

Welsh miners incensed by violence slur

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WILLIS BOOED INTO SILENCE

FROM BEN RUDDER IN ABERAVON

TUC general secretary Norman Willis was booed into silence last night by Welsh miners' at an NUM rally at Aberavon, South Wales.

He took the full fury of the miners when he said: 'The TUC has condemned all violence, from whatever quarter it comes.' His voice was drowned by heckling as he went on: 'Out of violence is built not solidarity but despair and defeatism.'

The 4,000 men and women at the rally chanted, 'Off, off', 'Get back to Maggie Thatcher' and 'Sit down'.

Two miners on a gantry above the platform then lowered a noose over the stage which brought the meeting to a deafening standstill. The remainder of Willis's speech was lost as the audience began singing the NUM's victory song: 'Here we go, Here we go.'

NUM South Wales president Emlyn Williams set the militant mood at the beginning of the rally by saying: 'I am not normally blasphemous, but it will be a hell of a long time before Kinnock will attend a rally of our miners.'

Intention

The final speaker, NUM president Arthur Scargill, said it had not been his intention to deal with police violence in his speech, but the events of the past 24 hours had made it necessary.

In an open criticism of the Labour Party and TUC leaders, he told cheering miners: 'I wish the leaders of the Labour and trade union movement would turn their attention, direct their venom towards the hyenas of Fleet Street.'

And he added: 'I only wish the trades union and labour movement would show the same determination to come to the aid of this union as the CBI has shown in coming to the aid of Thatcher.'

'That's the support we need from the TUC.'

He condemned the 'smearing' of miners' families by BBC and ITN and said the police were responsible for the violence in mining communities.

'I am not prepared to condemn the actions of our members whose only crime

Scargill appeals for support from all unions



Eight hundred pickets gathered outside Herrington pit in County Durham yesterday to jeer at a scab bus as it entered the pit yard

News from north-east and Wales — centre pages

is fighting for the right to work,' he said.

The miners' president condemned ISTC general secretary Bill Sirs saying: 'If Bill Sirs had devoted one-tenth of his time attacking MacGregor as he has devoted to attacking me, he could have saved 100,000 jobs in the steel industry.'

In an impassioned plea he warned other trade unionists that the Thatcher government had 'come for the unions and if you stand

aside with false illusions, when they come for you there will be nobody left to fight for you.'

He spoke with pride of those young miners fighting for their jobs. 'If those who built the union — and yes those who built our movement — could look on the young miners, they would see them as their finest ambassadors.'

Eight thousand miners had been arrested and he was one of them, Scargill said.

Hundreds had been put in hospital and he was also one of those.

'Don't talk to me about violence. I didn't carry a riot shield or a truncheon.'

He accused the coal board of cooking the figures of the so-called return to work. He said the Tory government did not understand the determination of the miners and their wives.

'There can be no turning back.'

'There is only a march

forward to ultimate victory and the withdrawal of the pit closure plan,' he said.

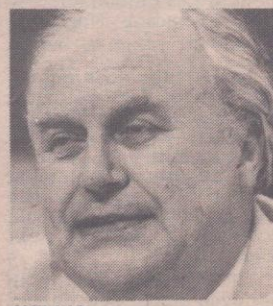
Mick McGahey, national vice-president, said violence was all the fault of police. There would be no compromise in the miners' fight.

'I want to appeal over the heads of Bill Sirs and Eric Hammond to workers in the steel industry and the power industry.'

'I appeal to you — abide by the TUC code and we'll win this strike quicker.'



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Steady growth — in jobless

EVEN THE Labour Party's economic spokesman, right-winger Roy Hattersley, was obliged to acknowledge mass unemployment as the central feature of Chancellor Nigel Lawson's autumn economic statement.

Hattersley said a permanent pool of more than 3 million unemployed was an essential ingredient of Tory policy and the continuing rise in the number of jobless had been carefully planned and calculated.

By JOHN SPENCER, our political correspondent



Charge

Lawson scarcely troubled to deny the charge. The figures in his Commons statement speak for themselves. The Budget White Paper in the spring forecast registered unemployment of 2.85 million for Britain, excluding Northern Ireland.

This figure does not include school-leavers, but it has since crept up steadily. The last published figure was 2.97 million in October, and the autumn statement was drawn up on the assumption that it would average 3 million next year.

The government's plan for even longer dole-queues is further highlighted by the provision of an extra £480 million for social security payments to the

unemployed next year.

The Tories were only able to balance the books at all because the collapse of sterling against the US dollar has substantially increased revenue from North Sea oil.

The £2.5 billion 'windfall' results because the oil is sold for dollars, but the oil companies pay the Treasury in sterling. Most of this money has already been earmarked to cover the escalating cost of fighting the miners' strike.

Lawson tried in his speech to woo the middle classes with talk of tax cuts totalling some £1.5 billion next year, though it was heavily hedged around with qualifications, including an assumption that the miners' strike will be over by Christmas!

But even on this basis the Chancellor's vague promises are hardly encourag-

ing for his middle-class supporters: in his spring Budget he looked forward to £2 billion tax cuts in 1985.

In fact, any cuts in income tax won't reduce the overall burden of taxation. If they take place at all they will be balanced by rises in indirect taxes such as VAT (perhaps on food, books and newspapers).

Income

These fall disproportionately on poor families, who spend a much greater slice of their income on basic items such as food and fuel. Lawson's statement foreshadowed a hefty increase in water charges, and rises in gas and electricity prices which will have the same effect.

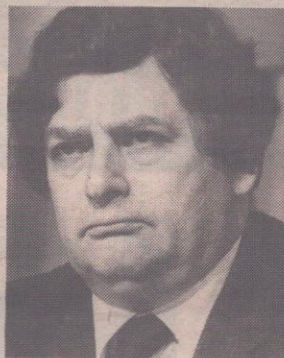
Even then, the middle classes are not spared. Well-off parents with children undergoing higher

education will suffer through the abolition of the minimum maintenance grant of £205 a year. They will also be expected to contribute £520 towards their children's tuition fees.

Other cuts include up to £100 million from the overseas aid budget, callously underlining the Tories' total indifference to the mass starvation in Ethiopia. Lawson refused to give the figure, saying that it was a matter for Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

He took a similar line over prescription charges, saying it would be up to Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler to announce them. However the Chancellor did announce that health authorities would be expected to meet all pay and price increases throughout the coming year from their own resources.

As one commentator put



LAWSON

it, this means 'a very tough year ahead for the NHS'. Another important announcement — the imposition of a 3-per-cent pay ceiling on the civil service for 1985 — had to be dug out of a footnote in the statement!

Lawson claimed: 'We are now in the fourth year of steady growth,' but in fact the only steady growth has been in unemployment. The Tory Chancellor had to admit that the actual growth rate this year will be well down at around 2.5 per cent.

Blame

He had the gall to blame the miners, apparently forgetting his own provocative observation during the summer that the miners' strike is 'a good investment' for the government. The big problem for Thatcher, Lawson and all their Cabinet cronies is that their big investment in the destruction of trade unionism has turned completely sour.

LAWSON ANGERS BOTH SIDES

CHANCELLOR Nigel Lawson came under attack in the Commons yesterday over unemployment — not only from the opposition but also from sacked ex-Foreign Secretary Francis Pym.

During the final day's debate on the Queen's Speech, Lawson asserted: 'This is not a time of slump — this is a time of economic recovery with high unemployment.'

But Labour spokesman Roy Hattersley accused ministers of using the jobless as 'a sort of incomes policy to hold down the wage bill... and as part

of its attempt to emasculate the trade unions.'

And Pym said: 'I don't think the government has yet measured up to the changes taking place.'

He angered some of his back-bench colleagues who are looking forward to tax cuts when he said that if there was 'money to spare' at the time of the budget it should go on job creation.

Lawson claimed the government had created a 'whole new set of attitudes... far, far removed from the "them and us" confrontation which has bedevilled this country for far too long.'

Miners blamed for famine

THE latest extravagance of the Tory government lie machine is to try to pin responsibility for the Ethiopian famine on — you've guessed it — Arthur Scargill and the National Union of Mineworkers.

A top government source, echoing Prime Minister Thatcher, yesterday denounced 'bleeding hearts' who were more concerned with the fate of Ethiopian children than with the cost of the miners' strike.

They ought to realise that the £1.5 billion the strike has cost the government might otherwise have been available for famine relief.

'Mr Scargill has already cost the country more than we put into international aid,' the source said. 'I get terribly indignant with people who ignore this wholly unnecessary expenditure.'

But didn't the government consider the strike to be a 'good investment'? 'Yes but a totally unnecessary one if people would adopt a responsible approach to a system of pit closures which has operated for years.'

The spokesman confirmed that as far as the government was concerned the 'bleeding hearts', like the miners, were in the same category as IRA bombers.

Electricians accept cash for balloting

THE EETPU, electricians' union, leadership yesterday decided unanimously to defy TUC policy and accept government money for postal ballots.

The Tories have made money available for secret ballots since 1980, but until now no trade union has used it.

The EETPU executive also decided to apply for retrospective payment, estimated at around £200,000, for ballots held since 1980 and to seek government funds for all future ballots.

TUC guidelines were laid down as long ago as the Wembley conference of 1982. One of the Wembley decisions was that all affiliated unions should observe Congress policy and not seek or accept government funds for union ballots.

Payments

General secretary Eric Hammond reported to the EETPU executive on legislation now before parliament which would provide a cut-off date for retrospective payments.

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There is no future for miners or any other section of workers under the Tories. Thatcher faces a bankrupt economy and all her drive is to rationalise industry and destroy jobs. In order to do this, she must break the orga-

nised strength of the trade unions and this she has set out to do.

This is why the News Line calls for the General Strike to be organised now as the only way to bring the Tories down and establish instead a Workers Revolutionary Government.

So, please, let's have your fullest support. Our fund stands at £250.30. Don't delay. Post every donation immediately to: The News Line November Appeal Fund, 21B Old Town, Clapham, SW4 0JT.

Donaldson 'union official'

SIR JOHN DONALDSON, the Master of the Rolls, stepped into the Austin-Rover dispute last night and declared that there was no reason for engineering union members to stay out on strike.

The extraordinary judicial intervention came during a High Court hearing in which Donaldson effectively assumed the role of senior union spokesman.

It followed a two-hour secret meeting with counsel for the union and the company. At the end of it, Donaldson declared there was no need for the court to grant the injunction sought

against the union under the Tory anti-union laws.

He said: 'The union opposes the strike. It considers the Austin-Rover pay offer should be accepted. There can therefore be no reason why AUEW members should go on strike or remain on strike with all the sacrifices which are inevitably involved.'

After Donaldson's judge-

ment, a company spokesman said: 'The company is very pleased with the outcome of today's hearing.'

At Cowley yesterday management staff were reported to be ringing strikers at home in a bid to entice them back to work.

Stewards said this was a desperate ploy to avoid making a new offer to the unions at negotiations later this week.

Women walk out at Golden Wonder

ABOUT 500 permanent production workers at Golden Wonder crisps in Widnes, Cheshire, walked out yesterday over disciplinary action by management. The workforce is mainly women and all are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

While outside engineers were testing a new packaging line last Friday, six women on the A shift were ordered to clean up waste crisps from the new machines. When they refused, they were told to clock off the rest of the shift walked out with them.

Four women on B shift were also sent home when they refused to clear up the crisps and that whole shift walked out. All ten received written warnings when they returned to work on Monday.

Yesterday four of the women were told their appeals had been rejected and the written warnings stood.

Blind protest over disability pension

MORE than 600 blind people converged on the House of Commons yesterday to demand the introduction of a blind allowance as the first step towards a comprehensive disability income. The protest was organised by the National Federation of the Blind, the National League of the Blind and Disabled and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

The protesters lobbied MPs and saw Tory Party chairman John Gummer, Minister for the Disabled Tony Newton, the Prime Minister's parliamentary secretary Michael Allison, and members of the all-party disablement group of MPs. They pointed out that existing invalidity benefit is not designed to cover the extra costs blind people have to meet, but the blind do qualify in their own right for mobility of attendance allowances.

Yet blind people can face heavy extra costs for travel.

Defend Idrish Day of Action



IDRISH

THE local government union NALGO yesterday urged its members to take part in a demonstration and Day of Action in support of a Muhammad Idrish who was served with a deportation order on Monday.

Last week the Law Lords refused him leave to appeal to the House of Lords for indefinite leave to stay in this country.

Muhammad came to Britain from Bangladesh in 1976 and has been a social worker in a West Midlands Dr Barnardo's home for the past three years.

NALGO said he would be exercising his right to appeal to the Home Office within the next few days. The demonstration will take place in Birmingham on January 30.

Black officer 'racially abused'

A JAMAICAN army officer accused of knifing a royal marine on a training course claimed yesterday that most of the British officers racially abused him.

Second Lt Karl-Gunnar Charles-Harris, 20, told Exeter Crown Court that he did not expect any racial prejudice at the Royal Marine training camp at Lympstone, Devon.

'But I got verbal abuse from most of the other officers,' he said.

Charles-Harris pleaded guilty to maliciously

wounding Second Lt Andrew Quinlan, 20, on May 25.

The prosecution claims he knifed Quinlan after being called 'a stupid black twat' in a row over cleaning a machine gun. The knife pierced Quinlan's heart and he nearly died.

Charles-Harris told the court he fell asleep exhausted after a three-day training exercise on Dartmoor — during which he had to run an extra three miles with a heavy backpack for having dirty boots. The trial continues today.

PART of the Common Market grain mountain was destroyed yesterday in a £450,000 warehouse blaze at Moreton Valence, Glos after a fire started in a loading machine. Damage to the grain was estimated at £335,000.

EIGHT protesters staged a peaceful half-hour occupation of the US consulate in Edinburgh yesterday to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of a US anti-nuclear campaigner, Karen Silkwood.

COMMUNITY OPPOSED TO 'MILITANT' APPOINTMENT

BLACK youth, trade unionists and city councillors are expected to turn out for today's demonstration in Liverpool against the appointment of a 'Militant' supporter as head of a planned Race Relations Unit.

Sampson Bond's appointment has been opposed by the black community and city council trade unions on the grounds that he does not have the professional qualifications for the job.

The black community believes that Bond was given the job because the city council leadership is not serious about positive action policies to counter discrimination in employment and services.

NALGO is boycotting any work with Bond and has accused the Labour council of brushing aside the views of the unions which backed the cam-

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

paign against the Tories for more central government funds.

Liverpool trades council, the city council joint shop stewards' committee, local GMBATU, T&GWU, NALGO, ward Labour parties, council leader John Hamilton, county councillor Sylvia Reynoldson have denounced Bond's appointment and its ratification by the District Labour Party (DLP).

In an open letter to councillors, NALGO says: 'We understand that the DLP was led to believe that NALGO



Members of Liverpool's 'Black Caucus' occupied the office of Derek Hatton, Liverpool council's deputy leader, when Sampson Bond's appointment was first announced. Steve French is seated left at the table.

would eventually back down on the appointment. We can assure you that as far as NALGO is concerned if you proceed with this appointment there will be no Race Relations Unit. Unless, of course, you want to staff the unit with scabs.

'The only conclusion we can draw is that some councillors do not want — and never did want — a Race Relations Unit.'

Steve French, an elected member of the Black Caucus told News Line: 'We have gone to

considerable lengths to find out the background of Mr Bond and it is clear that he is a "Militant" supporter and that his views are the same as theirs.

'When the Race Relations Unit was created the post of principal race relations adviser was advertised and we received brief details of the applicants for the job.

Details

'Subsequently we received more details of their qualifications. Mr Bond's qualifications were not adequate for the job.

'In the interview of the six short-listed applicants Mr Bond was unable to answer questions put to him or gave answers which showed that he was the same politically as the Labour councillors on the interviewing panel.

'Derek Hatton said during the interview that they wanted to make this a political appointment and that applicants who had previously spoken out against the council would not be acceptable.

'Two of the short-listed applicants had previously attacked the council on its race relations record.

'The NALGO representative on the interviewing panel withdrew in protest as it was clear that the appointment of Bond was in direct contradiction to agreed guidelines between the union and the council.'

He accused Bond's supporters of making racist statements in justifying his appointment. One remark at the DLP on October 11 caused particular anger, with a speaker declaring: 'We ('Militant') are the head of the dog and we will lead. They (black people) are the tail of the dog.'

