition at Kol Lakhpat prison.

Paralysed

MOSCOW — A shortage of railway transport is paralysing the sugar industry in the Ukraine and could mean that stockpiled output will be ruined by bad weather, according to the Communist Party daily 'Pravda'.

Police

OTTAWA — About 500 policemen marched on Parliament Hill yesterday to urge the government to hold a national referendum on capital punishment.

Sell-off

BONN — A plan to privatise key West German companies, including the national airline Lufthansa, and carmaker Volkswagen (VW) will be put to the Cabinet next week.

Arms

LAGOS — Nigeria, Africa's leading military power, now manufactures arms, ammunition and explosives for its troops, head of state Muhammad Buhari has said.

Floods

BOGOTA — Colombia's week-old floods which have killed at least 32 people worsened yesterday as the river Cauca burst its banks, making 40,000 to 50,000 homeless, the Red Cross said.

World News Line

DEATH TOLL RISES IN THE TOWNSHIPS

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG — The official death toll in 24 hours of police attacks on black protesters in the Transvaal rose to 16 yesterday, the final day of a two-day strike in the South African industrial heartland.

At least one township, Tembisa, south of Johannesburg, was sealed off as police opened fire with bullets, birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas against protesters who forced them to retreat and pull up police road blocks in several areas.

Two women and four men died late on Monday night and early yesterday as the police continued their desperate attempt to quell the spreading rebellion.

Ten blacks were killed on Monday, when police reacted with random force to a strike that brought large sections of manufacturing industry and offices in Johannesburg to a standstill as black workers in Soweto, the largest of the townships, responded overwhelmingly to the 'stayaway strike'.

The latest violence has brought to at least 148 the officially acknowledged number of people killed since February. Apart from one white baby, all the victims have been black.

One woman was fatally injured on Monday night at Kwazakele, on the Eastern Cape, where



Black youth on the march in Soweto during the 1976 uprising

police fired birdshot at demonstrators throwing stones.

The other five people died in townships around Johannesburg. Two men died in Katlehong, where police confronted a 200-strong demonstration of youth and workers attacking the home of a black councillor employed by the racist regime.

A woman was found dead in a street in Daveyton on Monday and two other men died in separate attacks on liquor stores in Tembisa, south of Johannesburg.

In Tembisa, the focus of the renewed rebellions, a shop and several

beerhalls were set ablaze in an apparent attempt to put out of action the Pretoria-operated outlets run by black managers.

Seven blacks and one white policeman were injured in the township yesterday and 31 protesters detained.

The country's 23 million blacks — 73 per cent of

the population — have been excluded in a recent sham constitutional reform by President Pieter Botha.

The August elections among the mixed-race population and the minority Indians were overwhelmingly shunned by both communities, leaving stooge reformist politicians to sit in segregated

chambers, while the white minority regime makes the decisions.

The boycott of the elections was a boost to the outrage experienced by the majority black community, whose revolt poses the greatest threat to the reactionary hold on power the South African racists have ever confronted.

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New junta for Chile

SANTIAGO — General Augusto Pinochet was due to swear in a new junta yesterday to replace his former aides who resigned after Interior Minister Sergio Jarpa quit his post on Monday.

Jarpa said he had resigned because he could no longer carry out alleged political reforms.

He resigned after meeting Chilean bishops and exiles in Rome recently, including many former leaders of the late Salvador Allende's elected gov-

ernment before Pinochet led a US-sponsored coup in 1973 and appointed himself president.

The mass exodus of the junta has been a regular feature of the stooge dictator's bloody rule and is designed to bolster his supreme image.

Pinochet is also preparing for even more brutal and repressive measures to try to crush a rebellion that has erupted in huge demonstrations and rallies across the country since early last year.

Troops repulsed

BANGKOK — At least two Thai soldiers were killed and 20 wounded in a clash with Vietnamese troops who pursued the marauding troops out of Kampuchean territory yesterday.

About 40 Vietnamese troops entered 2,000 yards into Thai territory at Buachet district of the north-eastern province of Surin, Thai military spokesmen said.

They were unable to

say if the Vietnamese suffered any casualties.

The hot-pursuit attack to repel the Thais yesterday was part of an aggressive defence by Vietnamese and Kampuchean troops in order to crush the infiltration of US-sponsored counter-revolutionary battalions loyal to the former dictator Pol Pot and led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Khieu Samphan and Son Sann.

Top colonel linked in priest's murder

WARSAW — A senior colonel in the Interior Ministry, Adam Pietruszka, is being charged with aiding the abductors of Jerzy Popieluszko, a pro-Solidarity free trade union Roman Catholic priest.

The colonel was arrested yesterday and is being charged along with three other senior policemen employed by the ministry.

Pietruszka, a deputy department chief, is the highest-ranking official so far connected with the abduction of the priest, who was subsequently murdered.

His department head, General Zenon Platek has been suspended from his duties.

The three other policemen have so far been charged only with kidnapping the priest.

Popieluszko was buried last Saturday, after a funeral attended by more than 250,000 Solidarity supporters.

The grave at Warsaw St Stanislaw's church is bedecked with hundreds of wreaths and defiant Solidarity banners and bunting condemning the imposition of martial law on December 13, 1981.

Although lifted last year, and its leader Lech Walesa released from more than a year in detention, the martial law period is remembered with hatred.

Rumours are rife in Warsaw, Gdansk and several other Solidarity strongholds that bands of the the Stalinist regime's secret police regularly abduct Solidarity supporters and other political activists for torture and intimidation.

Hundreds of mourners filed past the priest's grave at the church yesterday in an outpouring of national grief rivalled only by that caused by the death in May 1981 of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński.

Author on trial

BANGKOK — Leading Thai author Sulak Sivaraksa went on trial behind closed doors at the Criminal Court yesterday on charges of insulting the king.

Sulak, 51, is alleged to have defamed King Bhumiphol Adulyadej in his book 'Unmasking Thai Society' and in interviews. He has denied the charges.

The outspoken author is being defended by human rights activist lawyer

Thongbai Thongpao, who recently won the Philippines' Ramon Magsaysay award for public service.

Two hundred people, including representatives of foreign human rights organisations, diplomats and journalists, turned up at the court.

The presiding judge then ordered that the trial be held in camera, overruling defence objections.

The Bhumiphol Adulyadej is deemed 'sacred and inviolable'.

World News Line

Sikh families denied food

DELHI — Sikh families — more than 20,000 of them jammed into makeshift refugee camps in and around the national capital — yesterday accused the government of denying them provisions.

Their accusations exposed the government's propaganda that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had started personally handing out food to the Sikh refugees and that a full-scale food-lift was underway.

Sikhs fiercely proud of their long beards and hair — it is a taboo among Sikhs to trim or shave hair — have been forced to cut their hair and shave their beards to avoid the barbarous attacks of Hindu thugs loyal to the Gandhi-Nehru family.

Camps

Newspaper and TV journalists who visited the camps described conditions as squalid. The only government effort appeared to be the Indian army troops standing guard at the camps.

The correspondents said also that the Indian troops had connived or collaborated in the wave of pogromist vengeance sweeping the capital, the ancient city of Delhi and surrounds.

Gruesome scars of the vendettas were to be seen all around the camps as hearbroken mothers showed the brutal burn wounds suffered by infants and children. Most of the refugees have sworn never to return to their former homes.

In Madhya Pradesh state and several other cities across the country civilians have opened fire in self-defence against rioting thugs. Draconian curfew laws are in force in many parts of the country, especially Punjab and Hindu-dominated Haryana state.

SANDINIST POLL A BLOW TO REAGAN

MANAGUA — President Reagan faces the choice of either negotiating or invading Nicaragua, if he is re-elected in the US presidential polls, President-elect Daniel Ortega said yesterday.

Ortega, fresh from the Sandinist National Liberation Front (FSLN) victory on Sunday, said the United States could no longer depend on its counter-revolutionaries.

The US-sponsored mercenaries had been militarily and ideologically defeated in their futile bid to destabilise the Sandinist regime, he said.

'If Reagan is re-elected, he will have to rapidly take a decision: proceed immediately with a military intervention or decide for a negotiated solution,' Ortega said.

It was his first press conference since the general election on Sunday, to which 83 per cent

of the registered electorate turned up, giving the Sandinists a near-two-thirds majority.

Ortega said the election had proved 'the confidence of the people in the FSLN'.

'We have said the biggest victory would be the massive participation of the people at the urns (polling booths).'

According to preliminary results from 16 per cent of the polling stations, Ortega has unofficially been elected president. Final results were expected to be announced today.

The bulk of the minority votes for the opposition went to two right-wing parties who remained in the race after the four-party 'Democratic Co-ordinator', backed by Reagan, announced a boycott in September.

The 'Democratic Co-ordinator's' tactic was part of the US State Department's attempt to smear the polls as a 'sham' and to give the impression that the Sandinists were a 'totalitarian regime'.

The preliminary results have delivered the tactics of US imperialist aggression its worst blow in Nicaragua since the Sandinist revolution of 1979, which overthrew the stooge regime of Anastasio Somoza.

Ortega said the multi-



US-backed mercenaries captured by the Sandinists

million dollar counter-revolutionary movement funded by Reagan had led to the murder of more than 8,000 Nicaraguans since the border war intensified three years ago.

But he said that despite the US aid, the counter-insurgents had suffered military defeats and had lost ideological ground as a result of the massive turnout in Sunday's elections.

He said the massive turnout had confirmed the defeat of the 'abstentionist' politics promoted

by Washington, which called the poll 'a Soviet-style sham'.

Those who did not vote were 'accomplices of the North American aggression', Ortega said.

Nicaragua's political system would be defined in the constitution to be drawn up by the constituent assembly.

The FSLN would favour a pluralist political system with a mixed economy and a non-aligned foreign policy, Ortega said.

Price freeze chaos

TEL AVIV — Labour Prime Minister Shimon Peres's three-month wage and price freeze has made a traumatic start, with most of the Cabinet bitterly divided on the scheme.

Government spokesmen said more than 400 goods and services were included in a list published yesterday but value-added tax (VAT) had mistakenly been omitted.

The list appeared in newspapers yesterday and a Finance Ministry spokesman said a new list with the 15 per cent tax would be published today.

Israel Radio said the error caused confusion and some violent scuffles when merchants refused to pay suppliers more than the published prices

Sandinist leader dies in action

NICARAGUA'S Communications Minister Enrique Schmidt was killed fighting a US-sponsored mercenary force, the ministry announced yesterday.

Schmidt, 35, was leading a special commando squad when he was killed in the eastern Zelaya province.

The ministry said 73 mercenaries were killed and three wounded in the encounter.

Ghost of Stalin lives on

MOSCOW — Stalin was given glowing praise yesterday in a leading Soviet newspaper which grotesquely falsified the history of the Russian Revolution of 1917.

The daily 'Sovetskaya Rossiya' named Stalin among five senior Bolsheviks, it said had played a crucial part in helping Lenin ensure the success of the revolution.

'They were united by an all-consuming devotion to the revolutionary cause, they symbolised in themselves the distinctive qualities of the professional revolutionary.'

'Their revolutionary fervour and strength ceaselessly nourished the energy irradiated by Lenin's ideas and actions,' the paper said.

It named the five as Stalin, Andrei Bubnov, Felix Dzerzhinsky, Yakov Sverdlov and Moise Uritsky. Bubnov, a supporter of Trotsky, was later purged; Dzerzhinsky died in 1926; Sverdlov died in 1919 and Uritsky was assassinated 1918.

Naturally, Leon Trotsky,

the co-leader of the revolution with Lenin, was not mentioned. Nor were the Old Bolsheviks murdered by Stalin in the infamous Moscow Trials — Kamenev, Zinoviev, Bukharin and Rykov.

