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TORIES CUT MINERS' BENEFITS

THE Thatcher government yesterday slashed £1 from the supplementary benefits payments to striking miners' families as part of the attempt to starve them into submission.

The cruel cut was announced by Tory Social Security minister Tony Newton in a Commons written reply. It is designed to supplement the NCB's attempt to bribe strikers back to work — a policy not quite working out as the board had planned.

From November 26, the £15 a week deducted by the state from benefits for strike pay — which no

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miner has received — will be raised to £16.

There were protests from Labour MPs when the announcement was made. Shadow social services secretary Michael Meacher interrupted a debate on civil

aviation to complain of an 'extremely provocative' move.

Don Valley MP Martin Redmond, said: 'It demonstrates the low level to which the government has stooped. It is deplorable and disgusting and shows the callous attitude of this government that seeks to deprive

families of justifiable rights.'

Stuart Bell, MP for Middlesbrough, said: 'It is an unprecedented act of meanness by the government. It shows their total lack of sensitivity and understanding of the deep resentment felt in mining communities at this paltry and petty exercise.'

TUC right wing back anti-union law

Moves to reverse Congress decisions

BY PAUL FELDMAN

THE TUC right wing wants a special conference called in the New Year to overturn Congress policies which state that affiliated members should not comply with Tory anti-union laws.

At the same time as they are telling the Tories that the miners have to accept pit closures, the right wing in the bureaucracy are preparing to split the TUC and implement laws aimed at destroying independent trade unions.

This would be a step towards transforming unions into corporate bodies, entirely dependent on state finances.

Moves to abandon formally policies agreed at the Wembley conference of 1982 began yesterday at the TUC's key employment, policy and organisation (EPOC) committee.

Policies

But a number of unions have already taken individual decisions which undermine policies reaffirmed as recently as September at the Brighton Congress.

The EETPU electricians and the executive of the AUEW engineering workers have decided to accept government cash to run secret ballots.

This week the white collar ASTMS voted to accept the ballot terms of the latest Tory legislation, the 1984 Trade Union Act.

Yesterday Clive Jenkins, general secretary of ASTMS, told TUC leaders he wanted a special conference called to review Congress policy.

He was supported by the leaders of Britain's third biggest union, the GMBATU.

General secretary David Basnett had written to the EPOC committee asking for a new conference to review current policies.

On Monday, the GMBATU effectively accepted the secret ballot laws when it repudiated before a judge the strike by members at Austin Rover.

The EPOC committee took no decisions, but the right wing succeeded in getting TUC general secretary Norman Willis to write to all unions asking them for their experiences under the anti-union laws.

Replies will be considered on January 2, with a recommendation likely to come from that meeting to a full General Council later the same month.

Although the committee said it would write to the electricians and engineers, reminding them of Congress policy, the TUC right wing have no intention of disciplining these unions.

The AUEW executive took the decision to hold a ballot on accepting Tory cash in the face of non-compliance policies agreed by its own National Committee in 1981.

As he left the EPOC meeting, Jenkins said that his own conference had de-

cided to go for ballots before industrial disputes, which are laid down in the new Act.

He added: 'My own view is that there will have to be some conference to express opinions, to make sure we have ballots.'

Jenkins made an absurd claim to justify compliance with the anti-union laws, saying that the Tory government did not want unions to hold ballots.

Plans

The general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, Jimmy Knapp, said he was against plans to overturn agreed policies.

'We had a very clear call for closing ranks around Congress policy.'

He added: 'I will be arguing for a status quo position. There is a principle involved — it is similar to the registration question of 1971.'

Knapp was referring to the Heath government's Industrial Relations Act, which allowed unions to avoid the consequences by registering.

Unions which did so —

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RAMSGATE in Kent saw another packed and successful miners' rally addressed by NUM president Arthur Scargill on Tuesday night. See four pull-out pages of news and pictures from the coalfields starting on page 7



AMMAN REPORT

News Line's JOHN SPENCER is in the Jordanian capital for the Palestine National Council. Read his first despatch on page 5

ABOLITION WILL COST £225m

THE GLC yesterday demolished Tory claims that abolition would save money, and insisted instead that it would cost at least £225 million to deprive Londoners of an elected council.