Last night's TV Living under occupation

MIKE GRIGSBY'S documentary 'Too Long a Sacrifice' seen last night on ITV adds up to a damning indictment of the role of British imperialism in the north of Ireland.

In an unhurried, reflective way Grigsby revealed the private thoughts of both the Nationalist and Unionist communities of rural Derry.

Debt

'The Stuart monarchy in England gave this whole area in a payment for debt to the London companies', a Protestant farmer explains. 'They in their turn tried to make the best of what they were given. Doing that they brought in Scottish Lowland farmers to cultivate the land. They were just used as workers ... and the money then just went straight back to the companies — it was a purely economic system.

A school teacher who had been interned in Long Kesh without charge for over two years was much clearer about the real issues that divide his community: 'The conflict here is looked upon by outsiders as a religious war but it's not really a religious war as such.

Same

'It's really a war between those who have and those who have not and, unfortunately the people who have, i.e. the protestants, especially among the working class, are in exactly the same situation as the Catholic working class.'

Where Grigsby and his cameraman Ivan Strassburg excel is in showing what it is like to live under military occupation.

The idyllic quiet of the country shattered by the engine of a low-flying army helicopter; the peaceful, tree-studded hamlet being scrutinised by an overhead security camera; the roadblocks; dawn patrols; arbitrary arrest and torture — the continuous penetration of Belfast life into the rural areas. Hatred for the British Army runs deep.

Dimensions

Grigsby says of the occupied north: 'It has, to my mind, the dimensions of a laboratory where security techniques are tested, where Kitson's Bible is practiced.

'It seems to me to be an ideal training ground for the inevitable, or seeming inevitable eruption in Britain with the growing population of young unemployed, especially young black unemployed, where similar security devices are going to have to be used, and obviously the stay here is of immense value to the British forces in that sense ...

British miners and their families in rural Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire are now tasting the truth of that prognosis.

T.S.R.

Students fight eviction

HOMELESS students occupying an empty building in Gower Street, central London, yesterday picketed outside the High Court against an order to evict them.

Forty students have taken over an empty building owned by the University of London since October 17.

The University of London wants the students evicted to eventually use the premises for a university department.

The students were represented by a lawyer supplied by the National Union of Students. She came out of the hearing to tell the students they had been offered a choice by the court — leave voluntarily by the end of the month or be forcibly evicted, possibly that day.

If they chose the latter, the NUS would be forced to withdraw its legal backing for them, she said.

If they chose the former, the NUS would be legally obliged to see that they kept to their agreement and left at the end of the month.

The homeless students decided to agree to the order to leave at the end of the month.

A student at the London School of Economics told News Line: 'At the beginning of term I stayed with friends, three of us in one room, and the situation got unbearable. We had no kitchen facilities.

'It seemed very logical to move into Gower Street. It was an empty building. Most of the people there are desperate. If they are evicted they will have nowhere to live.

'Last year I was paying

BY PENNY BLOOR

£35 a week for a place with no bath or wash-basin. I couldn't afford it over the summer so I had to give it up.

'It's impossible to study under those conditions. You can't stay in the library 24 hours a day.'

Another student came down from Middlesbrough in the north east. He stayed for two weeks in a Salvation Army hostel at £7 a night.

'Then I was put on to a place in Croydon with £20 a week rent. I had to pay fares of £2.60 a day, and they have now abolished the student travel grant.'

Outlawed

● A BAN preventing two Tory students from taking part in students' union activities was outlawed by a High Court judge in London yesterday.

The students' union at Newcastle Polytechnic imposed the ban, alleging that a magazine distributed by David Brownlow and Martin Callanan was 'racist and sexist'.

Brownlow is chairman of the polytechnic's Conservative Association, and Callanan a Tyne and Wear councillor.

Mr Justice Leonard granted them a temporary court order requiring the union to reinstate them.



Students from colleges all over central London joined yesterday's picket of the High Court against homelessness

GLC report on national police force

BY SUE LAIRD

THE establishment of a nationally-directed police force with direct involvement with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet has far-reaching and fundamental implications, the GLC Police Committee heard yesterday.

A report into the policing of the miners' strike says operations have been directed on a national basis from the National Reporting Centre (NRC) headed by the President of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), Charles McLaughlin, Chief Constable for Nottinghamshire.

It has been operating alongside the Civil Contingencies Unit (CCU) which, like the NRC, was formed in 1972 as part of a major reorganisation of

the state following the 1972 miners' strike.

Later Thatcher set up MISC 57, a secret Cabinet committee whose job was to prepare plans to defeat a future miners' strike.

Since 1974 the CCU has advised a ministerial committee under the Home Secretary known as the Civil Contingencies Committee.

In the present miners' strike, however, Thatcher heads a special Cabinet Committee and 'informed sources say that the NRC is playing the leading role in policing strategy with the CCU dealing with the

economic aspects', the report says.

This committee is known as MISC 101. It meets every Monday and Wednesday morning and reports to the Cabinet on Thursdays.

'There is little doubt that overall policing policies and strategies are determined by this committee under the Prime Minister and that this is based on the reports by the NRC whose role is described as "pivotal", the report continues.

The Home office admits the NRC has been 'activated' on several occasions:

to police the 1974 miners' strike; during the prison officers' dispute; and in July and August 1981 for the inner city riots and the Pope's visit in 1982.

Representatives of ACPO met with Home Office officials on February 9, this year, just three weeks before the miners' strike started and the NRC was opened on March 14.

Contrary to its claims, the NRC plays a central role in directing police operations. At the beginning of each operational day, which commences before midnight, it plots the disposition of police in each of the aided forces.

During the course of the day it has to meet requests for additional aid,

WORLD SUMMARY

Philippine typhoon havoc

MANILA — Typhoon Agnes, the 18th major storm to hit the country this year, has devastated part of the Central Philippines and killed more than 500 people. Typhoon Ike killed more than 1,000 people in the southern and central Philippines in September.

Death

LOS ANGELES — Multi-millionaire Jack Wrather, 66, who was a member of President Reagan's 'Kitchen Cabinet' and produced 'Lassie' and 'Lone Ranger' films, has died of cancer.

Trip

WASHINGTON — Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz will visit Washington on November 19, Iraq's chief diplomat in Washington, Nizar Hamdoun, said yesterday.

Swoop

MEXICO CITY — Mexican police have seized more than 8,000 tonnes of marijuana and found about 5,000 peasants being forced to work in a remote desert drug factory, according to court officers yesterday.

Magpies

WELLINGTON — Matting magpies perched on high-voltage power lines have forced a \$135-million fertiliser plant at Kapuni on the west coast of New Zealand to close. The magpies caused two short-circuits on a 33,000 volt electrical supply line this week.

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WORKER'S MURDER PROVOKES STRIKE

FROM NICOLE VERNIER IN PARIS

PARIS — France's largest union, the CGT, held a national strike yesterday to protest against the murder of a CGT member at his factory last weekend.

The strike was followed by demonstrations in Paris and provincial centres outside the offices of the national employers' federation, the CNPF.

Two Turkish immigrants were killed and five wounded in western France when a man opened fire with a rifle on a tearoom last Sunday.

Kemal Ozgul, a Turkish building worker, was shot

on Saturday night as he and 40 other members of the CGT tried to occupy the construction firm of Pirault and Sons of Epone, 50 kilometres west of Paris.

Twenty-year-old Ozgul was shot dead at point blank range while another Turk, Daslan Haydar, 26, was seriously wounded when he was shot in the throat.

The workers were demanding the payment of wages outstanding since July, and the withdrawal of sacking notices.

Three other CGT members were injured in the

fusillade. Daman Haseyin, one of the workers who was with Kemal at the time of the shooting, described it as an 'ambush'.

'One of them fired calmly, like a professional, with his rifle on his hip. There was another one on the roof.'

The factory owner, Pierre Pirault, one of his sons, Jean-Pierre, and a security guard, Jacques Nazhad, have been charged with murder and attempted murder.

The public prosecutor also charged Pirault senior with concealing

evidence to pervert the course of justice.

The Camerounian security guard and Jean-Pierre were remanded in custody but the factory owner was freed pending trial, for which no date has been fixed. Jean-Pierre is said to be a supporter of the National Front of Jean Marie Le Pen.

The factory, which specialises in the making of pre-fabricated components for town houses was occupied in October. An expulsion order was granted by the courts without the company

being required to enter into negotiations.

Immediately afterwards, Jean Pierre Pinault arrived with a bailiff and a number of hired thugs and unsuccessfully attempted to break the occupation by bulldozing the doors in.

The company signed an agreement on October 14, undertaking to pay all the outstanding money and to convert the temporary contracts into permanent ones, but has not done so.

During the last ten years, 300,000 jobs have been destroyed in the building industry in France. Last year, new home construction fell to 332,000 from 550,000 in 1973.

Bankers in Argentine doomwatch

PHILADELPHIA — With the end of the month rapidly approaching, commercial bankers are jittery about whether the Argentine government can reach agreement on repaying overdue loans totalling \$20 billion.

The so-called refinancing has become a way of life for the devastated American banking system, for it keeps alive the fiction that their accounts are earning some money from these loans.

Citibank senior vice-president William Rhodes told a conference in Philadelphia on 'global financial stability' on Monday: 'We're shooting for the end of the month. I expect Argentina will be able to reach agreement by then.'

Rhodes heads the bank creditors' advisory committee to Argentina and co-ordinates with the International Monetary Fund the finance deals bankers make with Buenos Aires.

Agreement

They are all banking on Argentina because an agreement from President Raul Alfonsin and his Economy Minister Bernardo Grinspun would give the impression that the debt crisis is under control.

A major concern is that the Latin American regimes may default or declare a moratorium on payments — as did Bolivia and to a certain extent Peru — under the pressure of mass opposition to the IMF's draconian economy measures.

In a carrot and stick approach, Buenos Aires is being told that its downgraded credit rating may be upgraded if it agrees to come to a 'settlement' with Rhodes and the IMF board.



RAJIV GANDHI at the funeral of his mother

Gandhi won't let Sikhs vote

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi yesterday called national elections on December 24 but he has banned polling in Punjab and Assam on 'security grounds'.

He called the election 13 days after his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was assassinated by two of her Sikh bodyguards.

Gandhi's Congress (I) Party holds 354 of the 544 seats in the Lok Sabha, or lower house of parliament, and has an overwhelming majority in the upper house.

Chief Election Commis-

sioner R. Trivedi said state elections would be held on the same day in the states of Goa, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.

The decision to disenfranchise the millions of Sikh and Assamese voters will inflame opposition to the Gandhi family dynasty and fuel the national aspirations of the continent's ethnic and religious communities.

The announcement came 24 hours after Rajiv Gandhi was unanimously elected president of his mother's party and a nationwide address in which he said the government was pledged to the preservation of the mixed (capitalist) economy.

Reuters reported yesterday that the new Gandhi government is approaching Western bankers for large commercial loans. 'Hundreds of millions of dollars are needed in the financial year ending next March to pay for large development projects,' according to Reuters correspondent Ajay Sen.

Adrian Evans, managing director of Grindlays Bank, said the state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Commission would shortly raise \$300 million on the London money market through a note issue.

Evans is in New Delhi to organise bank finance for the purchase of six Airbus by Air India.

Flash of realism

WASHINGTON — Bankers have been advised to forget the idea that principal on their colossal loans to the semi-colonial countries will ever be repaid.

World Bank Treasurer Eugene Rotberg has told them instead to concentrate on interest repayments.

Worrying about principal repayments was unnecessarily underscoring the the world debt crisis.

'The principal is not going to get repaid,' he told a meeting of the Bank Administration Institute in Washington.

'If the money isn't due, then it isn't owed and if it isn't owed, you take no losses,' Rotberg told the commercial bankers.

He advised them to focus on the repayment of the interest on loans to the semi-colonial countries and on the amount of increased debt they were willing to offer.

Belgrade court charges scorned

BELGRADE — Philosophy student Gordan Jovanovic told a Yugoslav court yesterday that conspiracy charges against him and five other intellectuals were 'groundless'.

Jovanovic, 23, the fourth of the six defendants to reply in court to the indictment, said friends had met several times at his apartment for informal discussions on a variety of topics.

There was nothing illegal about the gatherings or anything that threatened the state, he said. 'The charges... are groundless.'

The six are accused of conspiring in private meetings from 1977 to undermine Yugoslavia's political system. The charge carries a jail sentence of five to 15 years.

Three other accused, sociologist Vladimir Mijanovic, 38, scriptwriter Miodrag Milic, 55, and radio technician Dragomir Olujic, 35, have all agreed they took part in meetings but say nothing subversive was discussed.

Two others, sociologist Milan Nikolic, 37, and translator Pavluska Imirovic, 36, have yet to reply to the indictment.

Jovanovic, tall and bearded and the youngest of the accused, drew laughter when he said that if he was being prosecuted for associating with friends then half the spectators in the courtroom should be indicted as well.

He defended the writing of petitions to state and Communist Party authorities, which form part of the charges against the six, as a constitutional right.

A legal wrangle developed after defence counsel objected to questions put to Jovanovic by public prosecutor Danilo Nanovic.

One defence lawyer said some of Nanovic's questions amounted to an attempt to conduct a fresh investigation in the courtroom.

Island vote

NEW YORK — The governments of Britain, the United States and US-occupied Grenada yesterday voted against a resolution urging Britain to decolonise St. Helena, the South Atlantic island where Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled.

Britain's representative in the General Assembly's Decolonisation Committee, Hugh Mortimer, objected to a paragraph in the draft that noted with concern the presence of a military base on the dependency of Ascension Island.

Mortimer asked how the existence of a limited base could impede decolonisation of people in St. Helena, 700 miles away.

World News Line

'INVINCIBLE WALL' AGAINST INVASION

MANAGUA — Tens of thousands of young Nicaraguans reported for orders yesterday in a major mobilisation against a threat of a US invasion.

Soldiers with machineguns and anti-aircraft artillery established dozens of camouflaged tank and armoured personnel carrier positions before dawn on Monday.

Yesterday, Managua looked like a city at war as T-55 tanks rumbled through the streets, camouflaged soldiers set up artillery pieces and people dug trenches.

Commander Leticia Herrera told a news conference Nicaraguans were willing to shed their last drop of blood in defence of the nation.

'These forces will form an invincible wall against imperialist aggression.'

'The moment that one Gringo (American) sets foot on our shores, our people will be around every corner, armed to defend Nicaragua,' Herrera said.

It is the biggest alert since the Sandinists smashed the US-sponsored dictatorship of the Somoza family in the 1979 national revolution.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said: 'It also shows the United States that we can prepare quickly for war and sound the alarm to the international community that we feel threatened.'

Government spokesmen have warned that Washington has deployed 25 warships carrying 15,000 troops along Nicaragua's Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Snoop

American SR-71 supersonic spy planes have been flying sound-breaking snoop missions over Managua and the major port cities.

In Managua, many working class Nicaraguans lashed out at US imperialist hostilities against their country.

Raymunda Mendosa, 42, and a mother of nine who sells tomatoes in the capital's main market,

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

said: 'We know that Reagan wants to invade Nicaragua and we fear it.'

'If it wasn't for Reagan I wouldn't have a son fighting in the mountains against the Contras (the Nicaraguan term for the US-backed counter-revolutionary mercenaries). We will suffer very much if they invade us.'

Forces

Heavy fighting against the counter-revolutionary forces has been reported in the northern provinces.

The government said its forces killed 30 mercenaries in a clash in the north on Saturday.

Final results of the general elections of November 4 were announced yesterday, formally declaring Daniel Ortega President-elect.

The Supreme Electoral Council said 61 of the 96 constituent assembly seats were won by the Sandinist National Liberation Front (FSLN), which won 66.97 per cent of the vote.

It said 14 seats went to the Conservative Democratic Party, nine to the Independent Liberal Party, six to the Popular Social Christian Party, two to the Communist Party, two to the Socialist Party and two to the Popular Action Party.

Each of the presidential candidates of the six parties that ran against the FSLN had been named deputies, raising to 96 the members of the constituent assembly, the Supreme Electoral Council said.

Reagan's lies are rejected

NEW YORK — A human rights organisation accused President Reagan and US officers yesterday of 'unabashed use of half-truths and of outright lies' over Nicaragua's treatment of the Miskito Indians.

