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Organise General Strike

SUPPORT SCARGILL CALL NOW

Statement by the Political Committee of the Workers Revolutionary Party

ARTHUR SCARGILL's passionate appeal at Newcastle on Sunday for help from the trade unions must not go unanswered. Every union which supports the miners must immediately call its members out on strike.

The organisation of the General Strike is the only way to smash the Tory state-National Coal Board-electricity board (CEGB)-orchestrated attack on the NUM, the siege of the mining communities by the police and the reported decision to use the army to move coal.

This unprecedented wave of police-military state repression is being facilitated by the Labour Party leaders and the TUC right wing who have openly sided with the Tories and the capitalist state.

Bribes

The government, despite its lying propaganda, advertisements, bribes, inducements and lying allegations of 'IRA terrorism' have totally failed to break the will or lower the morale of the strikers.

This is abundantly clear from last week's events in the Yorkshire and Derbyshire area, where thousands of miners demonstrated their hostility to a pitiable group of scabs and the contemptible offer of a 'Judas bonus' from the National Coal Board.

By this magnificent unity and determination miners have struck a major blow at the Tories' vicious financial strategy which is to drive up mass unemployment and reduce the working class and youth to a slave labour economy.

They have thoroughly exposed the treacherous, two-faced Labour Party leadership, evoked the support of the international trade union movement and discredited the strike-breaking Stalinist regimes of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

They have, above all, refuted in the most concrete way the NCB-government lie that the power industry can continue without coal from the strike-bound areas. Neither NCB lies, government money nor judicial persecution can obscure the fact that only 40 out of Britain's 174 pits are turning coal.

This, even with the addition of scab coal from Poland and the USA, cannot meet the demands of the CEGB, which has already taken some power stations out of commission because of actions by power workers and miners.

Kinnock's obsession in his speeches likening the miners' struggle with the bloody First World War battle at Gallipoli may impress his SDP and Tory friends, but every striking miner and the millions who support them know that the strike has turned into a political Stalingrad for the Tories. The summer may belong to the NCB, but the winter belongs to the miners.

Nobody knows this better than the Bonapartist rulers of Britain. That is why they have decided to move coal from pit heads to power stations and provoke a violent confrontation with the miners involving not only police, but the army as well.

As labour editor of 'The Guardian', Keith Harper, reported: 'Large lorry convoys will carry coal from strike-bound pits to power stations later this month if the miners' strike shows no signs of collapsing.

'The operation, which has been planned in fine detail by the Central Electricity Generating Board was to have been introduced earlier but the government held back in the hope of the strike ending before it became necessary. . .

'The use of troops is the last resort, but there would be no hesitation in bringing them in if the government thought it necessary.' ('The Guardian', November 12, 1984).

Harper's revelations confirm all the warnings of the Workers Revolutionary Party and the daily News Line since the Labour government's use of the army in breaking the Fire Brigades Union strike in 1977-1978 and the adoption of the notorious Ridley Report by the Tories.

Northern Ireland has come to Britain.

Having failed to break the miners with the use of the judiciary and the national police force, the government has decided to

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Swindon picket plan

STRIKERS from the Austin-Rover's Cowley body and assembly plants and from the Longbridge factory in Birmingham will picket the Pressed Steel factory in Swindon tomorrow morning.

Yesterday only a tiny minority of blacklegs crossed the picket lines at Cowley while at Longbridge electricians voted to defy their union and leaders and the courts and stay out with their fellow workers.

Jubilant shop stewards at the two Oxford factories said the strike was now even more solid than last Monday at the assembly plant, where only 25 crossed the picket. At the body plant there were only three scabs.

This was despite an intensive campaign against the strike by the management and the local press.

At the Cowley body plant all electricians refused to cross picket lines, while at the assembly plant, only six electricians did so.

The Transport and General Workers' Union, meanwhile, is reported to be upholding its biennial conference decision, taken in July last year, that it will carry on with 'business as usual' and not abide by the new Tory anti-strike laws.

At Longbridge more than 200 electricians ignored the advice of a full-time EETPU official and voted by a substantial majority against going back.

The decision was greeted by cheering and applause from about 150 pickets at the factory gate nearby.

EETPU area official Jim Beasley admitted after the 90-minute meeting that the electricians were not prepared to cross picket lines despite his advice.

'There are people on the picket line who my members are going to have to work alongside when the strike is over,' he said.

'We advise the members that the strike is unofficial and that they should go back to work. They have narrowly rejected our advice and we cannot do any more.'

The EETPU national executive was meeting yesterday afternoon to consider its next move. Beasley said:

'It is the official policy of this union that we hold a ballot, and it is my guess that there will be a ballot.'

Longbridge plant convenor Jack Adams, who was with the pickets, said: 'They have been put under tremendous pressure but despite that they have made the right decision and we are very pleased.'

Court move to punish unions

AUSTIN ROVER has begun moves to have six unions punished for contempt of court after their refusal to comply with the High Court order last week.

The order, under the Tory anti-union laws, requires them to call off the strike of its 28,000 manual staff and call a secret ballot.

The contempt case will not reach court before Thursday at the earliest.

The company also announced yesterday that it would appeal against the refusal by a High Court judge last Thursday to make a similar order against the AUEW engineering union.

Refusal

The judge's refusal followed statements by AUEW leader Terry Duffy repudiating the strike action.

A separate application for an injunction against the electrician's union, the EETPU, was not proceeded with last week when the union ordered its members back to work.

A spokesman for the company said that the six unions against whom the order was made last Tuesday, including the Transport and General Workers' Union and the General and Municipal, had been told of the contempt move over the weekend.

The unions were also asked to supply any evidence that they had complied with the court order.

The injunction, made at a private hearing in London by Mr Justice Stuart-Smith, ordered the unions to lift the strike until a secret ballot of their members had been held.

The order was sought under the 1984 Trade Union Act which removes from trade unions their immunity from legal action for injunctions and damages if they call a strike without a ballot.

ADDIS ABABA — Morocco, a founder member of the Organisation of African Unity, yesterday said it had decided to quit the grouping. King Hassan's message, read to the opening of the OAU summit by his adviser, Ahmed Guedira, said Morocco was pulling out in protest against the participation of the Polisario Western Sahara independence movement. Zaire, a staunch supporter of Morocco, said it was suspending its participation.

Shorter week snub

ENGINEERING employers yesterday rejected an immediate cut in the 39-hour working week for their 1½ million workers.

Their rejection came at a meeting in London with the leaders of 14 unions in the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

The unions submitted a claim which included a 35-hour week — without any loss of pay — and a substantial rise.

But Dr James McFarlane, EEF director-general, told them: 'There's nothing to be had for nothing.'

AUEW president Terry Duffy replied that joint working party discussions in the past year had proved 'abortive' and he accused the employers of demanding too much in return.

Unemployment could only be solved by sharing the 'diminishing hours' available with new technology, he said, and claimed that a 'radical and imaginative approach' to work patterns could cut the costs of a shorter working week to 'a very modest amount indeed'.

In 1983 there had been more than 160,000 redundancies in the engineering industry. Yet the past 12 months had seen a 'disgraceful' increase of 1.2 million hours of overtime a week — equal to 31,000 jobs, said Duffy.

He described as 'immoral and inefficient' the 11.69 million hours overtime a week in manufacturing industry, and said his union wanted the present agreement, allowing 24 hours overtime in four weeks, cut to ten hours.

HARARE — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe yesterday sacked two senior members of the opposition ZAPU party from his government. They were Water Resources Minister Cehas Msipa and a minister of state in the deputy prime minister's office, John Nkomo. Their sacking came a day after Mugabe warned Joshua Nkomo that he would take tough action against his party for engaging in what he alleged was a reign of terror and murders to gain power.

£8,000 Monthly Fund

November Fund push total up

THE TORIES are going flat out to break the miners' strike. Every effort is being made to push scabs back to work and break the organised resistance of those workers fighting for their livelihoods and their future.

But the police and the law courts have not been able to intimidate the working class. Miners stand firmer than ever against the use of violence against them each morning. They are now being joined by car workers and the movement grows throughout the trade union movement for an all-out battle against the Tories.

The News Line remains absolutely firm in this period. We say organise the General Strike now and bring this hated government down.

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THE MINERS' STRIKE

Thatcher offers new laws

PRIME Minister Thatcher yesterday threatened to give the police and the judiciary even greater powers against miners and others considered to be in breach of public order.

She was speaking at the Lord Mayor's Banquet in the Guildhall, attended by the rich and powerful from the City of London.

Thatcher chose this opulent exhibition of ruling-class greed and arrogance to attack the miners' union and its 'ruthless leadership', saying they would resort to anything to stem the tide of miners returning to work.

She lumped together 'the cruelty of the terrorists, the violence of the picket line and the deliberate flouting of the law of the land' and reserved he highest praise for the blacklegs who have accepted the coal board's blood money.

Thatcher said the coal strike presented a 'fundamental challenge'. She went on: 'This challenge will not succeed. The government will hold firm. The coal board can go no further.'

She added: 'But for the skilful and courageous action of the police many coalfields, power stations, steelworks and coke plants would now have been closed down, and many of our citizens who want only to go to their place of work would have been prevented physically from doing so.

'By the end of this year the Home Secretary will have completed his review of the whole question of public order including the Act of 1936 which has stood largely unchanged since that time.

'If the police and courts are lacking in the powers necessary to keep order in a free society and necessary to protect the weak against the strong then we shall introduce measures which give them what they need.'

SCARGILL BLAMES POLICE

NUM president Arthur Scargill said yesterday he held police entirely responsible for the widespread clashes in South Yorkshire pit villages. The fiercest of the confrontations was at Cortonwood, where police were set to escort a handful of scabs past picket lines.

At Barrow colliery, near Barnsley, the approach was blocked by trees which had been cut down.

Stones and debris were used to block the road near Stanford colliery. At Maltby the police station came under siege.

Scargill said in reply to South Yorkshire Chief Constable Peter Wright's attack on 'miners violence':

'He is an expert on violence. His police force and that of others have intimidated my members throughout the past eight months in an almost unbelievable way.

'In Yorkshire there was an 86.5 per cent majority vote in favour of strike action and the actions of the police in doing all they can to break official picket lines is causing all the problems.

Violence

'The police intimidation and violence is on an unprecedented scale and independent witnesses are now coming to the inescapable conclusion that the police are responsible for what is taking place in South Yorkshire.'

He added: 'I refuse to condemn my members whose only crime is fighting for the right to work.'

Scargill disputed the Coal Board's figures of miners going back to work. There were 140,000 on strike and 40,000 at work, he said.

Rossington welfare raided

RIOT police made an unprovoked attack on miners at the Rossington welfare hall yesterday morning, indiscriminately beating miners in the hall who were reporting for picket duty.

Pete Donnelly, NUM treasurer, told News Line: 'I was in the hall when the police charged in with truncheons drawn at 2.30a.m. I told them to get out, that it was NUM property, but they just shouted abuse and hit me.

'They chased pickets around the hall, beating them indiscriminately. One lad ran into the telephone booth, and they pulled him out and then ripped the phone out. The steward at the club was told to get out of his flat or get a beating as well.'

There were 12 arrests with eight miners remanded overnight. The NCB claimed 14 miners reported for work but the NUM say there were only nine.

Typical of the police provocation were the scenes at Dinnington, where 200 pickets gathered outside the pit in the early hours of the morning.

Four police riot squad vans drew up at the pit gates at 1a.m. and were met by a hail of stones hurled by the pickets who believed that the vans contained 19 scabs.

The battle continued up on to the main Rotherham road, where a car was overturned and set alight in order to stop the riot squad's advances.

At 5.30a.m. the pickets dispersed and regrouped at the local miners' institute, where it became apparent that the scabs had not been taken into the pit.

Decoy

The riot squads' vans had been a decoy in an attempt to disperse the pickets before the scabs were escorted in.

The pickets returned to the pit at 6.30a.m. and 14 scabs were taken in at 6.45a.m. Three police were injured during five-hour battle.

COAL Board claims that 50 scabs went into South Wales pits were discounted by the NUM yesterday. At Cwm, over 400 pickets sealed off the main road for a period to stop three scabs going to work. Two miners were arrested at Betws in Dyfed. At the Cynheidre pit, the NUM said 28 scabs had gone in, showing no increase on last week.

Wives in protest at court

ABOUT 15 miners' wives from Frickley and South Kirkby, West Yorkshire, picketed a London magistrates court where five miners faced charges yesterday following street collections.

The five, Andy Thornley, Graham Beaumont, Mick Howell, Alan Yates and Alan Coputt, were arrested while collecting for the strike in London.

The magistrate at Wells Street yesterday adjourned the case until February 4.

Yesterday's adjournment followed a ruling at the weekend by a magistrate in Clerkenwell that a lawyer collecting for the strike without a permit had done so lawfully.

The lawyer, James Wood, had collecting at Brunswick Centre, central London, in June.

Wood argued in court that the regulations drafted by the Home Secretary were unlawful under the terms of the 1916 Police, Factories and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, in that they unlawfully gave the metropolitan police commissioner the power to grant or refuse applicants for permits.

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SUPPORT STRIKE CALL

use the army — not just to move coal but to carry out its counter-revolutionary policy of smashing trade unions, abolishing Labour-controlled local government and destroying living standards on a colossal scale.

What the Workers Revolutionary Party Central Committee said on April 8 of this year now stands as the eloquent truth and a devastating indictment of the illusions peddled by the Stalinists, revisionists and Labourites that trade union pressure and solidarity would force a negotiated settlement with the NCB and the government:

'The logic of the Bonapartist state is to drive relentlessly and ruthlessly to strengthen its dictatorship and smash the resistance of the working class with the use of the police, judiciary and army, and thus pave the way for fascism . . .

'If it cannot control the working class with police terror and provocation, then it must and will resort to the use of states of emergency and bring in the army. Can this happen? We say categorically, yes!' *(WRP Central Committee statement, April 8, 1984 — Reprinted in 'The Miners and the Case for a General Strike').*

Negotiation and compromise are out forever. The Tories, encouraged by Reagan's re-election and the cowardice of the Labour leaders, as well as the rapidly developing economic slump, consciously prepare for civil war and for military-police dictatorship.

Those miners who go back to work are not only scabbing, they are openly assisting the civil-war plans of the Tories and the prospect of a corporate state, in which trade unions would be deprived of all legality.

Those who support the NUM and remain out on strike are an inseparable part of the mounting world-wide revolution against imperialism and an unshakable guarantee against the treachery of reformist and Stalinist misleadership.

Thatcher's Bonapartism can and will be defeated — but only when the whole working class rejects the cowardly advice of its leaders, rallies to the active support of the miners and answers Scargill's fervent appeal at Newcastle on Sunday: *'How much longer can you stand by and see this union battered? I am asking ordinary rank-and-file trade unionists to take industrial action in support of this union.'*

To do this means to organise the General Strike **NOW**, organise Community Councils in every industrial area and campaign with the utmost vigour for the Workers Revolutionary Government!

- **Organise the General Strike!**
- **Smash Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship!**
- **Join the Workers Revolutionary Party!**
- **Come to the 15th Anniversary News Line Rally at the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, on Sunday, November 18!**

Monday, November 12, 1984.

Liverpool bonus strike is over

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

MORE than 140 Liverpool corporation recreation, parks and gardens workers ended a three-week strike yesterday.

The dispute centred around building maintenance workers from the original MSC-funded community enterprise scheme who the Labour council absorbed into the corporation's staff after they were returned to power in 1983.

Craftsmen taken on at parks and gardens were in receipt of a lower rate of bonus than established staff.

The men on the lower rate proposed action for parity and went on strike when management refused to enter into serious negotiations.

Yesterday a mass meeting heard that the council was prepared to reach agreement on improved bonus arrangements for the 140 by the end of the year.

Check

The men will meet again in three weeks to check on progress.

Another 13 ex-MSC workers who were on a waiting list for jobs have called off picket lines set up following allegations of blacklisting by management.

The dispute arose when management rejected nominations for vacancies which included some of the 13.

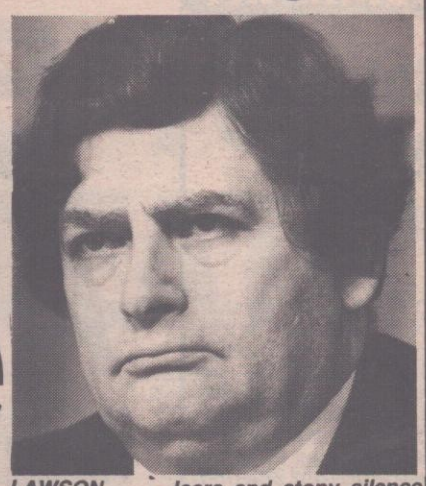
A committee of union representatives and councillors will investigate the allegations and management have promised to place the men at the top of the list for jobs.

Nothing for jobless in Lawson's autumn budget

Bigger bills in package

CHANCELLOR Nigel Lawson had nothing to offer the unemployed when he made his autumn economic statement yesterday. But he did foreshadow higher prescription charges and bigger gas, electricity and water bills.

In addition there are cuts in spending on housing, agriculture, employment and overseas aid, and civil servants will face a 3 per cent pay limit.



LAWSON . . . Jeers and stony silence

BY JOHN SPENCER Our Political Correspondent

Spending on student grants is to be reduced, and board and lodging allowances for social security claimants are to be drastically curtailed.

Abolition

Lawson also announced the abolition of the £1 note and the de-monetisation of the ½p coin. His speech was several times drowned by Labour jeers and laughter, while Tory backbenchers sat noticeably silent.

At one point the Speaker had to intervene to restore order, and there was laughter as he said: 'The Chancellor has several more pages to get through.'

And after he had finished he was repeatedly questioned from both sides of the Commons about the prospect of cuts in overseas aid and the lack of any measures to cut unemployment.

Aim

Lawson said the government's aim was to cut taxes and therefore to keep public spending under firm control. The aim was to keep public spending below £132 billion.

He admitted that the miners' strike had forced the government to spend more than it had planned to maintain electricity supplies.

Even if the strike were to end at Christmas, he said, it would add £1.5 billion to the borrowing requirement this year, raising it to £8.5 billion.

On the NHS she said individual authorities would be expected to become more efficient and to absorb any pay and price increases within the current totals.

Aid

Lawson refused to say how much would be cut from overseas aid, saying this was a matter for Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Nor would he say how big the rises in gas and electricity prices will be, though he hinted that they would be close to 5 per cent. He was even less specific about water charges, though it has been predicted that these will go up by 12 per cent.