Anniversary

In an article written on November 6, 1918, to mark the first anniversary of the revolution, Stalin wrote the following in 'Pravda': 'The inspirer of the revolution from beginning to end was the Central Committee of the party headed by Comrade Lenin.'

'Vladimir Ilych was then living in Petrograd in a conspirative apartment in the Vyborg district. On the evening of October 24 he was summoned to Smolny for the general leadership of the movement.'

'All the work of practical organisation of the insurrection was conducted under the immediate leadership of the president of the Petrograd Soviet, Comrade Trotsky. It is possible to declare with certainty



STALIN

that the swift passing of the garrison to the side of the Soviet, and the skilful direction of the work of the Military Revolutionary Committee, the party owes principally and first of all to Comrade Trotsky.'

By 1924, after Lenin's death and during the struggle of Trotsky's Left Opposition against the emerging Stalinist bureaucracy, Stalin now wrote: 'We must say that Trotsky played no special role in the October Revolution and could not have done so.'

The bureaucratic tyrant ordered all copies of his 1918 article to be destroyed and it was forbidden to quote from it.

Nevertheless in Lenin's collected works, published during his lifetime, the notes on Trotsky state: 'After the Petrograd Soviet went Bolshevik he was elected its president and in that capacity organised and led the insurrection of October 25.'

Notes

After Lenin died, the notes were rewritten to exclude any reference to Trotsky's role in the revolution.

Yesterday's flattering praise for Stalin is an expression of the crisis of the Soviet bureaucracy. It coincides with the arrival back in Moscow of his daughter Svetlana and lavish preparations for next year's 40th anniversary of the end of the war in which Stalin's macabre figure is expected to loom large.



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Kinnock's 'No' is scabbing for Thatcher

THE National Union of Mineworkers executive meeting last Thursday issued a call to the whole labour and trade union movement to rally in support of the miners' strike.

On Monday the official right-wing leadership of the Labour Party and the TUC gave its reply. Neil Kinnock said his diary was full and he would not be attending any of the five NUM rallies. TUC general secretary Norman Willis said he was very busy too, but would try to get along 'to at least one rally'.

Workers throughout the country can draw only one conclusion from Kinnock's snub — he and his Shadow Cabinet want the miners' strike defeated as soon as possible. Talk of prior engagements is grotesque. Nothing is more important than the struggle of the miners, because it is a struggle on behalf of the whole working class.

Kinnock dropped everything to rush to India to be at Mrs Gandhi's funeral alongside Thatcher and her entourage. It proves that he is ready to jump into action when the British Raj in Downing Street blows its whistle, but not when the call comes from the working class and its trade unions.

Kinnock and the Shadow Cabinet have flagrantly violated both the spirit and the letter of the decisions taken at the Labour Party conference in Blackpool only five weeks ago. The National Executive Committee (NEC) statement, passed by an overwhelming majority, said:

'The Labour Party declares its full support for miners and their families in their struggle to defend the coal mining industry.' It continued by saying the miners 'are trying to safeguard all our futures', and that the Labour Party would 'continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with the miners'.

Kinnock's refusal to speak at the NUM rallies is a move in support of Thatcher's regime, the Tory courts and the police. It reinforces the efforts of the Tory government to isolate the miners and starve them back to work.

He has turned his back on the miners on the very day that High Courts in London and Dublin issued a series of new orders binding the funds of the union nationally and at area level. His own union, the T&GWU, is now drawn into the courts to face the threat of contempt of court and sequestration in the Austin-Rover car strike and the blacking action by Cardiff dockers.

In backing the Tories' anti-union onslaught, the Labour right wing is creating the grounds for a further split in the party and forming an alliance with the pro-Thatcherite SDP. Indeed, it can be said that there is already the emergence of two Labour parties — the Kinnock party, which is facilitating the Tory attack on the unions and the working class, and the Scargill party, which is fighting tenaciously for the basic rights of the working class against Thatcher's Bonapartist regime.

But trade unions, no matter how militant, cannot carry out the political task of mobilising the working class for the socialist revolution. That requires a Marxist-trained party which is tempered in the fight against the reformist Labour Party and the 'peaceful parliamentary road to socialism' of the Stalinists.

Kinnock's abject betrayal of the miners enforces our call for the organisation of the General Strike, which is inseparable from the struggle for workers' power. And it also means the urgent building of the Workers Revolutionary Party and its daily newspaper News Line.

ORGANISE A GENERAL S



STRIKERS mending a car at Arkwright colliery, north Derbyshire, yesterday to transport pickets



Yesterday's picket line

DERBYSHIRE STRIKE

BY SIMON VEVERS

STRIKING miners in the North Derbyshire coalfield vowed yesterday never to surrender to the Coal Board's vicious campaign of intimidation and blackmail.

'We'll not turn back now, not after coming so far', said Shirebrook NUM branch secretary Alan Gascoyne, summing up the feelings of the area's 9,000 strikers.

For the last eight and-a-half months they have been submerged in anti-strike propaganda, letters to their homes, telephone calls from management, and even visits from NCB staff.

Now an intense onslaught is being mounted to crush their resistance and secure a return to work in what is traditionally regarded as the 'barometer' of the British coalfields.

On Monday a High Court judge granted an injunction to two scabs banning the area NUM from using its funds to continue the strike.

This was designed to cripple the NUM's picket-



STUART ASHMORE... Tories trying to make us illegal

ing operation but judging by the numbers and the morale of the strikers on picket duty yesterday morning, the rulings have only served to strengthen the determination of Derbyshire mining communities.

Stuart Ashmore, NUM treasurer at Arkwright colliery, told News Line: 'We gained 15 cars for picketing use at this strike centre in the last few days. Those offers have come from people who have not been active before in the strike.'

Miners at Arkwright believe that the 20 scabs at the pit may have been forced to make a written pledge not to rejoin the strike.

An area NCB spokesman yesterday denied the claim, but he said significantly: 'It wouldn't be surprising if the colliery manager asked workers, "Are you really going to stay back in work?" It would seem a sensible and fairly obvious question.'

Ashmore said rumours were rife that the NCB was anxious to 'man up' collieries with scabs and then proceed to sack strikers.

He said: 'If they bring in the troops to move coal, that will at least show the country what this government's about. Thatcher's making trade unions illegal really, and we are seeing the same at Leyland.'

Lone

Three weeks ago a lone scab went into Ireland colliery — the first to break though the picket line in seven-and-a-half months.

But Steve Noakes is no ordinary strike-breaker. He is an area salvage worker, who was not officially working at Ireland.

Harry Morris, a picket at the pit, told News Line: 'He was brought in so they could say they had

someone working at every pit in the area.

'But we remain militant here. They won't beat us with blackmail. That £650 is our holiday money, it's owed to us anyway.'

'And we'll not go back for an armful of silver — never.'

'We've been out nine months so far and we'll stay out for another nine if necessary.'

The NCB claims that Worsop Main colliery is 'working normally' — and yet 1,000 men are still on strike there. NUM delegate Dave Crowther said Monday's special conference decision to hold rallies in every mining town and village was long overdue.

'We need the leadership to come down and address the communities, to get on the picket lines, and into every village.'

'Only in this way can we keep the strike solid.'

The most sustained scab-herding operation has been centred on Shirebrook, where daily hundreds of police are drafted in to protect the 'prison' buses which transport the strikebreakers into the pit yard.

Alan Gascoyne said that those who were now scabbing on the strike had turned their backs on the 14 miners from the pit who are currently languishing in jail and the 36 others who had been sacked.

He said: 'The last thing I will do is to turn my back on those people in prison. We must maintain this strike until we win — there's no other way.'

Shirebrook strikers organising

Ban on collections

STRIKING miners have been banned from holding a house-to-house collection in Boston, Lincs. to raise funds for needy families in coalfield communities.

The ban was laid down by the borough council on Monday night by a major-

ity of 13 votes to ten three weeks after the amenities committee gave the go-ahead for the collection.

The committee's decision was reversed by the full council after Tory councillor Bryan Powell

collected about 600 signatures to a petition.

A deputation of striking miners was in the public gallery during the council debate. Afterwards a spokesman said the decision was political and they intended to appeal to the Home Secretary against the ban.

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



at Ireland colliery, where a lone scab went in three weeks ago

WORKERS DEFIANT



picket details inside their HQ yesterday. Alan Gascoyne, their branch secretary, is second from the right

Scottish scabs' court bid fails

THREE Scottish scabs failed yesterday in their second attempt to get a court order to force the NUM to hold a national ballot.

Harry Fettes, John Puppis and Tom McConnell, who are strike-breaking at Scotland's biggest colliery, Bilston Glen, near Edinburgh, asked Lord Jauncey last week to grant them an order banning the NUM from continuing to instruct them to strike and not to cross picket lines until there was a national ballot for a strike.

Jauncey said yesterday he had been informed that each area of the NUM had

its own rules and the Scottish area did not need a ballot to hold a strike.

The Scottish area council of the NUM decided on February 20 to take strike action from March 10. Afterwards it sought approval from the national executive.

It was accepted that the Scottish area had carried out the proper procedure for a stoppage under Rule 41.

It was agreed that the strike in the Scottish area began after Rule 41 procedure was properly carried out.

If the stoppage at Bilston Glen continued to be an

area strike the three scabs could not complain if pickets tried to stop them from getting into the pit.

Lord Jauncey said the question was whether the Scottish strike stopped being an area strike and became a national strike as a result of the resolution of April 19.

He said he was not prepared to decide at this stage that an area and a national stoppage could not run in parallel.

An area strike might already be in existence when a national strike was called. And if the national strike were settled first the area strike could still continue.

TUC hardship fund

THE TUC yesterday joined with bishops in an appeal for cash 'to alleviate hardship' among striking miners and their families — eight months into the strike.

A special trust fund has been set up to which overseas unions have already donated £240,000.

The fund's trustees include three churchmen, Derek Worlock the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard, the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool and Reverend Dr Howard Williams, the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

The other trustees are former Labour Cabinet

Minister Lord Cledwyn Hughes and George Lowthian, former general secretary of what is now the building union UCATT.

TUC general secretary Norman Willis told a press conference that the money would only be used to alleviate hardship and for no other purposes.

'This money is for the purposes we have stated — that is a decent purpose,' he stressed, implying that other purposes in the strike were not 'decent'.

Willis went on, in an appeal obviously directed at the liberal charitable middle class: 'Whatever views anyone has about a

protracted dispute, hardship is hardship and ought not to be the means by which a dispute is settled.

'The return of the soup kitchens, which are being used by increasing numbers, is something people will want to respond to.'

Asked why it had taken so long for the TUC to launch the fund, Willis replied: 'It's not been a delay of intent. But these things do in fact take time to work out.'

The money will be sent to the Miners' Solidarity Fund, whose funds are separate from those of the National Union of Mineworkers.

S. Wales pickets anger

A MASSIVE CORDON of police blocked a surge of 200 pickets at Cynheidre colliery, South Wales, yesterday morning when 20 men crossed the picket lines.

Tony Ciano, chairman of the Cynheidre NUM lodge, told News Line that the men were totally disgusted at those crossing the picket lines.

'We will not work with them under any circumstances,' he said. 'We understand the problems, but we are all in the same position.'

The majority of the men who went to work were against the strike from the start. Ciano said that even the firm that organised the coach for the miners will not receive any more work in the future.

The miners received support from Swansea bus drivers when they agreed not to send buses to the pits and agreed not to cross picket lines.

The return to work at Cynheidre was led by ex-lodge chairman Tony Hollman, an executive member of the so-called national Working Miners' Committee, who also spoke at the SDP conference a month ago.