Americas Watch, an organisation affiliated to the Helsinki Watch Committee, said the human rights of the Miskito Indians had greatly improved.

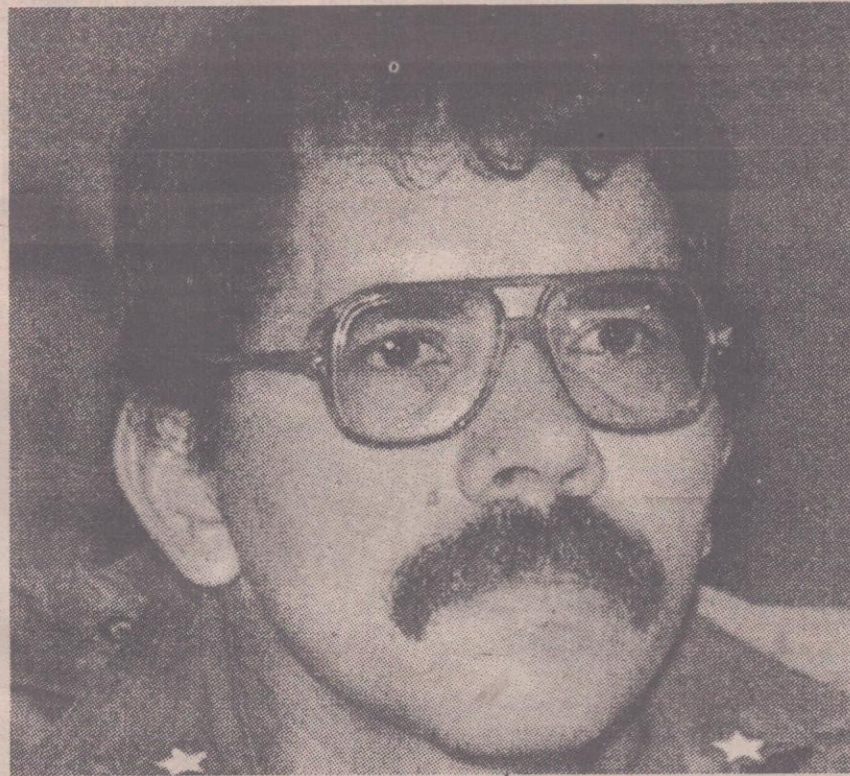
The report published on Monday, called on the Reagan government to 'stop publishing unsub-

stantiated and false information about abuses against the Miskitos'.

'It is false that "thousands (of Miskitos) have been slaughtered", as the president said on May 9,' the report said.

'It is also false that the Miskitos "have been starved and abused" at the relocation sites and, at least since travel restrictions were removed, it is also false to call them "detention camps".'

The organisation based its report on missions to Nicaragua in May and October.



Nicaragua's president elect DANIEL ORTEGA

Nabih Berri rejects talks with Israelis

BEIRUT — Israeli officials yesterday rejected Lebanon's demand for the release of four leaders of the Shi'ite Moslem Amal movement as a condition for resuming talks on an Israeli troops withdrawal from south Lebanon.

'The Israeli position is as it was outlined yesterday by the Minister of Defence. They will be interrogated, and if there is a reason to release them, they will be. If not, they will be held longer,' an official said.

Israeli troops detained the four last Thursday, the same day Israel and Lebanon opened military talks on an Israeli pull-back. Beirut announced on Saturday that it was suspending the talks until the men were freed.

US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, shuttling between Tel Aviv, Beirut and Damascus, has suggested that as a compromise Israel release three detainees immediately, and the fourth after talks resume.

Murphy met Syrian President Hafez al-Assad and Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara yesterday in an effort to get the talks restarted today.

On Monday Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel would not release the militia leaders prematurely.

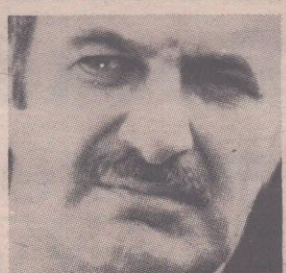
'When their interrogation has been completed, then we will decide what to do,' he said.

Rabin said the four

'were arrested following provocation, agitation and possibly also participation in attacks on (Israeli) soldiers in southern Lebanon'.

Amal leader Nabih Berri, who is Lebanon's Minister for the South, rejected the proposed compromise. 'There will be no more talks until the men are released,' he said.

Berri said a 1949 armistice agreement with Israel, which Lebanon says is the legal framework for the talks,



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called for an immediate exchange of all prisoners. Israel says the accord is invalid and the UN is acting as host for the talks.

'No way will I stop the attacks until the last Israeli soldier leaves my country,' Berri declared. 'The Israelis are just trying to take away our main card in the talks, which is the resistance. What else do we have?'

'We are not terrorists. We are on our own territory. I am not in Haifa. It is they who are in Tyre. If they call one who resists

occupation a terrorist, what is a nationalist?'

Berri said Christian villagers in the south had for the first time shown solidarity with Sunni Moslems and the Shi'ite majority by joining Monday's anti-Israeli strike.

Drought and debts at OAU summit

ADDIS ABABA — The Organisation of African Unity summit got down to business yesterday following the walkout by Morocco, a founder member, in protest over the participation of the Polisario Front.

The main items on the agenda were the blistering drought condition that has set in across the northern and central belt of the African continent, and apartheid South Africa's continuing occupation of Namibia.

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, who replaced the outgoing OAU chairman, Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam, said Africa had to address itself to economic stagnation, as well as South Africa's creeping hold over southern Africa.

Delegates are due to discuss an Algerian statement on a plan to lift Africa from its poor economic status.

Other business includes a report on progress the OAU has made to date on the Western Sahara dispute. The report points a finger at the Moroccan government for failing to negotiate directly with the Polisario, a move King Hassan maintains would be tantamount to recognising the legitimacy of the movement and its national claims.

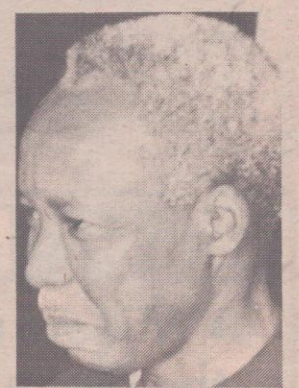
Morocco's delegate quit the OAU because the Polisario Front, which has fought Moroccan control of the Western Sahara for eight years, was given a seat when the summit opened.

President Mobutu of Zaire, a staunch backer of King Hassan, was the only other absentee, having 'suspended' participa-

tion until further notice.

The Moroccan position was completely undermined when Nigerian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Gambari announced that his government would be the 30th to recognise Polisario's Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (SADR).

African diplomats said the seating of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) was a triumph



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for the organisation's radicals, who view control of the territory by King Hassan as a vestige of colonialism.

Delegates said they were 'sad' about Morocco's unprecedented action but expressed the hope that the pan-Africanist body would be able to deal with the more pressing economic issues.

King Hassan's decision to leave the OAU for good was without precedent in the 21-year history of the organisation and would not help solve the eight-year war, they said.

The Moroccan government is conducting a major campaign to tighten its grip on the territory by building a chain of walls

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BUSMEN MEET TO SAVE JOBS

DRIVERS, engineers and transport staff packed a meeting at Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham on Monday night to hear speakers condemn government plans for public transport.

They were called upon to join a national campaign to defend services and jobs.

Meeting

The meeting was organised by the T&GWU Region 5 in the WMPTE (West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive).

Derek Yeend, chairman of the drivers' negotiating committee chaired the meeting and speaking from the platform were, Bill Morris, T&GWU national organis-

er for public transport, Sid Platt, Midlands region NALGO, Ken Coleclough, T&GWU Midlands Passenger Services, Phil Bateman, West Midlands County Council Transport Committee chairman and Gwyneth Dunwoody MP and new shadow spokeswoman on public transport.

Phil Bateman said: 'We are all appearing here today because of government plans to smash the metropolitan councils and public transport. Both these Bills at the end of the day mean hammer blows sending us back to the 1920s in this industry. The facts of the matter are we are suffering a full frontal attack that we have to defeat and there can be no middle ground.'

'We have to show that we won't be pushed around. Our fight is the

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same as the miners and we must show the same resolve as the miners in fighting for our jobs.'

Sid Platt, NALGO, said he had a recurring nightmare of personnel officers handing out P45s. 'In the course of 10 minutes 20 of you would lose your jobs.'

Cutting

'Ratecapping is a code-word for cutting services, abolition a code word for get rid of democracy, and deregulation — as in the White Paper — a code word for destroying transport.'

'The government says you must have the right to go to work. The only ones I see with that right are the scabs. What about the rest of us?'

Platt put forward a seven-point plan.

Bill Morris said the agenda had been set not by the people in the industry, but by Whitehall.

He outlined the implications of various sections of the White Paper. In 1980 we had seen four Transport Acts which in London meant that subsidies had been slashed by over 50 per cent, services cut, fare increases were on the way.

'The implications are that at least a third of services will go and 30 per

cent of jobs within 12 months. This doesn't only affect transport but also vehicle building and all the knock-on services and industries. There would be jobs lost in steel and mining. 'So it's all interconnected and we're all in the fight together.'

Defend

'The only thing up for tender is our jobs, wages and conditions and we must be prepared to take industrial action to defend them.'

YTS parents 'insulted' by death grant

THE parents of a Scottish teenager killed on a cheap labour Youth Training Scheme received a cheque for just £78.

And the death grant of £30 for George McCormack was cut to £22.50 because the Department of Health and Social Security insisted that he was not in full employment!

His parents, May and Matthew said: 'We are still recovering from the shock of this insult.'

George was employed as a gardener on a landscaping project by the Manpower Services Commission, after leaving school last Christmas.

He was killed when a YTS minibus he was travelling in collided with an articulated lorry.

In the last four years 27 youth have been killed on government cheap Labour Youth Opportunities Programme (YOP) and the Youth Training Scheme. An MSC spokesman told News Line yesterday that eight of these were in road traffic accidents.

The £78 sent to George's parents was the standard maximum industrial death grant, fixed by the DHSS for employees and copied by the MSC in a scheme of its own for youth on YTS.

The MSC has in its employment nine part-time regional safety specialists who are paid £90 a day.

George's father, Matthew, a 55-year-old examiner from Polbeth, West Lothian, said: 'George was delighted to get a place on a Youth Training Scheme for a year.'

Envelope

'He was determined not to end up on the dole.'

He added: 'After my son's death two Manpower Services officials called at our home and handed over an envelope.'

'When I opened it and saw the cheque for £78 I wanted to throw it on the fire.'

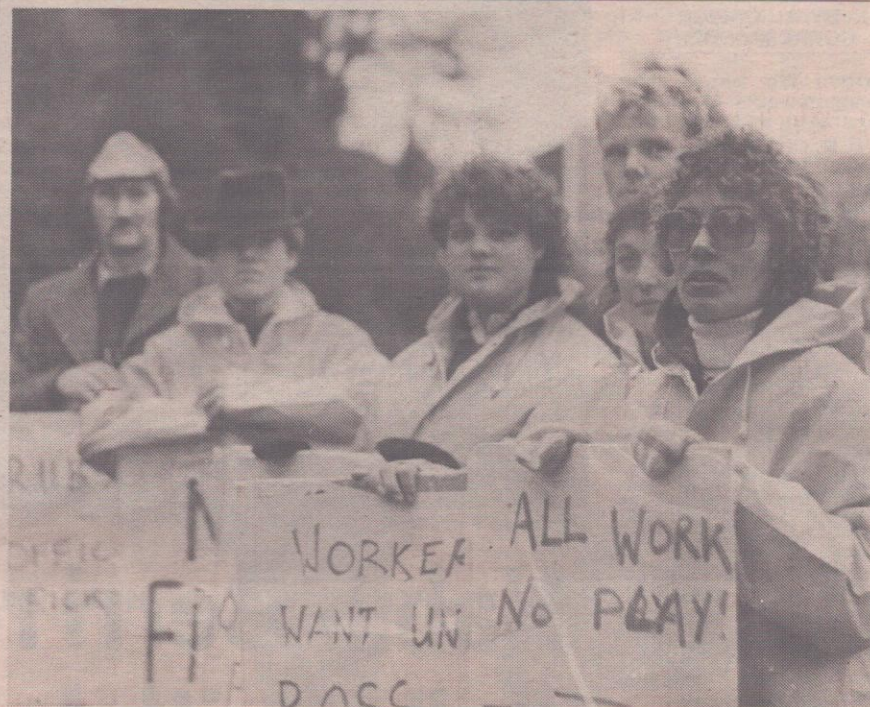
'It just proves that thousands of youngsters like my son are being used as cheap labour. I feel very bitter.' (Scottish 'Sunday Mail', November 11, 1984).

Labour MP for Livingston, Robin Cook, said: 'It's important that the full facts of this tragic accident are known because I believe there are lessons to be learned.'

'The government has allowed Industrial Death Benefit to fall to such a derisory level that it can only cause needless distress.'

In the first year of YTS, which started in its present form in September last year, there were 100 accidents classified as major, through which youth were hospitalised for longer than a day.

And there have been six deaths since YTS began.



Pickets at Roma Footwear, in Rossendale, Lancashire

Footwear workers fight for a union

FOOTWEAR workers in Rossendale, Lancashire, on strike for union recognition are determined to win their case.

The workers, who have received letters terminating their employment at Roma Footwear, say they will fight for the right to belong to their trade union.

The management have recently spent a large sum of money on adverts in the local press in an

attempt to justify their sacking of the workers.

But the strikers say that the adverts are a waste of money because, although they are always willing to carry on negotiations with the company, they will not give in.

The full-time union official for the Rossendale

Union of Boot, Shoe and Slipper Operatives recently told News Line of the conditions at the firm.

Mick Murray, the district organiser, said: 'The firm have no shift premium payments, only 20 days' holiday instead of 30 and the firm also wants to cut the wages and move operatives from one job to another.'

Channel Stevedores are under contract to do Townsend's roll-on, roll-off business at Portsmouth.

Dockers reject 'no strikes deal' claim

PORTSMOUTH dockers in the Transport and General Workers Union have rejected a claim by Townsend Thoresen that they made a 'no strikes deal' with the company.

The union's officer Alec Hodder said: 'Townsend Thoresen is seeking a cheap publicity stunt.'

Townsend claimed that it had signed a no-strike deal with another ferry company, Channel Stevedores, and the union.

Hodder said that the T&GWU had no part in the agreement. The union has an agreement with Channel Stevedores but not with Townsend because they do not employ any of their members.

Hodder added: 'I must emphasise that no matter what, there will not be any agreement between us and Townsend which stipulates a no strike or

no dispute clause.'

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Record receipts by building societies

BUILDING societies took in a record £1,125 million of savers' money in October.

It is the first time the societies have topped £1 billion in a month and easily beating the previous best figure of £968 million reached in October last year.

The figures illustrate that the societies were offering extremely attractive in-

terest rates, and this was one of the main factors behind last week's decision to cut rates.

Apart from receipts from savers, the societies also took in a next £115 million from the issue of bond in the city.

October also saw a pick-

up in mortgage lending after the lull in the summer. Mortgage lending totalled £2,081 million while promises of home loans rose to £2,022 million.

Net receipts are expected to fall to about £600 million in November partly for seasonal reasons but also because of the British Telecom issue and the cut in society investment rates.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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SCOTLAND

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

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

NORTH WEST

SALFORD: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. Broughton Library, Bury New Road.

Speakers: Dee Trainor (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); NUM speaker.

ELLSMERE PORT: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. The Ex-Servicemen's Club, Meadow Lane, off Whitby Road.

Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Bob Edwards (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Larry Cavanagh (Merseyside port shop steward); Allen Jones (Point of Ayr NUM).

RUNCORN: Thursday November 15, 7.30p.m. The Auditorium, Runcorn Shopping City Library.

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

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

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

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

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

PRESTON: Thursday November 22, 7.30p.m. Textile Centre, Sedgewick Street, off North Road.

Speakers: Lyn Waring (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Steve Brindle (BAC shop steward); Speakers from Lancs NUM.

WEST MIDLANDS

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Ladywood Community Centre, Ledbury Close, Ladywood.

Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee).

STAFFS

STOKE ON TRENT: Wednesday November 28, 7.30p.m. Tunstall Town Hall, Tunstall.