And there were indications that the rise in prescription charges to be announced later this month will be even higher than the £1.80 per item which had been expected.

The Chancellor disclosed that the government's 'working assumption' for Great Britain's unemployment total, excluding school leavers, is 3 million for 1985-86. This is even higher than the assumption made 12 months ago.

The burden of keeping more than 3 million on the dole was also reflected in the £470 million rise in the social security budget.

Lawson has also had to cut back his projection of tax cuts for the spring budget. At the time of the last budget he was talking about £2 billion cuts next year, but now the figure is down to £1.5 billion.

● Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, was ordered out of the Commons by the Speaker yesterday after calling Dr David Owen 'that pompous sod'.

Withdraw

Skinner was asked to withdraw the offending word, and replied: 'I withdraw the word pompous'.

But that was not the word the Speaker wanted withdrawn and Skinner was ordered out of the House for the rest of the day's session.

OUTPUT DOWN BY 1%

INDUSTRIAL output fell by 1 per cent between July and September, while manufacturing output rose by a ½ per cent, according to government figures published yesterday.

Whitehall officials said the miners' strike was responsible for less than half the decline in the all-industries index.

The strike had a slightly greater effect on the quarter's figures compared with the April to June period.

Levels of production in both the industrial and manufacturing sectors would have been 3½ per cent higher if the strike had not taken place, they claimed.

PRIVATE FIRMS FOUL UP

A LEAFLET highlighting the abysmal failure of private contractors in local government was published yesterday by the National Union of Public Employees.

It outlines a number of examples of how services have deteriorated through the introduction of privatisation by local authorities.

NUPE catalogue of disasters

● In Merton, south London, Taskmasters were 'fined' £23,613 for shoddy work in the first six months. They won the street-cleaning contract by cutting the workforce to 103. But to do the job they soon had to increase the labour force to 141 workers. A plan to use mechanical sweepers proved a total failure.

● In Ealing, west London, Exclusive Cleaning Services were 'fined' £18,000 for low standards in the first month of their street-cleaning contract. They only managed to do 69 per cent of the work they were contracted to do and were described by a Tory councillor as 'incompetent and inefficient'.

● School cleaners International Service System cleaned 50 schools in Birmingham and 49 complained. The newly-elected Labour council has decided to bring back direct labour.

● Catering firm Gardener Merchant in West Sussex received complaints from Bishop Otter college and 30 students there received food poisoning.

Commenting on these and dozens of similar examples, NUPE local government national secretary Alistair Macrae said yesterday: 'Despite the failure of its doctrine when measured against the practical experience of the day-to-day running of the services, this pig-headed government still refuses to change its mind on privatisation.

'As usual ministers are ignoring the facts and heaping on more dogma.'

Hospital heart attack

TEN THOUSAND patients a year who could benefit from heart surgery are not operated on in Britain, the surgeon in charge of a unit threatened with closure said yesterday.

Victoria Health Authority has made a formal proposal to close the cardiac surgery service at London's Westminster Hospital because it needs to cut spending by £2 million next year.

Criticising the plan, Mohammed Farrag, consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at Westminster Hospital, said there was already a severe shortage of facilities for heart patients.

'Around the country, waiting lists are growing with the risk to patients increasing the longer they have to wait,' he said.

'Closure of cardiac surgery at Westminster Hospital can only add to the number of patients on waiting lists.

'Our facilities for cardiac surgery are acknowledged to be excellent. At a time of such great need it seems ridiculous to close these facilities, which would be so expensive to re-create elsewhere.'

Thumbs down to school cut-backs

BY PAUL FELDMAN

LONDONERS have given a thumbs down to cuts in the education service and rejected Tory demands to slash spending by £75 million.

That was the conclusion drawn yesterday by Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, after announcing the results of a consultation exercise.

About 2,800 responses were received from inner London councils, school governing bodies, parent groups, union and employee associations, head teachers and individuals.

All but 16 of them opposed to the government cuts made under the new rate-capping laws.

Morrell said: 'Our officers have told us that we cannot make the cuts the government requires without damage to the service.'

The ILEA Labour Group met last night to assess the findings, and planned to go ahead with its normal budget process in defiance of the government.

On November 20 the authority will approve a no-cuts budget and an appropriate rate level.

The conflict will arise early in the New Year, when the Tories make the rate level illegal and order it and the budget to be reduced.

Morrell said: 'We have been given a very clear mandate from the people of London.

'Inner Londoners are clearly opposed to reductions in education spending and have given a thumbs down to cuts.'

She added: 'Many people think of education in terms of schools and schoolchildren.

'But the ILEA serves a much wider section of the public. On top of the 296,787 children in our schools, we have 454,890 students in further, higher and adult education, and these people are extremely concerned about the cuts.

'Some of the most moving letters we have received have come from unemployed people and pensioners, afraid that the cuts would mean the end of their subsidised adult education classes.'

One letter came from a Tory government minister, Robert Dunn. He said he had been asked by constituents to express their concern about the threat to the Merchant Navy College in Greenhithe.

● PLANS for voluntary services in London after the abolition of the GLC and metropolitan counties were slammed yesterday as 'unworkable' and 'inadequate'.

The National Council for Voluntary Organiations has told Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin that if the plans went ahead 'it is inevitable much voluntary endeavour in the met counties and particularly in London would cease.'

Frances Morrell, ILEA leader and deputy leader Ruth Gee (back) yesterday with the replies which show that Londoners are opposed to Tory cuts in education spending

WORLD SUMMARY

Solomon Islands strike

HONIARA — More than 150 tourists were stranded in the Solomon Islands yesterday because of an indefinite strike by public servants and customs officers, cancelling flights to Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea.

Attack

VIENNA — Czechoslovakia yesterday attacked the Austrian media for a 'sharp and unscrupulous anti-Czechoslovak campaign' over a recent border incident in which a Czech was shot and died while trying to cross into Austria.

Decline

NEW YORK — Jamaica, already facing economic problems, will face social decline unless Prime Minister Edward Seaga calls new elections, opposition leader Michael Manley told 'Newsweek' magazine in an interview published yesterday.

Friendship

MOSCOW — The head of the KGB security police, Viktor Chebrikov, has left Moscow for Prague for 'a visit of friendship'.

Co-operation

SEOUL — South Korea yesterday named a seven-member delegation for unprecedented trade talks with North Korea aimed at achieving economic co-operation.

World News Line

U.S. PARATROOPERS ARRIVE IN HONDURAS

MANAGUA — About 100 US paratroopers have arrived in Honduras since Friday in President Reagan's escalation of hostilities against Nicaragua.

Their arrival coincided with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger's bellicose statement yesterday that the US was ready to respond to the alleged flow of Soviet arms to Nicaragua.

US SR-72 'Blackbird' supersonic spy weapons flew more missions over Managua and other cities on Sunday, making more sonic booms.

It was the fourth successive day of US reconnaissance missions in violation of Nicaraguan airspace and was intended to coincide with the departure of the Soviet vessel 'Bakuriani' from the Pacific port of Corinto.

The revelations of the paratroop movement confirmed Sandinist government statements after their general election of November 4 that the US had mobilised its 82nd Airborne Division, based in North Carolina, in a major provocation.

A spokesman at the US embassy in Tegucigalpa said the paratroops had arrived to help construct roads at an American-built base at Palmerola and would remain for two weeks.

US and Honduran troops have conducted a series of military exercises in the past two years as part of the anti-communist Reagan propaganda and terrorist drive in Central America, primarily aimed against the Sandinist regime.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Weinberger said that Washington was preparing ways of dealing with what he described as a tremendous increase in the flow of arms from the Soviet Union to Nicaragua.

He said in a television interview in Washington: 'We do have to be prepared, obviously for all contingencies.'

He did not reject a suggestion that the US could decide to intercept Soviet vessels bound for Nicaragua's ports but said more steps had to be taken.

Prepared

'The United States is prepared for a number of contingencies that may have to be taken and we're getting more prepared all the time.

'We have to respond and be able to respond to decisions that would be forced upon us by the strength of the Soviets and their ability to operate in a number of different theatres,' he said.

Reagan's anti-Soviet warmongering has been backed up by an elite group of advisers personally answerable to their departmental chiefs and to him.

One such group in the Pentagon has assured the president that there had been a 'significant build-up' of Nicaragua's armed forces with the aid of Soviet weaponry.

US State Department officers have confirmed also that American, Honduran and Salvadorean ships are holding naval exercises — Operation 'King's Guard' — in the Gulf of Fonseca, off Nicaragua's Pacific coast.

The 'New York Times' said on Sunday the government was considering intensifying diplomatic and military pressure on the Nicaraguan government, including intercepting shipments at sea.

Secretary of State George Shultz, at the 14th annual general meeting of the Organisation of American States in Brasilia, has denied knowledge of any such plan.

Meeting

An informal meeting of the foreign ministers of the 31 member countries avoided the issue of Washington's provocations against Nicaraguan.

But after the meeting, Managua's Foreign Minister Nora Astorga accused the US of increasing the climate of threat against her government.

Nicaragua's President-elect Daniel Ortega has charged that the naval exercises mean that US forces are in a position to launch rapid strikes against Nicaraguan cities.

He said strategic bombing could take place, followed by the deployment of airborne troops.

US intelligence sources have admitted that a visiting Soviet vessel carried nothing that resembled crates

The wreck of a US plane shot down by the Sandinista forces after violating Nicaraguan airspace

Reagan's cabal

WASHINGTON — THE latest US imperialist provocation against Nicaragua underscores the unremittingly hostile policy President Reagan has pursued against the Sandinists.

When less than 24 hours after his re-election Reagan reiterated his fabricated, anti-communist accusations against the Sandinists, only an elite clique group of his advisers knew the strategy of the White House lie machine.

In the view of this elite group of Reagan sycophants, Reagan's statement to a crowded Los Angeles press conference last week 'wonderfully hotted up the psychological war against the Sandinistas', according to the London 'Observer'.

The paper said: '. . . it tested congressional attitudes to possible US military action; it sabotaged what lingering hopes there may be of a negotiated settlement; and it said to the American people: *"Those people down there are Soviet stooges"*.'

Backed by 'the Cabal's' psychological warfare strategy, Reagan declared a virtual seige over Nicaragua, on the pretext that the Sandinists were receiving MiG-21 fighters from the Kremlin.

He did not bother convening a national security committee, chaired by Vice-President George Bush, which would have met to consider such an emergency.

According to the 'Observer': 'Each member of the Cabal is responsible to his agency head, and each say George Shultz, the Secretary of State, Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary and Bill Casey, head of the CIA, are fully informed (of 'the Cabal's' counter-revolutinary schemings).

Decision

'The human clearing house for their decisions is the National Security Adviser, Robert "Bud" McFarlane, who travelled with Reagan to the West Coast (Los Angeles) last week, and briefs the president each morning on all security matters.'

Reagan has maintained a political, military and economic war against the country and has vetoed international bank loans, stopped exports and approved barbarous subversion by the CIA.

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Latin American debtors meet

BRASILIA — Latin America's 11 most debt-ridden countries have met to prepare for their next formal meeting on the region's $350-billion debt.

Foreign ministers of the so-called Cartagena Group met at the Brasilian Foreign Ministry and agreed to confer again soon in the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean.

The urgent debt talks are going ahead as part of a series of intricate negotiations among the Organisation of American States, being attended by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Isidoro Morales said after the meeting of the Cartagena Group that they were not in favour of transferring the foreign debt issue to the OAS forum.

Bolivian Foreign Minister Gustavo Fernandez said such a move would diminish the authority of earlier proposals by the 'Group'. It would be very difficult to obtain consensus within an expanded group, he said.

Fernandez said the 11 had agreed to a proposal that special negotiations be opened with their creditors in the industrialised countries. The talks in the Dominican Republic are expected to further discuss strategy.

'We believe it would be convenient to hold this meeting during the first three months of 1985,' he said.

The Cartagena Group reviewed progress since their previous meeting in Mar del Plata, Argentina, last September.

Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda said several new points of view had emerged and industrialised nations had adopted 'new attitudes' to trade and debt negotiation with Latin America.

Sepulveda's reference to 'new attitudes' reflect the desperate measures being taken by the imperialist bankers — from adjusting 'loan loss provisions' to 'downgrading' the colossal loans.

Peru's debts this week were reclassified as 'substandard', while Brazil sought a postponement of payment on its $49.3 billion debts over five years and Argentina offered to pay part of its overdue interest payments of $800 million.

Mass round-up in Peru

LIMA — Peruvian police have rounded up 10,000 people in the capital and nearby city of Callao following Maoist guerrilla attacks.

A police statement said most of those detained had been released but about 2,000 were still being held on suspicion of various crimes.

About 100 were unable to identify themselves or were suspected of subversion, the statement said.

Members of the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrilla group killed a policeman in attacks on police stations in Lima and Callao after the cities had been plunged into darkness by sabotaged power lines.

President Belaunde Terry's right-wing government has launched a state terror drive against the Peruvian masses in the hope of crushing the resistance to his IMF-sponsored austerity policies.

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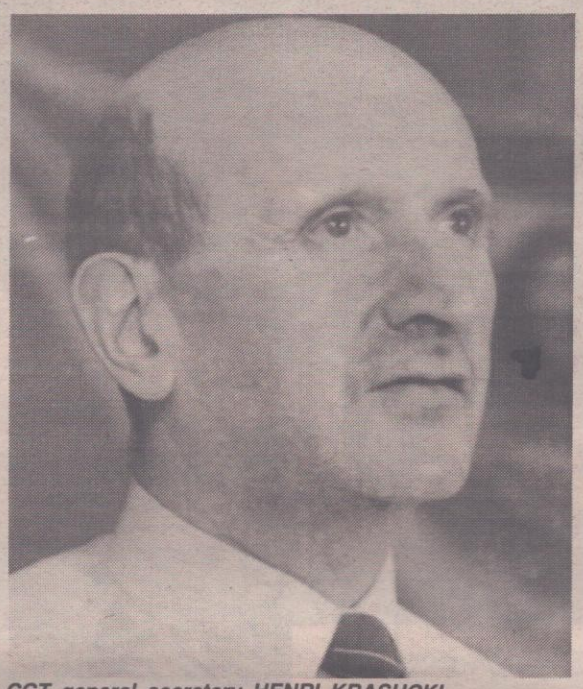
15-MINUTE STRIKE TO MARK WORKERS' DEATH



CGT general secretary HENRI KRASUCKI

PARIS — The Stalinist leadership of the CGT trade union has called for a 15-minute nationwide strike today in a shameful and cowardly response to the murder of a Turkish worker.

They issued the call, which includes a 'silent protest' at the offices of the French employers' association in Paris, following the shooting of 20-year-old Kemal Ozgul.

He was shot dead on Sunday, when the largely Turkish workforce at a Paris factory tried to occupy the plant in protest against sackings.

Another worker, Daslan Haydar, 26, is in hospital in a critical condition with a bullet wound in the throat. Two others, Huseyin Dogan and Rahmi Karats, were slightly hurt.

FROM NICOLE VERNIER

One of the 40 workers who tried to occupy the plant said 32 out of a total of 85 workers had received redundancy notices.

The owner of the factory, which makes prefabricated houses, his two sons and three managerial staff were taken into police custody for questioning late on Sunday.

Shots

Witnesses said about 50 shots were fired after the workers, all members of the Communist Party-led CGT trade union, tried to enter the family-directed plant to stage a hunger strike.

The Stalinists' call for a 'silent' demonstration at the employers' association offices is implicit backing for the chauvinism of the Socialist Party government of President Mitterrand.

Only two months ago it introduced racist legislation that provides for the interrogation of migrant workers' families at border checkpoints and advocates the repatriation of France's Arab and Turkish migrant workforce.

The Stalinists made no protest against the legislation. They did not protest either when another Turkish worker, a union organiser in the car industry, was severely beaten up by police during a protest after the annual return to work last summer.

It is a calculated policy of muzzling democratic trade union rights and a cynical and racist attack on the Turkish workers who are vital part of the CGT trade union membership.

The savage incident at the tiny, privately-owned factory emphasises the counter-revolutionary role of the Stalinist trade union leadership.

Although they were sacked from the coalition with the Socialist Party last June, they remain Mitterrand's staunchest allies.

Pathetic

The reason for today's 15-minute pathetic gesture is that they are conscious that the shooting manifests the seething anger among French workers — especially in the car and steel industries — against Mitterrand's IMF-inspired austerity programme of spending cuts, mass sackings and factory closures.

CGT branch officials in Mantes la Jolie, near Epone, west of the capital, where the shooting took place called for a demonstration in the town yesterday afternoon.

Soviet premier to visit Turkey

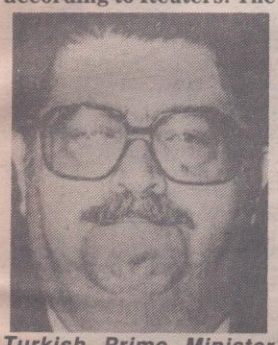
ANKARA — Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov will pay an official state visit to Turkey beginning on December 24, the Anatolian news agency reported yesterday.

His visit marks the cementing of relations between the Soviet bureaucracy and the military junta ruling in Turkey.

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal and Tikhonov will discuss economic relations and regional and international problems, government officials in Ankara said.

Tikhonov is the highest-ranking Soviet visitor to Turkey since Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin came in 1975. But at that time Turkey had a civilian government, trade unions were operating freely and the Communist Party and other left-wing parties were working openly.

His visit takes place at a time of 'increasingly warm relations' between the two governments, according to Reuters. The



Turkish Prime Minister TURGUT OZAL

Turkish regime recently signed a contract with the Soviet bureaucracy to buy up to five billion cubic metres of natural gas annually.

Only last week the first martial law court of the First Army sentenced to death 10 of the 197 defendants belonging to 'illegal organisations'.

The official government statement accused them of 'engaging in activities aimed at overthrowing the constitutional order and replacing it with a Marxist-Leninist system'.

Of the other defendants, 25 were sentenced to life imprisonment, 71 to terms ranging from three months to 22 years, and 64 were acquitted.

In a simultaneous trial of 24 defendants belonging to illegal organisations, three were given the death penalty.

Slicing the noughts off crazy shekels

TEL AVIV — The Israeli government said yesterday it was considering lopping two zeroes off the shekel to ease the pressure on bamboozled computers.

At the same time the Bank of Israel warned that the raging economic crisis would lead to a wave of loan defaults and bankruptcies.

The currency change would make one shekel equal to 100 of the present shekel. One new shekel would have the same value in relation to the US dollar as 100 old ones.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai told reporters computers could no longer cope with the mass of figures generated by 800 per cent annual inflation.