On the eve of the publication of legislation to scrap the GLC and the six metropolitan counties, Ken Livingstone denounced government attempts to con people.

This had already started, with the London 'Standard' being told that abolition would save £50 million, a figure itself down on the £100 million originally claimed.

Air

'That figure is taken out of thin air,' he said. 'The government has never shown how it arrives at its figures.'

He added: 'The government is still desperately

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trying to cobble together figures to justify the policy.'

The GLC's figures are broken down to show that abolition will mean £20 million in redundancy payments for 3,000 staff; £25 million for administering the massive changeover to boards, quangos and the boroughs; and £20 million to adapt computer systems.

Another £32 million in

on-going costs would have to be found in each succeeding year, including £15 million a year in higher borrowing costs and £10 million a year in renting extra offices and other premises.

Prices

Over five years, the cost would multiply to £225 million just at day's prices.

The GLC also produced evidence showing that less than one third of its spending powers would be taken over by the 32 London boroughs.

The rest would go to various unelected and government-controlled bodies.

Livingstone described the prospects for London as 'an expensive, undemocratic, chaotic mess'.

He added: 'All the available evidence is showing that abolition of

the GLC would be a monumental disaster for London.

'The government's claims that abolition is going to save millions of pounds and return power to local people are being exploded.'

Audit

John McDonnell, finance committee chairman, said the GLC would ask for the right to an independent audit of the government's figures.

Scargill rejects church demand

NUM president Arthur Scargill yesterday turned down a demand from church leaders that the NUM abide by TUC guidelines on picketing.

The archbishops, who lectured the NUM leaders on the need to observe the TUC code to eliminate so-called picket line violence, were told by Scargill and union General Secretary Peter Heathfield that the NUM did not accept the validity of the guidelines.

Police Federation chairman Leslie Curtis last night launched another ferocious political attack on Labour local authorities who have protested against the use of a national riot force against the miners.

Curtis told a Police Federation meeting in Sheffield: 'The police service is not going to forget in a hurry the way in which South Yorkshire and other police authorities have put their party political loyalties above their statutory duty to the people they serve.'

In a signal to the Thatcher government he added: 'Never again must chief constables be left in such an exposed position and put under intolerable pressures simply because they have played it straight down the line and responded to a challenge to the rule of law.'

Protest over benefits cuts

CIVIL Service trade unions, the unemployed and others are to join a 'Social Security Action Day' on Monday, the day Social Security benefits are to be 'up-rated' by the Tory government.

The Action for Benefits Campaign says the government moves will swindle low-paid families receiving Family Income Supplement and steal 50p a week from all those on Supplementary Benefit with special needs.

A rally and lobby of parliament will be held in London as well as protests and meetings all over Britain.

As the campaign was launched, the 'Times' leaked details of new Tory laws to come into effect next year.

The changes would:

- Introduce a means test

for child benefit; ● Bring in new measures designed to make more people go out to work instead of claiming benefits;

● Cut benefit for youth to 'encourage' them to take up low-paid work.

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At a press conference to announce the lobby, Linda Leonard of Action for Benefits, denounced the so-called benefits reviews being undertaken by the Tory government under Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler as 'a huge con trick' with hand-picked appointees of the government conducting the investigations.

She said that the cuts in Social Security benefit were part of 'a much wider strategy to cut wages and weaken trade unions'.

The Action for Benefits campaign was aimed at

bringing together trade unions, local authorities, pressure groups and claimants to take the offensive.

Rod Crawford, of the National Campaign against Social Security Cuts, said that in his area of Sunderland there were 51 per cent unemployed.

Referring to the details leaked in yesterday's 'Times', he warned: 'The cuts are going to affect every family in this country. For the people already hard hit, we can't take much more and we are already splitting apart at the seams.'

Mick Gavan, from the Tower Hamlets TUC Unemployed Centre, warned that the Tory government was planning to take away the right of school leavers to claim benefits



WIVES of the 37 Cammell Laird workers recently jailed for defying a High Court injunction joined a mass picket outside the shipyard's gates yesterday. The special picket was called because of an expected management attempt to use scabs to remove two near-complete vessels from the yard. The T&GWU tugboat section have blacked all movement of the vessels in support of the Cammell Laird workers.