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

YORKSHIRE

SHEFFIELD: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. Trades and Labour Club, Duke Street.

Speakers: Maxine Casswell (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Dave Smith (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity).

HUDDERSFIELD: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Friendly & Trades Club, Northumberland Street.

Speakers: Stephen Wey (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Ernest Fairburn (NUM Emley Moor, in personal capacity).

EASTERN

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

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

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

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

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

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

THETFORD: Friday November 16, 7.30p.m. The Guildhall, Market Place.

Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Fiona Cairns (Norwich WRP).

CORBY: Monday November 26, 7.30p.m. Green Room, Festival Hall, Corby Civic Centre.

Speakers: Linda Mee (YS Regional Committee); Ray Athow (WRP Central Committee).

EAST MIDLANDS

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

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

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

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

SUSSEX

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

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

LONDON

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

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

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

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

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

Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee).

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

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

MILLWALL: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Old Council Offices, Poplar High Street, E14.

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

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

THATCHER CAN'T STOP XMAS IN KENNOWAY

NESTLING in between two spots quaintly named Windygates and Bonnybank, the Fife village of Kennoway could at first seem a sleepy and timeless place.

But the NUM struggle has made Kennoway a bustling community — busy with local miners and supporters pitching into the fight against the Tories.

'I don't ken a lot — but I'm learning,' says Nell Ireland of herself as chairwoman of Kennoway Women's Action Group.

'The women are even more militant than the men now. We are determined the miners are not going to go back until we win,' she goes on.

'My man is a face worker. For a 5-day week he was coming home with £90.

'Why should we be struggling all our lives? We are working class, may be; and the others are the ones with money. But they're no better than us.

'We must let them know they're just not going to do what they like to the working class.

'My father was a miner and so was my grandfather, who was in the 1926 General Strike. In fact, I was born during it. An other thing is that my grandad was hit by a truncheon in 1926. So not all that much was different then.'

Nell, whose husband and 19-year-old son are both striking miners, went on: 'To be honest, it is Christmas that is the main thing that concerns us at the moment. The Tories won't stop Christmas in Kennoway.'

Future

'Christmas is for the kids, and its their future we're fighting for.'

An appeal for toys and finance has already gone out. 'We feel we are going to get a wonderful response to our appeal for the kids for Christmas. We need toys, money, anything people want to send. We are also running jumble sales and coffee mornings to raise funds for our kids' party.'

Nell continued: 'The public has been marvellous. Dundee, particularly, has been tremendous to us, and SOGAT 82 has donated a lot of food over the past months.'

'But it is hard for the miners, fighting alone. NACODS stabbed them in the back. The worse thing is that you speak to NACODS members and most of them don't know what their own settlement is yet.'

'My son, a single man, is needing shoes and things. Nine months is a

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

long time for young folk, with their clothes.

'If the miners lose, everyone loses. And our men are being treated as if they were criminals. I'd like to see the other unions doing more. Let them be stronger. Let them go out and help. Those lorries. I keep thinking every lorry is a scab lorry now.'

Wilma Bennett, action group member, told News Line: 'How do you tell a two-year-old bairn that Santa Claus isn't coming? You can't.'

Struggle

'Nell is right when she says our group are very militant. We have to struggle to keep the house: and have the food to buy. My husband is on strike and we've two teenage daughters, 13 and 14.'

Rita Waterson, known as 'cook', commented: 'That NUM rally in Edinburgh last week was fabulous. Arthur Scargill has stuck to his word.'

'There is no defeat. Look at the way they are going back to work — in dribs and drabs. The coal board said six were working at Seafeld pit. But there was only three, and now that's down to two.'

'The first four weeks of the strike were the hardest. At the start, I wouldn't have thought the strike would still be on after nine months. But we have done it, and we'll stick with it.'

● A DELEGATION from the Kennoway NUM strike centre and Women's Action Group is to attend this weekend's News Line anniversary rally in London.

Andy 'adopted' by Yorkshire family

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE miner Andy Thornley, 21, left his village of Hucknall because his father is scabbing. He has given up everything and is now staying with a West Yorkshire family, who have 'adopted' him as their own son.

'Our union sent me to Yorkshire and I stayed up there,' Andy told News Line while in London collecting cash support for the strike.

'I just couldn't cross a picket line and didn't



Nell Ireland, Rita Waterson, Wilma Bennett (left to right): of Kennoway Women's Action Group, pictured on the NUM march through Whitburn last Saturday

CGT to send presents

THE French CGT union announced yesterday it would send around 300,000 Christmas presents to the children of Britain's striking miners. CGT Secretary Joannes Galand told a news conference the parcels would be collected by the end of the month and handed over to the British miners.

A CGT delegation headed by union

leader Henri Krasucki travelled to Dover last month to deliver 400 tons of food to the strikers.

Asked about a reported meeting last month at the CGT's Paris headquarters, Galand said: 'These contacts are the British unionists' responsibility. We are not involved in this . . . We respect all types of unionism.'

reckon we should put a vote to close a Yorkshireman's pit or a Scottish or a Welsh pit.

'It doesn't matter where you're from, it's still one union. Lots of lads who used to be my best mates are now scabbing.

Scab

'I was going to be a best man at one of my mate's wedding, but he's a scab so I didn't go. I told him to find somebody else.

'I've seen women coming past the picket lines with their husbands waving wage packets and we've had union men clapping them.

'When I went to Nottingham a couple of weeks ago my dad wouldn't let me see my little brother, aged four.

'I've given my family up and my mates, but I've got another family now.

'Before the strike, I did not know what to do with my life but I know I'm not going to cross picket

lines. My grandad has been the only one to back me up.'

Andy believes there should now be a General Strike. 'The TUC have sold us down the river. As for Kinnock, he's sold us out as well.'

Win

'I say, get everyone out. Let's win because it's not just our fight, it's everybody's fight. It's the whole working class.'

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This **WEDNESDAY**
morning... **November 14, 1984**

Thatcher's dept. of dirty tricks

THE TORY media's hate campaign against the miners and their union president Arthur Scargill has reached a new crescendo this week. The ferocity of the Tory press attacks is a tribute to the steadfastness of the miners and their communities. It denotes the desperation of the Tory ruling class, not its strength.

It testifies to the fact that after 36 weeks of strike action, the tons of Tory propaganda orchestrated by Downing Street has been unable to shift the overwhelming number of miners.

Each week the Tories have used a new propaganda theme to try and browbeat the miners into submission. These 'psyops', or psychological operations, are dreamt up by the civil war planners in Thatcher's Civil Contingencies Unit headed by Brigadier Tony Budd.

First it was the 'national ballot' campaign; then it was the 'union is split' campaign; after that we had the 'Silver Birch' campaign; this was followed by the 'NUM is isolated from the rest of the trade union movement' campaign. Now we are passing through 'the strike is crumbling' campaign.

Yesterday's 'Daily Express' gave a full page to scabs Ken Foulstone and Bob Taylor to write an open letter to miners. It was headlined: 'Dear Brothers' and signed 'Yours fraternally'.

These scabs have no 'brothers' in the NUM or any part of the trade union movement. On behalf of the 'Silver Birch Law Society' they have taken High Court actions which have resulted in the sequestration of the NUM's funds, a declaration that the strike is illegal and warnings from the court that the NUM leadership may be jailed.

In the eyes of Fleet Street, the individuals behind this assault on basic democratic rights of the working class are 'heroes' to be exalted on every possible occasion. This merely reveals the crass stupidity and unhistorical blindness of the Tory scribblers and their Bingo paymasters.

The British working class fought for its basic democratic rights in lengthy and bitter struggles more than a century and a half ago. In those early struggles, it learnt all that it ever needed to know about scabs.

No self-respecting miner will pay the slightest heed to the scabby opinions of Messrs Foulstone and Taylor. They aren't worth the price of the paper that they are printed on. In the case of Lord Matthews' 'Daily Express', that comes to a lousy 20p.

Hot air

THE SO-CALLED 'hardliners' at the 'Morning Star' are being hard-pressed to say something nice about the strike-breaking regime in Poland. But they've done it!

Yesterday's front-page headline said: 'Black-outs likely as coal dwindles — Cold winds cool NCB sunshine tales'. Assistant editor David Whitfield breathlessly told his dwindling readership:

'The London Meteorological Office yesterday reported "cold air over Poland will be blowing in from the continent in the next week". Temperatures in Poland yesterday were described as sub-zero.' ('Morning Star', November 13, 1984)

But while the Stalinist daily is celebrating the export of Polish cold air to Britain in aid of the miners' strike, what has it got to say about the export of strike-breaking coal to aid the Thatcher regime's ruthless plan to smash the NUM and starve the miners back to work?

In any case, the import of Polish cold air cuts both ways. Maybe the Stalinist regime will use the drop in temperatures in Britain to boost its sale of scab coal to Thatcher!

ORGANISE A GENERAL

THE FUTURES

OF THREE

GENERATIONS

AT STAKE

BY BEN RUDDER

THE future of three generations hangs on the struggle being waged to save the pits, miner's wife Mair Gore from the South Wales village of Penrhwi-ceiber believes.

As she spoke, those three generations were sitting beside her.

'My husband has worked 28 years down the pit, but I am also fighting to give my boys a chance of a job. And after them, there is my grandson here, what chance does he have if we don't fight for his future?'

Mair has three sons, two daughters — and since the strike began two grandchildren have come into the family.

The eldest son, Neville, is 22, and like thousands of other young men in the South Wales valleys he is unemployed.

'My other two sons, the twins David and Dean, are being kept in school by this government because there is no work for them to go to.'

Scabs cause of bitterness



Shirley and Sonia

Shirley and Sonia Roberts have been on the picket line at Cwm colliery in South Wales in recent days to voice their disgust at two scabs.

'These scabs are betraying their union and the men they have worked with. If I had my way they would be tarred and feathered. It is their action which is making the men in this village bitter, and the scabs themselves are not men, they are mice.'

Both women were also critical of the women who had appeared on television to urge their husbands to go back to work.

'We are sticking 100 per cent behind our men because we know that if the pits shut the valleys will be dead,' added Shirley. 'This strike is the last resort as far as we are concerned.'

We can't afford to let them take any more pits from South Wales.'

The women also believe strongly that the time has come for concrete action by the rest of the trade union movement to support the miners.

'We are grateful for the money, but it's solidarity that we want. They should join us on the picket lines,' said Sonia. 'We have not had enough support from the TUC, and if NACODS had come out on strike as they should have done, this dispute would have been over a long time ago.'

'But we have a strong group of women in this village, and even though it is coming up to Christmas, we are going to keep our men out as long as they need to be out.'

'Neville went on a government scheme earning £25 a week doing work for which others were being paid a full wage. But there was nothing after it.'

'It's alright for Margaret Thatcher to sit behind a desk and say that pits must close but she should come down here and see what it's like in Penrhwi-ceiber.'

'I went on the first demonstration in my life in Porthcawl earlier in the strike, and the farmers were there when she was pelted with eggs. Those eggs were too good for her. You wouldn't find her telling her son Mark to go and work for £25 a week.'

'One thing I am sure of — she doesn't have the right to tell my son he can't have a job. That is why I am 100 per cent behind this strike and behind Arthur Scargill.'

'Scargill is not only fighting for miners, but for the rights of everyone. What he says is right. If she is allowed to, she will do away with unions altogether.'

Future

Mair's son David had no doubts about the strike. 'The miners should win because they are thinking about the future of youngsters like me. I'm glad they came out, and that's the way we all think at school.'

'The people that are going in to work now should remember that they may not have a job to go to next year if they break this strike.'

David said the prospects for work for all those in his year at school are bleak. Of the 25 or so in the previous year, he knows of only one with a proper job. Others have been on government schemes.

He said: 'They work for only £25, doing work that others are doing for much higher pay, and then they can't get jobs after that. No one likes Thatcher at school. If anyone does they are off their heads.'

David's father Lenny believes the time is long past when other trade unionists should have taken stronger action in support of the miners.

He feels particularly bitter about the decision of NACODS leaders to call off their strike, and at the scabbing being done by Transport and General Workers Union members in road haulage companies.

'The railmen have refused to carry coal. The least the lorry drivers could do is respect miners' picket lines.'

Lead

'We are setting an example and giving a lead to everyone. We are fighting for the jobs of the bus drivers round here and the shopkeepers too. They should realise that Thatcher wants to see five people queuing for every job.'

'And she has definitely got it in for the miners ever since we brought down the government of Ted Heath in 1974.'

'At Penrhwi-ceiber we have seen 89 men leave the pit without a single youngster being taken on.'

'There is no way the pit can be economical when they do that as well as opening up faces which they know are going to run into geological difficulties.'

Mair remembers well the number of times before the overtime ban that her husband was called back into work because the pit was so undermanned they could only bring coal out for two shifts out of every three.

Her certain knowledge that the attack on jobs has nothing to do with the alleged economics of the Coal Board has only strengthened her determination to continue the fight until the miners' victory.

Fight

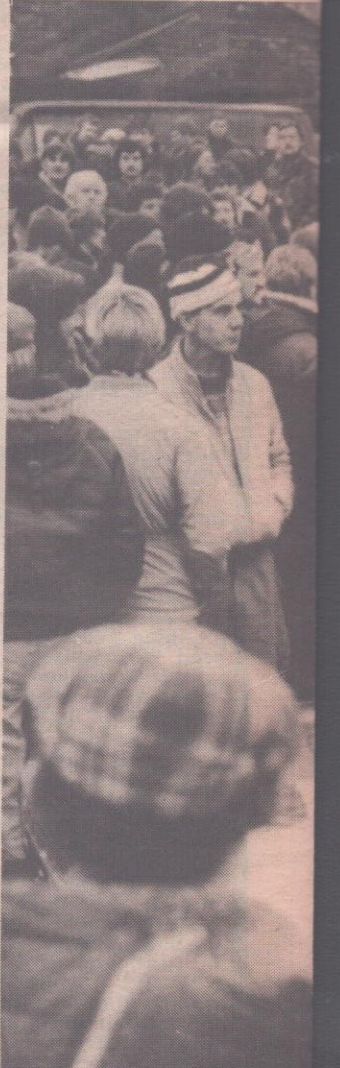
'We can't give in now — anyone who says otherwise is off their heads. It will take a lot more than we've suffered — and others have suffered worse than us — before we break.'

'We are going to fight on, even if it means we can't buy anything for our grandchildren until they are two-and-a-half years old.'

WALES



South Wales miner's wife Mair Gore from the village of Penrhwi-ceiber believes the future of three generations hangs on the struggle being waged to save the pits.



The 800 pickets who gathered

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Come out with NUM

BY SIMON VEVERS

AN URGENT call for the rest of the working class to back the miners with a General Strike was made yesterday by Gary Pickford, NUM branch treasurer at the 'Cortonwood' of the north east — Herrington colliery in County Durham.

'We've had great support from the Fire Brigades Union, from NUPE and other workers, and all this money is important for food parcels. But it's not enough,' he told News Line.

'We need workers to come out in a General Strike because that's how we will get the support of other sections of the trade union movement.'

Like Cortonwood, Herrington is on the initial NCB hit-list of five pits whose threatened closure sparked the miners' strike nine months ago.

Herrington miners have been engaged in a protracted three-year fight to save their 109-year-old pit — the only one remaining in an area once dominated by the mining industry.

Pickford said: 'When the Coal Board first announced rundown in manpower we rejected their plans. We brought in our own engineer and he said there were at least eight years' reserves of coal left. We want those eight years, we want to work this pit until it is exhausted.'

The local NUM's proposals to keep the pit open were arrogantly brushed aside by the NCB area director David Archibald.

He offered to suspend the death sentence on Herrington for just two



GARY PICKFORD

years — an insulting offer which was flatly rejected by the miners and the local community.

Herrington is full of 'industrial gypsies' — men who have been shunted from pit to pit, up to six times in many cases, as a result of colliery closures.

They recognise that there won't be a seventh pit to go to and that is why they have remained so rock solid over the last nine months, said Pickford.

'It's a direct threat to our livelihoods. We were known as ultra-moderates up here in



Members of the Herrington wives' support group inside the kitchen — left to right: Ann Nesbitt, Ann Rennison, Madge Thompson, Carole Allcroft, Irene Wallis and her daughter Carol

Durham, but I was confident the men would fight.'