A central bank economist said businesses were facing bankruptcy because interest rates had become extortionate. 'In the first eight months of this year, banks were charging 278 per cent on shekel overdrafts while inflation was only 191 per cent,' he complained.

Police swooped on illegal money changers in East Jerusalem yesterday in a desperate attempt to stop the drain of hard currency. It followed similar moves against illegal currency dealers in Tel Aviv and the northern port of Haifa.

With runaway inflation many Israelis, in an effort to maintain the value of their funds, have bought dollars from illegal money changers operating openly in all major cities.

Under Israeli law, citizens are allowed to hold up to $1,000 in foreign currency but economists believe citizens are holding several million dollars in cash in their homes.

Newspapers daily publish the black market dollar rate alongside legal bank rates.

General strike shuts down south Lebanon

BEIRUT — A general strike yesterday shut down Sidon and Tyre, south Lebanon's two main cities, in protest at Israel's refusal to free four Shi'ite Moslem leaders arrested last week.

Demonstrators in both cities erected blazing barricades in the streets while all shops and businesses closed for the day.

The protest was called throughout the mainly Shi'ite south by Nabih Berri, Minister of State for South Lebanon and leader of the powerful Amal movement, after Israel's arrest of four of its leaders last Thursday.

The arrests, on the first day of Lebanese-Israeli military talks to work out details of an Israeli troop withdrawal from the south, caused Lebanon to suspend the meeting.

In a bid to get the talks restarted, US envoy Richard Murphy flew to Beirut yesterday to meet President Amin Gemayel and Prime Minister Rashid Karami.

Israel said one of the arrested men, Mahmud Faqih, was chief of Amal resistance operations in the south and had been hunted by Israeli intelligence since going underground a year ago.

But residents said Faqih was a well-known member of Amal's politburo and worked publicly as its organisational chief for the south. He had not been in hiding and had made public appearances in Sidon until very recently, they added.

Speaker refuses to call PNC

DAMASCUS — Palestine National Council (PNC) speaker Khaled Fahoum yesterday rejected an appeal by Palestine Liberation Organsation chairman Yassir Arafat to call a meeting of the parliament-in-exile on November 22 in Amman.

Arafat urged Fahoum to call the meeting after talks last Saturday in Tunis between PLO officials and leaders of Arafat's Fatah movement.

In a written reply to Arafat, Fahoum said the meeting should be delayed pending further talks between all Palestinian groups.

Fahoum added: 'I will not take a step that would only lead to another crisis in the PLO.'

He claimed that PNC members based in Jordan urged him to postpone the PNC meeting until further preparations could be made.

In Tunis on Sunday Fatah spokesman Khaled al-Hassan said all arrangements for convening the 384-member PNC were complete and Fatah members were waiting for Fahoum to call the meeting.

PLO leader YASSIR ARAFAT

The 14-member PLO executive committee can override Fahoum's rejection. But it was not yet clear whether it will take this step.

Gandhi elected

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was unanimously elected Congress (I) Party president yesterday, consolidating the political dynasty created by his grandfather Nehru and his late mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi.

He immediately appointed his two closest associates, Arun Nehru, a cousin, and a friend from his schooldays, Arun Singh, both in their early 40s, to the key administrative posts of general secretary and parliamentary secretary.

He also appointed Supreme Court judge, Justice M.P. Thakkar, 61, to investigate his mother's murder.

In his first major national address since taking office, Rajiv Gandhi said he would pursue domestic and foreign policies to carry India into the 21st century — clearly foreseeing a long political future for himself.

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Reading: Engels 'The British Labour Movement'; Lenin 'Imperialism, the Highest State of Capitalism'; Lenin 'The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky'; Trotsky 'Writings on Britain' Volume 2, 'Marxism and the Trade Unions'; Mike Banda 'Open Letter to Trade Unionists'. Political letters of the WRP Political Committee.

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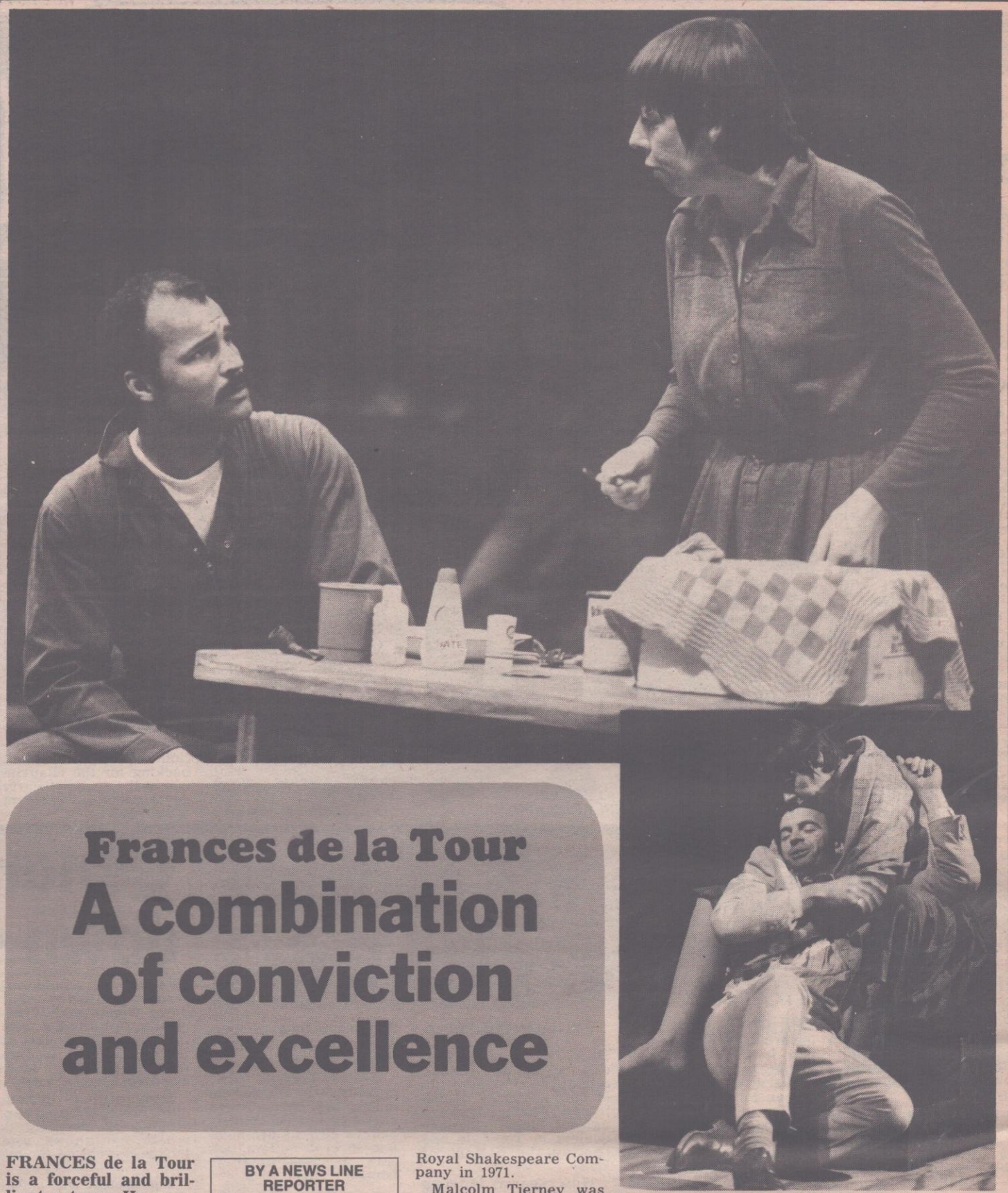

Frances de la Tour
A combination of conviction and excellence

FRANCES de la Tour is a forceful and brilliant actress. Her one-woman show at the Young Vic was a stunning demonstration of her versatility.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

She did pieces from Shakespeare, Dario Fo, George Bernard Shaw ('St Joan'), Eugene O'Neill and Tom Kempinski. That in itself is testimony to the range of her talent.

The occasion was a benefit for the 15th anniversary of the first daily Trotskyist newspaper in the world. It was also a celebration of Frances de la Tour's first 20 years in the theatre, years marked by striking success as Helena in Peter Brook's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', Violet in Tennessee William's 'Small Craft Warnings', Stephanie in 'Duet for One' and Sonya in Chekhov's 'Uncle Vanya'.

It is not easy to go before an audience and do eight parts in a two-hour performance. In fact, it is next to impossible since it can only be a fragment from a broader, wider and deeper canvas which the author has originally developed in Two, Three or Four Acts.

But what she did was to show the magnetic force of her craft. She is immensely faithful to the material she is interpreting. Her performance is not based upon purely technical skills and professional technique but more on the art of immersing herself into the role she is playing.

She has studied each of her characters and then put them carefully into focus. Like a good photographer she gives each part a depth of field, plus a foreground, a background and a unity with the characters on stage and with the audience.

Daring

She began with scenes from 'Hamlet' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and swept straight into Mum from Alan Brown's 'Wheelchair Willie', the destitute woman living in a high-rise council flat. It was a daring start to a brilliant evening.

She was strongly supported by her co-stars. Terry Taplin doubled as Demetrius and Lysander in a piece from Shakespeare which they had done together for the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1971.

Malcolm Tierney was her Dr Feldman in 'Duet for One' and once again showed his quiet strength in asserting his characters; Gwen Taylor's timing and ice-cracking inflections as the other sister in Catherine Hayes' 'Skirmishes' were top class; while Ian Charleson as Jim Tyrone in 'A Moon for the Misbegotten' showed that he is unmistakably one of the finest actors around.

The 'find' of the evening was undoubtedly John Conteh, making his first stage appearance. He played Giovanni in an hilarious excerpt from Dario Fo's political farce 'We Can't Pay, We Won't Pay'.

The former world light heavyweight champion entered the ring at the Young Vic to regain his title as one of the most good-hearted and sincere people in the entertainments industry. But instead of having his brains beaten out, this time he was expressing himself as an actor and a human being.

It was great knockabout stuff and he deserves to find a professional future in the theatre, television or films.

● A generous collection for the News Line raised £234.45.

Top: Frances de la Tour and John Conteh in a scene from 'We Can't Pay, We Won't Pay' performed at the Young Vic theatre on Monday night . . . and with Ian Charleson (above) in an excerpt from Eugene O'Neill's 'A Moon for the Misbegotten'

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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Harsh reality sharpens fight

SIMON VEVERS REPORTS FROM THE NORTH EAST

THE knowledge that they are in a life-and-death struggle has fuelled the militancy of miners and their families in the north east.

Lose the fight for jobs and they know that the Durham and Northumberland coalfields, which once boasted over 200 pits, would be reduced to just four and whole communities would be wiped out.

That was the grim reality spelt out in a leaked confidential document drawn up by the NCB, which was exposed two weeks ago by NUM president Arthur Scargill.

In a key section of the document the NCB states that it anticipates 'major industrial relations problems related to closure and rundown at the large collieries, particularly Hawthorn'.

Compulsory

Tom Wilson, a striker at Murton pit near Durham, which is part of the Hawthorn complex, told News Line: 'We believe that means one thing only — the Board intends to go for compulsory redundancies.'

The document is riddled with contradictions. In another section it says that at Dawdon pit 'the longer-term future of the colliery depends on the workability of Zone 29, where seams are steeply inclined. **Area are not currently optimistic on the colliery continuing after 1996'.**

Only a few lines above this Dawdon is listed to close — in the year 2000!

Murton miner Michael Rooney reckons that the fear that pit communities will be laid waste like the steel town of Consett has helped boost support for the NUM.

Connection

'People realise that it's the same man at work and make the connection very easily.'

Earlier in the strike Rooney took part in the North East Miners' March for Jobs from Ellington in Northumberland to the giant Mansfield demonstration.

He said: 'The march helped to make contacts with other areas of the NUM and from that we established links with other unions.

'But I do think it's time the promises we've had from the trade union movement were turned into positive action.'

For Wilson that means a General Strike. 'The promises we got from the TUC just haven't been carried out. The T&GWU drivers are still going through our picket lines. If they came out we wouldn't have to waste sending pickets to some places.

'I'd like to see everyone out in a General Strike. I've worked at Murton 18 years, lived all my life in this village and my father before me. I'm not prepared to see it turned into a ghost town.

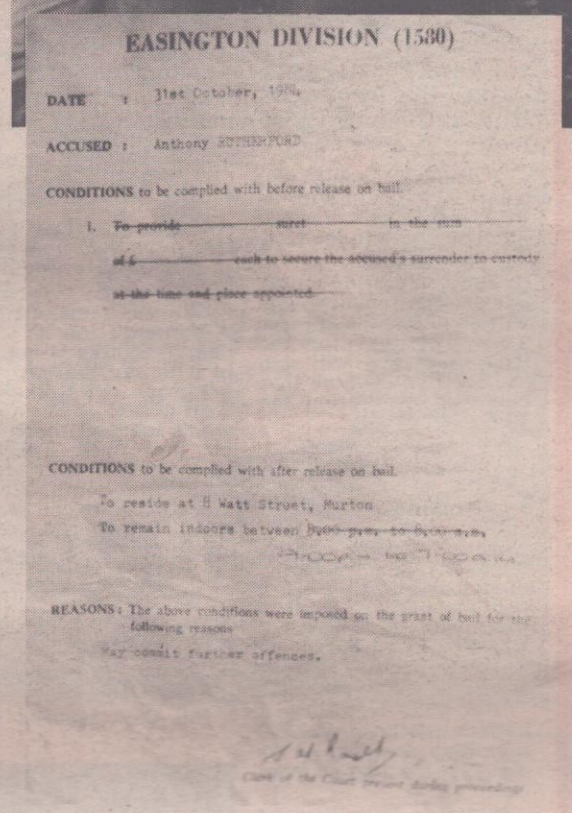
'We passed Consett coming back from picketing the other day. It's been completely flattened now and has trees growing over it.'

Both Rooney and Wilson were ordered to reside at their homes and keep away from Wearmouth colliery after being arrested there in August. Their claim for legal aid is currently subject to a judicial review.

Arrest

● THERE was one arrest when 400 pickets tried to prevent four scabs getting into Murton pit early yesterday. The biggest scab-herding operation took place at the Tursdale workshops, where a total of 127 blacklegs were taken in in armoured buses.

A large coal truck was pushed behind the main gates at Westoe colliery to prevent scabs getting in, but none showed up.



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Above: Anthony Rutherford, John Hemmingway, John Robson and Robert Howe show their bail conditions. Left: Anthony Rutherford's bail notice

Bail terms like jail

'WE MIGHT just as well be living in Chile or under any other dictatorship,' said **Murton miner Anthony Rutherford.**

He was describing the curfew imposed on him and other young miners by local magistrates which means they are banned from leaving their homes between 9p.m. and 7a.m.

Rutherford was held for a week in Durham jail on riot charges but, as he told News Line: 'Under these bail conditions you might just as well be inside. It's like being a prisoner in your own home. For the last three months I've had no social life and it's been difficult to get to a picket line.

'Inside Durham we were treated just like criminals. If the screws saw us standing around on the landings they told us not to form picket lines and called us "Scargill's men".'

John Hemmingway, also from Murton, said: 'It may have been only one week, but it was the longest in my life. We were locked up for 23½ hours a day with only a short time for exercise.

Trouble

'When we've managed to get down to the picket line several times the police have pointed us out, even though we've stayed well clear of trouble, and threatened to arrest us.

'They obviously know that if they could get us, we'd be sent down straight away.'

Being treated like criminals during their fight for jobs has redoubled the determination of the young miners who form the backbone of Murton's picketing force.

Said 21-year-old **Robert Howe**, who shared his cell in Durham with a man accused of rape: 'We're guilty until proved innocent, that's what they are saying to us. When we were at the magistrate's court it was the police who were telling them what to do. They seemed to have no say.

'I never thought we'd have these bail conditions for so long. It gets on my nerves, and has created problems at home with my parents, because I'm always in the house, always under their feet. I can't face Christmas like this.

'But I'll not go back to work until we win everything, even if they do treat us like convicts. Thatcher's a dictator but she'll not break this union.'

Rutherford believes it's only a matter of time before the Tory government brings troops in to move coal form pit heads.

But as he points out: 'The army's really been in from the start, in police uniforms.

'The police are moving in, not to keep control but to take over pit villages. It's Thatcher's law, isn't it? One law for them, and another for us.'

Legal action on holiday pay

THE MINERS' union is taking legal action to secure £650 holiday pay owed to strikers which is being withheld by the Coal Board and used to bribe men back to work.

NUM president Arthur Scargill announced plans to sue the NCB when he and other union leaders addressed the third national rally in Newcastle on Sunday night.

'I've not got much faith in the judiciary but I've given instructions to our solicitors so that we can sue the Board for the money owed to our members in respect of holiday pay,' he told 2,500 miners and their wives packed into the City Hall.

Scargill repeated his rallying call to the rest of the trade union movement. 'We're asking rank-and-file trade unionists to take industrial action in support of this union and show real solidarity.'

Appealing for a 50p a week levy of all trade unionists, he added: 'Let's ask the trade union and labour movement to translate into real action the resolutions of the TUC Congress.

'We're fighting the greatest battle any trade union has ever been involved in. It stands alongside the fight of the Chartists and the Tolpuddle Martyrs as this union struggles to maintain its unity and identity.

Anne Scargill addressing the 2,500 strong Newcastle rally

'This struggle has proved a beacon, an inspiration for workers throughout Britain and all over the world. People are looking in awe at what is taking place in Britain in 1984.'

Both before, during and after his speech Scargill received rapturous applause from miners who had flocked from all parts of the Northumberland and Durham coalfields which are threatened with decimation under a new closure hit-list.

NUM vice president Mick McGahey said 81 per cent of all NCB investment was concentrated in the 'central' coalfields, such as Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire. The plan, he said, was for massive pit closures in the peripheral coalfields like the North East, Scotland and South Wales.

'They want 100 super pits employing 100,000 men producing 100 million tonnes a year. And those pits would be prime roast for privatisation — that's the Coal Board plan,' McGahey said.

He won thunderous applause when he condemned Labour leader Neil Kinnock and TUC chairmen Jack Eccles for their attacks on the NUM.

Anne Scargill, wife of the NUM president, said the growth of women's support groups had shown that 'women recognise that this strike is their fight, that this struggle against pit closures is theirs, too'.