Frickley miners at their strike headquarters. Centre foreground, Tony Jenkinson, with John Linton, Tony Harrison, Mark Bradley, Jim Keetley and Barry Roberts

Blackmail cash owed to us

NO MINER should be fooled by the blackmail money offered by Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor, Frickley NUM committee member Tony Jenkinson told News Line yesterday.

Every single penny was owed to miners anyway, and there was nothing additional in it, he said. Even if there were additional money, it would have to be rejected.

'If MacGregor thinks he is going to bribe us back to work, he's got another think coming.'

'In any case, this money is owed to every miner. It consists of holiday money

and money earned prior to the strike.

'So all the publicity about it is only trying to blackmail us back to work.'

No-one in the Yorkshire area was going to succumb to the blackmail, he said. 'We are still solid up here. And the decision of the delegates in Sheffield on Monday is in line with what we want.'

'The leadership in the union has stuck to the fight from day one, and they deserve the support they got at the conference.'

'Our message to every miner is: "Don't listen to MacGregor. Hold your head up high and don't bow to blackmail."

GLC plans to expand Hayward gallery

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

THE Greater London Council say London's Hayward Gallery will be expanded and improved as an arts centre when it is back under their control.

The GLC is planning to takeover the gallery, situated in the South Bank arts complex, next April. The gallery is owned by the GLC but has been leased to the Arts Council

on a nominal rent since 1968.

Attacks on the GLC were 'a cover and a blind' for the Arts Council's plans to close down both the Hayward and Serpentine galleries in response to government spending cuts, says Peter Pitt, chair of the GLC's Arts and Recreation Committee.

Speaking at a press conference at the Royal Festival Hall on Monday, Pitt said that since 1981 the 'Open Foyer' policy of making use of the South Bank complex had been highly successful.

A ten-year decline in attendance at the Festival hall had been reversed and the South Bank was

now the busiest arts centre in London.

This had been achieved despite an initial hostile reaction from the arts world and some of the bureaucracy at County Hall. The GLC's plans for the Hayward Gallery were part of the same strategy.

'The commitment of the Arts Council to the Hayward has been lax and indeed questionable. It had no director, curator or professional staff of its own,' said Pitt.

The chairman of the Arts Council, Sir William Rees Mogg, had planned to give up the Hayward to the British Film Institute to be turned into a film museum, without any consultation with the GLC.

The GLC would honour any contracted exhibitions the Arts Council had planned, and the takeover would be 'gradual' with discussions on the best use of the building's facilities, Pitt continued.

Balance

A broader programme of exhibitions was planned with more emphasis on living artists and a better 'gender' and ethnic balance, as well as a literature section.

Tony Banks, MP and former chair of the Arts and Recreation Committee explained how the



PETER PITT

GLC's aim was both to provide more space for exhibitions and for working visual artists, 'so that artists don't have to go through the Bond Street art galleries'.

There had been 'imense demands' on the GLC to use the space that had been made available in recent years.

Pitt added: 'We expect the GLC contribution to arts and recreation in London in 1985 will be up to £60 million, including an extra £1 million for the Hayward Gallery.'

During 1984/1985, the GLC will be 'spending more than £208,000 on art galleries alone. Last year we gave £25,000 to the Arts Council to cover costs of a sculpture exhibition.

'The upgrading of the Hayward Gallery is long overdue. Having successfully brought more people to the GLC's concert halls on the South Bank, we have now grasped the nettle of the Hayward and we intend to breathe fresh life into it.'

● A PUBLIC forum on the future of the gallery will be held next Monday at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, the Mall.

BORIS SOUVARINE (1893-1984)

BORIS Souvarine, founder member of the French Communist Party, one-time supporter of Trotsky and the first biographer of Stalin, died in Paris last Thursday, November 1, at the age of 90.

Souvarine was one of the left-wing leaders who helped to found the French CP at the Tours Congress in 1920.

BY MIKE BANDA, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

Souvarine's line of support for Trotsky was even carried by the Executive Committee of the party in 1924.

For his dissentient line, Souvarine was removed from editorship of 'Bulletin Communiste' by Treint — but not before publishing the first foreign edition of Trotsky's critique of bureaucracy — 'The New Course'. In May 1924, Souvarine shocked and angered the Stalin faction with a categorical defence of Trotsky's political line at the 13th Party Congress.

Expel

At the Fifth Congress of the Communist International, in the same year, Souvarine was removed from the Communist International which instructed the PCF to expel Souvarine — which it did. Souvarine's expulsion — followed by the expulsion of Monatte and Rosmer

in the same year signified the growing bureaucratisation of the Comintern — a process which was to soon devour the right-wing leadership of Treint and Semard.

Souvarine's subsequent evolution was conditioned largely by proletarian defeats; the complete political strangulation of the Comintern and the suppression of the Left Opposition in Russia. The isolation of the opposition — aggravated the individualism of the déclassé petty bourgeois intellectual.

His almost messianic belief in Trotsky's personality and intellectual capacity — 'Salvation would be found in a great crisis imperilling the party. Then the whole party would turn to Trotsky' (letter to Rosmer, November 1924) — now turned to a morbid pessimism and political disorientation.

He saw no scope for the socialist revolution and wrote off the working class and in his biography of Stalin concluded that Stalinism grew organically out of Leninism — a theme which has found a ready echo in a number of revisionist, centrist and syndicalist groups.

This scepticism brought him into a sharp and decisive conflict and a break with Trotsky, who turned to him in the late 1920s with a proposal for joint work to create a new International.

Hostile

Souvarine refused, placed intolerable preconditions before Trotsky and further qualified these with extremely hostile allegations. Souvarine believed that Bolshevism misunderstood the character of the epoch and underestimated the power of the bourgeoisie and overrated the capacity of the working class.

'There is nothing more important for the entire international workers' movement than the economic success of the Soviet Union whose state capitalism... marks an undeniable advance upon imperialist capitalism.' ('Prophet Outcast' — Isaac Deutscher p.46)

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WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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SCOTLAND

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'.

DALKEITH: Monday November 12, 7.30p.m. Cross Keys Hotel. Speakers: Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee); Barry Huyton (YS National Committee); Jackie Aitchison (Bilston Glen NUM branch secretary, in personal capacity).

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 Huyton (YS National Committee); NUM speaker.

NORTH WEST

HALEWOOD: Thursday November 8, 7.30p.m. Hollies Hall, Hollies Road. Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Terry Cooper (T&GWU Fords shop steward); 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).

SALFORD: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. Broughton Library, Bury New Road. Speakers: Dee Trainor (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); NUM speaker.

RUNCORN: Thursday November 15, 7.30p.m. The 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 (Campaner Halton hospital accident unit).

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

BRADFORD: Wednesday November 7, 7.30p.m. Star Hotel, Westgate.

Speakers: Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Warren Stuart (Bradford YS); In personal capacity: Jeff Ferguson (Emley Moor NUM).

SHEFFIELD: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. Trades and Labour Club, Duke Street. Speakers: Maxine Casswell (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Dave Smith (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity).

WEST MIDLANDS

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.

COVENTRY: Tuesday November 13, 7.30p.m. Holbrooks Community Centre, Masser Road, Radford. Speakers: Nigel Gilder (Stoke YS); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); W. Midlands NUM speaker.

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Ladywood Community Centre, Ledbury Close, Ladywood. Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee).

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 Nettlehip (Alfreton WRP); In personal capacity: Dave Nuttall (Markham NUM); Ken Edwards (NUM branch secretary, Blackwell workshops).

EASTERN

BURY ST EDMUNDS: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. The Athenaeum, Angel Hill.

Speakers: Mark Harrison (YS Regional Committee); Martin Booth (Cambridge WRP).

PETERBOROUGH: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. The Lime Tree, Paston Lane. Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Pat Brooks (Peterborough WRP).

NORTHAMPTON: Thursday November 15, 7.30p.m. The Guildhall.

Speakers: Linda Mee (YS Regional Committee); Ray Athow (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Ray Lane (Convenor sacked LaBour Pumps workers); NUM speaker.

SUSSEX

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

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

MIDDLESEX

SOUTHALL: Wednesday November 7, 7.30p.m. Beaconsfield Arms, West End Road, off Southall Broadway.

Speakers: Steve Mott (Southall YS); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee).

LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

Speakers: Matt Hanlon (YS Regional Committee); Paul Stickley (WRP London District Committee).

WANDSWORTH: Monday November 12, 8p.m. The Court House, Garratt Lane, corner of Wandsworth High Street, SW18.

Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS Regional Committee); Norman Harding (Wandsworth WRP); Richard Lugg (WRP London District Committee).

BRIXTON: Tuesday November 13, 8p.m. Stockwell Hall, Buckmaster House, Stockwell Park Estate, SW9.

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

FARRINGDON: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. The Betsy Trotwood, Farringdon Road, EC4.

Speakers: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Committee); Peter Farrell (WRP Central 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.

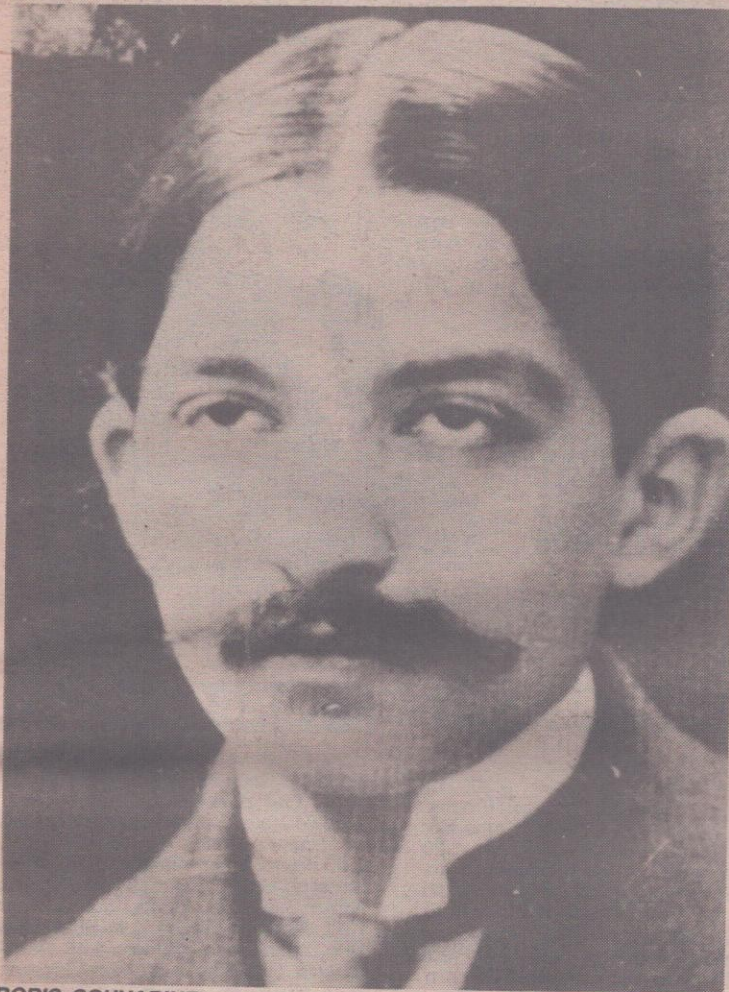
Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee).

BATTERSEA: Tuesday November 27, 7.30p.m. Battersea Park Library, Battersea Park Road.

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

MILLWALL: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Old Council Offices, Poplar High Street.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Ray Rising (News Line editorial board); Clir Teresa Shanaghan (in personal capacity).



BORIS SOUVARINE

Souvarine's conversion to state capitalism was not exceptional. It was a growing trend shared by many renegades from communism — the German ex-communist Hugo Urbahns, the Italian Bruno Rizzi and later the American ex-Trotskyist James Burnham — in the wake of the historic defeats of the 1920s and 1930s. What was unique however was his unqualified support for Stalin and state capitalism.