In its closure proposals for Herrington the NCB planned 140 redundancies and 100 transfers, but ominously said nothing about the 400 other men at the pit.

Pickford has no doubt about the significance of their silence. 'I'm sure that if we hadn't rejected the Coal Board's plan there would have been compulsory redundancies at Herrington.'

He bitterly attacked the role of Labour leader Neil Kinnock. 'He's ridden on the miners' backs to get where he is and now he's turned on us.'

Gala

'He was quite a favourite among Durham miners and they invited him to speak at the centenary gala. But he'll not get another invitation. Personally I think the man's really heading for the SDP.'

Pickford added: 'My message to all trade unionists would be that the hardship the miners have gone through will be suffered by you if Thatcher beats this union.'

'You should come out in support of the NUM. Do what the Tories keep telling our members to do and vote with your feet.'

WIVES CONDEMN EMPTY PROMISES

THE empty promises of TUC leaders and the 'two-faced' attitude of Labour leader Neil Kinnock were roundly condemned yesterday by members of the Herrington miners' wives support group.

Treasurer of the group Ann Nesbitt told News Line: 'We were promised backing off the TUC, but what support did we get? It seems that it was only empty promises which are worth nothing to us after all these months. Kinnock is being just two-faced and won't come out in support of our strike.'

Madge Thompson scorned Thatcher's claim that the miners and their families would face nothing but soup kitchens. Opening the oven door she displayed the tasty roast beef and Yorkshire pudding that was being prepared for the miners and their families.

'Does it look as though we're starving? We'll not starve, not while this community is so firmly behind us.'

'What I'd like to see is all these lorries that are moving coal stopped. We

should have the backing of the transport union and the railway union and then this strike could be brought to an end.'

'But if needs be we'll go on until next Christmas, we're that determined to see this through.'

Ann Rennison, whose husband William has worked at Herrington for 24 years, is convinced that he will not get another job, despite the NCB's claim that no miner will be sacked.

She is deeply concerned about the future of her 13-year-old son and told News Line: 'There won't be anything for him unless we carry on this fight, only these government schemes which are not worth bothering with because they are just cheap labour.'

Carole Allcroft expressed the same determination when she said: 'We'll not back down — ever — after eight months of this strike. It's been hard and we've had to fight for everything we've got.'

Correction



THIS is Gwyn Williams, NUM lodge secretary at Taff Merthyr, South Wales, whose interview with News Line appeared on yesterday's centre pages. ('All TUC members must back miners', News Line, November 13, 1984)

Bro Williams' interview mistakenly appeared with a photograph of Terry Davis, lodge secretary of Trelewis Drift. We apologise to both of them. An interview with Bro Davis will appear in tomorrow's News Line.



Gore with other members of her family showing how three miners' struggle



outside Herrington colliery in the North East yesterday

Riot police attack on Frickley pickets

RIOT and mounted police were brought in to attack about 600 pickets outside Frickley colliery, West Yorkshire, early yesterday.

Forty police were injured in a counter-attack by pickets throwing stones from side streets and barricades after four scabs turned up.

Several police vehicles were damaged. The pickets were eventually driven away when the mounted police charged them.

A total of eight arrests were made in the West Yorkshire coalfield, under public order charges.

In South Yorkshire there were further incidents as well, but not on the same scale as on Monday.

In Barrow, near Barnsley, power supplies were cut in the village of Worsborough Dale after attempts by pickets to black out the colliery.

Mrs Anne Scargill, wife of the NUM president, joined the picket line at Barrow.

At Hickleton Main colliery a group of about 12 pickets were reported to have broken into the pit manager's office and set papers alight, causing some smoke damage to the building. A car and a security camera inside the pit grounds were also damaged.

At Houghton Main colliery, eight scabs on their way to work were taken to a police station after their coach broke down and their driver was stoned by angry pickets.



THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

TORIES TURN DOWN ARMTHORPE INQUIRY

A DELEGATION of miners and local councillors from Armthorpe, Yorkshire, were turned down by Tory Home Secretary Leon Brittan when they saw him in London to demand a public inquiry into a police siege of the village and colliery on August 22.

Brittan, who met them last week, said the local deputy Chief Constable would investigate the matter and would take it up with the local police committee.

Jimmy Miller, Armthorpe NUM branch secretary, who was part of the delegation, told News Line yesterday: 'We were disappointed but not surprised.'

The August 22 incident was the first time police had come to the village on such a scale since the strike began, he said.

On August 21 a four-man picket was nearly run over trying to speak to scabs. 'We never had a problem on that picket line till then,' Miller said.

At 2a.m. that morning about 150 police in riot gear and about the same number of police were gathered at the colliery entrance on either side of the road.

Trouble

Police phoned Miller and a fellow union official, asking them to go down in case there was trouble. They went and shortly after the pickets left.

Miller returned the next morning to find a number of pickets outside the colliery and a burning barricade. What puzzled him was that there was no policeman in sight.

'It was rather strange. At 2a.m. there had been more than 200 assembled in and around the colliery and yet when they were supposed to be needed most there was nobody there,' said Miller.

At about 8.30a.m. there was a police charge into the village. The police

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

had been massed behind a hill on the Doncaster Road about two miles from the colliery.

Miller said that dozens of transit vans were involved. The riot police charged down into the village and they stopped fire engines from passing them to put the fire outside the colliery out.

Windows

'The pickets took off in all directions. Obviously the police had to save face and the only people they could find were in their homes looking out of their windows. They started to bash their way in.'

Miller believes the operation was aimed at arresting hundreds of pickets in the bottleneck outside the pit but when the fire began, the plan backfired because pickets had fled from the area.

The visit to Brittan followed a public meeting in the village demanding a public inquiry.

The delegation questioned Brittan about a number of written complaints against the police on that day, including a man who witnessed half a dozen police laying into a picket at his window sill.

Name

This matter had not been investigated because the police had not known the picket's name or address, Brittan said.

Others on the delegation were county councillor Bert Whittle, MP Harold Walker, council

clerk Frank Pratt, councillors Sam Thompson and Douglas Gorrie and a resident who had complained to police after the siege.

Miller told News Line that the question now was to involve the whole working class in the miners'

strike, not just in Britain, and he spoke up in favour of accepting money from Libyan trade unionists.

'At the end of the day, men have got to be fed — that is real politics.'

'I think we've got every right to ask the working class throughout the world, no matter what colour or creed they are.'

'We all have a duty as workers to support each other. I'd rather bite the hand that starves us than the one that's trying to feed us.'



Armthorpe pit village in South Yorkshire under siege . . . The mining community near Doncaster was completely sealed off — and people were ordered off the streets for several hours in August



Para-military riot police stormed through the streets attacking strikers on August 22 this year

'Mail' witch-hunt condemned

SUTTON MANOR colliery branch secretary Roy Jackson condemns the 'Mail on Sunday' article which attempts to link the NUM with the IRA and the Brighton bombing and the use of para-military tactics against the police.

'One of our lads went to London and then southern Ireland collecting for funds. He did a number of factory and university meetings.'

'At one meeting in Dublin a questioner kept pushing him over the Brighton bombing — he was trying to set him up.'

'Other students told the questioner to shut up. Our member wasn't very experienced and should have avoided answering. He's learnt from it anyway.'

'It's typical "Mail" tactics to link us with the

IRA, bombings and Gad-dafi.'

'Who uses para-military tactics? Only the police! The government has used the courts, bribe money, police and now a 1361 Act for peasants against us.'

'They've intruded upon our members' privacy with telephone calls and letters. They must be very disappointed today. They expected a lot more back than the 15.'

He commented about the recent visit of the NUM chief executive to Libya: 'Personally I think they should have sent a lower ranking official.'

'I'm not opposed in principle to aid from Libya. I'm not opposed to aid from any working-class organisation or people.'

'The Tories, capitalists, get far more out of Libya.'

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ART REVIEW

Keeping British art alive

BIRMINGHAM has been chosen as the first city to be visited by 'The British Art Show', before the exhibition moves on to Edinburgh and Sheffield, finally ending in Southampton in June next year.

Shown at the City Art Gallery and the Ikon Gallery (presently threatened with closure due to lack of funds), the exhibition sets out to show the most interesting work done by British artists in the past five years.

It is one of the largest and most comprehensive exhibitions of its kind put on by the Arts Council and incorporates not just painting and sculpture, but photography, video and performance art as well.

Included is an educa-

The British Art Show — Old Allegiances and New Directions 1979-1984 — An Arts Council Exhibition. City of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and Ikon Gallery until December 22; Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, January 19-February 24; Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, March 16-May 4; Southampton Art Gallery, May 18-June 30

tional programme of workshops, seminars and events for visitors to the show.

The work chosen represents 82 different artists and in choosing the 'best' of British Art, the three selectors had to resolve the contradiction between objective analysis of the work and subjective judgement.

Over 1,000 artists were visited in studios and galleries over two years and the final choice is varied and exciting, with many

innovative and interesting techniques and styles.

There tends to be a move away from the abstract art which was so popular in the sixties and seventies, although several abstract artists are shown.

The trend is towards figurative work and traditional techniques, and many artists use their medium as a means of commenting on and expressing an opinion of their world.

John Hyatt's 'Art Wars, Division and Design', the

painting from which the poster for the exhibition is taken, contains references to workers, electricity pylons, and a cityscape alongside the heraldic beasts of England, the Lion and the Unicorn.

He writes on the painting, 'By nature — no animal has an essence like man — it is now about high time — for breaking wind in your water of abstraction again'.

He depicts the struggle between abstract expressionism and social realism as styles of painting, as well as the cultural war as he sees it between Britain and America.

One of the most riveting pieces of performance art is the three-person presentation, 'The Triptych Ballet' by Stephen Taylor Woodrow, in which three inseparable men, indicating the split personality and the inability to escape from it, stand back to back, stock still, glowering at visitors to the exhibition. Then, without warning, they shuffle or jump to a new position and carry on glowering. Most unnerving!

Paintings

Terry Atkinson, from Leamington Spa, has two paintings in the show. 'Postcard from Trotsky in concentration camp in Nova Scotia, 1917 to John Lock in Somerset in 1890' and 'Ideologically battered postcard from Trotsky in Coyoacan to Stalin in Moscow, dated 1938'. The latter deals in detail with Stalinism and Nazism.

Atkinson shows that the role of the artist is not merely to be technically adept — although he is undoubtedly that — nor just to represent life or express himself, but to use art as a means of analysing and explaining the world.

Other artists in the show also attempt to do so, notably R.B. Kitaj's 'Refugees' and Tony Carter's 'Virus of War and

STEPHEN TAYLOR WOODROW — 'The Triptych Ballet' first presented 1983, also presented on the South Bank London 1984

Subjective Seeing', oil on photographic print.

All in all, the exhibition is a fascinating appraisal of British art over the past five years and shows that despite the financial difficulties which artists have to overcome, British art is still very much alive, and the show is well worth a visit.



R.B. KITAJ — 'Cecil Court, London WC2 (The Refugees)' 1983-84 — oil on canvas 182.9 x 182.9cm

Record prices

SURREALIST works by Giorgio de Chirico, Wilfredo Lamb and Francis Picabia set record sale prices at Christie's Auction House yesterday.

De Chirico's 'Interiore Metafisico,' an early 'metaphysical' still life, was sold for \$385,000. The top auction price previously recorded for a de Chirico was \$240,000 for 'Metaphysical Interior III' in 1981.

Lamb's 'Mofumba ce qui Importe' fetched \$253,000 and Francis Picabia's 'Flirt' was bought for \$214,500.

Lamb's 'Trenza de Agua' was purchased last May for \$198,000.

Important book on Stalin's purges

The Great Purges by Isaac Deutscher and David King. Basil Blackwell £12.50

IN 1965 the late Isaac Deutscher wrote a documentary for BBC Radio on the Moscow Trials. It was a powerfully woven piece which thoroughly demolished the frame-up trials which resulted in the physical liquidation of the Old Bolsheviks.

David King has recovered the manuscript from obscurity and brought it to fresh life

through the publication of an illustrated book on the Stalinist purges. It is timely, it is welcome and it is forcefully presented.

Text

From the historical standpoint, Deutscher's text is without fault. It quotes from the documents which were available by 1965, including Khrushchev's secret speech to the 20th congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

It follows Trotsky's writings, speeches made by the main participants and the alleged 'confessions' of the accused. It adds up to a massive and unanswerable indictment of Stalinist tyranny.

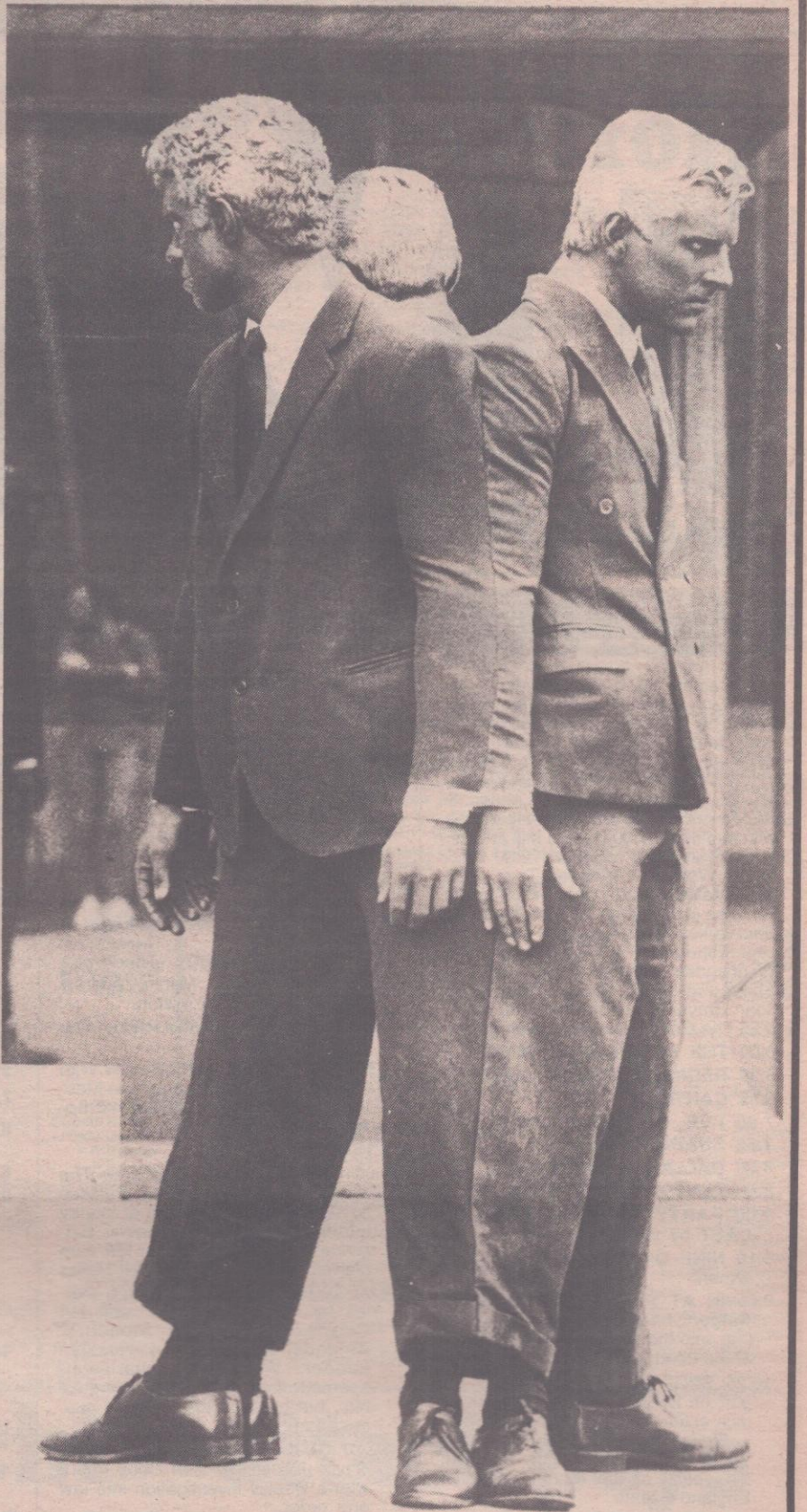
British workers and intellectuals will note the illustration on Page 92. It is of the cover of a book entitled 'The Moscow Trial Was Fair' by D.N. Pritt, KC, MP, with additional material on the personalities and background of the trial by Pat Sloan.