NUPE general secretary Rodney Bickerstaffe, speaking also on behalf of the TUC, told the rally: 'The TUC supports the miners and the NUM's fight for jobs and mining communities.

'Let that message go to the government, the media and to those in the labour and trade union movement who are equivocating and are a bit shaky at the moment.'

He added: 'They may have sunk the "Belgrano" but they will never, ever sink the NUM. I'm with you, NUPE's with you and the rest of the trade union movement is with you.'

Other speakers included NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield, shadow-cabinet minister Robin Cook, parliamentary Labour Party chairman Jack Dormand and Labour Party general secretary Jim Mortimer.

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Once again – Mr Reid and the Communist Party

WE SALUTE the printers at the Glasgow 'Daily Record' who halted production for three hours in protest against the latest attack on the miners from columnist Mr Jimmy Reid.

Editions only rolled off the presses after management agreed to insert a statement putting the views of the machine room union chapels.

The stoppage began on Sunday night after SOGAT '82 members saw proofs of the ex-Communist Party executive member's article for the 'Daily Record', now owned by millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell.

Under the headline 'Miners' dispute' the union's page two statement said: 'The Daily Record's machine room chapel held a meeting last night and dissociated themselves from the Jimmy Reid article which appears on page eleven of today's paper. The chapels say they have consistently supported the miners both financially and morally throughout the dispute and will continue to do so.'

The former secretary of the Scottish Communist Party wrote in his column: 'The NUM cannot win this strike because Arthur Scargill has defined victory in terms which no government no matter its politics could ever concede.' It could have come from a hand-out from Tory Central Office or the Coal Board.

He pursued the foul line of argument that the miners' strike represents a threat to the Labour Party's political levy from the unions.

'It is a helluva price to pay for one man's absurdity, and for the craven acquiescence of others,' said Reid, whose attack continued in bold type: **'Reject his Impossibilist approach. Get back to the negotiating table. Grab what's on offer.'**

Naturally, Reid concluded with a favourable mention for Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock.

A print worker at the 'Daily Record' summed up the men's attitude when he said: 'We felt it was the last straw, especially as the article coincided with a crucial time for the miners with the government trying to break the strike.

'There is genuine disgust at Reid. Not just on this occasion but at his whole series of articles attacking the miners' strike and the NUM leadership.'

Since the strike began Reid has condemned the NUM for failing to submit to the Tory blackmail to hold a national ballot; attacked the union for alleged 'violent picketing'; called Arthur Scargill a 'war lord' and 'Barnsley's Lenin'; and endorsed scabbing by saying that there has never been a national vote on the strike.

His anti-NUM attacks have earned him high-paid columns in 'The Observer' owned by Lonrho's Mr Tiny Rowland, the ultra-Tory 'Spectator' and the SDP house organ, 'The Guardian'. He also received praise at the Tory Party conference in Brighton from the author of the Tory anti-union laws, Norman Tebbit.

The print unions have now acted against the scabby behaviour of Mr Reid, but not the Communist Party. The national leadership in London and the district leadership in Glasgow have been absolutely silent about his filthy attacks on miners' president Arthur Scargill and the NUM itself.

Why is this? Mick McGahey is on the executive committee of the Communist Party while George Bolton is party chairman. They are president and vice president respectively of the Scottish NUM. When are they going to publicly defend their union from the scurrilous attacks of Reid?

If they continue to evade this clear political responsibility, can we assume that there are people at the top of the Communist Party who sympathise with his strike-breaking views?

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ALL TUC MEMBERS MUST BACK MINERS

Taff Merthyr Secretary

AFTER 35 weeks of a miners' strike, the trade union movement should be showing its support with its feet, Gwyn Williams, NUM lodge secretary at Taff Merthyr, told News Line.

'As a whole, the trade union movement has given us tremendous support. They have not allowed the government and the Coal Board to starve us back to work. But after nine months of strike, the longest in the union's history, the trade union movement should be talking with its feet.

BY BEN RUDDER

'I believe people will start to come out with us if, as we expect, the dispute goes on into the New Year.

'There are trade unionists in this country who will say that the miners have been out for too long. And they will join us. But I don't think that call will come from the TUC.

Change

'I would like to see (TUC general secretary Norman) Willis recommend the General Strike in support of the miners, but for that there needs to be a change on the TUC which may not happen until September next year.

'But what we want is a national strike of all TUC members, and not just for a day. It must be an indefinite strike.'

Williams is critical of the TUC's failure to stand by the 1982 Wembley Conference decision to fight the anti-union laws.

All that came from the TUC was a fund to pay off sequestration under the Act. 'The TUC has been far from militant. It is controlled by moderates. And those like Terry Duffy have effectively accepted the anti-union laws by allowing the government to pay for postal ballots in their unions.

'The right wing still have a monopoly on the TUC and they have juggled the rules to get their appointees delegated, just like the Tories have juggled the constituency boundaries.'

Williams was also dissatisfied with the role of Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock. 'Locally the Labour Party has given us support, and the local leaders have also helped us. But Kinnock's action leaves a lot to be desired.

Rallies

'Take the question of his not appearing at our rallies. He has just run away from them. He can't commit himself, and although the national executive are the ones who have the power to tell him he must support the miners, he has shut the door on them.'

Welsh miners were very unhappy with suggestions that the NUM should accept the so-called deal worked out between the Coal Board and the NACODS deputies' union.

'We've seen all the documentation of that deal and there is nothing in it to say that our pits are safe. Pits like Six Bells and Abernant, which are threatened, are not mentioned. There is no security in their agreement for South Wales, and no way we can accept their terms.

'While it is coming up to the most costly part of the year, our men are determined that the only time they will go back to work is on our union's terms and not the terms agreed by NACODS.

'All they secured was their wages. They didn't concern themselves with the future of the industry and the communities they live in. I wouldn't be surprised if they were offered other terms of pay and jobs much better than we are hoping for. There were too many candle-light meetings.'

GWYN WILLIAMS . . . Taff Merthyr lodge secretary

Williams said that children in the village had already been told that Christmas this year would not produce as many presents as normal. 'But they will certainly get a Christmas they will remember with the miners,' he said.

He was also bitter about the cynical way the Coal Board are offering holiday pay and back pay — owed to the miners since August — shortly before Christmas.

'They say they are compassionate, but why didn't they pay it out in August? In fact, any man who returns to work is selling himself £23 short of the £70 Christmas bonus he is entitled to. We are not selling ourselves for anything.'

Costs

He added: 'The government is not concerned what it costs them to beat the union. She has decided she will never put herself in the same position as Ted Heath in 1974.

'But we defeated the Tory government then and she is determined that the country will go to the wall before she gives in to the miners. That is why the rest of the trade union movement must come out and join us in this battle.'

Pickets at Nantgarw colliery, South Wales, fighting for jobs and their community

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS

ets at the Taff Merthyr colliery in South Wales yesterday

NORTH WEST

Courts warn young miners for picketing

PAUL FAHEY is a 19-year-old picket at Sutton Manor colliery in St Helens. He was arrested in September while carrying out a policeman's instruction to move away from the pit gate.

Last Friday he was acquitted at St Helen's magistrates court on a breach of the peace charge: the stipendiary magistrate commenting that the prosecution's evidence was 'not up to much'.

However, after leaving the court he, and his two witnesses were called back into the court before the same magistrate. They were warned they would be arrested for contempt if they refused.

All three were then bound over to keep the peace for 12 months in a sum of £250 under a 1361 statute originally intended for domestic squabbles amongst the peasantry.

Paul told News Line: 'This will not keep me off the picket line. They are trying to prevent our fight for jobs. This is only the tip of the Tory government.

'They are trying to make witnesses scared to come forward. The whole thing encroaches on our civil liberties. If they get away with it they will try it on more. It's disgusting.'

Picket to support power workers

FOUR hundred trade unionists held a mass picket at the West Thurrock power station in Essex early yesterday in support of the Kent miners.

Last week the Thurrock station was forced off the national grid supply service to the Central Electricity Generating Board as workers took action in support of the NUM strike.

Speakers at yesterday's mass picket included seaman's union leader Sam McCluskey, Jack Dromey, of the South-East Region TUC and John Moyle of Kent NUM.

They were joined by Emile Bruls, an organiser of the Amsterdam miners' support group which is campaigning in Holland for food.

The Dutch group also supplied information to the NUM about the arrival of the 'Ostia' at Hunterston three months ago.

Peter Nee, chairman of the union side of the works committee at West Thurrock generating station told News Line: 'The bulk of union members in this power station — that is everyone except the EETPU — T&GWU, GMBATU and AUEW are carrying out the decisions of the Brighton TUC to support the NUM by not bringing in any other fuel to substitute for coal or any scab coal.

'Nearby Littlebrook station which is oil-fired and less efficient is being used at full pelt to take the pressure off us.

'But we probably have only about one month's coal left before we start hitting problems.'

Nee said he welcomed the NUM rally at the gate 'because it gives us the opportunity to demonstrate publicly our support for the miners'.

Kent miner Brian Jones from Betteshanger said: 'The mass demonstration is called in support of the power workers not handling oil or coal.'

'So-called drift back will make us stronger not weaker'

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

NANTGARW

THE one scab at Nantgarw, south Wales went home last Friday, and said he would not return after an hour alone at the pit having failed throughout the week to get a 'back-to-work' movement going there.

Badly shaken, he made his decision after witnessing running battles between pickets and police outside the pit gate. The private taxi which took Michael Newman to work from Cardiff got away by a close shave.

Anger

The pickets directed their feelings against the taxi company, showing their anger and frustration against the big business backing that the very few number of scabs are receiving.

David Ward, said: 'Nantgarw is as solid as it was on the first day. It was only this one and he's from a Tory area in Cardiff.

I'm glad he's come out. It will stop the drift back and counter the propaganda on TV we've had throughout the week about the money we are supposed to be getting if we return.

'It's only our entitlement. It's holiday pay which is owed to us. This so-called drift back will make us stronger, not weaker. It makes us more determined to stay out now than we ever were.

'I was transferred from Lewis Merthyr to Nantgarw a year last June. And before that from Ty-Mawr to Lewis Merthyr. If they close Nantgarw where do we go from here?

'We were promised ten year's work at Lewis Merthyr and said our future was there.

'When they wanted to close Lewis Merthyr they said "go to a pit where you can get more bonus and better conditions", but we are not earning as much here as we were at Lewis Merthyr.

'It's not only the industry, it's the community which will suffer. We are supposed to be guaranteed jobs, but you can only go so far before the jobs go altogether.'

Jeff Hutchings, also from Nantgarw, said: 'It's getting more like a police state every day. You've seen the proof here this morning.'

Intimidation

'Why have they got this strength here?,' he said about the police operation.

'It's intimidation. The country's money is being wasted on the policing. They should put it where it can be put to good use.

'Instead of creating jobs, they're putting the whole country on an ash-tip of unemployment.'

Sneaky strike breaking

THE POLISH government is duping its workers that strike-breaking coal bound for Britain is headed for Italy. And the Tory regime is 'sneaking in' the coal, from Poland, South Africa and the United States, on a number of 'nondescript boats called coasters', 'Newsweek' said in its latest issue published yesterday.

SOUTH EAST

Mass picket outside West Thurrock power station yesterday where power workers nave blacked oil and scab coal in support of the miners

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Welbeck families defiant despite hardship

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

STRIKERS in Nottinghamshire had their union funds 'sequestrated' months ago. Not by a Tory judge sitting in the High Court — but by scab union officials who have since become Mrs Thatcher's heroes.

As a result hardship has been intense, but that has not shaken or broken the determination of strikers and their families to remain out until victory is secured.

That will to win is typified by youth like Richard Bennett, known as 'Ben' by his fellow pickets. He is the only apprentice on strike at Welbeck colliery.

'The reason I'm out is simple,' he told News Line. 'What's the use of me having an apprenticeship if in ten years' time they close the pit and I'm thrown on the dole?

'It's then that I'll need a job most because I'll probably have a family and house. How could I afford them if I'm out of work?'

Anxious

There are about 160 men still out at Welbeck. At one time there were considerably more, but local branch officials who briefly joined the strike soon went back, more anxious to cling to their union positions than to stick to principles.

But striker Ralph King says that they were given a salutory lesson when they crawled back. 'The management told one of them: "We are the union here now",' he said.

When the pickets go out to enjoy a pint on Monday nights, the pub is divided between strikers and scabs.

Said King: 'They won't talk to us because they think we'll be embarrassed. But we've got nothing to be embarrassed about. It's them that have to hang their heads in shame.'

Like other Welbeck pickets, King helps to maintain strikers and their families by going logging to provide fuel.

Weekend working has been resumed at Welbeck in direct breach of the NUM's 12-month overtime ban.

Steve Clews said: 'There can't be a union in there now. How can there be? Those people are going through picket lines.

'I believe Thatcher wants unions like the electricians, whose leader Eric Hammond is willing to speak to the CBI.'

Clews said recent issues of the NCB's rag 'Coal News' had inadvertently exposed chairman Ian MacGregor's promise of no compulsory redundancies as a cruel fraud.

Clews explained: 'If you read the small print inside, the NCB says "we hope" that there will be no compulsory redundancies. In other words they are thinking about it.

'We've stayed out because we believe — and we know — that we're right. That's what it comes down to in the end.

'But it's not just about pit closures. We've had the government, the police and the courts as well as the NCB against us. Thatcher wants to break our union and it's about time all workers realised this and came out in support of us.'

Chris Brown agrees. 'I think we've been let down badly by the TUC. But support has come from the rank and file,' he said.

Brown, who like many strikers has been sacked, said he returned from the NUM's Sheffield rally with his morale boosted. 'I was pleased to hear from Arthur Scargill's lips that I'm going to get my job back, that there will be no return to work until we are all reinstated.'

Welbeck miners' and their families are as determined as ever to remain out until victory is secured

Miners' wives prepare main meals at a local school for the miners and their families

Wives win canteen

FOR seven long months wives of miners at Welbeck waged a tenacious battle to establish a canteen to provide meals for the strikers and their families.

Having to contend with hostility from local authority leaders, scab union officials and the police, they had doors slammed in their faces on many occasions.

Finally, in September, with many families facing starvation, they decided to take direct action. They occupied the village hall, declaring that they would not budge until they were given premises.

The sit-in went on for four-and-a-half days as they argued their case with the local council. Eventually they were given the use of the local school from 4p.m. in the afternoon.

Several weeks later the canteen is in full swing, supplying up to 200 meals a day.

Margaret Graham, a member of the women's action group, said a 12-member committee was responsible for running the kitchen and many other activities to assist miners' families.

She had just returned from another highly-successful fund-raising trip to London. 'We've had great support down there from local Labour Parties and especially students.

I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would be doing all the things I'm doing now like speaking at meetings and so on.

'A few weeks ago we went to Holland with a party of kids. It was a holiday donated by the Dutch people and it was a great success.'

Margaret said that before the dispute she respected the police. 'Not now,' she added, 'never again. Not after what I've seen them do on picket lines.

'I've changed in many ways over the last nine months. I have lost some friends, but I've also found some new ones.

'I've also learnt about things like Greenham Common and the issue of nuclear power. Before I didn't know what they were shouting about.'

NO TO NCB'S 'JUDAS' MONEY

WELBECK striker John Downer never considered accepting the NCB's 'Judas' money.

'For one thing it's our holiday pay that we're owed anyway, and apart from that, I believe they could do a Cortonwood here and close us down,' he told News Line.

For Downer, married with four children, the nine-month strike — the first he has ever been involved in — has been worth all the sacrifice.

'I'm a member of the NUM and I'd feel I was letting down the lads at Cortonwood whom we've had close links with during the strike if I went back now.'

Posters

In the street where Downer and his family live, the strikers have put up posters in their windows declaring their continued support for the struggle for jobs.

The posters are also a constant reminder to the scabs that the fight will go on despite their treachery.

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News Line Science News

A weekly feature compiled by Ben Rudder

7,000-year-old remains found

ARCHAEOLOGISTS from the Florida State University are draining and excavating a shallow pond that may contain the 7,000-year-old remains of up to 200 prehistoric men and women.

Team leader Glen Doran said Florida is the only place in North America where burial ponds have been found and he knows of no confirmed burial ponds elsewhere in the world.

Boon

This method of disposing of the dead is a boon to scientists investigating how people lived thousands of years ago. 'The ponds preserve skeletal remains. There's no wave action and oxidation is very low,' said Doran.

The site at Titusville, on the Atlantic coast, was discovered when construction workers building a road through swampland at the edge of the pond found two long piles of human bones.

After police checked to ensure the bones were not those of a modern murder victim the construction company invited scientists to work at the site.

One set of bones belonging to an adult male who probably stood five feet six inches tall has already been analysed by radio carbon dating which showed he died about 7,350 years ago.

Radio carbon dating is both expensive and destructive, costing about $450 to analyse a half-pound sample of bone which is destroyed in the process.

Doran said he hoped to be able to use another process of dating, called amino acid recemetisation, which is cheaper and less destructive, using only about a gram of material at a time.

Diet

From bone analysis the team are hoping to discover details of the people's diet, what diseases affected them and the proportion of males to females.

Pitting around the eyesockets of skulls, for example, would indicate they were suffering from stress due to famine or malnutrition, Doran said.

Tools

In addition to human bones 'we anticipate finding wooden tools and tools made from animal bones and perhaps animals ceremonially buried with the people,' Doran said.

The team will also excavate a nearby group of oak trees, hoping it will prove to be the archaic people's habitation site.

'If our expectations are met we should be able to do a fairly good reconstruction of what life was like at that place and time,' he added.

They lived by hunting game and gathering wild vegetation. 'Were they focusing on deer, rabbits or fish? What kind of plants were they gathering? We hope to answer these questions,' said Doran.

'Pete Marsh' — the Iron Age man

Body scan for peat bog man

'PETE MARSH', the prehistoric murder victim found in a Cheshire peat bog, is to be examined by Scotland Yard forensic experts.

His preserved body was discovered with a garotting sinew still twisted around his neck and archaeologists have since discovered that his throat had been cut and skull broken.

Remains of his last meal have been found in his stomach using a £1 million magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine.

Technicians at Picker International in Wembley put the body into an MRI scanner and now have 'pictures' of Pete which will be evaluated over the next six months.

Radio carbon dating has shown that he lived about 2,500 years ago between the Bronze and Iron Age.

Dr Ian Stead, deputy keeper of the Department of Prehistoric and Romano British Antiquities at the British Museum, said: 'It seems it will be possible to tell what Pete's last meal was, but that will take a botanist about six months' full-time work.