Souvarine did not stop long at this peculiar and incongruous defence of a state capitalist Russia. He soon abandoned it — after the German and Spanish defeats — for an even more pessimistic and reactionary scenario which is now known as Souvarinism.

The approach of World War II turned the retreat of the intellectuals into a rout — and transformed yesterday's radicals into reactionary sentinels and recruiting agencies for imperialist world war. Souvarine was no exception.

In the winter of 1937-

1938 Souvarine joined Max Eastman, Victor Serge and Anton Ciliga to charge Trotsky with responsibility for the suppression of the Kronstadt uprising in 1921 which they saw as an authentic working class revolt against bureaucracy and for socialism.

The attack on Trotsky came at the height of the Moscow Trials — the prelude to the assassination of Trotsky and even greater purges in the USSR. The attempt to discredit Trotsky and the Russian Revolution backfired on its authors.

Necessity

Trotsky categorically defended the suppression of the rebellion as a political necessity determined by the defence of the workers state:

'I am ready to admit that civil war is not a school of humane behaviour. Idealists and pacifists have always blamed revolution for "excesses". The crux of the matter is that the "excesses" spring from the very nature of re-

volution which is an "excess" of history. Let those who wish to do so reject revolution on this ground. I do not reject it.'

(More on Suppression of Kronstadt: Trotsky's Writings 1937-38 p.378)

By the mid 1930s Souvarine had completed his conversion to bourgeois democracy. In order to do this however, he was compelled, because of his radical pro-Trotsky past, to equate Stalinism with Leninism.

He became a determined apologist of imperialist reaction and anti-Soviet war-mongering.

Trotsky's criticism of Souvarine's lack of scientific method, his extreme individualism and his reliance on literary tricks, metaphors, rhetoric and stylistic flourishes was amply confirmed in the subsequent decade. Analysing the problems of the French section of the International Left Opposition in September 1931, Trotsky concluded by defining 'a spiritual disease (that) is rather widespread which I

would... call by the name Souvarinism.

'It is... a disease combining the paralysis of political will with hypertrophy of rationalising. Cabinet wit, without roots, without an axis, without clear aim, criticism for criticism's sake, clutching at trifles, straining at gnats while swallowing camels — such are the traits of this type, concerned above all with the preservation of its narrow circle or personal independence... the whole secret lies in the fact that Souvarine has no doctrine and by virtue of his mental make-up, cannot have one. In him are combined the calcined residues of communism with the as yet unfolded buds of Menshevism.' (Trotsky's Writings, 1930-1931, p.316)

Not accidentally Souvarine's thesis — fashionable in the inter-war years of defeat — today, in this period of world revolutionary upsurge, finds no acceptance in the working class.

Souvarine's sceptical rationalisation about



Members of the Presidium of the Second Congress of the Communist International. Left to right: Serrati, Trotsky, Rosmer, Levi, Zinoviev and Bukharin

Stalinism and Bolshevism was a direct outcome of his failure — or rather refusal — to understand dialectical materialism. As Trotsky wrote: 'To represent the process of degeneration of the Soviet state as the evolution of pure Bolshevism is to ignore social reality in the name of only one of its elements, isolated by pure logic.'

And again: 'Stalinism "grew out" of Bolshevism not logically, however, but dialectically, not as a revolutionary affirmation, but as a Thermidorean reaction.' (Stalinism and Bolshevism p.8)

Crisis

The subsequent political and economic development of the USSR and the worldwide crisis of Stalinism give fresh substantiation and added concreteness to Trotsky's verdict on this sterile and sceptical outlook which is integral to the philosophy of the ruling class.

In a withering polemic against Souvarine in 1939, Trotsky scorned the academically minded sceptics: 'Ex-pacifist, ex-communist, ex-Trotskyist, ex-democrato-communist, ex-Marxist... almost ex-Souvarine attacks the proletarian revolution and revolutionists all the more brazenly the less he himself knows what he wants.'

'This man loves and knows how to collect and file quotations, documents, excerpts, commas and quotation marks; and he has a sharp pen. He once imagined that this equipment would do him for his lifetime. Then he had to learn that it was also necessary to know how to think.'

'In his book on Stalin, despite an abundance of interesting quotations and facts, he himself produced the certificate of his own intellectual poverty. He understands neither revolution nor counter-revolution. He applies the criteria of a petty

rationaliser to the historic process...

'The disproportion between the critical bent and the creative impotence of his mind corrodes him like an acid. Hence he is constantly in a state of savage irritation and lacks elementary scruple in appraising ideas, men, and events; and he covers all this by dry moralising. He is, like all misanthropes and cynics, drawn organically towards reaction.'

'But has he ever openly broken with Marxism? We have never heard about this. He prefers equivocation; that is his native element.'

'In his review of my pamphlet (Their Morals and Ours) he writes: "Trotsky once again

mounts his hobby horse of class struggle". To the Marxist of yesterday class struggle is already "Trotsky's hobby horse". He, Souvarine, prefers to sit astride the dead dog of eternal morality.' (New Internationalist, August 1939)

Souvarinism can only be overcome through the training of a Trotskyist cadre in Marxist theory and the building of the world party of socialist revolution whose nucleus is the International Committee of the Fourth International.

The cadres of the International Committee today tread most firmly in the steps of the great theoretical inspirers of the world socialist revolution — Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

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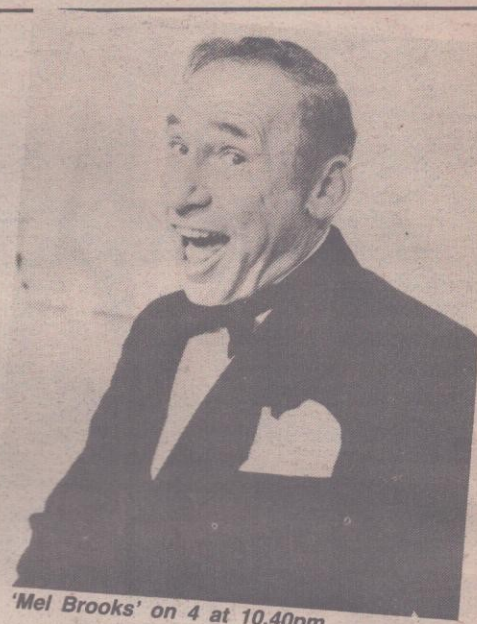


The founding congress of the French Communist Party at Tours, December 1920

TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



'Timewatch: The Last Uprising' looks at the Newport rising of 1839



'Mel Brooks' on 4 at 10.40pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 The Yugoslav Way. 9.30 Songs of Praise. 10.05 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 Blizzard's Wonderful Wooden Toys. 2.25 Star Movie: Douglas Fairbanks Jr in *Success at Any Price* (1934) With Edward Everett Horton and Genevieve Tobin. 3.40 Cartoon. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 Superted. 4.10 Superted. 4.15 Never Stew Your Sister. 4.30 Screen Test. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Who Cares? 5.25 The Good Life. 5.58 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 TOM AND JERRY *Fit to Be Tied*

8.00 DALLAS

8.45 POINTS OF VIEW

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.30 IN AT THE DEEP END *One Dog and His Man*

10.20 SPORTSNIGHT International Tennis: The Benson & Hedges Championship from Wembley; *International Boxing* Highlights of last night's Barrett/Duff promotion at the Royal Albert Hall, London

11.15 WE GOT IT MADE *The Fight*

11.40 NEWS HEADLINES; Weatherman

BBC WALES: 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio. 11.42 Claire Rayner's Casebook. 12.07-12.12 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close

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 People First. 12.55 L-Driver. 1.21 Rendez-vous. France. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 Watch. 2.18 Geography. 2.40 Zig Zag.

3.00 Journey To The Fourth World.

3.45 THE BRAMBLE BUSH (1959) With Richard Burton, Barbara Rush, Angie Dickinson. A doctor goes back to a New England town and becomes involved in a web of tensions

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 WILLO THE WISP *The Bridegroom*

5.35 FAST FORWARD with Floella Benjamin, Joanna Munro, Andrew Secombe and Nick Wilton

6.00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL *Destination Tucson*

6.50 THE PHIL SILVERS SHOW The very first Bilko episode with Phil Silvers as the irrepressible Master Sergeant Ernest G. Bilko in *New Recruits*

7.15 EBONY This week's programme takes at Trevor Rhone's play *Old Story Time*

7.45 MY MUSIC

8.10 TIMEWATCH *The Last Uprising* In 1839 7,000 Welsh miners and ironworkers took to the streets in a revolutionary upsurge. Plus: *The Falklands and the Murderous Gaucho* and *Goering*

9.00 DEAR LADIES

9.30 BOSWELL'S LONDON JOURNAL Ian Sharp as James Boswell and Moira Redmond as Lady Northumberland, second of two parts

10.30 OUT OF COURT (new series)

11.05 NEWSNIGHT

11.55 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW (1941) With Jimmy Durante and Phil Silvers as two vacuum cleaner salesmen who inadvertently join the army and find themselves trying to bring their commanding officer into the age of mechanisation

4.00 A PLUS 4

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 ALICE Take Him, He's Yours

5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW *He's No Heavy, He's My Brother*

6.00 SILENTS PLEASE *The Garden of Eden* (1928)

6.30 THE LIVING BODY *Breakdown* How food is broken down after leaving the stomach so that the nutrients can be absorbed

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by a Liberal MP; followed by Weather

8.00 SCOTLAND'S STORY *Made in Scotland*

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS Beatrix Campbell looks at the Warnock report on test tube babies

9.00 FILM ON FOUR — TAKE 2 *Praying Mantis* (Part 1) Thriller with Jonathan Pryce, Cherie Lunghi, Carmen du Sautoy and Pinkas Braun, set in France. A distinguished professor with an adoring wife, an attractive secretary and a brilliant assistant has a life insurance policy worth 20 million francs

10.30 LOOK FORWARD

10.40 MEL BROOKS The comedian and director of many screen comedies talks to Tony Billbow

11.35 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS *Spy* Captain Morgan employs a private detective to watch his wife — with complex results

11.50 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 America: The '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 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 More than £1,200 to be won in this musical quiz show hosted by Lionel Blair

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS

9.00 TRAVELLING MAN *First Leg* The canals of northern England are the setting for this six-part drama series. A former policeman, free after two years in jail, returns to his narrow boat and begins a search for his runaway son

10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party

10.05 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.35 MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL

12.05 THE ELECTRIC THEATRE *Show Company of Wolves*

12.30 NIGHT THOUGHTS and *Closedown*

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrandu A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.00 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Hey Good Looking! 4.55 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Owain Yn Arwain. 8.00 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. News Headlines. 9.00 Film: *The Disappearance of Aimee*. 10.50 Pel Droed Ewropeaidd Ail. 11.20 Here and Now. 12.05 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30a.m. until 9.30p.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 Listen to the Band. 9.55 Sports Desk.