The Communist Party of Great Britain supported the Moscow Trials 100 per cent. Its support

has never wavered, nor varied. There has never been a rethink nor a reassessment let alone an open admission that what took place was a hideous crime against Lenin's colleagues in the Bolshevik Party and the international working class itself.

Narrative

King's book lavishly uses colour, type, photographs and drawings to carry Deutscher's compelling narrative. At £12.50 it is expensive, but the subject material is priceless and therefore it is heartily recommended.



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Steve Dixon, Ken Sharrock, Ray Burdis and Ralph Brown from 'West' on 4 at 9pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. 9.10 The Yugoslav Way. 9.40 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Gran. 1.50 Stop-Gol! 2.00 Blizzard's Wonderful Wooden Toys. 2.25 Star Movie: Merle Oberon in *Berlin Express* (1948) With Robert Ryan and Paul Lukas. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 Superted. 4.15 The Sheep-Pig. 4.30 Screen Test. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Thief. 5.25 The Good Life. 5.58 Weatherman. 6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS. 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES. 6.55 CARTOON. 7.00 I'VE GOT A SECRET. 7.35 SHARON AND ELSIE. 8.00 DALLAS *Battle Lines*. 8.50 POINTS OF VIEW. 9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Liberal Party. 9.10 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman. 9.35 IN AT THE DEEP END *Opera Singer* Chris Serle's aim is to sing a role with the English National Opera at the London Coliseum. 10.25 SPORTSNIGHT *Football*: A report on England's match at Turkey; plus action tonight: Northern Ireland v Finland, Scotland v Spain and Wales v Iceland; *Cricket*: A critical look back at the recent action of England's team. 11.15 WE GOT IT MADE *A Paige in David's Life*. 11.40 NEWS HEADLINES; Weatherman.

BBC WALES: 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio. 11.40-11.45 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.10-3.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.10 Technical Studies. 9.38 Science Workshop. 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Maths Counts. 10.38 Maths Topics. 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 The Music Arcade. 11.39 General Studies. 12.05 Russian Language and People. 12.30 People First. 12.55 L-Driver. 1.21 Rendez-vous; France. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 Watch. 2.18 Brazil. 2.40 Zig Zag. 3.10 The Shogun Inheritance. 3.50 Film: *Corvette, K-255* (1943) With Randolph Scott, James Brown. 5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather. 5.30 WILLO THE WISP *The Flight of Mavis*. 5.35 FAST FORWARD with Floella Benjamin, Joanna Munro, Andrew Secombe and Nick Wilton. 6.00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL *The Arrangement*. 6.50 THE PHIL SILVERS SHOW With Phil Silvers as the irrepressible Master Sergeant Ernest G. Bilko in *Empire Store*. 7.15 EBONY. 8.00 BRASS TACKS *Belgrano: The Annan Report* Lord Annan presides as the case for a tribunal of inquiry into the sinking of the General 'Belgrano' is argued by Labour MP Tam Dalyell and Tory MP Michael Mates. 9.00 OXBRIDGE BLUES Some stories by Frederic Raphael, with Ian Charleson, Malcolm Stoddard, Amanda Redman and Rosalyn Landor. Victor (Ian Charleson) seems to have everything going for him, but he finds his brother's success unbearable. 10.10 OUT OF COURT (new series) David Jessel and Sue Cook return with a weekly investigation into law and order. 10.40 PPB By the Liberal Party. 10.50 NEWSNIGHT. 11.35 BUONGIORNO ITALIA! Fifth of 20 programmes. 12.05 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 THE MAN IN THE MIRROR (1936) Comedy on a Jekyll and Hyde theme. 4.00 A PLUS 4. 4.30 COUNTDOWN. 5.00 ALICE Vera's *Popcorn Romance*. 5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW Room 223. 6.00 SILENTS PLEASE *Blood and Sand* (1922) A condensation of the tragic romance about the rise and fall of a matador, with Rudolph Valentino, Lila Lee and Nita Naldi. 6.30 THE LIVING BODY *Muscle Power* The power of muscles — those we know about and those we don't. 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS. 7.50 COMMENT. 8.00 SCOTLAND'S STORY *The Age of Victoria*. 8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS. 9.00 WEST Steven Berkoff's play about gang warfare among east London youth; with Rory Edwards as gang leader Mike, Susan Kyd as his girlfriend, John Joyce and Stella Tanner as his parents and Ken Sharrock as the leader of the rival gang. 10.15 JAMES STEWART Hollywood star James Stewart talks to Iain Johnstone about his life and his movie career. 11.00 CARRY GREENHAM HOME Film-makers Beeban Kidron and Amanda Richardson started this film as a documentary training exercise at the National Film School, documenting the known and less-known events of the women's anti-nuclear protest movement at Greenham Common. 12.10 Close.

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. Vote. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 World Cup Football: *Turkey v England*. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Nurses Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 THAMES NEWS. 6.25 HELP!. 6.35 CROSSROADS. 7.00 NAME THAT TUNE. 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE. 8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS Mike Yarwood with Barbara New. 9.00 TRAVELLING MAN *The Collector* Lomax, a former policeman, free after two years in jail, has to leave for London leaving Andrea prey to a remorseless extortioner. 10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Liberal Party. 10.10 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*. 10.40 MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL Highlights of tonight's World Cup qualifying match between Turkey and England. Plus other important games such as Northern Ireland v Finland and Scotland v Spain. Profile of Karen Barber and Nicky Slater who are aiming for the top title in ice dancing. 11.50 BETTE MIDLER — No Frills. 12.20 NIGHT THOUGHTS and Closedown.

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 World Cup Football: Turkey v England. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT with Michael Winstanley. 6.05 CROSSROADS. 6.30 GRANADA REPORTS Bringing the latest news and reports from around the North West. 7.00 NAME THAT TUNE Lionel Blair invites contestants to 'Name That Tune' in this musical knowledge show. 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE. 8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS More impressions of well-known personalities from Mike Yarwood. 9.00 TRAVELLING MAN *The Collector* Andrea joins Lomax on the boat. When Lomax has to go to London for family reasons, Andrea is left alone at the mercy of a sadistic extortioner. 10.00 LIBERAL PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. 10.10 NEWS AT TEN. 10.40 MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL A spectacular bringing highlights from matches Ireland v Finland, Turkey v England, Scotland v Spain and Wales v Iceland. 11.50 THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO *The Cat's Paw*. 12.45 Closedown.

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrandu A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.00 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Hey Good Looking! 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Owain Yn Arwain. 8.00 Reslo. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.00 Film: *F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Last of the Belles*. 10.50 Pel-Droed Rhyngwladol Cwpan Y Byd. 11.20 Diverse Reports. 11.50 Here and Now on 4. 12.20 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

BORDER

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; Border News. 1.30 World Cup Football. 3.00 The Adventurer. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB Liberal Party. 10.10 News at Ten; Border Weather. 10.40 Scotsport World Cup Special. 12.20 Border News Summary; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 World Cup Football. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB Liberal Party. 10.10 News at Ten; Central News. 10.40 Midweek Sports Special. 11.50 Kolchak: The Night Stalker. 12.50 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 One Woman. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30

World Cup Football. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB Liberal Party. 10.10 News at Ten. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 11.40 Portrait of a Legend. 12.10 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Three Little Words. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 World Cup Football. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Secrets of the Coast. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB Liberal Party. 10.10 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.44 Midweek Sports Special. 11.50 Portrait of a Legend. 12.15 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 World Cup Football. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35

Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB Liberal Party. 10.10 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.40 Midweek Sports Special. 11.50 That's Hollywood. 12.20 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Benson. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 World Cup Football. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB Liberal Party. 10.10 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.40 Midweek Sports Special. 11.50 Comedy Tonight. 12.20 HTV Weather; Closedown. HTV WEST: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.40 World Cup Football: Wales v Iceland.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 World Cup Football. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB Liberal Party. 10.10 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 11.40 The Monte Carlo Show. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

RADIO

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

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

VHF: 12.00-1.45 Steve Jones (1.05 Sports Desk). 8.00 The Spinners and Friends. 8.30 Frank Chacksfield. 9.15 Listen to the Band. 9.55 Sports Desk.

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S). (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Russell Harty (S). 12.00 World Cup Soccer Special. 1.45 Steve Jones (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 World Cup Soccer Special. 10.00 The Golden Years. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Broadway Babes (S). 3.30

4.00 Joan Savage Sings (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Fasch, Bishop, Schubert, Mer-

cadante (8.00 News) Schonherr, Puccini, Martinu. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S) Villalobos and Ginastera Villa-Lobos. 10.00 Britten and Walton (S). 10.55 Viola and Piano (S). 11.40 Boulez Conducts Bartok (S). 12.05 Concert Hall (S) Prokofiev, Strauss. 1.00 News. 1.05 Benny Goodman (S). 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Thomas Pittfield, Delius arr. Fenby, Duparc, Guy-Ropartz, Walton. 2.30 Violin and Piano (S) Prokofiev, Stravinsky. 3.25 Scottish Season: Scottish Baroque Ensemble (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Handel, Dutilleul, Francois Borne arr. Ransom, Wilson. 7.00 The Gift. 7.45 Scottish Season (S) Scottish Chamber Orchestra: Delius attrib. Mozart (8.45-9.05 Six Continents) Brahms. 10.00 Nicholas Maw: Quartet No. 1. 10.45 Ladies Lost and Found (S). 11.00 Wolfgang Manz (S) concert: Mozart, Beethoven. 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 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather; Travel; 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *The Kite*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; The War of the Words. 11.48 Mighty Myths. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 No Place to Hide. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.30 PPB. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Why Not Take All of Me?* 3.47 Time for Verse (S). 4.00 News; File on 4. 4.40 Story Time: *Let the People Sing*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Top of the Form. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984. 8.15 In Business. 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 A Talent to Amuse. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Some Do Not*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

Winning Post

Gee-A, a 'cert' for Gifford

FINDON trainer Josh Gifford is just starting to get his string into top gear and the stable should have a winner at NEWBURY today with Gee-A (1.00) in the First Division of The Wood Speen Novice Hurdle.

By his high standards, Gifford has had a quiet time recently and at the moment he is without the services of his top jockey Richard Rowe, sidelined with a collar-bone injury.

Gee-A ran an excellent

race on his reappearance in a qualifier for the Malden Timber Novices Hurdle Series.

Clearly in need of the outing, Gee-A never got in blow with the impressive winner Hypnotic and he eventually finished fourth.

With the benefit of that outing, the five-year-old will be hard to beat today, although Brollin, a half-brother to Brown Chamberlain, is expected to run well on his debut for Fred Winter.

Whatever the fate of Brollin, Winter and John Fran-

come should take The Halloween Novice Chase with Hazy Sunset (2.00) who is expected to make a winning debut over the bigger obstacles.

Successful in novice hurdles at Lingfield in March and at Ascot and Cheltenham in April, Hazy Sunset looks a certain winner given a clear round.

The Curridge Handicap Chase has a disappointing turn-out, and this could go to David Nicholson's Sir Gordon (1.30).

The seven-year-old did not manage to win last year, but

even with the stable out of form, he ought to be good enough against the likes of Knock Hill and Staunton.

Champagne Charlie (2.30) third to Avogem in a handicap at Cheltenham last month can beat Ever Great in the Chequers Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle. The Vinegar Man looks the obvious danger.

At KELSO, the well-bred Surpass (1.15) can make a successful debut over timber in the Caverton Amateur Riders Maiden Hurdle.

KELSO (NH)

1.15 CAVERTON AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN HURDLE £500 2m 4f (18 runners)

1	BOUNTY'S CLOWN R Shiels 4 11 7	Mr R Shiels (7)
2	BOWTHATCH C H Bell 5 11 7	Mrs V Jackson (7)
3	CONWAY GROVE N Chamberlain 4 11 7	Mr S Cunningham (7)
4	GOLDISOCKS T L Robson 6 11 7	Miss R Lock (7)
5	KUMMASIE C Parker 7 11 7	Mr L Hudson (7)
10	MACEDONIAN T P Tate 6 11 7	Mr T Tate (7)
11	MARACAS BAY N Waggott 5 11 7	Miss T Waggott (7)
12	RASH PRINCE F T Walton 4 11 7	Mr J Walton (7)
14	ROGUE HERRIES J Storey 6 11 7	Mr C Storey (7)
15	SECRET MINSTREL J Parkes 7 11 7	Mr R A Orkney (7)
16	SHACKLE PIN (USA) W A Stephenson 4 11 7	Mr P J Dun (4)
20	SURPASS R Tate 4 11 7	Mr R Tate (7)
22	TAXODIUM V Thompson 4 11 7	Mr M Thompson (7)
25	BRIGHT SUGGESTION T Goldie 6 11 2	Mr J M Dun (7)
27	CHEENY'S BRIG A B MacTaggart 4 11 2	Mr A B MacTaggart (7)
28	LANDING LANE N Waggott 4 11 2	Mr N Waggott (7)
30	RIGHT CLOUDY P Liddle 6 11 2	Mr T Reed (7)
31	SUSANNA J Andrews 6 11 2	Mrs S Bradburne (7)

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Surpass, 3-1 Shackle Pin, 4-1 Macedonian, 8-1 Susanna and Taxodium, 16-1 others.

1.45 CHERRYTREES CHASE £2,000 2m 6f (2 runners)

2	U13120- FORGIVE'N FORGET J G FitzGerald 7 11 8	R O'Leary
3	3240/2-4 FINE STEEL B McLean 6 10 8	C Grant

PROBABLE SP: 8-1 on Forgive'n Forget, 6-1 Fine Steel.

2.15 ARPAL CONQUEST CHASE (LTD H'CAP) £4,000 3m 4f (6 runners)

1	14021F- MIDNIGHT LOVE Denys Smith 9 11 7	C Grant
2	021-FP3 SAM WREKIN (C/D) C H Bell 6 10 7	P Tuck
3	040P-20 COCKLE STRAND (C-D) K Oliver 11 10 7	Mr P J Dun (4)
4	44002-0 WHY FORGET W A Stephenson 8 10 7	Mr P J Dun (4)
6	040-212 FOX-U-MORE (C/BF) K Oliver 7 10 7	S Keightley
8	P04F-00 NEWSTEAD W D Fairgrieve 6 10 7	S Keightley

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Midnight Love, 7-2 Cockle Strand, 9-2 Sam Wrekin, 6-1 Why Forget and Fox-U-More, 16-1 Newstead.

2.45 SCOTTISH BREWERIES JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE £2,000 (3-Y-O) 2m (17 runners)

1	1 FREEFLOW (USA/D) G Richards 11 1	J Hansen (4)
2	02 BICKERSTAFFE M W Easterby 10 10	P Tuck
3	0 BOTTLE AND GLASS M W Easterby 10 10	M Hindley (4)
5	0 CHRISAL (BF) Denys Smith 10 10	C Grant
6	0 COOL JAMIE R Allan 10 10	N Doughty
7	3 GAINVILLE LAD R M Whitaker 10 10	C Pimlott
9	MAGNOLY N Chamberlain 10 10	M Pepper
11	MIAMI HOLIDAY M W Easterby 10 10	A Brown
14	F STERLING VIRTUE (USA) B McMahon 10 10	T Wall
15	03 SURFING ERA G Richards 10 10	J K Kinane
16	TASAR W A Stephenson 10 10	K Jones
17	00 TUMPLY LAKES C H Bell 10 10	S Keightley
19	ELITIST N Chamberlain 10 5	A Charlton (7)
20	LADY LOCKET M J Lambert 10 5	A Charlton (7)
21	LITTLE NEWINGTON N Bycroft 10 5	P A Charlton
22	F MISTY ROCKET R W Stubbs 10 5	P A Charlton
23	RIVER LINNET M J Lambert 10 5	P A Charlton

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Freeflow, 3-1 Surfing Era, 4-1 Chrisal, 5-1 Sterling Virtue, 8-1 Gainville Lad and River Linnet, 14-1 others.