Reason

'We hope our investigations will tell us much more about the diet at the time Pete died and will lead us to a reason for his death.'

Devastation — an earthquake in Nicaragua

Earthquake warnings

SOVIET scientists believe they have found a new way of predicting earthquakes by measuring the chemical make-up of escaping gases and underground water.

The official news agency TASS said that warnings of an earthquake within seven to ten days can be detected by a sudden rise in the concentration of the gaseous element helium in underground water.

A more accurate indication is then obtained by testing for mercury vapour in the gases which issue from cracks in the earth in seismically active regions.

The mercury level soars by up to 100 times average readings when an earthquake is due in one or two days, the scientists said.

The method has given particularly accurate results in Tadzhikistan, a central Asian region hit by two fairly strong earth tremors in the last fortnight, they added.

Public relations stunt

RECHEM International, the waste disposal firm, has appointed a full-time community relations officer at their plant in Pontypool, Gwent, where drums of highly toxic material are burned.

The appointment, together with a promise to make information about the plant more readily available, has been made in order to allay local residents' fears about harmful effects on health and the environment.

Local residents, backed by several Labour MPs, have been waging a determined campaign to prevent the handling of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB), which can form cancer-producing dioxins if burned at too low a temperature.

Closure

Following the closure last month of Rechem's other plant at Bonnybridge, Scotland where workers refused to deal with PCB, it is expected that more of the material will now be transferred to Pontypool.

Rechem's managing director Dr Arthur Coleman said the company was committed to being 'open and frank' about its operations and residents and community leaders would be invited to air their grievances.

A senior executive, Allan Woods, was appointed as community relations officer to convince people the incineration plant was safe and posed no threat to human or animal health, said Coleman.

He said Rechem had been given a complete clean bill of health by the Welsh Office which had cleared the company of any blame related to cattle illness six miles from the plant.

The company's announcement followed residents' disappointment that Rechem is to boycott a public meeting called later this month to air opinions about the plant.

Mrs Edna Pugh, chairman of a Local Environmental Protection Association, denied the firm's claim that 'vociferous troublemakers' would attend the meeting.

Acid rain danger grows

ACID rain and other pollutants are threatening Europe's ecological survival, according to Swedish environmental expert Mats Segnestam.

Segnestam told the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Madrid that 60 tonnes of acid deposits fall on Europe every minute.

He said the main danger was from two sources — acid rain and air pollution from factories and motor vehicles.

Segnestam said that at least 18,000 of Sweden's 85,000 lakes have been acidified and all fish in a 5,051 square mile area of south Norway had died.

Similar acid levels had hit Finland and central Europe and environmental pollution had damaged at least half of West Germany's forests.

Segnestam said there was a terrifying possibility Europe's ecological system could change completely, causing the death of plants, animals, soil erosion and climatic disturbances.

To prevent this, emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons should be cut by at least 50 per cent by 1990.

As part of the growing concern over environmental pollution in West Germany, 20,000 people took part in a 'Save the Forest' demonstration last weekend.

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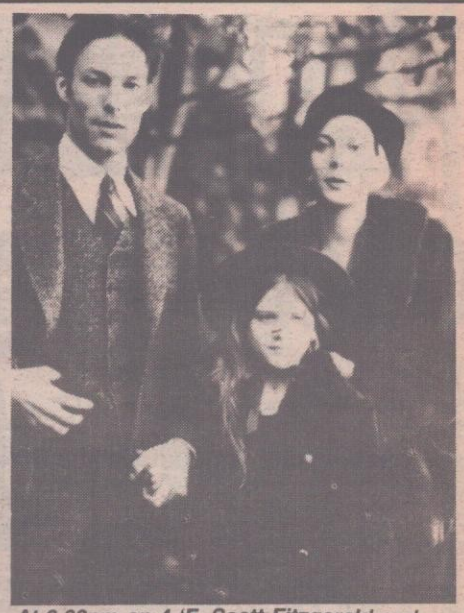
TODAY'S TV AND RADIO

'Terra Nova' at 9.25pm on BBC1, a play based on Scott's ill-fated Antartic expedition



At 9.00pm on 4 'F. Scott Fitzgerald and "The Last of the Southern Belles"

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6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. 9.10 Mastermind. 9.45 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London ⅞ SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. 2.00 Under Sail. 2.15 Star Movie: Olivia de Haviland in ***Government Girl*** (1943) with Sonny Tuffs and Agnes Moorehead. 3.48 Regional News for England (except London). 3.50 Playschool: It's Tuesday. 4.10 Wacky Races. 4.20 The Sheep-Pig. 4.35 Captain Caveman. 4.45 So You Want To Be Top. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Star Trek. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 THE DISTRICT NURSE Nerys Hughes as nurse Megan Roberts

7.25 THAT'S FAMILY LIFE presented by Esther Rantzen

8.10 CAGNEY AND LACEY ***Fathers and Daughters*** Cagney and Lacey look into a sordid family affair

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 TERRA NOVA by Ted Tally, adapted for television. An exploration of endurance — Michael N Harbour as Capt Scott and Richard Durden as Oates

11.00 THE OTHER HALF First of six love stories about people in the public eye and their partners, with John Pitman. ***John and Miriam*** (Regional variations)

11.28 News Headlines; Weatherman

11.30 CLAIRE RAYNER'S CASEBOOK

11.55 Weatherman

BBC WALES: 5.10 Gloria. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Tomorrow's World. 11.00 Music Makers. 11.45 Claire Rayner's Casebook. 12.10 News Headlines, Weather; Close.

BBC2

9.00-3.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.00 Shakespeare in Perspective. 9.26 Twentieth Century History. 9.48 Mathscore One. 10.10 Look and Read. 10.35 Update USA. 11.00 Watch. 11.17 English 11-13. 11.40 Job Bank. 12.00 Year of the French. 12.30 Pages from Ceefax. 1.00 Maths Help. 1.15 Science Topics. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 You and Me. 2.15 Near and Far. 2.40 Junior Craft, Design and Technology. 3.10 The Shogun Inheritance. 3.50 The Rotten World About Us. 4.40 One Man and His Dog. 5.20 Cartoon Time.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; weather

5.30 TRAVELLERS IN TIME Duncan Carse introduces the second of six films of early exploration ***Across Darkest Africa (1924)***

6.00 THE ROCKFORD FILES With James Garner as private eye Jim Rockford in ***The Trouble With Warren***

6.50 TEX AVERY CARTOON

7.00 ROWAN AND MARTIN'S LAUGH-IN

7.30 WHISTLE TEST Pop news, views and videos, with Mark Ellen, David Hepworth and Andy Kershaw

8.30 TOP GEAR Weekly motoring magazine tonight feature reports from the Turin Motor Show

9.00 FILM: ***The Seduction of Joe Tynan*** (1979) with Alan Alda, Barbara Harris and Meryl Streep. Alan Alda is the politician who is caught between the seductions of a political career (which include Meryl Streep) and his family back home in Westchester, New York

10.45 NEWSNIGHT

11.30 BUONGIORNO ITALIA!

12.00 Close

CHANNEL 4

2.30 MARIA MARTEN, OR, THE MURDER IN THE RED BARN (1935) Blood and thunder melodrama with Tod Slaughter as a villainous village squire who murders his discarded mistress and buries her body in a barn

3.45 YEARS AHEAD Robert Dougall looks at prison visitors, gardening and DIY

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE HUMAN JUNGLE ***Fourteen Ghosts*** Herbert Lom as the psychiatrist Dr Roger Corder helps the wife of an overbearing high court judge caught shoplifting, but finds that it is her husband that needs help

6.00 THE AVENGERS ***The Gravediggers*** The avenging duo Patrick MacNee and Diana Rigg are called to investigate when the early-warning radar system develops a fault

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Edward Lucas, LSE students union secretary; followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 4 WHAT IT'S WORTH

9.00 F SCOTT FITZGERALD AND THE LAST OF THE BELLES (TVM 1974) Richard Chamberlain and Blythe Danner play Fitzgerald and Zelda in the story of their life in 1928, interwoven with a dramatisation of one of his stories

10.50 HERE AND NOW ON 4 ***Palace on Wheels*** Hilary Minster takes a seven-day trip round Rajasthan in NW India

11.30 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS ***Cream of the Jest*** Claude Rains plays a drunken actor whose attempts to blackmail an old playwright friend into giving him a part in a play backfires

12.00 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.05 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Gemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News at 5.45.

6.00 THAMES NEWS

6.20 HELP!

6.30 CROSSROADS

6.55 REPORTING LONDON

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE Michael Parkinson hosts another round of celebrity charades with team captains Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair

8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT Music and chat from Des O'Connor and his guests who tonight include American singer Andy Williams

9.00 THE BILL ***It's Not Such a Bad Job After All***

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

10.30 TOO LONG A SACRIFICE Documentary looking at Protestant and Catholics communities living in the rural areas of the north of Ireland

12.05 POOR BILLY RENDER A small-time crook escapes from jail. Was he planning to do a job or was he sprung deliberately to end up floating in the Thames?

12.30 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 Three Little Words. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS The lastest news from around the North West

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE The popular mime show chaired by Michael Parkinson with team captains Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair

8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT Des O'Connor and his big-name guests blend comedy, chat, music and surprises

9.00 THE BILL ***It's Not Such a Bad Job After All*** Another day in the life of Sun Hill police station in London's East End

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 TOO LONG A SACRIFICE Ordinary men and women in rural areas of Northern Ireland tell of the effects the troubles there have had on their lives

12.05 SHORT STORY THEATRE ***Anteus*** A young boy moves from the countryside to the city but misses greatly the greenery of his former home

12.35 Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Daearyddiaeth. 3.10 Film: *The Love Match*. 4.55 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Superted. 5.05 Bilidowcar. 5.35 Project UFO. 6.30 Larwm. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Jambo Bwana. 8.05 St Elsewhere. 9.05 Y Cadridog. 10.35 Muck and Brass. 11.35 The Eleventh Hour: Nothing Personal Decent Exposure. 12.45 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Too Long a Sacrifice. 12.05 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Too Long a Sacrifice. 12.05 Struggle. 12.35 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Calender Tuesday. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Too Long a Sacrifice. 12.05 The Jazz Life. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sea in Their Blood. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Televiews. 6.30 Robinson Country. 7.00 The Bounder. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Too Long a Sacrifice. 12.05 Postscript; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Too Long a Sacrifice. 12.05 Profiles in Rock. 12.35 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Too Long a Sacrifice. 12.05 The Adventurer. 12.35 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six. 12.05-12.35 Championship Pool.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Cartoon Time. 12.30 Gardens for All. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News and Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road; Anglia News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bygones. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News and Weather. 10.30 Too Long a Sacrifice. 12.05 Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

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).

2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Russell Harty (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 The American Popular Song (S). 9.00 Danish Radio Big Band (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 On Cue. 10.30 Rolf's Walkabout. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Percy Grainger, Vaughan Williams, Mozart. Stravinsky (8.00 News) Fauré, Louis Marchand, Haydn. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S) Villa-Lobos and Ginastera Villa-Lobos. 10.00 Cantelli Conducts (S) Ravel, Debussy. 10.45 BBC Singers at Abingdon (S) Cornelius, Poulenc, Tippett. 11.25 Neill Sanders Horn Trio (S) Brahms, Schubert, Don Banks. 12.20 Norwegian Chamber Orchestra (S) Mozart, Greig (1.00-1.05 News) Wiren, Neilsen. 1.40 Guitar Encores(S) Luis de Narvaez, Sor, Bach trans. Barbosa-Lima, Francisco Mignone, Isaias Savio. 2.10 Sounds of Finland (S). 4.00 Eric Parkin (S) Schumann, Poulenc, Bax. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Portuguese Polyphony (S) Manuel Cardoso. 7.10 Scottish Season: 'St Andrews' (S). 7.30 Piramo E Tisbe (S) Johann Adolph (8.20-8.40 A Memorable Scene). 9.30 Whispers of the Holocaust. 10.00 Magnum Opus (S) Mike Westbrook. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's 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 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. 10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Morning Story: *Going Home*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Law in Action. 11.30 Wildlife. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Yes Minister (S). 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) *Hello Out There*. 4.00 News; Vintage Cider. 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 Anything Legal. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 File on 4. 8.00 Medicine Now. 8.30 The Living World. 9.00 In Touch. 9.30 Gemmell's Gardens. 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.

Winning Post

Observe-Francome — cream of Devon

OBSERVE (1.45) and John Francome should attract a big crowd to **DEVON** tomorrow for the inaugural running of the Magnetopulse Duchy of Cornwall Cup Chase.

The race, sponsored by manufacturers of the magnetic therapy system for treating horse injuries, should not prove too troublesome for Fred Winter's eight-year-old, impressive when beating The Mighty Mac on his reappearance at Newbury.

Francome will have good cause to remember Observe, when, as expected, the champion jockey retires at the end of this season.

Observe was the horse who put Francome's name in the record books after the Sidbury Handicap Chase at Worcester last February. That was Francome's 1,000th winner, and he went on to beat Stan Mellor's all-time record total of 1,035 successes before the end of the season.

A winner three times last season, Observe was also the horse who caused Francome a great deal of aggravation.

In his frequent clashes with the stewards last year, Francome was disciplined five times for riding offences, two involving Observe.

Fined £75 for failing to ride out Observe at Newbury, Francome was later fined the same amount for 'improper' use of the whip on the same horse when he beat Silver Buck in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow.

Whatever his faults, Observe is a horse of real class and with race conditions very much in his favour, is impossible to oppose.

Broad Hinton trainer, Jeff King produced a useful winner with Joy Ride at Windsor on Saturday, and the stable should continue on the winning trail with **End Of The Road (2.15)** in the Tote Four-Year-Old Hurdle at Devon.

End Of The Road put in a good performance when winning by a head at Chepstow last time, and could follow up at the expense of Our White Hart.

At **Hereford** the clash between **Gaye Chance** and The Tsarevich makes the Opella Tap Chase a fascinating prospect.

Gaye Chance won the Rendlesham Hurdle at Cheltenham last season, but is also very useful over fences.

The Tsarevich is also an excellent jumper, but Gaye Chance just gets the vote.

Others worth support on a tricky-looking card should be **Lonach (1.00)** in the Lugg Novice Hurdle, and **Ragged Robin (2.30)** in the Malden Timber Novice Hurdle Qualifier.

■ SELECTIONS ■

DEVON

12.45 Tropical Mist, 1.15 Ab Dabh, 1.45 Observe, 2.15 End Of The Road (Nap), 2.45 Dargai, 3.15 Meister.

HEREFORD

1.00 Lonach, 1.30 Western Rose, 2.00 Gaye Chance, 2.30 Ragged Robin, 3.00 Parish Rigged, 3.30 County Player.

HEREFORD (NH)

1.00 LUGG NOVICE HURDLE £800
2m 4f (18 runners)

1 0/00-01 **LONACH** G Balding 6 11 10 ... R Linley
3 U/24431 **PRINCESS HECATE** P Davis 9 11 5 ... P Nicholls
4 0-F0 **AL SANDRO** P A Pritchard 5 11 0 ... P Dever (4)
6 **ASHCOMBE** T S Bulgin 5 11 0 ... J Lovejoy
8 0/22 **FRENCH CAPTAIN** Lady Herries 8 11 0 ... M Kinane
12 **JIMMINY QUICKIT** R Forster 6 11 0 ... H Davies
13 **KILMORE QUAY** R Brazington 6 11 0 ... C Jones
15 0 **LOLLYS PATCH** P W Harris 4 11 0 ... R Stronge
17 0-P0 **ORYX MAJOR** S Mellor 4 11 0 ... G Charles-Jones (4)
18 **PARATROOP** C Miller 6 11 0 ...
21 P **SECOND LOOK** P W Davis 7 11 0 ... A Webb
22 0 **TEXAS TURKEY (NZ)** D Barons 4 11 0 ... C Brown
25 0P- **TOMMY TROUBLE** A E Stroud 4 11 0 ... C Mann
31 **AZARA** Wm Price 4 10 9 ... N Coleman (7)
33 2023 **CASSIO LIL** D Burche'l 5 10 9 ... C Seward
34 0000/00 **CASTLE COR** M Oliver 7 10 9 ... R Crank
41 00/ **MISS FIDGET** Miss E Sneyd 6 10 9 ... I Coxp
43 02-0 **PIGLET** S Christian 5 10 9 ... W Newton (7)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Lonah, 11-4 French Captain, 4-1 Jimminy Quickit, 6-1 Princess Hecate, 8-1 Texas Turkey, 10-1 Cassio Lil, 12-1 Piglet, 20-1 others.

1.30 HEREFORD HUGH SUMNER CH'GE BOWL
£2,000 2m (6 runners)

1 20-2313 **WESTERN ROSE (D)** Mrs M Rimell 12 11 10 ... S Morshead
5 1-P333 **BRIGHT OASSIS (D)** K Bailey 8 10 13 ... Mr T Thomson Jones
6 10/300P- **JO COLOMBO (D)** Mrs W Sykes 9 10 12 ... P Scudamore
12 F03-424 **GLEN MOY (D)** M Barraclough 9 10 0 ... NON RUNNER
14 PFP/P03- **POMPOSITY (C-D)** R J Smith 7 10 0 ...
15 4U2023 **THE SURVEYOR (D)** R Hollinshead 8 10 0 ...

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Western Rose, 9-4 Bright Oassis, 6-1 The Surveyor, 16-1 Colombo and Pomposity.

2.00 OPELLA TAP CHASE (LIMITED H'CAP)
£1,500 2m 4f (6 runners)

2 242F11- **GAYE CHANCE (D)** Mrs M Rimell 9 11 7 ... S Morshead
3 12112R- **THE TSAREVICH (D)** N Henderson 8 11 7 ... J White
5 210P4P/- **ROYAL FRIEND (D)** J D Thomas 10 10 7 ... M Caswell (7)
6 42110-0 **DISHCLOTH** Lady S Brooke 10 10 7 ... J Bryan
7 4000P-0 **STORMY SPRING** Mrs S Tainton 7 10 7 ... C Smith
10 1P-4020 **CHESTNUT PRINCE** T Morton 9 10 7 ...

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Gaye Chance, 3-1 The Tsarevich, 4-1 Dishcloth, 8-1 Royal Friend, 10-1 Chestnut Prince, 12-1 Stormy Spring.