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Lessons from the Austin Rover strike

COMMENT

By Simon Vevers

THERE are vital political lessons to be learnt by car workers and the whole working class from the Austin Rover pay strike which ended yesterday when the giant Longbridge plant in Birmingham voted to return to work.

It revealed that shop floor militancy in manufacturing industry remains strong, confident and undefeated, despite five years of sustained Tory attacks.

Slump

At the same time it showed the limitations of a purely wages struggle carried out under conditions of mass unemployment and the threat of more savage rationalisation of the industry as a result of the deepening world capitalist slump.

The strike was political from the word go. Within hours of the workers com-

ing out, Austin Rover management used the Tory anti-union laws to outlaw the stoppage.

It meant that from the outset the strikers were confronted by the full force of the capitalist state machine — the possibility of unlimited fines, sequestration of union funds and the jailing of union leaders and militants for contempt.

And when the High Court issued its verdict, an immediate yawning gap was exposed between the defiant response of the shop stewards and pickets and the top bureaucracy in the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW) and the EETPU electricians' unions whose response was one

of fear coupled with abject compliance.

Leaders of the Transport and General Workers' Union, however, stood firm, refused to comply with the High Court and gave official backing to the strike.

Offer

The decision to strike followed the company's ultimatum that it would not increase its final offer — worth no more than £3.50 to Grade 3 workers in Austin Rover.

The determination of workers in the car plants to fight for a £22-a-week increase was fuelled by anger over the two-year pay deal foisted on them by trade union officials in November 1982.

Since then they have seen bonus earnings whittled down to nothing while the company has imposed savage speed-up and launched a series of attacks on trade union rights and hard-won conditions.

As soon as the Austin Rover workers were confronted with the Tory judiciary, the leaderships of the AUEW and the EETPU demonstrated their complete obedience to the capitalist state and Thatcher's Bonapartist regime by publicly disowning the strike to avoid damages claims in the courts.

No sooner had AUEW president Terry Duffy denounced his own members' action than he declared his willingness to accept Tory cash for secret ballots, following the example set by electricians' leader Eric Hammond.

Despite the votes to end the strike, nothing is set-

tled within Austin Rover. The management, backed by their paymasters in the Thatcher government, want slave wages and slave labour established within Austin Rover.

A renewed onslaught on working conditions with more back-breaking speed-up is on the way. Every time that the union leaders give way to the Tory regime, the employers and the ruling class come for more. But Austin Rover workers have tenaciously fought speed-up in the past and will do so again.

Rights

As the miners' historic nine-month strike has powerfully demonstrated, given leadership the working class is prepared to fight to defend its jobs, basic democratic rights and conditions.

The overriding lesson from the Austin Rover strike is that the issue of wages cannot be separated from the struggle against plant closures and speed-up and in defence of basic democratic rights.

Above all it showed the urgent necessity to build the revolutionary leadership — the Workers Revolutionary Party — and its industrial department the All Trades Unions Alliance in the unions against the right-wing corporatists and the cowardly reformists of the TUC.

TUC RIGHT WING

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including the seamen, Equity and the NGA — were expelled from the TUC.

Knapp said: 'To accede to this demand for ballots and cash would lead to pressures in other direction. We must hold the line around Congress policy as it is.'

Walter Greendale, one of the Transport and General

Workers' Union representatives on EPOC, said his union would conform to Congress policy.

'At present Congress is against taking cash for ballots.'

Tony Dubbins, general secretary-elect of the NGA printworkers' union, said:

'Our own union will adhere to Congress policy. We can't see any necessity for change and would resist any change.'

£8,000 Monthly Fund

November Fund — nine days left!

IT'S STILL a very slow pace. Frankly, after a magnificent effort to complete our £25,000 Development Fund, which went over the top, the campaign to raise our regular monthly fund has ground to a halt.

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when the miners are on strike and on the breadline, when unemployment is up and where our readers, in any case, bear the brunt of Thatcher's attacks.