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

4.00 Tony Gillham (S). 5.30 Colin Berry (S). 7.30 Ray Moore (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 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party. 3.35 Music All the Way (S) (4.02 Sports Desk). 4.05 David Hamilton (S) (5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 European 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 Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Broadway

Babes (S). 3.30-4.00 John Savage Sings (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Today and the Countdown to the White House (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 Show. *I Told You So*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; The Countryside in Autumn. 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; The Afternoon Play (S) *The Day War Breaks Out*. 3.47 Time for Verse (S). 4.00 News; File on 4. 4.40 Story Time: *Let the People Sing*. 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 Checkpoint. 7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984. 8.15 In Business. 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 A Talent to Amuse. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Some Do Not*. 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 America: The '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 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 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB by the Labour Party. 10.05 News at Ten; North East News. 10.37 Midweek Sport. 12.05 Shelley. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 America: the '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 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 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB by the Labour Party. 10.05 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 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 America: the '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 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 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB by the Labour Party. 10.05 News at Ten. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 America: the '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Secrets of the Coast. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB by the Labour Party. 10.05 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.39 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 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 America: The '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.12 TVS News Headlines. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to

Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This Is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB by the Labour Party. 10.05 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 That's Hollywood. 12.35 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 America: the '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 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 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB by the Labour Party. 10.05 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Comedy Tonight. 12.35 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 America: the '84 Vote. 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 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 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 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB by the Labour Party. 10.05 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Preview. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Bajan Sunshine to glow at Newbury

SELECTIONS

NEWBURY:

1.00 Russola, 1.30 Ares, 2.00 Young Lover, 2.30 Brown Trix, 3.00 Bajan Sunshine (nap), 3.30 Whiskey Eyes.

EDINBURGH:

1.15 State Affair (n.b.), 1.45 Floreat Floreat, 2.15 Milton Burn, 2.45 Northern Prospect, 3.15 Silver Cannon, 3.45 Taylor's Renovation.

WOLVERHAMPTON:

Another Special, 1.30 Tartan Trader, 2.00 Native Break, 2.30 The Welder, 3.00 Music Be Magic, 3.30 Going Broke.

BAJAN SUNSHINE (3.00), winner of last year's Cesarewitch and the Royal Doulton Hurdle at Haydock in May, can outclass 11 rivals in the Tom Masson Trophy Hurdle at NEWBURY today.

He would be giving these a lot more weight in a handicap and Martin Tate should have him forward enough to oblige on this, his seasonal debut.

There was much to like about the way Rajan Sun-

shine adapted to the winter game last year when he crowned a successful season with a hard-fought victory over Secret Ballot at the Lancashire course.

That brave success by a head earned Peter Scudamore a fine for excessive use of the whip, but Rajan Sunshine has been given plenty of time to recover from that race.

Hat-trick seeking Randerlo may present Rajan Sunshine with most problems. He looks a much-improved horse, and has

won his two races this season by an aggregate of 14 lengths.

Whiskey Eyes (3.30) should enhance his Triumph Hurdle claims with a success in the Second Division of the Cold Ash Novice Hurdle.

Stan Mellor put the colt in the shop window here at the last meeting and he duly trotted up by ten lengths from Atkins, with Sugar Palm back in third.

Sugar Palm devalued the form with a lacklustre effort at Sandown on Saturday, but

Whiskey Eyes's display could not be faulted, and he can land the odds for his new owner.

Michael Jarvis and Bruce Raymond can complete a double on a typical end-of-season card at EDINBURGH.

State Affair (1.15) is unpenalised for an eight-length win in an apprentice race at Doncaster and has no more to do in the Heriot 80-shilling Ale Maiden Stakes.

Silver Cannon (3.15) has not lived up to his promising

debut at Nottingham but he will get few better opportunities than in the Tennents Lager Maiden Stakes and could be worth another chance.

At WOLVERHAMPTON The Welder (2.30) should break his luck over fences at the third attempt by taking Division 2 of the Wulfruna Novice Chase.

Monica Dickinson's charge shaped well on his seasonal debut when two and three-quarter lengths third to Primrose Wood at Ayr last month and looks a cut above these rivals.

NEWBURY (NH)

1.00 COLD ASH NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £1,500 (3-Y-O) 2m (12 runners)

1	431	TIGERWOOD	P M Taylor 11.5	R Pusey (4)
2	4	CROCSOX	H O'Neill 11.0	G Campbell (4)
3	P	DERBY DAY	D A Wilson 11.0	Steve Knight
4	0	GURUVAYOOR	J S King 11.0	S Smith-Eccles
5	8	PARTICIPATION (USA)	P T Brookshaw 11.0	S J O'Neill
6	0	QUINTA DO LAGO (USA)	A P Jarvis 11.0	G Newman
7	10	RIP AND TEAR	T S Bulgin 11.0	J Lovejoy
8	12	TOP OF THE STRETCH	F Jordan 11.0	R Hyett
9	OF	BLUE WONDER	J Webber 10.9	G Mernagh
10	13	MY AISLING	M C Pipe 10.9	M Perrett
11	14	RUSSELLA	S Mellor 10.9	C Brown
12	15	SUMMERHILL GOLD	Miss A Sinclair 10.9	C Brown
13	16	BLINKERS:	4, 5	

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Tigerwood, 3-1 Russola, 9-2 CrocsOX, 6-1 Quinta do Lago, 12-1 Derby Day and Guruvayoor, 16-1 Top of the Stretch and My Aisling, 20-1 others.

1.30 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE £3,000 3m (8 runners)

1	FF00-33	SOLID ROCK (NZ)(C)(BF)	D H Barons 8.11.7	C Brown
2	4F/0P-0	PORT ASKAIG (D)	T A Forster 9.10.13	H Davies
3	0F1P-P	THE SOMAC	Mrs N Smith 7.10.10	M Richards
4	4211-2	MOUNT OLIVER	M Scudamore 6.10.8	M Williams
5	24303-2	ROMANY COUNTRY	W R Williams 12.10.6	S Smith Eccles
6	30103-0	AREUS (C)	F T Winter 6.10.5	B de Haan
7	4B243-2	SIR GORDON	D Nicholson 7.10.0	P Scudamore
8	12-PP2FP	POLAR EXPRESS (C-D)	W King 9.10.0	C Warren (7)
9	15-8	Solid Rock, 100-30 Romany Court, 5-1 Areus, 13-2 Mount Oliver, 8-1 Sir Gordon, 12-1 Port Askaig, 20-1 The Somac, 33-1 Polar Express.		

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Solid Rock, 100-30 Romany Court, 5-1 Areus, 13-2 Mount Oliver, 8-1 Sir Gordon, 12-1 Port Askaig, 20-1 The Somac, 33-1 Polar Express.

2.00 MARSH BENHAM HANDICAP CHASE £3,500 2m 4f (4 runners)

1	F412FP-	MAORI VENTURE (D)	A Tunnell 8.11.10	Steve Knight
2	1212-1U	YOUNG LOVER	F T Winter 6.10.10	B de Haan
3	4111-20	ROUSPETER (BF)	D Nicholson 7.10.0	P Scudamore
4	0P044-0	OAKPRIME (C-D)	D F Pitcher 9.10.0	Mr D Pitcher

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Young Lover, 11-4 Rouspeter, 5-1 Maori Venture, 10-1 Oakprime.

2.30 COKETHORPE NOVICE CHASE £2,500 2m 4f (6 runners)

1	1314-	BROWN TRIX	F T Winter 6.11.0	J Francome
2	20421-P	DESTINY BAY	N J Henderson 6.11.0	S Smith Eccles
3	0P0U-F-F	GITAINE	D Ancil 7.11.0	Mr G Upton (7)
4	1000-02	GREAT LIGHT	R Jenkins 6.11.0	Mr S Sherwood
5	03000-	LISBONEY HILL	T A Forster 8.11.0	H Davies
6	0P-	MY MAJOR	P W Harris 5.11.0	P Croucher (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Great Light, 11-8 Brown Trix, 8-1 Destiny Bay, 14-1 Lisboney Hill, 50-1 My Major and Gitaïne.

3.00 TOM MASSON TROPHY (HURDLE) £3,000 2m 4f (12 runners)

1	112021-	BAJAN SUNSHINE (C)	M Tate 5.11.8	P Scudamore
2	2130-10	PLAYSCHOOL (NZ)(BF)	D H Barons 6.11.4	H Davies
3	0333-11	BANDELOERO	R J Holder 4.11.2	N Coleman (7)
4	21311-2	NIALAN (C)	J R Jenkins 4.11.2	J Francome
5	1102-	KING'S COLLEGE BOY	N Vigors 6.11.0	A Webb
6	0021-44	MINER BIRD	J Fenlon 6.11.0	A Webb
7	31222-	THE CATCHPOOL	N A Gaselee 5.11.0	S Smith Eccles
8	00111-	LIGHT TRAVELLER	M Masson 4.10.12	A Stringer
9	4000-	KINGS SOLDIER	R J Jenkins 5.10.9	Mr S Sherwood
10	011	VOYANT	R A Perkins 5.10.9	Dai Williams
11	P00002-	HOT POTATO	M Tate 4.10.7	Dai Williams
12	00213-0	TIC-ON-ROSE	Mrs B Waring 7.10.4	

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Bendelero, 9-2 Bajan Sunshine, 11-2 King's College Boy, 6-1 Playschool, 8-1 Nialan and Light Traveller, 10-1 The Catchpool, 14-1 Miner Bird, 16-1 others.

3.30 COLD ASH NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £1,500 (3-Y-O) 2m (10 runners)

1	31	WHISKEY EYES	S Mellor 11.5	M Perrett
2	0	DOUBLE SWING	Mrs N Smith 11.0	C Brown
3	0	DOUBLE TURN	A P Jarvis 11.0	G Newman
4	0	GULFLAND	G P Gordon 11.0	S Smith Eccles
5	0	INVISIBLE RING	R J Holder 11.0	N Coleman (7)
6	0	RIX WOODCOCK	G Kindersley 11.0	Steve Knight
7	0	ROYAL CRACKER	P T Brookshaw 11.0	S J O'Neill
8	0	WASSEM (USA)	J R Jenkins 11.0	J Francome
9	0	BISHOPS PANTO	R E Diamond 10.9	A Sharpe
10	0	FOOL'S PLEASURE	K C Bailey 10.9	Mr T Thomson Jones

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 on Whiskey Eyes, 5-1 Royal Cracker, 8-1 Wassem, 10-1 Double Swing, 14-1 Rix Woodcock and Invisible Ring, 16-1 Gulfland, 20-1 others.

EDINBURGH

SIX-YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: G Duffield 37, M Birch 25, E Hide 23, J Bleasdale 15, L Charnock 13, N Connorton 11, K Darley 10, M Fry 9, J Lowe 9, J Seagrave 9, R Sidebottom 8, S Webster 8.
TRAINERS: D Smith 28, M Prescott 21, J W Watts 19, W Eisey 11, J Berry 10, S Norton 9, M W Easterby 9, A Balding 8, T Craig 8, T Fairhurst 8, C Thornton 8, S Hall 8.
DRAW: The higher numbers have a slight advantage over 7 and 8 furlongs.

1.15 HERIOT 80 SHILLING ALE STAKES £850 (3-Y-O) 1m 4f (9 runners)

1	(7)	004300	BRIGADIER JACQUES	C Brittain 9.0	P Robinson
2	(6)	0-04003	COOL JAMIE	R Allan 9.0	S Webster
3	(5)	0000	GERE	W Eisey 9.0	D Nicholls
4	(5)	0000	GROOVED SWING	M Prescott 9.0	C Nutter
5	(8)	230200	WILLOW TWIG	Miss S Hall 9.0	M Birch
6	(2)	000404	ASCOT BELLE (USA)	D Hanley 8.11	G Baxter
7	(9)	00022	FUTURITY	J Etherington 8.11	M Wood
8	(3)	000332	HALF ASLEEP	W Eisey 8.11	J Lowe
9	(1)	000031	STATE AFFAIR	M Jarvis 8.11	B Raymond

BLINKERS: 3, 4
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 State Affair, 4-1 Futurity, 6-1 Brigadier Jacques, 7-1 Willow Twig and Half Asleep, 8-1 Grooved Swing, 14-1 others.