2.30 MALDEN TIMBER NOV HURDLE (QU'FIER)
£1,000 2m (15 runners)

1 3003-12 **RAGGED ROBIN** D Elsworth 4 11 5 ... C Brown
4 U **BASIL THYME** J Bradley 4 11 0 ... C Mann
6 **BLAZON** M Salaman 4 11 0 ... A Griffiths (4)
9 **HIGH LANE DAN** R Brazington 6 11 0 ... Mr T Stephenson (7)
12 2220-13 **MELDON LADY** T Hallett 6 11 0 ... B Wright
14 P **OLIVER ANTHONY** N Gaselee 4 11 0 ... D Browne
17 000- **SPERIAMO** Mrs W Sykes 5 11 0 ... S Morshead
18 4 **STAR OF ARABIA** Mrs J Pitman 5 11 0 ... Mr M Pitman (7)
19 **STRADUFF** J Cosgrave 4 11 0 ... Mr L Carenza (7)
20 000-0 **THE COBALT UNIT** Miss A L King 5 11 0 ... J Suthern
22 **APRIL GEM** D Burchell 4 10 9 ... C Seward
27 000/42-0 **MAJOR SYMPHONY** K W Dunn 6 10 9 ... Mr P Schofield (4)
28 0002-34 **MAJUBA ROAD** D Barons 4 10 9 ... H Davies
30 **RUE-THE-DAY** S T Harris 5 10 9 ... R Goldstein
31 4-P3 **SCOTTISH BAVARD** J Webber 5 10 9 ... G McCourt

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Ragged Robin, 7-2 Star of Arabia, 9-2 Meldon Lady, 6-1 Scottish Bavard, 8-1 Majuba Road, 10-1 Oliver Anthony, 12-1 Basil Thyme, 20-1 others.

3.00 ALLENSMORE NOVICE CHASE £1,500
3m 1f (13 runners)

1 000-404 **BRACKLEY (NZ)** D Barons 6 10 10 ... C Brown
2 P3F020 **CONN THE COBBLER** J Fenlon 6 10 10 ... A Webb
4 00/0-PP0 **EGGINGTON** J Parfitt 6 10 10 ... P Carvill
5 000P- **ERICA'S GENERAL** J Brooks 6 10 10 ...
7 0/0PU-PF **GENERAL SANDY** C L Popham 6 10 10 ... J Suthern
9 01000-0 **ONLY FOR LOVE** D Nicholson 5 10 10 ... P Scudamore
10 10033-F **PARISH RIGGED** T Forster 6 10 10 ... H Davies
11 034F3- **REMBER ROCK** P Bailey 6 10 10 ... S Morshead
13 00000- **TIMSUN** M McCourt 6 10 10 ... G McCourt
14 0040-3F **WISE WORDS** P Bailey 6 10 10 ...
15 FF3UF3 **FIRST AWARD** P H Duggins 6 10 5 ... N Coleman (7)
16 P/000-F **MY FLYAWAY** N Kernick 6 10 5 ... M Yeoman (7)
18 F23222- **SWIFT MESSENGER** R A Perkins 5 10 5 ... Dai Williams

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Parish Rigged, 100-30 Brackley, 9-2 Wise Words, 6-1 Only For Love, 8-1 Swift Messenger, 10-1 Remember Rock, 14-1 others.

3.30 FOWNHOPE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,500
3m 1f (17 runners)

1 1001-11 **COUNTY PLAYER (C)** Mrs S Oliver 7 11 13 ... K Burke (7)
3 0P0-430 **ROAD TO MANDALAY (BF)** D Barons 7 11 6 ... H Davies
4 02F02-0 **LORIOT** G Thorner 7 11 6 ... R Kington
5 20042/P **ROGAIRIO** P Bailey 8 11 5 ... S Morshead
9 0-01120 **BEAU WYNK (C)** B L Key 11 10 11 ... Miss D Key (7)
10 F20-441 **SHIRLEY GROVE** P Bevan 6 10 11 (7 ex) ... G McCourt
11 1-F2200 **FREE CHOICE** M Oliver 6 10 8 ... R Crankp
12 100000- **ZIPARIB (D)** N Lee-Judson 6 10 7 ... R Dennis (4)
14 0P0010/ **BATTUE** B Preece 9 10 5 ... R Stronge
15 000400- **DIAL DIRECT** B Palling 7 10 4 ... A Griffiths
19 22/0P0-3 **TRIPLE SECRET** C L Popham 6 10 1 ... Lorna Vincent
20 20F0/00 **MAN ON THE RUN** J H Baker 9 10 0 ... C Brown
21 00100 **SMITHY LANE** Miss S Waterman 6 10 0 ... Miss S Waterman (7)
22 F0P0F-0 **LUCKY GREEN** D Gandolfo 7 10 0 ... M Harrington
24 00/40P3- **MELEREK** Miss A L King 9 10 0 ... J Burke
25 034344- **MENDALEAK** Wm Pricce 7 10 0 ... N Coleman (7)
26 030004/ **RACHEL STREET** J Harriman 8 10 ... P Carville

BLINKERS: **3, 9, 19**

PROBABLE SP: Evens County Player, 4-1 Shirley Grove, 6-1 Beau Wynk, 8-1 Free Choice, 12-1 Road To Mandalay, 14-1 Triple Secret, 20-1 others.

DEVON (NH)

12.45 SCOTS PINE NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £400
2m 1f (18 runners)

1 2211 **TROPICAL MIST (FR)(D)** D Elsworth 4 12 6 ... P Holley (7)
3 00 **BEN'S ASSURANCE** D Barons 4 11 0 ... Mr M Armytage (7)
5 **DOUBLE ENTERPRISE** J H Baker 6 11 0 ... C Evans (7)
6 00F0- **FUN PARTNER** T Forster 5 11 0 ... R Dunwoody
7 2- **LORD MERLIN** J Old 4 11 0 ... G Bradley
8 00-00 **LOVER BOY** O Sherwood 5 11 0 ... B de Haan
10 0-4 **MIDNIGHT MADNESS** D Bloomfield 6 11 0 ... L Bloomfield (4)
11 0 **MULBEN (NZ)** D Barons 4 11 0 ... Phillip Hobbs
12 0 **PASS ASHORE** R Frost 5 11 0 ... J Frost
13 00- **ROBAND** C James 4 11 0 ... R Arnott (7)
14 **STOLFORD** T Pocock 4 11 0 ... B Powell (4)
17 2-2P32 **BOLD THOUGHTS** T Hallett 4 10 9 ... B Wright
18 **BOLT HOLE** G Doidge 5 10 9 ... A Gering (4)
19 **CLEAR FORECAST** R Hodges 4 10 9 ... S Earle (7)
22 **SILVER KEYS** M Pipe 4 10 9 ... R Dennis (4)
24 FP- **TOM'S COMEDY** W R Williams 4 10 9 ... A Jones (7)
25 0-40 **WINNING BIRTHDAY** W G Turner 4 10 9 ... Jessica Turner (7)
26 **WORTH MATRAVERS** J Old 4 10 9 ... P Murphy

BLINKERS: **1, 8**

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Tropical Mist, 11-4 Lord Merlin, 9-2 Bold Thoughts, 7-1 Silver Keys, 10-1 Midnight Madness, 14-1 Lover Boy, 20-1 others.

1.15 SITKA SPRUCE NOVICE SELLING HURDLE
£400 (3-Y-O) 2m 1f (18 runners)

1 P **ABLE DAN** Mrs E Harden 10 10 ... R Dennis (4)
2 0 **ACER LAD** D Wintle 10 10 ...
3 0P **BONFIRE** P Hedger 10 10 ... M Richards
4 **CAER PINGLE** D Wintle 10 10 ...
5 0 **DON'T TELL ARTHUR** R Holder 10 10 ... P Richards
6 0300 **EASY MOVER** M Scudamore 10 10 ... M Williams
7 0 **ESKER HOUSE** D Tucker 10 10 ... S McNeill
8 B02 **I WONDER WHEN** L Kennard 10 10 ... B Powell (4)
12 2 **AB DABH (BF)** B McMahon 10 5 ... T Wall
13 0 **BALLYORNEY GIRL** P Rodford 10 5 ... C Gray
14 P **BISHOPS PANTO** R Dimond 10 5 ... Mr R Dimond
16 0 **CALL IT ALI** W G Morris 10 5 ...
18 00 **GADDY** P Kearney 10 5 ... I Raybould (7)
19 0 **LYDACOTT MOON** D Gillard 10 5 ... R Millman
21 FP **PORT-O-CALL** W G Turner 10 5 ... Jessica Turner (7)
22 000 **SEASONED EMBER** J M Bradley 10 5 ... Sharron Jones (7)
23 0 **SPRINGS TO MIND** W G Morris 10 5 ... W Morris (4)
24 **VALIANT DANCER** Peter Taylor 10 5 ... R Lawson (7)

BLINKERS: **6, 8**

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Ab Dabh, 7-2 I Wonder When, 5-1 Don't Tell Arthur, 8-1 Easy Mover, 12-1 Acer Lad, 16-1 others.

1.45 MAGNETOPULSE DUCHY OF CORNWALL CUP CHASE £4,800 2m 6f (6 runners)

1 31110-1 **OBSERVE** F Winter 8 11 7 ... J Francome
2 3102-0F **ROCK SAINT** G Gregson 7 11 3 ... G Newman
3 PP3P0P- **BUCKSOME** B McMahon 11 11 0 ... T Wall
4 0/213-2F **COBLEY EXPRESS** B Isaac 8 11 0 ... Mrs J Mills
7 40142-4 **HERR CAPITAN** J Old 8 11 0 ... Mr E Whettam
10 F00-334 **SOLID ROCK (NZ)(C)** D Barons 8 11 0 ... J Frost

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 on Observe, 6-1 Herr Capitan, 12-1 Solid Rock, 20-1 Cobley Express, 33-1 Rock Saint, 50-1 Bucksome.

2.15 TOTE FOUR YEAR OLD HURDLE (HANDICAP)
£2,000 2m 1f (9 runners)

2 102-0P0 **SEAGRAM (NZ)** D Barons 11 10 ... J Frost
6 3-41122 **KELLY'S BOY (C-D)** N Gaselee 11 0 ... V McKevitt
9 2404-F **QUELLE FARCE** D Gandolfo 10 9 ... P Barton
12 40P021 **TOMMY TUDOR** K Bailey 10 8 (4 ex) ... S Earle (7)
13 242-21 **END OF THE ROAD** J King 10 4 (4 ex) ... S Smith-Eccles
16 00-0421 **OUR WHITE HART (D)** N Vigors 10 0 (4 ex) ... R Chapman (4)
19 01040-0 **INSPIRED (C-D)** W G Turner 10 0 ... Jessica Turner (7)
20 PPP0 **TROPICAL RED** R Hodges 10 0 ... L Bloomfield (4)
21 00000F- **SEVENTH SEASON** D Gillard 10 0 ... R Millman

BLINKERS: **13** HOOD: **16**

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 End of the Road, 11-4 Kelly's Boy, 7-2 Our White Hart, 5-1 Tommy Tudor, 12-1 Seagram, 16-1 others.

2.45 J H BAKER & SONS HANDICAP CHASE £1,700
3m 1f (10 runners)

3 213F-2P **FREDWEL (D)** P Bailey 9 11 7 ... P Croucher (4)
4 1F402-0 **VIRGIN SOLDIER** J Old 8 11 6 ... G Bradley
7 331142- **DARGAI (D)** R Armytage 8 11 0 ... A Webber
9 033-40P **THE FLOORLAYER** J H Baker 6 11 0 ... C Evans (7)
10 1/UPP-3 **BAULKING BYWAY** Miss R Harper 9 10 5 ... Miss R Harper (7)
11 0U040-3 **MEMBERSON** P Dufosee 6 10 2 ... R Dunwoody
12 UF043-4 **NORTH LANE** K Bishop 7 10 1 ... P Richards
13 F/P2P2P- **FORT COURAGE** T Hallett 9 10 0 ... L Bloomfield (4)
14 0-PP03F **PRINCE BUSKINS** F Gorman 9 10 0 ... J Frost
15 024-PFP **QUINNER** P West 8 10 0 ... C Gray

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Dargai, 7-2 Memberson, 4-1 North Lane, 6-1 Baulking Byway, 8-1 Fredwel, 10-1 Virgin Soldier, 12-1 others.

3.15 SCOTS PINE NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £400
2m 1f (18 runners)

3 2 **DERRYINVER** R Frost 4 11 0 ... D Wonnacott (7)
4 **FLAME'S GAME** N Mitchell 5 11 0 ... C McIlfatrick (4)
5 **FRAUD SQUAD** R G Williams 5 11 0 ... S Earle (7)
6 32300- **GREAT PRETENDER** T Hallett 4 11 0 ... B Wright
7 **IVOR'S KID (USA)** M Pipe 4 11 0 ... R Dennis (4)
9 00/ **LES DANCER** D Jermy 5 11 0 ... G Old
11 0-3 **MEISTER** J Old 4 11 0 ... G Bradley
13 P24P/ **SILCA STAR KEY (USA)** P Rodford 6 11 0 ... C Gray
16 **SUNDAY GANG (NZ)** D Barons 4 11 0 ...
17 30 **THE CURATE (NZ)(BF)** D Elsworth 6 11 0 ... J Francome
19 0F- **TUDOR MARK** C Luxton 5 11 0 ... Mr G Edwards (4)
21 0- **ACORAS PREDICTION** W R Williams 4 10 9 ... A Jones (7)
22 0/0 **BOVEY BELLS** W R Williams 6 10 9 ... A Geering (4)
23 P **CAME COTTAGE** N Mitchell 4 10 9 ... B Powell (4)
24 **COINRIDGE** G Doidge 4 10 9 ... S Shilston
25 0 **FLAMING MATILDA** R Hodges 4 10 9 ... Mr P McEwan (7)
31 4 **RUM RIVER** B Shaw 4 10 9 ...
32 00 **SAUNTRESS** W G Turner 4 10 9 ... Jessica Turner (7)

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Meister, 100-30 Derryinver, 5-1 The Curate, 8-1 Sunday Gang, 10-1 Great Pretender, 14-1 Silca Star Key, 16-1 others.

RACING RESULTS

PLUMPTON

1.00 (2m): **TRUMPS** R Campbell (5-2 fav)1; **War and Peace** (11-4)2; **Moniar** (20-1)3; **Gold of a Gunner** (9-1)4. 18 ran. ¾, 1. (B Swift) T: £3.10; £2.70, £1.10, £2.60. CSF: £10.12.

1.30 (2m 4f): **TOM TAILOR** A Webber (13-8 fav)1; **Bold Yeoman** (2-1)2; **Nookie Bear** (13-2)3. Only three f'shd. 5 ran. 8, dist. (R Armytage) T: £2.30; £1.30, £1.20. CSF: £4.95.

2.00 (2m): **EUROLINK BOY** A Wright (11-2)1; **Asia Minor** (11-10 on fav)2; **Topori** (9-1)3; **Upper Note** (12-1)4. 8 ran. 1, 2. (Philip Mitchell) T: £5; £1.10, £1.10, £4.70. CSF: £10.39.

2.30 (3m 1f): **SAFFRON'S DAUGHTER** R Earnshaw (6-4 fav)1; **Show Me The Way** (25-1)2; **Kingmon's Girl** (20-1)3; **Milanessa** (100-30)4. 7 ran. 25, 10. (D Gandolfo) T: £2.30; £1.10, £8.80. CSF: £26.95. NR: Alumnus.

3.00 (2m): **WHO'S DRIVING** Mr D Murphy (4-1)1; **Ernie's Keep** (12-1)2; **Sock Dennis** (11-4 jt fav)3; **Doll Lars** (11-4 jt fav)4. 8 ran. 25, 3. (D Thom) T: £5.90; £1.80, £2.80, £1.10. CSF: £43.34.

3.30 (2m): **BEAT THE RETREAT** J Francome (2-1 jt fav)1; **Russborough** (2-1 jt fav)2; **Just Blake** (7-1)3; **The Bossman** (16-1)4. 18 ran. 4, 20. (J Jenkins) T: £3.10; £1.10, £1.70, £2.90. CSF: £7.43.

Flyweight Flynn a long way from home

BRITISH flyweight champion, Hugh Russell, takes over the Belfast boxing stage from his stablemate Barry McGuigan tonight, when he defends his title against Danny Flynn of Edinburgh.

Russell cannot pull in the crowds like McGuigan — nor can anyone else in Britain — but there will be enough atmosphere in the Ulster Hall to remind Flynn that he is a long way from home.

The Irish crowd is always reckoned to be worth a round or two start to the local warrior in Belfast.

Flynn also has to overcome the disadvantage of inexperience at this level of competition. Even though he has done most of his campaigning as a bantamweight, for lack of flyweight opposition, he has never boxed beyond eight rounds. His only two fights scheduled beyond that distance, both for the Scottish bantamweight title, ended in his favour in five rounds and three respectively.

Going the distance at eight stone if the need arises could be an entirely different matter.

Russell's background also embraces both divisions. After a brilliant amateur career, which included a bronze medal in the Moscow Olympics at flyweight, he did most of his business as a bantamweight when he turned professional. In 1983 he set some sort of record when he won the British title in January and lost it again in March, after a reign of 36 days.

The next move was down to flyweight again where he duly relieved Kelvin Smart of the British championship in seven rounds, on the first anniversary of the victory over John Feeney that earned him the bantamweight title.

Then he overreached himself, or his handlers became over ambitious, and he went in with Mexican Jose Torres, whose previous victims included Charlie Magri.

That was in Belfast in April and Torres beat him in five rounds.

But nothing is ever clear cut in the flyweight division and the Scots have an eight-stone tradition which argues that Danny Flynn, the Scot with an Irish name, cannot be ruled out.

Sports Line

WINDIES BREAK TEST RECORD

BY OUR CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE West Indian cricket team completed their humiliation of Australia in the first Test at Perth yesterday — rewriting the Test record books in the process.

West Indies mopped up the five remaining Australian second-innings wickets before lunch to record a win by an innings and 112 runs in 3.5 days. It thus became their ninth successive Test victory — one more than the 1920-21 Australians chalked up against England.

A victory for the Caribbean masters was inevitable after they dismissed Australia for a miserable 76 in their first innings on Sunday and the only serious question was how long Clive Lloyd's men would take to clear up yesterday.

The answer was abundantly clear when paceman Malcolm Marshall and Joel Garner took two wickets each in the day's first 11 deliveries for just three runs.

But the spectators were at last given something to cheer about when Geoff Lawson and Terry Alderman added 59 for the final wicket before Michael Holding, who was named man-of-the-match for his superb spell of bowling in the first innings, finished the match when he had Alderman caught for 23.