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Bus service threatened

BUS services will disintegrate if Tory plans to split up existing networks and sell off parts to the private sector go ahead.

This theme is at the centre of 'Public Transport Week', part of a campaign organised by the Metropolitan County Councils and the GLC against the government's plans.

The week of action starts on Saturday and will include a series of events up

and down the country.

The campaign will highlight the threat to London's transport system since it was taken over from the GLC and put in the hands of a Tory-controlled quango.

Fares

Already fares are to rise by up to 22 per cent and 6,000 jobs are scheduled to go.

The Tories also plan to split up the National Bus Company and hive it off to the private sector.

The main proposed event during the week is a lobby of parliament next Tuesday.

This will be followed by a rally in Central Hall, Westminster.

Fifty bus loads of bus users and trade unionists from all over the country are expected to attend.

Machinists to lobby

SEWING machinists from Fords, Dagenham, who are on strike for the recognition of their skills, will lobby their union leaders at Transport House this morning.

The action by the women has prevented union officials from recommending acceptance of a pay deal to mass meetings. The management says it will not sign an agreement while the women are out

Students action on grants

MORE than 500 London students protested outside the Department of Education and Science yesterday.

It was part of the country-wide day of action called by the National of Students against Tory plans to abolish the minimum grant and introduce fee-paying.

There were actions in at least 130 colleges and universities around the country.

The students blocked the entrance to the DES and then stopped all traffic on the main road for about ten minutes.

London Student Organisation convenor Pete Carr told News Line that the action was the climax of occupations and other actions by 27 out of 30 London higher education institutions this week.

'The purpose of today is to protest at the decision of the government to introduce a means-tested system of fee payment, to abolish the minimum grant and increase parental contributions,' he said.

'Together this means students will have no option but to take out bank loans to do courses.'

James Davies, a first-year student at Queen Mary College, said: 'I'm on a minimum

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grant and if they take that away my parents will have to pay my fees.

'It will make a difference of £900, the £205 a year minimum grant plus over £500 fees. It's taking away our right to free education.

'I would have to give up my course. I am from a single-parent family and as it is I do not get the full parental contribution.

'My total a year is £600 and it should be £1700.

'Every holiday I have to go out and earn money to keep me going for the next term.'

Carrie Stokes, vice president of sites at Goldsmiths College in south east London and Bobby Charnock, welfare vice president, said: 'It's the first move to making a loans system — towards making

it a private sector thing.

'It's only the privileged few who will be able to afford to pay.

'We only heard of the national campaign a few days ago. We went immediately into occupation on Tuesday morning. We stopped A2 traffic outside all morning and we are lobbying all students to make them aware of the cuts.'

Sally Bild from the Polytechnic of Central London, said: 'It's part of a much wider attack. It's part of the same attack that's going on against the miners. They are trying to cut everything, including jobs.

'They are trying to make students pay for the crisis in the same way as they are trying to make the miners pay.

'You can see from the size of the demonstrations today all over the country that in the same way as the miners we are not prepared to sit back while these attacks are being made on us. We are prepared to fight them.'

● A NATIONAL rally at the Jubilee Gardens, near London's County Hall, has been called for next Wednesday afternoon, which will be addressed by Inner London Education Authority leader Frances Morrell, NUS president Phil Woolas and National Union of Teachers leader Fred Jarvis.



Students protest outside the DES yesterday

Nationwide protest

STUDENTS boycotted lectures, took part in demonstrations, rallies and occupations all over Britain yesterday.

Over 1,000 students from colleges of education all over Birmingham rallied at Aston University Students' Guild for a rally addressed by miners and members of the lecturers' union NAT-FHE. Students picketed dozens of colleges in the city, then marched to the city centre.

Rebecca Bowman, vice president of the students' union at the Arts and Design annexe, Margaret Street, said: 'The picketing today has been very successful. The majority of students stayed away from college. We've had a lot of

support from the street as well.'

In Leicester 450 students from the university and polytechnic held a joint demonstration outside the home of Tory Chancellor Nigel Lawson in Blaby in response to the Tory plans to abolish the minimum grant.