1.45 TENNENTS EXPORT ALE MAIDEN STAKES £800 (2-Y-O) 5f (9 runners)

1	(7)	423000	DEBRIS	W A Stephenson 9.0	M Hindley (5)
2	(3)	043034	KING'S BADGE	T Craig 9.0	D Nicholls
3	(5)	0000	MR TOUGHGUY	W Pearce 9.0	N Connorton
4	(9)	300004	WHOKNOWSTHEBOWLER	A W Jones 9.0	C Dwyer
5	(6)	00004	ALDORO	E Weymes 8.11	S Webster
6	(2)	000420	BOLD WAY	W Bentley 8.11	M Birch
7	(8)	0	FLOREAT FLOREAT	M Jarvis 8.11	B Raymond
8	(1)	0	HI-HUNSLY	C Booth 8.11	M Wood
9	(4)	000	HOPEFUL KATIE	D Leslie 8.11	M Rimmer

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Hi-Hunsley, 11-4 Floreat Floreat, 6-1 Bold Way, 7-1 Hopeful Katie, 10-1 King's Badge and Debris, 12-1 Aldoro, 16-1 others.

2.15 TENNENTS NOVEMBER HANDICAP £2,000 1m 7f (13 runners)

1	(8)	041041	BLUE BREEZE (USA)	S Norton 4.9.12	R Lappin (7)
2	(5)	200200	VAL CLIMBER (USA)	R Stubbs 6.9.7	D Nicholls
3	(12)	330010	MILTON BURN	D Hanley 3.9.1	G Baxter
4	(11)	02-040	SECRET PURSUIT (BF)	M H Easterby 5.9.0	K Hodgson
5	(13)	0-00024	BONDOE (AUS)	R Williams 4.9.0	M Wigham
6	(9)	100003	HOME IN WYOMING (C)	G Thornton 3.8.12	M Birch
7	(1)	041402	PATH'S SISTER	C Thornton 3.8.10	J Bleasdale
8	(6)	43100-0	PRINGLE	T Craig 5.8.7	Fiona Scott (7)
9	(3)	000233	AULD LANG SYNE (BF)	J Jefferson 5.8.7	Paul Eddery

WOLVERHAMPTON (NH)

1.00 COVEN NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £800 2m (16 runners)

1	31P	SPANISH POINT	D Sasse 5.11.5	R Crank
2	300-410	ANOTHER SPECIAL (BF)	R B Francis 6.11.0	H Jenkins (7)
3	0-P0	ABOUSHABUN (USA)	J R Jenkins 4.10.12	J Southern
4	40000-0	ALFRED DOUGLAS	Mrs P Cosgrave 4.10.12	N Doughty
5	7	BARDSEY	R Hollinshead 4.10.12	A Brown
6	3	CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE (BF)	M H Easterby 4.10.12	W Morris (4)
7	00P-403	DAWN'S LAD	G Price 8.10.12	C Jones
8	32/	GREY CASTLE	R G Brazington 8.10.12	B Powell (4)
9	000-	THE COBALT UNIT	Miss A King 5.10.12	P Barton
10	2242-00-	WILLSPAL	W A Barrett 6.10.12	S Johnson
11	00/F000-	LEAWELL	J N Dalton 5.10.7	M Hoad (7)
12	23	MEARLIN	J A Old 5.10.7	G Bradley
13	044-	RACHEL'S DELIGHT	D Morris 5.10.7	J Duggan (7)
14	00-P	RIDGEWAY BAY	J P Smith 4.10.7	P Tuck
15	00-P	SPANISH BOLD	M J Ryan 4.10.7	J McLaughlin

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Charlotte's Dunce, 7-2 Another Special, 11-2 Spanish Lad, 13-2 Dawn's Lad and Spanish Point, 8-1 Rachels Delight, 10-1 Valued Opinion, 14-1 others.

1.30 WULFRUNA NOVICE CHASE DIV I £1,500 2m (5 runners)

1	4112-31	TARTAN TRADER (D)	G Richards 7.11.5	N Doughty
2	32320-P	DEMAREE	P W Harris 8.10.12	R Stronge
3	000P-	JINJA THYME	D S Ringer 7.10.12	S Shilton
4	0000/33-	ROUGH ESTIMATE	V R Bishop 8.10.12	A Webber
5	331/	SOUVENT	W J Musson 9.10.12	C Smith

BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 on Tartan Trader, 5-1 Rough Estimate, 8-1 Souvent, 16-1 Demaree, 20-1 Jinja Thyme.

20	(7)	0030-00	LOVER'S CLASH	J FitzGerald 3.8.7	B Raymond
21	(10)	0/104-00	HAZEL BANK	R Allan 5.8.5	S Webster
22	(4)	30000-2	RIBBONS OF BLUE	J W Watts 4.8.3	N Connorton
23	(2)	000430	SWEETHEART	W Haigh 4.8.0	M Wood

BLINKERS: 19, 21
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Path's Sister, 5-1 Home in Wyoming, 6-1 Secret Pursuit and Milton Burn, 7-1 Blue Breeze, 10-1 Ribbons of Blue and Lover's Clash, 12-1 Bondoe and Val Climber, 16-1 others.

2.45 TENNENTS SPECIAL SELLING STAKES £600 1m (8 runners)

1	(2)	04100-0	CHANGATRE	Mrs G Reveley 4.8.11	D Leadbitter (5)
2	(1)	004020	MEL MIRA	T Craig 4.8.11	C Dwyer
3	(4)	00-0000	HEATHER PRINCE	A W Jones 4.8.9	M Wigham
4	(8)	0-00230	JUDY'S DOWRY	W Wharton 3.8.7	G Baxter
5	(7)	000000	LUSUS	D Chapman 3.8.5	M Wood
6	(3)	000420	NORTHERN PROSPECT (BF)	Mrs G Reveley 3.8.5	J Lowe
7	(6)	000200	DAWN LADY	D Chapman 3.8.2	G P Kelly
8	(5)	000200	SPORTS HEADLINES	J Etherington 3.8.2	M Birch

BLINKERS: 7
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Sports Headlines, 5-2 Judy's Dowry, 7-2 Northern Prospect, 5-1 Changatire, 7-1 Mel Mira, 14-1 others.

3.15 TENNENTS LAGER MAIDEN STAKES £800 (2-Y-O) 1m (5 runners)

1	(5)	400000	DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE	C Brittain 9.0	P Robinson
2	(1)	000	REFORMED HABIT	W Pearce 9.0	N Connorton
3	(4)	000	SILVER CANNON (USA)	S Norton 9.0	J Lowe
4	(3)	4	BONNY'S PLEDGE	W Eisey 8.11	D Nicholls
5	(2)	400300	SCOTCH ROCKET	D Leslie 8.11	M Rimmer

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Bonny's Pledge, 3-1 Duke of Cambridge, 7-2 Silver Cannon, 4-1 Scotch Rocket, 12-1 Reformed Habit.

3.45 LAMOT PILS NURSERY HANDICAP £1,100 (2-Y-O) 7f (11 runners)

1	(10)	40012D	SENIOR RAMOS (USA) (C)	S Norton 9.7	J Lowe
2	(4)	02220	CHAISE LONGUE (BF)	D Hanley 9.5	G Baxter
3	(9)	000114	SHELLMAN	K Stone 9.2 (5 ex)	G Brown (7)
4	(7)	000400	ELEGANT PORT	T Fairhurst 8.13	C Coates (5)
5	(2)	10000	SWING FREE	D Chapman 8.5	M Birch
6	(8)	400400	PRINCE DARIUS	C Tinkler 8.4	L Charnock
7	(11)	000000	CONME	A W Jones 8.4	C Dwyer
8	(6)	013000	POKEY'S PET	W Haigh 8.3	S Webster
9	(5)	000	CONWY RIVER	M Prescott 8.1	C Nutter
10	(1)	300420	JOHN GILPIN	R Stubbs 7.12	W Ryan (3)
11	(3)	100100	TAYLORS RENOVATION (D)	D Leslie 7.12	G Carter (5)

BLINKERS: 10, 15
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Senior Ramos, 9-2 Shellman, 6-1 John Gilpin, 7-1 Chaise Longue, 8-1 Taylors Renovation, 10-1 Prince Darius and Elegant Port, 12-1 Pokey's Pet and Conwy River, 16-1 others.

2.00 STAVELEY HANDICAP CHASE £2,000 3m (5 runners)

1	1300P-0	PERSONALITY PLUS (C)	R B Francis 8 11 10	R Crank
5	2113-P4	NATIVE BREAK (USA)	Mrs W Sykes 7 11 1	S Morshead
11	1/UPP-	BAULKING BYWAY	Miss R Harper 9 10 1	J Hyett
12	210P3F	DUSKY FOX	C J Hitchens 8 10 0	J Bryan
14	41P0PF	FINE LINE	J S Wright 7 10 0	J Bryan
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Native Break, 9-4 Personality Plus, 7-2 Dusky Fox, 10-1 Baulking Byway, 20-1 Fine Line.				

Sports Line

A day to forget!

EVERYBODY, at some time or another, has a day they would rather forget in a hurry. In our case, here at Celtic, it came last Saturday when we travelled to lowly Morton and were beaten 2-1.

That's three points we've dropped against them — and that is certainly not championship form. With Aberdeen's match cancelled because of the weather, the League Champions now have a game in hand plus a couple of points on us.

Ironically, our Glasgow arch-rivals Rangers didn't do too well either at the weekend. Their draw at home to Dundee was certainly a point lost rather than one gained.

Winning

However, as I've already said, we had an off-day and I'm sure we will get back into the winning frame this weekend when we take on Dumbarton at Parkhead.

Before that we have another important date in Glasgow tonight when we

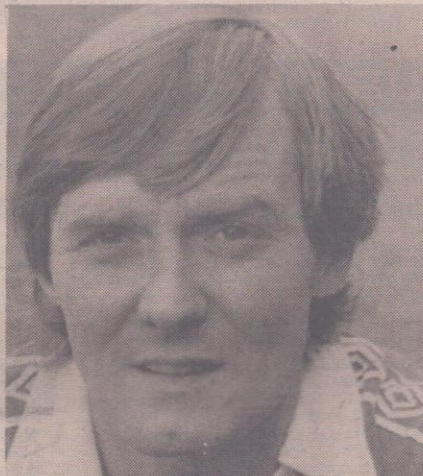


LIAM BRADY

take on the Austrian side Rapid Vienna in the second leg of our second round European Cup Winners' Cup clash.

Despite the scoreline — we are trailing 3-1 from the first leg — I honestly believe we can overcome them and reach the quarter-finals.

We held them at bay in Vienna for the first 45 minutes. With the score at 0-0



DAVID HAY

then I thought we were well on our way to a good result. The second-half, however, proved to be quite a different story.

We lost John McInally under the most peculiar of circumstances and they also hit three goals. Fortunately we pulled one back — the all-important away goal — that could prove to be the most vital one score over the two legs.

I felt very sorry for John

(McInally) when he was given the red card. The referee seemed to let the game slip away from him a little and when John was involved in what looked like a very fair challenge he was sent off.

Our manager David Hay travelled out to Austria at the weekend to watch them play a League game and the news on his return was that a couple of their regular players picked up

knocks and may not be available for the return leg.

No matter. For I think when they run out at Parkhead tonight and hear the roar of our supporters it will frighten them.

There's certainly something special about our fans, and I'm sure their vocal support will be worth at least a goal start to us tonight.

Rangers have a real fight on their hands against Inter Milan at Ibrox after losing their first leg 3-0 in Italy a fortnight ago. My Irish international teammate Liam Brady will be in action there and he will turn the screws on Rangers to put the tie beyond them.

Dundee United will, I'm sure, advance to the third round of the UEFA Cup after winning the first leg away from home.

I will be meeting up again with Liam Brady next Monday in Copenhagen when the Republic of Ireland squad gather there for their all-important World Cup qualifying match against the Danes next Wednesday night.