The result was confirmation, if any were needed, of West Indies' pre-eminent role in world cricket and once again raised doubts about Kim Hughes' suitability as Australian captain.

With the retirement of the great Australian trio Greg Chappell, Rodney Marsh and Dennis Lillee, dominant personalities on and off the field, Hughes was expected to consolidate his position this season.

But his critics have been quick to pounce on the fact that Hughes succumbed to the hook shot in the Australian first innings after vowing not to play it again in Perth.

His tactical acumen is also under question after the West Indies recovered from 104 for five in their first innings to finish 416 all out.

Hughes defended his leadership in the post-match news conference and said his captaincy was not under threat.

'To say that the result is disappointing is an understatement,' Hughes said. 'Our morale is not affected but we don't exactly have bubbling spirits.'

Hughes justifiably pointed to the poor Australian catching which had helped let the West Indies off the hook and also criticised the quality of his side's bowling.

'There will be plenty of criticism — we will have to cop it and wear it well. Only hard work is the answer,' he said.

The Australian players most under threat are batsmen Kepler Wessels and Graham Yallop, who failed in both innings, and paceman Carl Rackemann who was a disappointment.

Lloyd, who now looks likely to cap an outstanding career by leading the West Indies to their first series win in Australia, was understandably supremely relaxed and confident.

'We had the worst of the wicket and came up trumps,' he said.

WEST INDIES 1st innings 416 (Dujon 139, Gomes 127, Haynes 56, Alderman six for 128)

AUSTRALIA 1st innings 76 (Holding six for 21)

AUSTRALIA 2nd innings (overnight 158 for five)

Dyson b Marshall	30
Wessels c Lloyd b Garner	0
Wood c Richardson b Walsh	56
Border c Haynes b Marshall	6
Hughes lbw b Marshall	37
Yallop c Haynes b Walsh	1
Phillips c Dujon b Garner	16
Lawson n.o.	38
Hogg b Marshall	0
Rackemann b Garner	0
Alderman c Richardson b Holding	23
EXTRAS	21
TOTAL	228

FALL: 1-4, 2-94, 3-107, 4-107, 5-124, 6-166, 7-168, 8-168, 9-169

BOWLING: Garner 16-5-52-3; Marshall 21-4-68-4; Holding 11.3-1-53-1; Walsh 20-4-43-2; Gomes 1-0-1-0; Richards 1-0-4-0

MICHAEL HOLDING . . . Started and finished the Aussie demolition

CLIVE LLOYD . . . Record-breaking Test run as captain

Miandad sets up Pakistan

A SPARKLING undefeated 80 by Javed Miandad and four-wicket haul by paceman Zakir Khan were largely responsible for Pakistan's 46-run win over New Zealand in the first one-day cricket international in Peshawar yesterday.

Miandad led a spirited Pakistani rally after three wickets had fallen for 38 runs, hitting two towering sixes and four fours as the Pakistan team took their total to 191 for five off 39 overs.

Then Zakir destroyed the New Zealand top-order batting with four for 19, figures which won him the man-of-the-match award.

The steady New Zealand medium-pacers restricted Pakistan to under three runs an over in the first 20 minutes before Miandad began to take control.

Miandad added 49 for the fourth wicket with Naveed Anjum (29) and put on an undefeated 68 for the sixth wicket with Mudassar Nazar (17).

A scoring rate of 4.89 runs was always going to be difficult for New Zealand on an increasingly helpful pitch for the attack and they made matters worse by getting off to a bad start with the first five wickets falling for only 44 runs.

Zakir captured the wickets of the Crowe brothers, both caught behind for eight runs apiece.

Paul McEwan and John Reid also fell cheaply and it was left to captain Jeremy Coney and wicketkeeper Ian Smith to inject some respectability into the scorecard.

Coney was eventually out for 23 and although Smith, a much-improved batsman over the past year, stroked his way to a well-crafted 59 the game had slipped out of the tourists' reach.

JAVED MIANDAD . . . Saw off Kiwis in Peshawar

England shuffle again

ENGLAND'S troubled cricket tour of India hit further snags just 24 hours before their first match in which the players of both teams will be pressing for Test places.

England were delayed in arriving in Jaipur for the three-day game against the President's XI starting today because they could not get seats on the first flight from Bombay and therefore had to catch a flight due here late last night.

The delay was the latest problem for David Gower's touring team, who arrived 14 days ago only hours before Indira Gandhi's assassination.

To avoid the turmoil which followed they made a brief visit to Sri Lanka and played two games, returning to Bombay on Sunday.

All-rounder Chris Cowdrey, who was prevented by injury from playing in either of the matches in Sri Lanka, is set for his first tour appearance against the President's team, who are led by test opener Anshuman Gaekwad.

Cowdrey is recovering from a groin strain that could restrict his role as a medium-pacer, though England are covered in this department with Paul Allott and Norman Cowans to share the new ball supported by Cowdrey's Kent team-mate Richard Ellison.

England's travel problems mean they will be compelled to go into this match without practise in Jaipur, where a new pitch has been laid.

It is grassy and could influence the inclusion of the pace trio, with either off-spinner Vic Marks or left-arm spinner Phil Edmonds being omitted from the 12.

CHRIS COWDREY . . . Could get first England chance today

Graeme Fowler and Tim Robinson, seeking his first Test cap, continue the opening partnership used in Sri Lanka. The pair could open in the first Test against India starting on November 28 if the party's other specialist opener Martyn Moxon is out of the reckoning.

Moxon flew home from Colombo on Sunday to be with his father, who was seriously ill. His father died yesterday before he had arrived.

Team manager Tony Brown said he hoped Moxon would rejoin the tour later, but even if he returned before the first Test his lack of match play could rule him out of consideration.

The President's side contains several players staking claims for places in the five-match Test series and five one-day internationals.

Middle order batsmen Ashok Malhotra and Gursharan Singh will be on trial along with off-spinner Ashok Patel, who made a promising international debut in the recent one-day home series against Australia.

England: (from) Fowler, Robinson, Gatting, Gower (captain), Lamb, Cowdrey, Marks, Ellison, Edmonds, French, Allott, Cowans.

Lyle cruises in Hawaii

SCOTLAND'S Sandy Lyle scored the biggest victory of his career yesterday, beating runner-up Bernhard Langer of West Germany by eight strokes in the $450,000 Kapalua PGA Tournament in Hawaii.

Lyle shot a brilliant six-under-par 65 in the high winds sweeping across the Kapalua Bay course on the island of Manui and finished on 18-under-par 266. He had six birdies in an almost flawless final round on his way to the $125,000 prize.

'I've never won a bigger tournament and the largest cheque I had ever won prior to this week was about $32,000 when I won at Lancombe in France last month,' said Lyle, whose pay day surpassed his European tour earnings for the year.

Langers, who collected $70,000, holed a bunker shot at the 18th hole for a birdie to finish with a 67 for 274.

Craig Stadler of the United States, was third on eight-under-par 276 while Greg Norman of Australia, the defender, tied for fourth place on 277 with Nick Faldo of England and Ben Crenshaw of the US.

'This could open a few doors for me in America,' said Lyle, who was invited to this select 44-man international field by tournament director Mark Rolfing at the British Open last July.

'I was off to a good start with a birdie at the first hold and I made a few putts but I must confess I never dreamed of winning by eight strokes against such a strong field,' Lyle said.

'I would have to say this was as good as I've played in a long time. It was a very solid week of golf.'

The Scot birdied all three of the par-five holes, the first, sixth and 10th holes. He sealed his victory with a string of three birdies starting at the 15th hole.

Lyle said he felt the victory coming after he chipped in for the birdie at the 15th hole and then made a long putt at the 16th.

'After Craig Stadler eagled the 13th hold and pulled within five strokes I knew anything could happen. Craig is capable of getting a run going but as it turned out he encountered some problems and I was the one to make the run with those birdies.'

£450,000 PGA TOURNAMENT

266	Sandy Lyle (GB)	68	64	69	65
274	Bernhard Langer (W.Ger)	70	69	68	67
276	Craig Stadler (US)				
277	Nick Faldo (GB)				
	Greg Norman (Aust)				
	Ben Crenshaw (US)				
279	Denis Watson (SA)				
280	Lee Trevino (US)				
	John Mahaffey (US)				
	Bruce Lietzke (US)				

SANDY LYLE . . . Best-ever win yesterday

Rush wants Wales change

IAN RUSH yesterday called for a more adventurous approach as he prepared to plant the kiss of life on Wales's World Cup campaign.

Rush returns alongside Manchester United's Mark Hughes as the Welsh launch a belated bid for Mexico, against Iceland at Cardiff tomorrow.

Liverpool's supreme striker was missing, after a cartilage operation, as Wales returned pointless — and goalless — from their opening qualifying games in Iceland and Spain.

'It's my ambition to play in the World Cup finals and it is sickening to think that we could be out of this competition before I've even kicked a ball,' said Rush.

Rush, however, prefers to believe that Wales can still do it, but 'we must win our three home games — starting against Iceland — and look for something from our game at Hampden Park', he said.

Award

Rush recently collected the Golden Boot Award in Paris for finishing top club scorer in Europe last season.

He has, however, experienced a lean time at international level. He has been on target in only one of his last eight appearances — that was 13 months ago against Rumania.

He said: 'People ask why I don't score for Wales and the answer is they play a different way. I think they must adopt a more attacking style and then if I miss the chances it will be my fault.'

IAN RUSH . . . Thinks Wales could use his services better

Manager Mike England, realising it is essential that Wales win this week, could well put the emphasis on an attacking formation.

Southampton's Alan Curtis has recovered from a weekend injury — like Rush and goalkeeper Neville Southall he missed training on Sunday — and England may be tempted to include him.

Rush added: 'Every game our task of qualifying gets harder and we need some points on the table.

'It was disappointing that we lost the first two games. I listened to the first half of the Iceland match on the radio and we had the better chances. I couldn't believe it when someone told me we had lost 1-0.'

Everton's Southall, troubled by a niggling groin, has also declared himself fit to face Iceland.

Martin and Roberts play it again

ENGLAND players who have so far been excluded from Bobby Robson's World Cup plans should not write off their chances of rejoining the qualifying campaign.

Tonight's international against New Zealand will be overshadowed by England's exploits in Turkey, but it is vitally important to the likes of Graham Roberts and Alvin Martin.

Along with Luther Blissett and Gary Lineker, Roberts and Martin were in Robson's squad for the September friendly against East Germany but have been left out since then.

All four are in a 13-man squad named by 'B' team manager Howard Wilkinson to face New Zealand at Nottingham Forest. The final selection has been delayed because Roberts is doubtful with a groin strain.

The strength of England's line-up is a measure of how seriously Robson and his colleagues view their first 'B' international for nearly four years.

Apart from Nottingham Forest striker Peter Davenport, every player has been capped at either full or under-21 level in the past two years.

Wilkinson said: 'We will be looking with interest at this game because, no matter who the opposition are, there are requirements in international football that you do not have in club football.

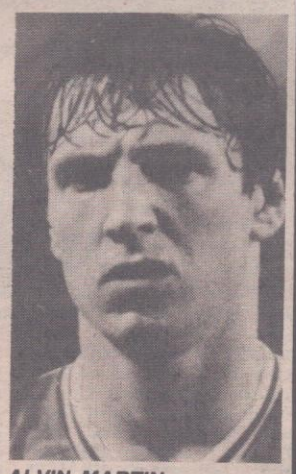
'Our order of priorities are first to win this game in the right way and second to look at players who might move up into the full England squad.'

The match marks the conclusion of a six-match tour by the New Zealanders, who so far have lost at Newcastle, Leicester, Rangers and Portsmouth and won at Reading.

Despite their poor record, they have several players who took part in the 1982 World Cup finals, when they were grouped with Scotland, Brazil and the Soviet Union.

Strikers Steve Sumner and Steve Wooddin both scored in the 5-2 defeat by Scotland, while 23-year-old defender Ricki Herbert has just signed a two-year contract to join Wolves.

England B (from): Wood (Norwich), Stevens (Everton), McCall (Ipswich), Roberts (Tottenham), Martin (West Ham), Mountfield (Everton), McMahon (Aston Villa), Mabbutt (Tottenham), Callaghan (Watford), Blissett (Watford), Davenport (Nottingham Forest), Hodge (Nottingham Forest), Lineker (Leicester). Subs: Sutton (Nottingham Forest), Gibson (Aston Villa), Goddard (West Ham).



ALVIN MARTIN

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APtsb
Everton	14	4	2	1	16	9	5	0	2	12	9 29
Man Utd	14	4	3	0	18	6	3	2	2	9	12 26
Arsenal	14	5	2	0	15	5	3	0	4	14	16 26
Tottenham	14	5	1	1	21	8	3	0	4	8	7 25
Sheff Wed	14	4	2	1	17	9	2	2	3	8	8 22
West Ham	14	4	2	1	11	4	2	2	3	9	16 22
Southampton	14	4	2	1	8	5	1	4	2	9	10 21
Newcastle	14	4	2	1	14	7	1	4	2	14	20 21
Sunderland	14	5	2	0	13	3	0	3	4	9	15 20
Norwich	14	4	3	0	13	6	1	2	4	8	13 20
Chelsea	14	5	0	2	17	6	0	4	3	5	9 19
W.B.A.	14	4	2	1	15	6	1	2	4	7	12 19
Nott For	14	4	1	2	13	8	1	2	4	8	12 18
Liverpool	14	1	4	2	6	6	3	2	2	10	9 18
Ipswich	14	3	4	0	13	7	0	3	4	4	11 16
Aston Villa	14	3	2	2	10	10	1	2	4	8	18 16
Q.P.R.	13	3	2	1	15	10	0	4	3	4	14 15
Coventry	14	3	2	2	6	6	1	1	5	6	14 15
Luton	14	2	3	2	10	9	1	1	5	7	20 13
Watford	14	1	3	3	17	18	1	3	3	12	15 12
Leicester	14	3	1	3	15	13	0	2	5	5	20 12
Stoke	13	1	2	4	10	16	0	2	4	1	13 7

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts
Oxford	13	6	1	0	20	7	3	2	1	10	5 30
Portsmouth	14	5	1	1	12	5	4	2	1	11	7 30
Blackburn	14	6	1	0	17	4	2	2	3	11	9 27
Birmingham	14	3	2	2	7	5	5	0	2	9	4 26
Grimsby	14	5	0	2	14	7	3	1	3	16	15 25
Man City	14	6	0	1	12	5	1	3	3	6	7 24
Leeds Utd	14	4	2	1	15	5	3	0	4	9	10 23
Shrewsby	15	4	2	1	15	7	2	3	3	11	13 23
Barnsley	13	4	0	2	10	5	2	4	1	4	2 22
Fulham	13	5	0	2	14	10	2	1	3	9	12 22
Brighton	14	4	2	1	7	2	2	1	4	8	8 21
Huddersfld	14	3	2	2	9	12	2	2	3	6	7 19
Wimbledon	14	4	1	2	14	12	2	0	5	10	17 19
Oldham	14	4	1	2	11	9	1	2	4	6	18 18
Wolves	14	4	1	2	12	8	1	1	5	9	20 17
Charlton	14	2	3	2	13	11	2	1	4	8	7 16
Sheff Utd	13	3	1	3	12	10	0	4	2	8	13 14
Middlesbro	14	3	2	2	10	13	1	0	6	7	13 14
Carlisle	13	2	2	2	4	5	1	1	5	4	16 12
Crystal Pal	14	1	4	2	9	10	1	0	6	7	14 10
Cardiff	14	1	1	5	9	19	1	0	6	8	15 7
Notts Cnty	14	1	1	5	6	15	1	0	6	9	20 7

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts
Millwall	14	7	1	0	17	3	2	2	2	11	9 30
Bradford	15	5	2	0	11	3	3	2	3	9	8 28
York	16	5	2	1	18	8	3	1	4	11	13 27
Bristol City	16	5	2	1	16	8	2	4	2	9	10 27
Hull	16	5	2	1	15	6	2	4	2	9	11 27
Gillingham	16	4	3	1	19	12	4	0	4	10	18 27
Rotherham	15	4	3	0	13	7	3	1	4	6	7 25
Bristol R	15	5	2	0	11	3	2	2	4	8	12 25
Doncaster	15	5	1	2	15	10	2	2	3	12	12 24
Bournemouth	16	5	1	2	14	6	1	4	3	4	7 23
Brentford	15	4	2	2	15	8	2	2	3	6	9 22
Walsall	15	2	5	1	11	7	3	2	2	9	9 22
Wigan	16	5	1	2	10	6	1	3	4	5	12 22
Derby Cnty	15	6	1	0	15	6	0	2	6	4	12 21
Burnley	16	3	3	2	11	8	2	3	3	14	18 21
Reading	16	3	2	3	11	10	3	1	4	9	15 21
Bolton	16	6	1	1	19	6	0	0	8	11	22 19
Newport	15	4	2	1	12	7	0	4	4	5	11 18
Preston	16	3	1	4	11	16	2	0	6	9	23 16
Lincoln	15	2	4	1	14	7	1	2	5	6	12 15
Plymouth	16	3	3	2	12	10	0	3	5	12	24 15
Swansea	16	2	1	5	11	14	2	1	5	9	17 14
Orient	16	2	1	5	13	19	2	1	5	8	14 14
Cambridge	15	1	1	6	7	15	1	1	5	9	16 8

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts
Darlington	16	6	1	1	16	5	3	5	0	9	6 33
Chesterfield	15	6	2	0	19	8	3	3	1	11	6 32
Bury	16	5	2	1	15	7	4	3	1	9	6 32
Hereford	16	6	1	1	11	3	3	2	3	12	9 30
Peterboro	16	8	0	0	17	4	1	3	4	7	10 30
Crewe	16	6	0	2	17	10	3	1	4	10	14 28
Blackpool	16	5	3	0	14	4	2	2	4	10	14 26
Tranmere	16	6	0	2	17	8	2	1	5	10	15 25
Port Vale	16	4	2	2	12	8	3	2	3	9	9 25
Colchester	16	4	2	2	16	12	3	2	3	13	16 25
Hartlepool	16	3	4	1	11	8	3	2	3	8	11 24
Scunthorpe	16	3	3	2	16	12	2	3	3	8	9 21
Mansfield	16	4	2	2	9	4	1	4	3	2	6 21
Swindon	16	3	2	3	12	10	2	3	3	8	12 20
Torquay	16	2	4	2	8	9	2	1	5	6	12 17
Southend	16	3	4	1	10	10	1	1	6	10	20 17
Exeter	15	2	5	1	11	7	1	2	4	7	16 16
Stockport	15	3	2	2	11	7	1	2	5	7	20 16
Aldershot	15	2	3	3	12	10	2	0	5	6	13 15
Chester	16	2	2	4	10	12	1	3	4	6	12 14
Northmptn	16	2	1	5	10	10	2	0	6	10	17 13
Halifax	14	2	0	4	4	8	2	1	5	5	14 13
Wrexham	14	2	2	3	12	12	1	0	6	8	14 11
Rochdale	16	1	2	5	5	10	1	3	4	7	14 11

SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts
Aberdeen	13	5	1	0	18	4	6	0	1	15	3 23
Celtic	13	5	1	0	14	2	3	3	1	10	7 20
Rangers	13	3	4	0	5	0	3	2	1	8	4 18
Hearts	14	3	1	3	6	6	4	0	3	9	12 15
Dundee Utd	13	4	0	3	12	12	2	1	3	6	5 13
St Mirren	14	3	0	4	8	10	3	1	3	9	10 13
Dundee	14	1	1	5	6	11	2	2	3	10	11 9
Dumbarton	14	2	1	4	7	9	1	2	4	5	9 9
Hibernian	14	2	2	3	10	11	1	1	5	3	13 9
Morton	14	2	1	4	7	16	1	0	6	6	19 7

SCOTTISH DIV I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts
Airdrie	14	5	0	2	13	9	4	2	1	12	4 20
Clydebank	14	5	1	1	13	3	2	3	2	9	9 18
Motherwell	14	4	1	2	10	6	4	1	2	13	10 18
Forfar	14	4	2	1	14	3	3	0	4	15	16 16
Clyde	14	3	3	2	17	13	2	2	2	8	8 15
Brechin	14	2	2	3	13	12	4	1	2	8	7 15
East Fife	14	1	3	3	11	13	3	3	1	14	11 14
Ayr	14	3	2	2	9	8	1	3	3	6	9 13
Hamilton	14	3	1	3	11	11	2	2	3	9	12 13
Partick	14	3	2	2	8	4	0	3	4	6	13 11
St Johnstone	14	2	1	4	10	13	3	0	4	11	15 11
Falkirk	14	2	1	4	16	21	3	0	4	10	13 11
Kilmarnock	14	2	3	2	7	10	2	0	5	4	19 11
Meadowbank	14	3	1	2	11	7	0	3	5	8	17 10

SCOTTISH DIV II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts
Dunfermline	14	4	3	0	16	5	5	0	2	12	6 21
Alloa	14	4	3	0	13	3	4	2	1	10	7 21
Montrose	14	5	1	1	11	7	5	0	2	9	6 21
Stenhsmuir	14	3	2	2	9	10	3	3	1	11	8 17
Cowdenbeath	14	4	1	2	17	10	1	3	3	7	8 14
Raith	14	3	1	3	9	7	2	3	2	12	14 14
Albion R.	14	3	0	4	7	9	3	1	3	10	15 13
Berwick	14	3	2	2	10	7	1	2	4	4	10 12
Stranraer	14	3	1	3	11	10	2	1	4	5	12 12
Stirling A	14	1	3	3	9	10	2	2	3	9	9 11
Queen Sth	14	2	2	3	13	12	1	3	3	7	12 11
Queens Park	14	2	1	4	11	9	2	1	4	10	17 10
E. Stirling	14	1	3	3	7	8	1	3	3	9	15 10
Arbroath	14	1	2	4	6	13	2	1	4	5	10 9

POOLS FORECAST

DIVISION I

1	WDDWWWWW	Arsenal	x	QPR	LDDLDDLL
2	LWLWLWDd	A Villa	x	Southampton	WWLLDDWd
3	WWLWWLWW	Chelsea	1	West Brom	DLLDLdDLW
4	DWdWLLDW	Coventry	x	Nottm For	WLWLdLDL
5	WLDWDWWW	Everton	1	Stoke	DdWLdLDL
6	WDDWWDWD	Ipswich	1	Tottenham	LLWLLWLL
7	WLLDWWLW	Leicester	x	Norwich	DdLLLLDW
8	LDDWDWWW	Man Utd	1	Luton	DLDLLLWL
9	dWDLDLLD	Watford	2	Sheff Wed	LWLLDWWL
10	LLdWWdWW	West Ham	1	Sunderland	LWLLDDDL
31	DdWWdWDW	Nuneaton	x	Scunthorpe	DLLLWDWd
32	WWLLLLDW	Preston	x	Bury	DWWLWdWD
33	LLdLLWLD	Rochdale	2	Doncaster	LWLWWDLD
34	DDDDWWDL	Southend	x	Colchester	DLWWLWDL
35	LWLDWDLW	Stockport	2	Walsall	DDDLLWWW
36	WDWLLWLD	Wrexham	2	Wigan	LLLWdDDL

DIVISION II

11	LWLLWWWW	Barnsley	1	Shrewsbury	WLWLLDdD
12	DLLLWLLL	Cardiff	2	Carlisle	LLWLLLLL
13	LDWWDLDL	Charlton	x	Birmingham	LDWWWWLW
14	WLWWLLWW	Grimsby	1	Fulham	WWLWLLWD
15	WWWWLWDW	Leeds	1	Brighton	DLWWLLLd
16	WdLDLWWW	Middlesbro	x	Blackburn	WDDLWWLL
17	LLLWLLLD	Notts Co	2	Huddersfield	DdDWLLLW
18	WLDWWWWL	Oldham	2	Oxford	DDWWWWLd
19	DWWdWWWL	Portsmouth	1	C Palace	DLLWLLLL
20	LWWWLLLW	Sheff Utd	x	Man City	dDLdWLLd
21	WDWWLLWW	Wolves	1	Wimbledon	WWLWWLLL

FA CUP — FIRST ROUND

22	LLWDWWWL	Bangor	x	Tranmere	LLWLWLLd
23	WWLLLLDL	Cambridge	x	Peterboro	LLWddDLL
24	DLLWWWLd	Dagenham	2	Swindon	LDWLdLDW
25	WDWWLWWW	Darlington	1	Chester	WDdLDLLL
26	DLWWDWdD	Hartlepool	1	Derby	LLLdLLdL
27	WLWdWWdW	Hull	1	Bolton	LLLLLLLL
28	WWWLLWdW	Macclesfield	2	Port Vale	LDWDLWWL
29	WLLdWWdW	Mansfield	2	Rotherham	LLLWWWLd
30	DDdDWWWL	Newport	1	Aldershot	LLWLWLLL

SCOTTISH PREMIER

37	LLWDLLWL	Dumbarton	1	Hibs	DWLLLLLLd
38	LWLLWWLW	Dundee Utd	1	Morton	WDWLLLLL
39	DLWLLWWd	Hearts	2	Celtic	DddDWWWL
40	DddWWWdd	Rangers	2	Aberdeen	LWWWWLWW
41	DWLWLWLW	St Mirren	1	Dundee	DLLWWDLd

SCOTTISH DIV I

42	LWWLWWWL	Airdrie	1	Partick	WLLDDLLd
43	DLWDLLWD	Brechin	1	Hamilton	WDdWWLLL
44	LWdWDLDW	Clyde	1	Ayr	WdDDWLLL
45	WdDWLLWd	Kilmarnock	x	Clydebank	DLWLWDdD
46	LLLDLWWW	Meadowbank	x	East Fife	WWWDDLdW
47	LWWDLWWL	Motherwell	1	Falkirk	LWLWLWLL
48	WLWLDLWL	St Johnstone	1	Forfar	WWLLWLWL

SCOTTISH DIV II

49	dWdWDWDW	Alloa	1	Albion	WDLWWWLL
50	LLWLLLDD	Arbroath	x	Queens Pk	LLLWWDLL
51	WWWLLWdD	Berwick	1	Stirling	LLDWWWLD
52	LWWLWLWD	Cowdenbeath	2	Dunfermline	LWWWLWWL
53	LDLdLLdW	E Stirling	2	Montrose	LWLLWWWW
54	WLWDLWLW	Raith	1	Stranraer	DdLLLLWd
55	WDLWWDLW	Stenhsmuir	1	Queen o'Sth	LLWdDDLL

1 = home win, 2 = away win, x = draw. The last eight home results of the home team are shown on the left and the last eight away results of the away team on the right. In both cases the most recent results are at the right hand end of the row. D = score draw, d = no-score draw.

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WITHE COMFORT FOR ROBSON

BOBBY Robson refuses to shout 'easy' from Istanbul's tallest minaret. Yet, even wary of the dangers lurking in over-confidence, he knows England should beat Turkey and collect their second World Cup qualifying victory.

'If we draw here, I will consider it a point lost. On what I saw here when Finland beat them 2-1 a fortnight ago, we ought to win. We must not drop a point,' said the England manager.

BY OUR SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

The squad took a ride across the Bosphorus to Asia yesterday for a training session, and the main objective was successfully achieved when Southampton's Steve Williams proved his match fitness.

The midfielder had missed 11 days training because of an ankle injury. He only returned for Southampton on Saturday.

Said Robson: 'I was a little concerned, but he trained spiritedly and looked very fluent. The break may have refreshed him.'

Change

Suggestions that the Turks are to change their goalkeeper and at least one central defender have not shaken England's confidence. Nor, said Robson, has the loss of Mark Hateley.

'Against Finland, Turkey played what I understand was their best team. If they had a goalkeeper or defender that much better in the air surely they would have played them.

Resilient

'As for Mark, there were a few gaping mouths when the players were told about his injury. It shook them. But players are resilient. They have a great respect for Peter Withe.

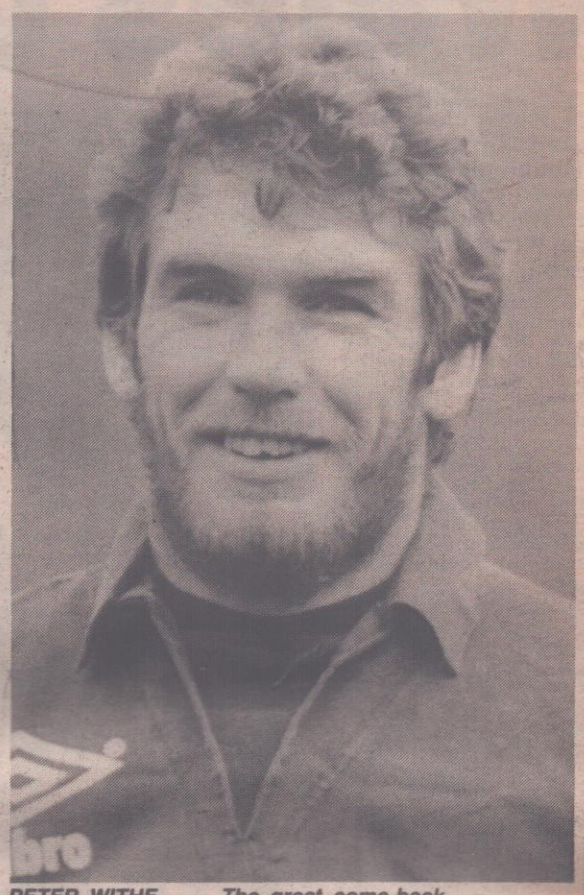
'I honestly believe Hateley's absence will not diminish the team's ambition. They won't think that because he is not playing it will affect what hopefully should be a good result.'

Hateley's AC Milan colleague, Ray Wilkins, joined the party yesteray, explaining: 'There was nothing malicious or nasty in the incident which injured Mark. The defender block-tackled him as he was about to shoot. Mark said it felt like the whole kneecap twisted round.'

Trevor Francis also flew in from Italy, having helped Sampdoria into second place in the table.

Substitute

He might just pip his Istanbul room-mate Tony Woodcock to a place in the attack, but will probably have to settle for a substitute role as the manager reduces his changes to a minimum — Viv Anderson for Mike Duxbury and Peter Withe for Hateley.



PETER WITHE . . . The great come-back

Stewart prepared to play

IAN STEWART is prepared to put Northern Ireland World Cup hopes before his health and play in tomorrow's game against Finland in Belfast.

The QPR winger is still suffering from the mystery illness which put him out of action three weeks ago, but insists: 'I want to play. the memory of last summer's defeat in Finland will spur me on.'

Stewart made his comeback for QPR on Saturday, but confessed: 'The doctor told me I was taking a gamble to play. I had been in bed for two weeks and lost half a stone. I still feel very weak.

'Nobody seems to be sure what is wrong with me. There is still the fear that it could be glandular fever. All I know is I still don't feel right.'

But Stewart, who has played 17 consecutive internationals, added: 'As long as it doesn't get any worse, I should be all right.'

His fitness is manager Billy Bingham's major concern as he plans for the match which could make or break the Irish bid for Mexico, but he has a host of other minor worries.

West Brom's new signing, Jimmy Nicholl, had only his first full game on Saturday since the win against Rumania in September. Sammy McIlroy, Pat Jennings and Norman Whiteside have all missed club matches through injury and the absence of Billy Hamilton of Oxford poses a problem in attack.

Doubts

On top of that, there are doubts about the confidence of several players — especially McIlroy (Stoke) and captain Martin O'Neill of Notts County, whose clubs prop up the First and Second Divisions respectively and who must obviously make a major adjustment this week.

Bingham, used to such problems, normally disguises them with a knowing smile or a well-turned phrase. But yesterday he took time to explain why he can give his midfield duo a vote of confidence.

'Their confidence on Wednesday will come from the success we have had at international level, not the lack of it at club level. The two are not related.

'I've watched several of our players who are in less successful sides and seen them play well. McIlroy, for example, had an excellent game against Liverpool recently, even though he's in a poor side. That says a lot about a player's character.'

Bingham has opted against a replacement for Hamilton in his squad, which indicates that Blackburn's Jimmy Quinn will make his World Cup debut.

Quinn made his international bow with a goal in last month's friendly against Israel and Bingham said: 'He had a good game. He's not the same sort of player as Billy Hamilton — maybe not as strong, but more athletic, a bit more mobile.'

Stein plans to rein-in-Spain

SCOTLAND shut themselves away behind closed doors at Hampden Park last night to perfect the set piece ploys which Jock Stein hopes will topple Spain in tomorrow's vital World Cup clash.

And the Scots manager insisted on a strictly private training session in order to acquaint his players with an artificial defensive 'wall' which he has constructed.

BY OUR SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

Stein explained: 'Games can be won and lost by the team who makes the most of the set pieces . . . so we have build our own wall.

'Looking back to Spain's recent game against Wales, Spain were under the cosh until Carasco scored an exceptional goal from a free kick. Matches are being won from these sorts of situations these days.'

Stein admitted that he had 'toyed with the idea' of an artificial wall after seeing the idea employed in Italy and last night he took the wraps off the structure — wide enough and high enough to resemble five footballers — for the first time.

He added: 'I think it should be a part of football machinery nowadays. Why take the extra risk of asking players to stand in a wall where they get hit repeatedly?

'This way, someone could practise taking free kicks all day. And it will surely be beneficial for goalkeepers to get used to seeing the ball coming at them past the wall.'

The Scottish squad completed the day with the arrival of their captain, Graeme Souness, from Italy and Rangers winger Davie Cooper in time to participate in the Hampden Park training.

Souness had been in action with his club, Sampdoria, on Sunday. Cooper was granted an extra 24 hours leave of absence from the rest of the squad following a family bereavement.

Stein said: 'I told Graeme there was no point going to Hampden without him, so he agreed to take a longer, but quicker, route back to Glasgow.'

Floodlights

The Hampden exercise, Stein added, would also allow the goalkeeper Jim Leighton and his defenders to work under the floodlights and generally 'get accustomed to the pace of the pitch.'

Stein did not attempt to hide the fact that he is unlikely to change his team which beat Iceland 3-0 last month, while Spanish manager Miguel Munoz is ready to field the team which lost to France in the final of the European Championship in June.

● PAUL McStay collected £2,350 yesterday as Scotland's player-of-the-month — but the Celtic youngster would willingly swap the cash for two World Cup qualifier points against Spain.

The 20-year-old midfield man was the main architect behind Scotland's victory over Iceland and a sell-out crowd of 74,000 will be demanding a repeat performance at Hampden.

Despite his youthfulness, McStay can handle the pressures better than many players of his age and he admitted: 'I actually like a bit of pressure as it can put an extra edge on to your play.

'And there is no shortage of pressure within the Scottish squad at the moment due to the competition for places. I know that people like Gordon Strachan and John Wark are just waiting to grab my place if I have an off day.

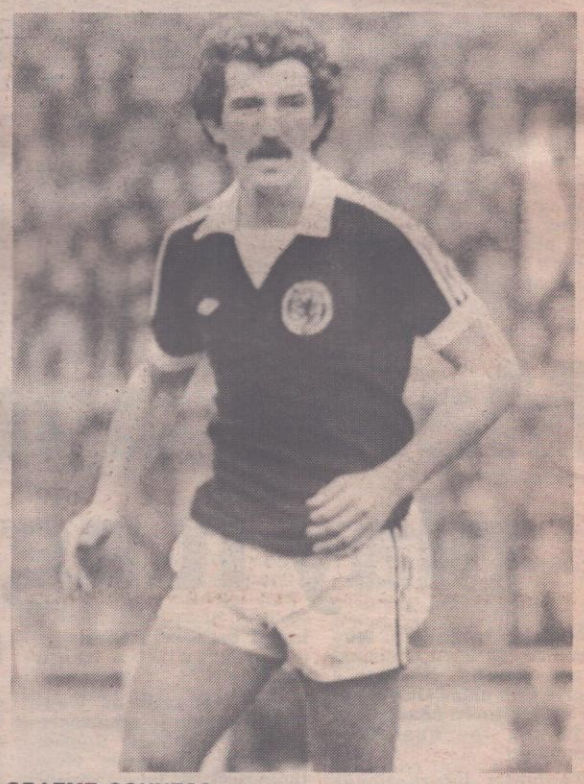
'That is probably the main strength of the Scottish international set up at the moment and a look at the quality of the players on the bench proves the point. I'm just glad to be part of it.'

McStay scored twice against Iceland and with Celtic reaching the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup last week everything is going smoothly for the player who has attracted more public interest in Scotland than anyone since Kenny Dalglish in his heyday.

McStay added: 'It must be the most exciting month of my career so far but all I am thinking about right now is the Spanish game. This is the crunch match on our way to Mexico.

'Everyone is keyed up for this one because two points really would set us up in our group with four points out of four.'

PAUL MCSTAY . . . Most exciting in Scotland



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