3.15 NEWTON DON NOVICE CHASE £1,000 2m (8 runners)

1	PU0-U3F ANOTHER FLAME V Thompson 7 11 3	Mr M Thompson (7)
4	0112- BROTHER GEOFFREY C W Thornton 5 11 3	D Wilkinson
5	212-343 DAWN DIVER N F Crump 7 11 3	C Hawkins
6	014P/4 GRAY THATCH C Parker 8 11 3	B Storey
9	000U-0 TAMSON'S TITTLE D Robertson 8 11 3	Mr D Robertson
10	4F0F41- TARN T P Tate 6 11 3	K Doolan (4)
12	FP223-3 JOYFUL STAR J E Dixon 7 10 12	Mrs S Bradburne
14	3F0-F0 WAYZ GOOSE Mrs R H Bradburne 6 10 12	Mrs S Bradburne

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Dawn Diver, 100-30 Brother Geoffrey, 9-2 Tarn, 7-1 Another Flame, 8-1 Joyful Star, 12-1 Wayz Goose, 14-1 Gray Thatch, 25-1 Tamson's Tittle.

3.45 FLOORS HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000 3m 1f (7 runners)

1	013-22D SECRET FINALE M J Lambert 5 11 10	P A Charlton
2	01P-441 CHETEL (C-D) R Brewis 10 11 10	P A Farrell (7)
5	0F/P0-1U NIGHT ERRANT D W MacDonald 8 10 6	M Barnes
6	001000- SANTAGO F Watson 10 10 0	N Doughty
7	04211- THREE SHINERS C Parker 8 10 0	B Storey
9	024044- MOSSY CONES W A Stephenson 5 10 0	Mr P J Dun (4)
10	10000-4 TECHNICAL MERIT J H Johnson 5 10 0	Mr P J Dun (4)

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Three Shiners, 3-1 Secret Finale, 4-1 Chetel, 6-1 Night Errant, 10-1 Mossy Cones, 14-1 Santago, 16-1 Technical Merit.

RESULTS

HEREFORD

1.00 (2m 4f): CASSIO LIL C Seward (8-1); Lonach (11-10 fav); French Captain (2-1); Princess Hecate (25-1); 18 ran. 1 1/2, 10. (D Burchell) T: £7.10; £1.70, £1.10, £1.60. CSF: £18.11.
1.30 (2m): JO COLOMBO P Scudamore (7-1); Bright Oasis (5-4); Western Rose (11-10 fav); The Surveyor (12-1); 5 ran. 15, 8. (Mrs W Sykes) T: £9.60; £2.80, £1.40. CSF: £15.97. NR: Glen Moy.
2.00 (2m 4f): GAYE CHANCE S Morshead (5-1 on fav); Dishcloth (6-1); Chestnut Prince (14-1); Stormy Spring (25-1); 5 ran. 3, 15. (Mrs M Rimell) T: £1.40; £1.10, £1.30. CSF: £2.28. NR: The Tsarevich.
2.30 (2m): RAGGED ROBIN C Brown (13-8 on fav); Majuba Road (14-1); Star Of Arabia (4-1); Scottish Bavard (8-1); 14 ran. 8, 10. (D Elsworth) T: £1.60; £1.30, £2.40, £1.40. CSF: £12.10. NR: Meldon Lady.
3.00 (3m 1f): ONLY FOR LOVE P Scudamore (9-4 fav); Parish Rigged (100-30); Egginton (50-1); 13 ran. 3 fshd. (D Nicholson) T: £3.60; £1.30, £1.10, £2.30. CSF: £10.30.
3.30 (3m 1f): ROAD TO MANDALAY H Davies (6-1); Menialeak (50-1); Dial Direct (33-1); County Player (7-4 fav); 16 ran. 10, 2 1/2. (D Barons) T: £7; £1.50, £5.80, £3.50, £1.60. CSF: £249.95. NR: Ziparib.

DEVON:

12.45 (2m 1f): LORD MERLIN G Bradley (7-4 on fav); Bolt Hole A Geering (50-1); Fun Partner (14-1); Bold Thoughts (10-1); 14 ran. 1 1/2, 2. (J Old) T: £1.80; £1.10, £60.80, £3.50. CSF: £52.06.
1.15 (2m 1f): I WONDER WHEN B Powell (15-8 fav); Easy Mover (14-1); Bonfire (12-1); Port-O-Call (33-1); 18 ran. 10, 25. (L Kennard) T: £3.40; £2, £3.30, £6.
1.45 (2m 6f): OBSERVE J Francome (7-2 on fav); Bucksome (33-1); Solid Rock (11-2); Cobley Express (28-1); 6 ran. 1, 4. (F Winter) T: £1.20; £1.10, £9.40.
2.15 (2m 1f): OUR WHITE HART R Chapman (6-1); Kellys Boy (3-1); Seagram (8-1); Tommy Tudor (10-1); 9 ran. 2, 6. (N Vigors) T: £9.50; £2.50, £2.70. CSF: £24.62.
2.45 (3m 1f): MEMBERSON R Dunwoody (4-1); Dargal (7-2); North Lane (13-2); Baulking Byway (14-1); 10 ran. 6, 1. (P Dufosse) T: £3.70; £1.70, £1.50, £2. CSF: £18.33.
3.15 (2m 1f): MEISTER G Bradley (2-1); Fraud Squad (10-1); The Curate (11-10 fav); Derryliver (16-1); 17 ran. 3, 6. (J Old) T: £2.40; £1.50, £2.40, £1.80. CSF: £23.52. NR: Bovey Bells.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

ANDERLECHT, turning their backs on a defensive mentality which once labelled them as one of the dreariest teams in Belgium, have thrown caution to the wind to emerge among Europe's most exciting soccer teams.

Their 6-2 UEFA Cup thrashing last week of Italy's Fiorentina, a team with a hitherto sound defence, coupled with the scoring of 43 goals in 13 games to go five points clear in the Belgian League, are persuasive arguments for the side's philosophy.

Talents

Yet Anderlecht are much more than just a team with a taste for goals. The squad of 17 full internationals from five countries constitute a rare assembly of outstanding soccer talents.

It is the influence of trainer Paul van Himst, one of Belgium's greatest ever strikers, which has transformed them into an all-action team drawing rave notices and ecstatic crowds at home games in Brussels's Parc Astrid.

Van Himst has encouraged the team to push forward in numbers at every opportu-

ity. The result is a defence in which full-backs Georges Grun and Michel de Groote, as well as Danish sweeper Morten Olsen, seem more at home in the opposition's half than in their own.

Add to that four midfielders who seem content only when they are in the opponents' penalty area, and two strikers who think every touch should be a shot on goal, and you have the recipe for pressure which can cause panic in any defence.

As in most great teams the midfield is the key. Anderlecht have the perfect mixture in hard-working Rene Vandereycken, elegant Frankie Vercauteren, determined Dane Frank Arnesen and, above all, outrageously skilful 18-year-old Enzo Scifo.

Scifo's explosive talents inevitably condemn him to the onus of wearing the superstar tag even before his first 12 months of first-team soccer.

The rise of the Belgian-born son of an Italian immigrant has been quite extraordinary.

Despite his youth and the

highly distinguished company he plays in, his teammates readily refer to his exceptional talent and allow him free rein in his role as playmaker, a position he also enjoys in the Belgian national team.

Scifo's perception and astute passing provide more than enough bullets for strikers Erwin Vandenberg and Alex Czerniatinski to fire.

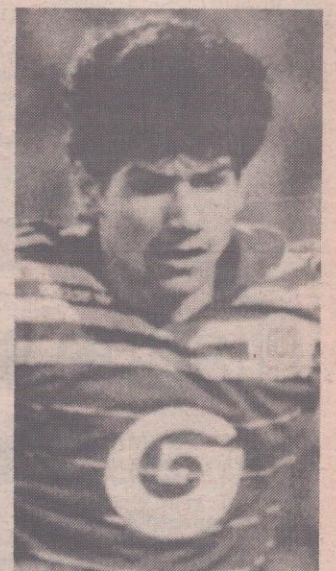
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Van Himst is also spoiled with an embarrassment of cover.

Internationals such as Dutchman Wim Hofkens, Denmark's Per Frimann and Icelander Arnor Gudjohnsen have to spend most of their time on the substitutes' bench.

UEFA finalists for the last two years — Anderlecht only failed to retain the title last season when Tottenham beat them on penalties — the Belgian club could well be the first to reach three finals in a row.

It would be another distinction to follow the record of being the first team to



ENZO SCIFO

reach the Cup Winners' Cup final in three successive seasons between 1976 and 1978.

Domestic inconsistencies have too often cost them the European Cup entry ticket which should have been provided by the Belgian League Championship.

But this season the new, improved all-attacking Anderlecht show looks unlikely to slip in that particular quest.

CRICKET

A RAGE FOR SUCCESS: HOLDING

MICHAEL HOLDING, Joel Garner, Malcolm Marshall and young Courtney Walsh, the four smiling assassins of the West Indies cricket team, had time to reflect yesterday on their rout of Australia in the first Test in Perth.

Enjoying their unscheduled rest day following the West Indies' win by an innings and 112 runs with a day to spare, Garner and Marshall considered the reasons for Australia's batting failures, notably in the first innings when they were dismissed for 76.

Bouncer

'The Australians were waiting for the bouncer,' said Garner. 'And they were on the back foot for it, but there was no need to bowl that way,' added Marshall. 'The Aussies got on the back foot expecting a barrage of high-flying balls they didn't get.'

Holding, who took six for 21 in Australia's first innings collapse, talked about how growing up in Jamaica had helped to make him a great fast bowler.

'As a youngster there are two things to do to rise above our way of life — either bat well or bowl faster,' he said.

'And there are no sedate 11-a-side games as on Australian parks. The population is large, the opportunities few and the need to excel great,' Holding added.

'There are 40 to 50 in a game, with one batsman and no umpires. To get a bat you literally have to throw the wicket over —

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

there's no other way.

'If you have batsman caught off your bowling you don't get a go — the fellow who catches it does. So you bowl even faster and shatter his wicket to get a turn.'

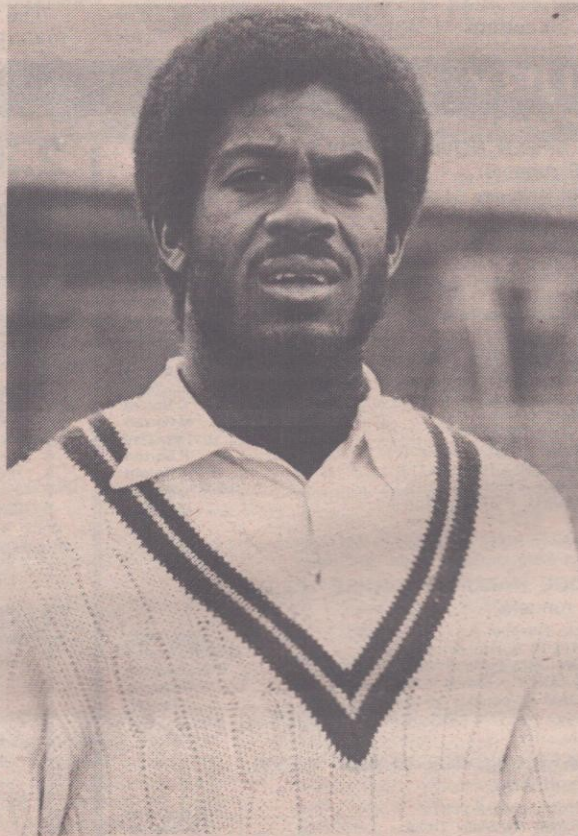
Walsh, 22, still trying to establish himself in the West Indian team, is another product of the hard Jamaican school.

As a boy, he saw Bobby Simpson's embattled 1977-1978 Australians in the Caribbean and vowed he would play Test cricket.

Play

'I then saw Ian Chappell, Dennis Lillee and all the Australians I had only read about when the super Tests came to the islands a little later,' Walsh added. 'I wanted to play against them and some day come to Australia.'

One up in the series, the West Indies now head back for the east coast, playing New South Wales in Sydney before moving on to Brisbane for the second Test starting on November 23.



MICHAEL HOLDING . . . From poverty to world stardom

PROMOTER, MANAGER JAILED

SOUTH KOREAN promoter Chon Ho-Yon and Peruvian manager Almendra Torres were jailed yesterday in Seoul, South Korea for arranging a fight in which a Colombian boxer posed as a world title contender.

The two men had been found guilty of fraudulently arranging an International Boxing Federation (IBF) flyweight title bout between the holder Kwon Sun-Chon of South Korea and Alberto Castro of Colombia although they knew that

Joaquin Caraballo Florez was posing as Castro.

Kwon won by a knockout in the 12th round of a scheduled 15-round fight on September 7.

The court imposed suspended sentences of eight months each on Florez, his trainer Amancio Castro,

and his promoter Estro Gallardo.

Korean Boxing Commission (KBC) president Yang Chong-Kyu and several other commission officials resigned their jobs when the fraud was exposed.

● FRANK BRUNO is to fight a three-round exhibi-

tion against Horace Notice, the 1983 ABA champion, at Leicester on Friday as support to the British light middleweight title eliminator between Chris Pyatt and Brian Anderson.

It was hoped to match Winston Allen with Notice but the promoters could not come to terms with Allen. However, they have put up a four-figure purse to attract Bruno to take on the exhibition on this his 23rd birthday.

● HEROL GRAHAM will bid for his 30th successive victory when he meets Mourad Ferguene, a French Algerian, over ten rounds at the City Hall, Sheffield on November 26.

Graham, an ambitious middleweight, scored his 29th success when he stopped Jose Seys, of Belgium, in the sixth round last month.

Ferguene has had some 20 bouts, of which he has won 16. Last year he had ten contests, winning every one and stopping eight of his opponents.

ENGLAND cricketer Chris Tavaré wants to leave Kent. Tavaré, who has been replaced as county captain by Chris Cowdrey, said last night: 'I have approached the club, requesting a release from my playing contract with the county.'

Tavaré, who has two years of his contract with the Kent to run, was offered a new four-year contract recently.

WORLD CUP E



JOCK STEIN

Early memories of meeting Spain



GRAEME SOUNESS . . . Revenge on the Spanish

Souness to settle a score

GRAEME SOUNESS aims to settle an old score with Spain tonight when he leads Scotland into their most important game since the 1982 World Cup finals.

The Scottish captain was on the receiving end of some harsh treatment when the Spanish paid their last visit to Hampden Park on European Championship business ten years ago.

Souness, who was making only his second appearance as Scotland went down 2-1, admitted: 'That was the night I felt I knew what international football was all about.'

Kicked

'As early as the second minute I had been kicked on the neck and, to put it as politely as I can, I supposed you could say they are the most professional team in Europe.'

Since then, Souness has matured into a commanding and inspirational captain and today, the 31-year-old Sampdoria midfielder man hopes to protect Scotland's 19-year unbeaten record in World Cup games at Hampden.

The Scots can take a huge stride towards the 1986 finals in Mexico by beating Spain for the first time in 21 years, but Souness warned: 'They are a very good side. The only time I watched them in the European championship was against

France in the final — and for half of the match they were the better team.'

It is Souness's 43rd international. The side is unchanged, which comes as no surprise following last month's convincing 3-0 victory over Iceland in their opening Group Seven game.

Remarkably, this is the first time manager Jock Stein has named the same team twice-running since he became manager six years ago and he confessed: 'This game is very important — in fact they don't come any bigger.'

'The importance of the competition has caught the public's imagination and ensured a full house. Now all we need is to finish at least one goal ahead of Spain.'

The Scots have not lost a World Cup game on home soil since Poland were successful in 1965, and Stein sees the opening minutes as

the most crucial in Scotland's bid to stay unbeaten even longer.

He said: 'We have tended to stutter and be a bit careless at the start of our last two games. This time we will need to be sharp from the kick-off.'

Goal

'It would be nice to get a goal in the first 20 minutes but I wouldn't complain if it comes in the last 20.'

Spain were forced to delay their team selection yesterday when their striker Rincon reported an injury, but he is expected to be fit. He scored in last month's 3-0 win over Wales.

SCOTLAND: Leighton (Aberdeen), Nicol (Liverpool), Albiston (Manchester United), Souness (Sampdoria captain), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Dalgligh (Liverpool), McStay (Celtic), Johnston (Celtic), Bett (Lokeren), Cooper (Rangers).

SPAIN: (probable) Arconada, Urquiza, Maceda, Goicoechea, Camacho, Senor, Victor, Urtubi, Gordillo, Santillana, Rincon.