After last month's disappointing defeat in Norway it's vital that we pick up a point against Denmark.

Otherwise we may leave ourselves with too much to do in our challenge for a place in the Mexico World Cup final in two years' time.

PAT BONNER'S
Celtic file



BRIAN McCLAIR

Pat Bonner was talking to Matthew Nugent

Leaner times for Meo

SNOOKER player Tony Meo is having to swap his dress suit and bow tie for gym shirt and shorts this week at the start of an intensive fitness campaign.

Manager Barry Hearn, who also handles world champion Steve Davis and Terry Griffiths, has placed Meo under the stern eye of former professional lightweight boxer Freddie King to change pounds of flesh into pounds cash.

The 25-year-old Londoner, who weighs 12 stones,

will be pounding punch bags and grinding out press-ups instead of breaking frames for two days a week in the private gym at millionaire Hearn's Essex home.

Meo is still waiting for his first major singles title and said after losing in the first round of this year's world championship to South African qualifier Silvino Francisco: 'I'm just a born loser.'

And after a poor start to this season, Hearn is determined to help Meo turn into a lean and hungry winner.

'We have had a long talk,' commented Hearn. 'Tony has been trying hard in matches, but maybe that isn't enough. Physical fitness is just as important as mental fitness in any sport and these work-outs can only do him good.'



TONY MEO

Old Firm in Euro showdown

CELTIC, Rangers and Dundee United are Scotland's representatives in European competition in second-legs being played tonight.

Dundee United hold a 2-1 lead from their UEFA cup tie and playing to their European form should have no problems in increasing their lead over Austrian club Linz.

There should be a big crowd at Tannadice to watch United go through to the next round.

Rangers, also playing in the UEFA club, face an almost impossible task in catching back the three goals lost to Inter Milan at the San Siro stadium.

Rangers will attack but it is highly unlikely that Inter's tight defence will concede three goals.

The 'big game of the evening' is the Cup Winners' Cup tie at Parkhead where Celtic take on Rapid Vienna and go all out to overcome the 3-1 deficit from Austria a fortnight ago.

Celtic were unlucky that night with Frank McGarvey limping off injured after only 10 minutes and his replacement Alan McInally being sent off midway through the second half.

Celtic held on to what

would have been a reasonable 2-1 defeat, until three minutes from time when Hans Krinkle made it 3-1 for Rapid.

Celtic skipper Danny McGrain picked up a booking in that match, and along with McInally will be suspended for tonight's match.

Maurice Johnston, Parkhead's latest signing, will also sit this one out as he won't be eligible to play for Celtic in Europe until December 12.

Front

However, they still have the firepower up front of Frank McGarvey and Scotland's top goalscorer Brian McClair. In midfield, Tommy Burns is fit and will play alongside the 'maestro' Paul McStay and the excellent young Peter Grant.

A great game is in store and as an added bonus for the fans normal league prices will be charged for the ground, and specially reduced unemployed gates will operate as usual.

Over 60,000 Celtic fans will be inside Celtic Park tonight hoping to roar on their team to the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

SOVIET DAMPER ON SEOUL

Growing opposition to Olympic venue

MEXICO CITY — The Soviet Union and North Korea are pressing for a relocation of the 1988 Summer Olympics from South Korea, delegates at a meeting of 158 National Olympic Committees said yesterday.

The Soviet Union, which led a 15-nation boycott of the Los Angeles games, are unhappy about anti-communist South Korea as a host nation and have refused to say whether they will attend the Seoul games.

Closely allied to the United States, South Korea is not recognised by the

Eastern European countries.

'The North Koreans, probably on urging from the Soviet Union, are lobbying here for the games to be moved in 1988,' one delegate told Reuters after a meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC).

But an official in the Soviet delegation denied Moscow was seeking a new site. 'Seoul has been chosen. We have nothing

to say about that,' he said.

Asked whether the Soviet Union would attend at Seoul, he said, 'we will make our decision known at the proper time.'

The week-long meeting here of all 158 ANOC member nations is charged with finding measures to prevent future boycotts.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio

Samaranch has said the top Olympic body will not move the games from Seoul. On arrival here to preside an IOC meeting later in the week, he also rejected proposals for creating a permanent Olympic site.

'Every country has the right to be host to the Olympic games,' he told reporters. 'The IOC will not succumb to the political pressure to create a permanent site.'

A proposal to move cer-

tain finals in Seoul to early morning hours in order to ensure a more lucrative contract for US television rights was being hotly debated, delegates said.

'Both the Koreans and the ABC television people want this, so it's now just a question of how important money is,' an African delegate told Reuters.

● A CLASH of dates in 1986 between the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh and the Caribbean Games has been avoided.

The clash was threatening the participation in Edinburgh of 11 Commonwealth countries also eligible for the Caribbean Games, due to take place in the Dominican Republic.



TONIGHT'S EUROPEAN SOCCER

HAZARD'S MY MAN

MIKE HAZARD would have been asked to orchestrate Tottenham's UEFA Cup title defence against Bruges tonight — even if midfielder start Glenn Hoddle had been eligible for the second round return leg at White Hart Lane.

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

Hoddle, sent off a fortnight ago in Belgium, is automatically banned as holders Spurs bid to overcome a 2-1 first leg deficit.

On the face of it Hoddle's absence is a major setback — but manager Peter Shreeves last night made it as clear as he could that as far as he is concerned Hazard is no second choice man.

'Glenn is still less than 100 per cent fit and to be truthful I'd have gone for Mickey against Bruges,' he confirmed.

'That is not meant as

any disrespect to Glenn and is purely because of the physical fitness factor.'

Hoddle, still recovering from the Achilles tendon trouble that's kept him out for seven months, recently helped Spurs beat Stoke and Liverpool — while Hazard occupied the subs bench.

Last Saturday, as Spurs prepared for their European defence, their roles were reversed — and the club's run of eight victories at home came to an abrupt end as they slumped to West Bromwich 3-2 despite Hazard scoring Spurs' first goal.

Shreeves dismisses that defeat as a 'hiccup' after analysing a video of the WBA game with the players at their training ground yesterday morning.

Shreeves also showed extracts from last May's

victory in the UEFA final against Anderlecht and said afterwards: 'What we need tomorrow is a measured, controlled performance over 90 minutes. We have been in this position before and we know we have to be sensible.'

He added: 'We must take advantage of the atmosphere, while the passion and speed of the English game is another point in our favour.'

Spurs are also without suspended defender Chris Hughton tonight and Garry Mabbitt steps into his shoes for only his fourth game of the season.

Bruges are likely to be without two regular defenders — the suspended Maes and the injured Mamadoo.

Shreeves said: 'They will come to defend and try to catch us on the break.'



MIKE HAZARD... Preferred to unfit Hoddle anyway

Wrexham can shake Roma

WREXHAM manager Bobby Roberts is not a man who suffers from delusions of grandeur.

Yet he is convinced that his Fourth Division team can shake A.S. Roma in the European Cup Winners' Cup at the Racecourse Ground tonight.

Wrexham lost 2-0 on the first leg of this second round tie in Rome two weeks ago and Roberts says:

'I'm basing my opinion on the mood of the players. Right from the moment the first leg ended they were saying what a good chance they had in the return.'

'You can forget our League position. This match is altogether different. There will be a bigger crowd, a greater atmosphere and the players will all be charged up for the occasion.'

Unlike many managers in a similar position Roberts is not specifically looking for an early goal to shake the Romans.

'That would be great, of course,' he says. 'But it is more important that we do not concede an early goal ourselves. If we do it

would mean we would have to score four to win and that would be very difficult.'

'No, I shall be telling the players we have 90 minutes to get the goals and with the crowd behind us we could give them a fright.'

Wrexham defender Jackie Keay is still out of action with a knee injury so Shaun Cunningham will be in the back four and David Gregory in midfield.

Striker Jim Steel, who scored the only goal in the shock home leg victory over Porto in the last round, could be the biggest threat to Roma, particularly in the air.

'We did not get enough good crosses over in the first leg in Rome,' says Roberts, 'and that is something we must rectify.'

Roberts is hoping for deplorable weather. 'Our fans will probably think that we have a much better chance if the weather is awful and will turn out in great numbers. I'm hoping for 10,000 plus.'

'Against Porto we had 5,000 and they were tremendous. Double that number and who knows what might happen.'

Stapleton ready

FRANK STAPLETON shrugged off speculation linking him with his former club, Arsenal, and began concentrating instead on scoring his first goal of the season to help Manchester United through in the UEFA Cup against PSV Eindhoven tonight.

Manager Ron Atkinson has dismissed Arsenal's £1 million interest and Stapleton added: 'I am happy with United.'

'The manager hasn't said anything to me but I am content to go along with what he had done. I have a contract and I wasn't looking to break it.'

The Republic of Ireland striker, just back after a lengthy lay-off, added: 'I am feeling good for tomorrow. I am getting close to my old sharpness.'

United are bidding to

build on the goalless first leg in Holland and, after Friday's televised demolition of Arsenal, are confident of easing through. But Atkinson warns: 'It will be as difficult a task as any we have faced in Europe.'

'They could be more of a danger here than on their home ground and, because of the way they like to counter-attack, people haven't given them the credit they deserve.'

'They are a hard-working, well-organised and efficient side with players who have played in World Cup finals and good national teams all over the world.'

REID DOUBTFUL

PETER REID, Everton's midfield player, was sent home from training yesterday suffering from a sore throat, which makes him doubtful for the Blues' Cup Winners' Cup second leg clash with Inter Bratislava at Goodison.

Manager Howard Kendall also has striker Graeme Sharp and central defender Derek Mountfield under treatment — Sharp for a thigh strain and Mountfield for a calf injury, while winger Terry Curran is kept out of the squad with a knee injury. Sharp will need a late fitness test but Mountfield looks likely to be available.

Mullery guarded

QUEENS Park Rangers manager Alan Mullery was in a buoyant mood on Monday night when he flew into the Yugoslav capital for his team's UEFA Cup return leg match with Partizan Belgrade — but his joy was tinged with caution.

'Being four goals up is a very nice cushion, but the game is not finished,' Mullery said. 'It will be a difficult match and we have to take it very seriously. If we scored four goals in 45 minutes... Partizan can do the same.'

Mullery includes 24-year-old Gary Chivers for his debut for Rangers from the 22-member squad brought over for the experience. Chivers replaces regular right-back Warren Neill, who misses tonight's game after being sent off in the first leg at Highbury.

Partizan can take heart from Rangers poor away record this season. They have not won away from Loftus Road (except the UEFA games) once this season and were beaten 3-0 by



ALAN MULLERY

Sunderland last Saturday.

Consequently Partizan coach Nenad Bjekovic remains optimistic. 'We have 90 minutes of hope ahead of us and we will do everything we can to wipe out that deficit,' he said. 'But we know it will not be easy.'

Yesterday Bjekovic said Rangers deserved their first leg victory but said the four-goal margin didn't reflect the real difference between the sides and he warned: 'Don't think we have already surrendered Wednesday night's match.'

QPR team: Hucker, Chivers, Dawes, Fenwick, Wicks, Fillery, Gregory, Waddock, Fereday, Bannister and Stainrod.

Liverpool doubts

EUROPEAN club champions Liverpool were fighting a battle for fitness of key players on the eve of their second round clash with Benfica in Lisbon tonight.

Benfica might not believe the story of course and could be forgiven for thinking they are caught up in a recurring nightmare on the eve of their second leg showdown with four-times holders Liverpool.

The Portuguese champions trail 3-1 from the first tie a fortnight ago and know they must shut out the Red's Welsh marksman Ian Rush, who dumped them with a hat-trick at Anfield, if they are to reach the last eight. But other omens are ominous too.