Rush-hour traffic was brought to a halt in Liverpool in the morning as hundreds of students from the city's polytechnic staged a lightning demonstration and occupied the Education Department and the office of the city's Director of Education.

Paul Quinn, student union president, told News Line: 'The city council, the governors of the poly and

the director of education are supporting the campaign and I want to stress that it is not a campaign against the city council but against the government.'

Students from Lancashire Polytechnic occupied the Department of Education and Science offices in Ringway House, Preston.

In Huddersfield, the polytechnic was also occupied for 24 hours.

Miners from Cynheidre colliery joined students on the picket line at Swansea university. Police arrived to prevent pickets talking to staff approaching cars and threatened students with arrests. But when more miners arrived they disappeared.

Striking miner Wilf Caine said: 'We are here to show solidarity because the students have given us support in our strike. They've collected money and supported all our rallies.'

Eric Burdett, another miner, added: 'Many of the students won't be here next year because they can't afford it. It means no jobs for them later in their life, the same as pit closures will mean no jobs for thousands of miners and their sons.'



Carrie Stokes, Left, and Bobby Charnock at the DES lobby yesterday

Harsh regime in prisons

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

THE overall picture in local prisons is bleak with most prisoners locked in their cells for most of the time and little opportunity for work according to a report published yesterday.

Regimes in Britain's local prisons fall far short of international obligations to keep prisoners 'usefully occupied', according to 'Opportunities for Work in Local Prisons', a National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders briefing paper.

Compiled from Parliamentary answers in July this year, the briefing paper examines the

'opportunities for work' available to inmates of six local prisons — Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Wandsworth and Wormwood Scrubs.

In 5 out of the 6 prisons most prisoners had no work to do. While the 3,000 places in workshops which existed among the prisons were 'grossly under-used'.

Shops

In Liverpool the workshops were open for 2 hours a day, in Wandsworth for less than 3 hours, in Leeds and Wormwood Scrubs for little more than 3 hours, in Birmingham for 4.25 hours and in Manchester for 4.5 hours.

Oil price hits pound

THE continued collapse of oil prices and the demand for the dollar sent the pound sliding again yesterday.

It closed at \$1.2265, fall of 1.4 cents on the day. At one point it touched \$1.2195.

In the last week the pound has lost five cents against the US dollar and 1.7 per cent of its international value.

Dealers reported heavy selling of the pound, amid news of a glut of oil on the spot market.

A City analyst commented: 'We have reports of increased oil production in Saudi Arabia, increased exports from Iran, and Nigeria exceeding its quotas, so prices are going down.'

'On top of that we have mild weather and a slowdown of US economic growth which is reducing demand.'

North Sea oil was trad-

ing at \$27.60 a barrel yesterday, down 40 cents from last week and well below Britain's official \$28.65 price.

This itself was reduced last month from \$30, helping to trigger an emergency OPEC meeting at which ministers said they would cut production to hold up prices.

But the OPEC agreement was dead from the

moment it was signed, and it is every producer for himself.

OPEC's chosen benchmark oil was trading yesterday at \$27.70 compared with the official \$29 price set in March 1983.

There is pressure from the United States, where major oil companies recently cut the price of oil similar in quality to that from the North Sea.

Fine threat for over production

COMMON Market governments face court action unless they pay their debts for producing too much milk, the Brussels Commission warned yesterday.

It served notice that it expects the member states to honour the deal reached nearly a year ago to slap stiff milk production limits on the dairy sector, with strict

penalties for any extra output.

The scheme was intended to cut the community's soaring dairy surpluses, which have run the Common Market kitty almost dry this year.

But several EEC governments are reluctant to extract the 'fines' from their dairy producers, and have asked the com-

mission to postpone the agreed deadline for payment of the penalties.

Italy has still not issued milk quotas to its producers, 11 months after the scheme was approved.

A commission spokesman said levies were due on December 15, and insisted that the quota scheme must be applied fairly by all 10 governments.

Stormy court scenes

NEW YORK — The libel suits of Israeli Cabinet Minister Ariel Sharon against 'Time' magazine and US General Westmoreland's against the CBS television network offered more theatrics at the New York district court yesterday.