Referee: A Prokop (E. Germany).

Dianne's winning return

DIANNE FROMHOLTZ marked her return to international tennis after more than two years' absence with an impressive 6-4, 6-1 victory over American Mary Lou Piatek in the Brisbane Classic yesterday.

The Australian — who now plays under her married name, Balestrat, — last played in a major tournament at the US Open, when she opted for a rest from the circuit.

Won

Her compatriots Liz Smylie — maiden name Sayers — and second-seeded Wendy Turnbull also won without dropping a set.

TENNIS

Turnbull beat another Australian first round winner, Anne Minter, 7-5, 6-3 while Smylie celebrated her weekend wedding with a comfortable 6-2, 6-4 first round win over Federation Cup teammate Elizabeth Minter.

Balestrat, 28, said after her match she had withdrawn from the circuit to give her time to concentrate on 'other things'.

'I was tired of the grind after 12 years and I wanted a rest,' she said. 'I didn't quit. It was just that my game was down and I wasn't interested any more.'

The lefthander first entered the world's top 10 late in 1976 after reaching the semi-finals of the US Open and US Indoors, and was ranked fourth in the world at her peak.

Draw

But Balestrat, who is in the top half of the draw with American defending champion Pam Shriver, may cut short her comeback. She will play in the New South Wales Open next week but has no plans to enter the Australian Open next month.

'It's too hard a tournament. I'm still green and I'll wait until after the next two tournaments before making a decision,' she explained.

XTRA

LAWRO'S DANISH ROLE

MARK LAWRENSON, the Republic of Ireland's gifted defender, has been handed the job of containing Denmark's Jesper Olsen in the vital World Cup, Group Six, qualifying match in Copenhagen tonight.

Lawrenson, who is regarded as one of the best centre-halves in Europe, has been operating successfully in midfield for his English club, Liverpool, in recent weeks, was given the task of snuffing out the threat of Olsen by manager Eoin Hand last night.

Lawrenson's normal central defensive role will be handed to Manchester City's Mick McCarthy who will play alongside Arsenal's Dave O'Leary.

Last-minute injuries have upset Danish manager Sepp Piontek's team plans for the game.

Olsen and Jens Joern Bertelsen are doubtful, with an ankle injury and ligament trouble respectively, for a match the Danes must win if they are to make any impression on a group that also includes the Soviet Union, Norway and Switzerland.

Recover

But Olsen is expected to recover in time to play and his battle with Lawrenson should prove to be one of the game's most exciting clashes.

Piontek, who welcomed experienced midfielders Frank Arnesen and Soeren Lerby back to the squad for the first time since they were injured during the

European Championship finals last June, had hoped to field something like his full-strength team.

But with Allen Simonsen not expected to return until the end of the year and Arnesen still below peak fitness, the latest injury blows make it unlikely the Danes will easily regain the form that delighted the spectators in France this year.

Ireland, like Denmark, have won one and lost one of their two qualifying matches so far, but they have the advantage of a team with a settled style whereas Denmark's side is made up of stars from all over Europe.

With both sides delaying naming their teams, the only certainty is that Ireland will include defender McCarthy alongside O'Leary in central defence, with Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson moving to right back.

McCarthy has a reputation as a 'hard man' and he will start a three-match English League suspension on returning from his World Cup debut.

Two key players for Ireland could be midfielders Kevin Sheedy, who has been in excellent form for English League Leaders Everton, and Liam Brady, who played a dominant role in Inter Milan's 4-0 thrashing of Juventus on Sunday.

Resilient

But the Irish defence will need to be at its most resilient against Denmark's star-studded attack if the midfielders are to be given any chance of creating the chances for Ireland to improve on a disappointing international away record.

● **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND** (probable): Jim McDonagh; Mark Lawrenson, Mick McCarthy, David O'Leary, Chris Hughton; Tony Grealish, Liam Brady, Kevin Sheedy, Tony Galvin; Mickey Walsh, Frank Stapleton.

● **DENMARK** (from): Ole Qvist, Troels Rasmussen, John Sivebaek, Kim Christoffe, Soeren Busk, Morten Olsen, Ivan Nielsen, Jens Joern Bertelsen, Jespe Olsen, Jan Moelby, Klaus Berggreen, Frank Arnesen, Soeren Lerby, Preben Elkjaer, Michael Laudrup, Kenneth Brylle.



MARK LAWRENSON . . . Another special mission tonight

Billy winds his lads up!

BILLY BINGHAM will get his Northern Ireland players in the mood for tonight's crucial World Cup game against Finland by first asking them to examine rivals England's attempt to gain a result in Turkey.

But centre-half John McClelland, whose moment of madness in Finland last May haunts the Irish bid for Mexico, will try to keep the television switched off.

'I don't need to be wound up for

tomorrow's match — the memory of my contribution to the Finnish goal in Pori will be enough. And I don't think that at this stage we should be looking to England or anyone else for favours,' said 29-year-old McClelland, still buoyant after last week's £265,000 move from Rangers to Watford.

'I want us to get to the finals in 1986 by our own efforts, and I still think it's in our own hands. We must make sure tomorrow that it stays that way.'

The Irish recovered from the setback by beating Rumania at Windsor Park 3-2, while the Finns were subsequently trounced 5-0 by England before pulling off a surprise win in Turkey.

McClelland said: 'That last result ensures we are under no illusions that it will be easy. They seem a very unpredictable side. But if the forwards do their job we can repair the early damage they inflicted on our chances.'

Bingham insisted he now has a stronger squad than that which took Spain by storm in the 1982 finals.

Since then he has committed himself to wingers and will again look for an aerial bombardment tomorrow.

Crosses

'Against Rumania we put over 17 crosses and if we can do that again tomorrow I'll guarantee goals. Finland will put up the barriers but we will be all right if we don't make the same mistakes we made in May.'

'There were a lot of reasons for that result — a



BILLY BINGHAM

badly-timed fixture in a strange small town on a warm day on a poor ground. Their goalkeeper was not very good technically but was courageous. We created chances but he stopped everything we threw his way — and then dropped it all against England.'

'I know though that we will have to work very hard both physically and tactically. Winning is everything and a lot of goals would be a bonus.'

Bingham's strategy will depend on whether QPR winger Ian Stewart is fit after his recent illness. 'He's still feeling a bit peakish, but another day should see him right,' said Bingham.

The rest of his selection — to be announced today —

should be straightforward. Although Bingham has several options he seems certain to bring in Leicester's John O'Neill for absent Bolton defender Gerry McElhinney, and Jimmy Quinn of Blackburn for his second cap as Norman Whiteside's partner in attack.

Finland manager Martti Kuusela has also delayed his selection because of injury worries. But his biggest blows have already been dealt in the absence of Gari Valvee, who scored the winner last May, and the influential German-based Pasi Rautiainen, through injury.

Experience

Once again he will rely on the English experience of Notts County's Lahtinen, though he fears his side could be in for a hard time.

'It is a big blow to lose one of our best players in Rautiainen and we know the Irish will be pushing hard for revenge after our win in the summer,' said Kuusela.

'After the way we performed at Wembley they must feel confident that they can win it.'

But Kuusela added: 'After our England defeat our self-confidence hit the bottom, but fortunately having gone to Turkey and got a result that surprised even us we are in a much better mood for tomorrow's game.'

Curtis the creator

ALAN CURTIS was yesterday asked to provide the ammunition for Welsh sharpshooters Mark Hughes and Ian Rush to gun down World Cup outsiders Iceland in Cardiff.

Curtis, whose previous 31 caps came as a striker, has been handed a key midfield role as Wales bid to revive their Mexico ambitions.

Wales are currently bottom of their qualifying group — without a point or a goal.

The return of Rush — he missed the games in Iceland and Spain following a cartilage operation — will generate extra power.

But it could all hinge on the contribution from Curtis. 'He will add more flair to our midfield and hopefully supply ammunition for Rush and Hughes,' said manager Mike England.

Curtis has been operating in a similar role for his club, Southampton, and he said: 'We have had only one defeat in our last 15 games and I've played midfield in virtually all of them. It has boosted my confidence and I'm looking forward to playing in the role for Wales.'

Dropping Peter Nicholas, the transfer-listed Crystal Palace midfielder, has left Wales without a recognised ball-winner.

'Curtis has a beautiful touch on the ball and I want him to add aggression to that quality tomorrow,' said England, who does not need reminding

of what happened last time he fielded an ultra-attacking side in a home World Cup clash against Iceland.

That was three years ago when a 2-2 draw at Swansea stopped Wales's hopes of qualifying.

Iceland inflicted another blow to Welsh morale this season when they won 1-0 in Reykjavik and England admitted: 'We have a score to settle. Since I've been in charge, Wales's worst two performances have been against Iceland.'

'They are a big side physically and are difficult to break down. And we know that if we don't win tomorrow our chances are gone.'

Curtis is joined in midfield by Mickey Thomas and Robbie James — they have not played in a first-team match for Chelsea or QPR respectively since returning from last month's 3-0 defeat in Spain — and Dave Phillips from Second Division Manchester City.

Thomas is fortunate to be retained after a disappointing showing this season. 'He knows he needs to have a decent game,' said England.

Wales's chances are boosted because Iceland has failed to gain the release of four West-German based players.

● **WALES:** Southall (Iceland), Slater (Bristol Rovers), Charles (QPR), Ratcliffe (Everton), Jackett (Watford), Phillips (Man City), James (QPR), Curtis (Southampton), Thomas (Chelsea), Hughes (Man Utd), Rush (Liverpool).

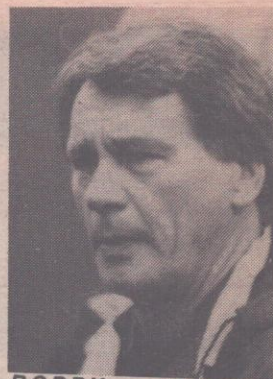


IAN STEWART . . . The Irishman awaits the outcome of a fitness test



ALAN CURTIS . . . International midfield role

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Under 21s

England hold on for draw

TURKEY 0 ENGLAND 0

ENGLAND stayed top of the European Under-21 soccer Championship Group Three table after a dull 0-0 draw with Turkey in Bursa yesterday. The 10,000 spectators saw little attacking football in the first half of what looked more like a training session than an important game.

Turkey were unable to score from several chances in the second half. England came close in the 67th minute when Trevor Steven sliced a shot just wide from 10 metres, after fine work by Wayne Fereday on the left wing.

A bumpy surface and an uncompromising Turkish eleven made life difficult for the English side, but they kept to their task well.

England's first real opening came in the 35th minute when Grimsby's Gary Lund deftly back headed Paul Parker's free kick across a crowded goalmouth, but defender Chris Fairclough, stealing in on the blind side, screwed his shot over from three yards.

After the interval, Turkey mounted a series of spirited attacks, with right back Oultiken figuring prominently on the wing, but England's defence, marshalled well by Fair-

clough, staying in command.

The visitor's best chance was cleverly pieced together.

Steven picked up the ball in the right half position, laid it outside to Ian Snodin who took it on his chest before knocking it to Wayne Fereday on the left.

The QPR striker outwitted Oultiken and crossed to Steven, who then proceeded to slice his volley wide of the near post.

DESPITE the loss of several key players through injury — the most significant being Mark Hateley — England manager Bobby Robson could afford to smile in Istanbul yesterday.

As the rain poured down in the Turkish capital, Robson smiled and said wryly: 'It's English weather — English conditions — and hopefully a winning English performance.'

After repeating his view that anything less than a victory against the Turks in this World Cup qualifying match would be disappointing, the England manager named his expected side to take the field this afternoon.

Attack

Peter Withe, the Aston Villa veteran, will lead England's attack in place of the injured Hateley, who limped off while playing for his Italian club AC Milan at the weekend.

Tony Woodcock retains his place in the side at the expense of another Italian exile Trevor Francis and the only other change from the side which demolished Finland 5-0 last month is the inclusion of Viv Anderson at right back for the injured Mike Duxbury.

Fielding a 4-3-3 formation, Robson believes that an England victory will depend a lot on Withe's aerial power — even though the Aston Villa striker has only scored once in ten international outings.

Robson is also hoping that Southampton midfielder Steve Williams will add support to the attack down the right side, complimenting Woodcock and John Barnes on the left.

Flow

'We must not be lopsided. We must flow down both sides so it is important that Steve does not chase the ball but holds to the right,' Robson explained.

The Turks suffered a ma-

jor blow yesterday afternoon when their central defender, Abdul Kerim, one of their few quality players, twisted an ankle in Turkey's final training session.

He is now a very doubtful starter, while regular goalkeeper Arif looks sets to lose his place to Yasar if only because the newcomer is taller.

The home team, quite rightly expecting an aerial bombardment, feel that the taller Yasar might help to counter the threat of Withe.



PETER WITHE ... Another England chance

Butcher and Wright.

Ray Wilkins will probably pull the strings in midfield for England, allowing his skipper and former Manchester United teammate, Bryan Robson, the option of moving forward and joining the attack.

Enemy

Over-confidence could yet prove to be England's greatest enemy, however.

Robson, having learned the hard way, has warned

his players against complacency ever since they arrived in Istanbul.

If the lesson has been heeded then England should move to the top of their qualifying group effortlessly. If not, yet another World Cup road will start to resemble a minefield.

ENGLAND: Shilton (Southampton), Anderson (Arsenal), Sansom (Arsenal), Wright (Southampton), Butcher (Ipswich), Williams (Southampton), Robson (Man Utd), Wilkins (AC Milan), Woodcock (Arsenal), Withe (Aston Villa), Barnes (Watford).

ENGLAND IN INDIA

Edmonds still at sea

PHIL EDMONDS endured more than three hours of torment yesterday in a bid to eradicate his recently discovered run-up problems. But at the close of England's first day's play this winter in India, against the Board President's XI at Jaipur, he looked little closer to the solution.

Instead of a fluent approach to the wicket, he stuttered up to the crease for a total of 30 overs, finally able to deliver the ball only off two paces.

More happily for England, Edmonds has begun to get around the problem, using his strength and control on his left shoulder to pull him through.

His overs yesterday, bowled in two long stints, cost only 48 runs, and showed remarkable control despite the handicap.

He also claimed two of the wickets to fall as the President's XI reached 189 for five after being put into bat by David Gower.

England might have

hoped for bigger rewards from a day of toil under cloudless skies, especially after Norman Cowans produced a fiery burst to send back Padam Shastri and Asharuddin with only 20 scored.

Scalp

Richard Ellison quickly added the scalp of Test opener Anshuman Gaekwad, but the President's XI retaliated with a face-saving stand of 83 between Ashok Malhotra and Gursharan Singh, who three years ago yesterday scored his maiden century against England at Pune.

Edmonds broke that stand just before tea, bowling Gursharan Singh for 41 as the unusually small crowd of just over 2,000 was beginning to grow restless at the Indian's slow progress.

Malhotra, however, proved just as difficult to remove as three years ago when playing for North Zone against England at Jammu he made 80 and 67 not out.

Although he lost another partner Sanju Mukdavi, brilliantly caught at short leg by Chris Cowdrey off Edmonds, Malhotra took his score to 94 by the close of play.

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SCORECARD

PRESIDENT'S XI 1st innings
Gaekwad c Gower b Ellison 23
Shastri c Gattling b Cowans 6
Asharuddin b Cowans 2
Malhotra n.o. 94
Gursharan Singh b Edmonds 41

Mudkavi c Cowdrey b Edmonds 15
More n.o. 4
EXTRAS 4

TOTAL (5 wks) 189
FALL: 1-18, 2-20, 3-44, 4-127, 5-165

BOWLING: Cowans 12-4-28-1; Elliott 11-4-25-0; Ellison 14-3-42-1; Edmonds 30-9-48-2; Marks 15-3-41-0; Gattling 1-0-5-0.



PHIL EDMONDS ... A struggle in India

TONIGHT'S GAMES

WORLD CUP

GROUP THREE

Northern Ireland v Finland (8.00 Belfast)

Turkey v England (12.00 Istanbul)

GROUP SIX

Denmark v Rep of Ireland (6.00 Copenhagen)

GROUP SEVEN

Scotland v Spain (8.00 Hampden Park)

Wales v Iceland (7.30 Cardiff)

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