Last season Benfica ran out for a return quarter-final leg at their

Stadium of Light, trailing just 1-0. But Liverpool swept the Portuguese aside to win 5-1 on aggregate before going on to lift the trophy in Rome.

The English champions also ended Benfica's interest in the 1977-78 competition, again winning 2-1 in Lisbon before consolidating that with a 4-1 victory at Anfield.

But Benfica are acutely aware that Liverpool lack some of the sparkle of former years.

Fullback Alan Kennedy, midfielder Sammy Lee and defender Alan Hansen are all natural inclusions in the team but Fagan had his doubts last night. 'Sadly, I cannot declare any of them fit,' he said.

LIVERPOOL team (probable): Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Hansen, Kennedy, Lee, Molby, Johnston, Whelan, Dalglish and Rush.

CRICKET

Tour nearly settled

ENGLAND cricket officials look to be close to agreeing to Indian Cricket Board suggestions on changes to the touring party's itinerary which was submitted on Monday night.

Negotiations are currently by-passing the England squad ensconced on the island of Sri Lanka following the troubles in the sub-continent last week and officials at the team's hotel in Colombo were reluctant to speak their opinions — not knowing the word from Lords.

It is understood, however, that plans to play just two one-day internationals between the first Test, now scheduled for Bombay beginning on November 28, and the second Test at Delhi (December 12) may have to be revised.

But while the talks continued the England players were yesterday forced to practice indoors in preparation for today's opening game against the Sri Lankan Cricket Board President's XI.

For the second day running opener Martyn Moxon was confined to his bed with 'flu and a stomach bug. The rest of the 16-member party, however, seemed healthy enough, if fatigued by the intense humidity.

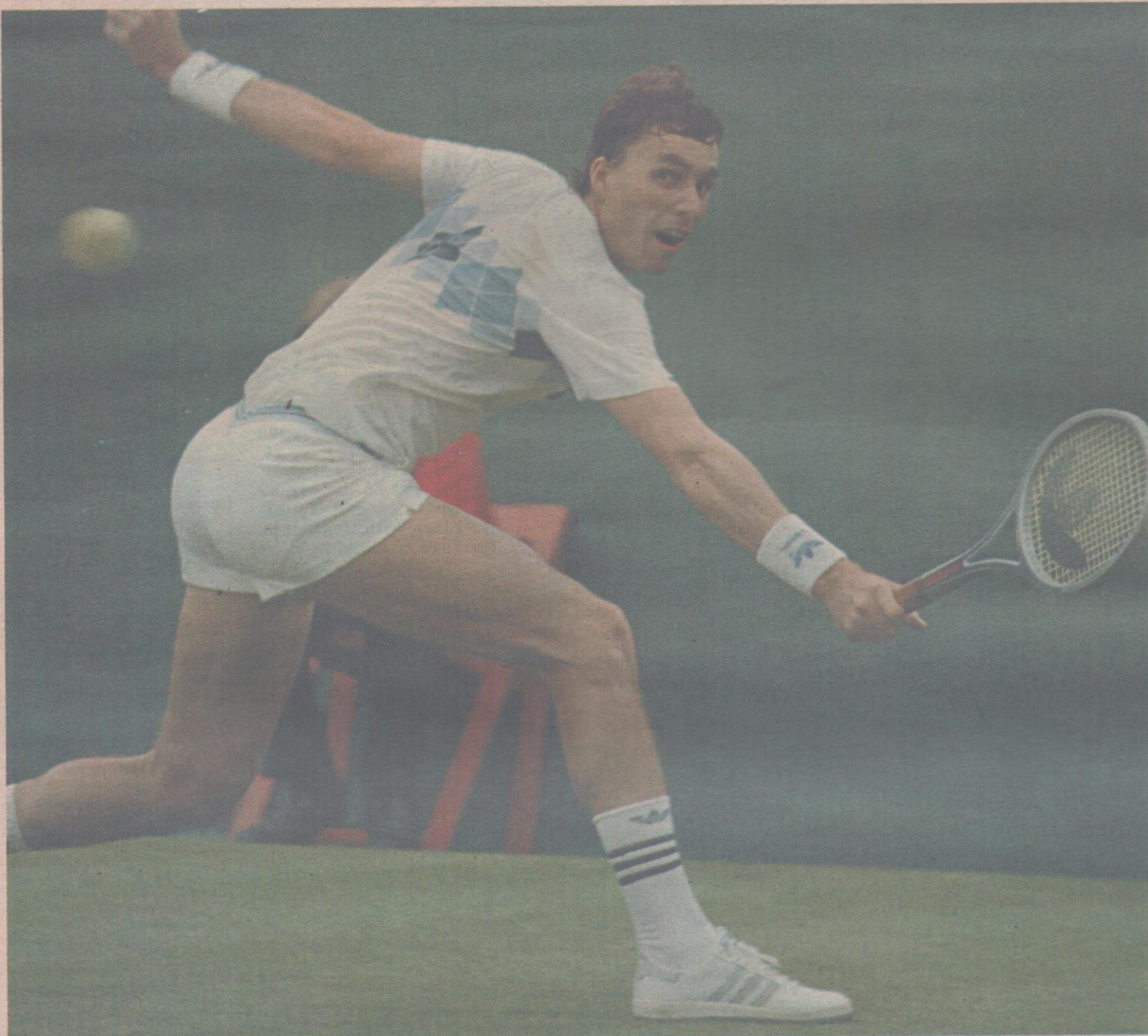
Sri Lankan officials have named 12 young players for the three-day match. Test batsman Ranjan Madugalle has been named to lead the President's side, which includes four other Test players.

THE ENGLAND team is: Gower (capt.), Fowler, Robinson, Lamb, Gatting, Downton, Ellison, Cowans, Foster, Edmonds and Pocock.

TONIGHT'S GAMES	
(7.30p.m. unless stated)	
EUROPEAN CUP	
Second round, second leg	
Benfica (Portugal) v	
Liverpool.....	(8.30)
Linfield v	
Pasnathinaikos (Gre)....	(8.00)
CUP WINNERS' CUP	
Second round, second leg	
Celtic v	
Rapid Vienna (Austria).....	
Everton v	
Inter Bratislava (Czech).....	
Wrexham v AS Roma (Italy).....	
UEFA CUP	
Second round, second leg	
Dundee Utd v Linz (Austria).....	
Man United v	
PSV Eindhoven (Holland).....	
Partizan Belgrade (Yug) v	
QPR.....	(4.30)
Rangers v Inter Milan (Italy).....	
Tottenham v	
Bruges (Belgium).....	(8.00)
MILK CUP	
Third round replays	
Newcastle v Ipswich.....	
West Brom v Birmingham.....	
DIVISION III	
Derby v Brentford.....	
Lincoln v Newport.....	
Reading v Orient.....	
DIVISION IV	
Hereford v Darlington.....	
Mansfield v Chester.....	
Peterborough v Blackpool.....	
SCOTTISH DIV I	
Meadowbank v Ayr.....	
RUGBY LEAGUE	
JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY Preliminary Round	
Carlisle v Bradford N.....	
Hunslet v Workington.....	

STAR MAC IS MISSING

Lendl could take mantle



IVAN LENDL, ranked No. 3 in the world, has a chance to take the Benson and Hedges' title in London this week with the absence of John McEnroe through suspension. Lendl is on court today meeting Colin Dowdeswell

GOMEZ SLIDES THROUGH

Easy passage for No.4 to second round

ANDRES GOMEZ, the No.4 seed from Ecuador, came through his first-round match of the £176,700 Benson and Hedges tennis championship with a comfortable 7-6, 6-3 victory over Italy's Francesco Cancellotti last night.

Gomez, now seeded to meet American Jimmy Connors in Sunday's final following John McEnroe's decision to pull out, was never in trouble as he advanced to meet Poland's Wojtek Fibak in the second round.

Despite the absence of its No.1 draw, McEnroe, the Benson and Hedges champion still served up some really interesting results on the opening day.

Victory

American Chip Hooper went to the top of the class with a 4-6, 6-2, 13-11 victory over Stefan Edberg — one of five Swedes challenging for this year's first prize of £35,340.

Hooper, the tall black American with the big serve, from Washington DC, arrived on the professional circuit in 1981 as the best player on the tough American college circuit.

A lot was expected of him, but the pressures got to the amiable Hooper, and after a fairly impressive start to his professional career he slipped down the 'all-important rankings' week by week.

Yet at Wembley yesterday, Hooper showed what

he is still capable of.

After losing the first set, Hooper brought his awesome serve into operation and almost blew the 19-year-old Edberg away to level the match.

The third set finally boiled down to the big serve — and Hooper, hitting as well as ever, won hands down.

Brazil's Cassio Motta also upset a player ranked above him when he pushed aside the challenge of

Switzerland's Heinz Gunthardt who advanced to the second round. Motta, ranked 82 in the world, beat his opponent, ranked 51 places higher, 7-6, 6-4.

In another rather surprising match, Hungary's Balazs Taroczy, ranked 48, defeated South Africa's Kevin Curren 6-3, 7-6.

And to finish off the day in favour of the underdogs, West Germany's Boris Becker (128) accounted for Spain's Emilio Sanchez (92) 6-4, 6-1.

KENDALL FARRAR, the Grand Prix tennis supervisor who fined John McEnroe \$2,100 at the Stockholm Open on Sunday, came to the defence of the world's No.1 in London yesterday.

The fines — there were three imposed on McEnroe by Farrar — took the Wimbledon and the US Open champion over the \$7,500 limit where an automatic suspension comes into operation.

Yet while Farrar regarded McEnroe's antics in the Stockholm semi-final as 'ranking among John's poorer displays', the chief supervisor stated that he thought the New Yorker was making a very conscious effort to change his ways.

'I think John is a very tormented young man. He dislikes being unliked — it upsets him — he's trying very hard to clean his act up,' Farrar said yesterday during a press conference prior to the opening of the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley Arena.

Blew up

Farrar, the chief Men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIPTC) supervisor, was at court in Stockholm on Sunday evening when McEnroe, after possibly one of his most subdued years, finally blew up.

There were mandatory fines for the first two offences, and then Farrar decided on the final one himself.

Farrar took up the story: 'John was violent. The mandatory \$350 for ball abuse was followed by a mandatory \$750 fine for verbal abuse and then I decided on a \$1,000 fine for unsportsmanlike conduct.'

After the third warning, for which he forfeited the game against Jarryd, McEnroe turned to Farrar and said: 'Am I out?' The supervisor answered 'You've got one more to go.'

Having overstepped the \$7,500 limit, Farrar said that McEnroe, who went on to win the final against Mats Wilander of Sweden on Monday night, was very upset.

The Grand Prix supervisor said yesterday: 'I saw John after the match and he was visibly upset about the whole affair. He said to me "How come it's so much? Gee, this will keep me out of the Australian Open".'

There were three op-

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

tions open to McEnroe once he realised he had gone over the limit.

He could have appealed against the Stockholm fines within ten days, accepted a 21-day suspension from all professional tennis or a 42-day suspension from Grand Prix tennis which would have allowed him to play exhibitions.

But after a trans-Atlantic telephone call to his father, John McEnroe senior, in New York in the



JOHN MCENROE

early hours of yesterday morning, the New Yorker decided to accept an immediate 21-day suspension.

This will allow him to compete in the Australian Open next month, and more importantly in the Davis Cup final for the US against Sweden in Gothenburg.

The acceptance of his punishment obviously means that McEnroe is missing from the star-studded Benson and Hedges field at Wembley this week.

McEnroe's misfortune did, however, have a happy ending for one player.

It meant that the 23-year-old Brazilian Joao Soares, who lost in their qualifying competition at the weekend, was reinstated in the first round proper as a 'lucky loser'.