Sharon engaged in a heated argument, his voice rising at times to a shout, with 'Time's' lawyer Thomas Barr during cross-examination over what questions he deemed it fit to answer.

Judge Abraham Sofaer cautioned him and told Barr to sharpen up his questions.

At the other hearing, a red-faced Westmoreland told of how his two daughters and son 'expressed astonishment, disillusionment, unbelieving', over a CBS programme which accused him of deliberately underestimating the strength of the Vietnam liberation forces.

Sharon is suing 'Time' for \$50 million for a February 1983 article that said he had provoked Falangist leaders to massacre Palestinian refugees in Sabra and Shatila in revenge for the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

Westmoreland is suing CBS for \$120 million over the January 1982 programme, 'The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception', that said he undercounted Viet Cong strength to curry favour with the White House.

Sharon cited Israeli laws on state secrets to refuse to answer questions on the Kahan Commission report on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Anger at Sunday opening

LEADERS of the shop workers' union, USDAW, are furious that a Tory government committee has recommended Sunday opening.

The Auld committee report wants the Tories to abolish the 1950 Shops Act and allow a 'free for all' in the high street — the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers said yesterday.

It is unlikely that time could be found in the present parliamentary session if the Tories decide to act on the committee's recommendations.

John Flood, USDAW deputy General Secretary said that if the 1950 Act was abolished shop workers would end up with very little choice but to work regularly on both Saturday and Sunday.

Britain has cut milk production drastically.

Agriculture minister Michael Jopling, says it is enough to exempt most UK producers from any milk debts to the EEC.

But he has warned repeatedly that he will not call in any levies payable unless every other country applies the rules too.

World News Line

WORLD SUMMARY

Airbus deal for Nigeria

LAGOS — The Nigerian government has signed a \$206-million deal over ten years with a group of ten French, British and West German banks to finance the purchase of four 240-seater Airbus A310s.

Plenum

EAST BERLIN — The East German Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee meets today for a two-day plenum expected to focus on economic issues and East-West relations.

Visit

VIENNA — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has arrived for a one-day visit, his first official trip to Austria since assuming office in 1982.

Elections

BELIZE CITY — Belize Prime Minister George Price has called general elections for December 14 to elect an expanded 28-seat House of Representatives in the former British colony.

Meeting

NICOSIA — Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash left here yesterday on his way to New York to attend United Nations talks about the island next week.

Ban

HARARE — The governor of Matabeleland has called for the immediate banning of the opposition ZAPU party and the arrest of all its leaders.

REAGAN'S MEASURES HIT FARM INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's draconian economic measures are devastating the farming industry in the United States, according to a study released this week.

Farming leaders issued the warning after the Commerce Department released statistics on Monday providing more evidence that Reagan's much-vaunted economic recovery has evaporated.

The fears of the farming sector have been heightened by Reagan's order to his budget advisers that there is to be no pruning of the defence bill, which he wants to expand drastically, or in funds for covert and overt counter-revolutionary programmes.

He has told Commerce Department officers to cut deeper into the devastated social service programmes, jobs and ailing sections of the manufacturing and agricultural industry.

Gross National Product (GNP) grew at an annual revised rate of 1.9 per cent in the July-September quarter, down from a preliminary estimate of 2.7 per cent last month, according to the Commerce Department figures.

It is well below the 7.1 per cent expansion of the previous quarter and 10.1 per cent in the first three months of this year.

Corporate profits after taxes fell by almost \$11 billion, or 7.3 per cent, in the third quarter compared with the previous three months, while housing starts last month dropped 9.8 per cent from September.

Reagan's scheme of

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cuts in subsidies and the so-called 'free lunch' have extended from the dole queues of New York, Detroit and Michigan to the rich farmlands of the Mid-West, causing unprecedented alarm among backers of the White House.

More than 700 banks have joined the bankrupt list this year and a large proportion of them are smaller banks concentrating on farm loans and investment.

Sectors

Reagan and his advisers see the shake-up as a 'healthy transition' because shutting down the sectors that do not make big profits is their aim.

But farmers and industrialists are increasingly warning of a 'growth recession' and runaway unemployment — and are debating it in the press and on television.

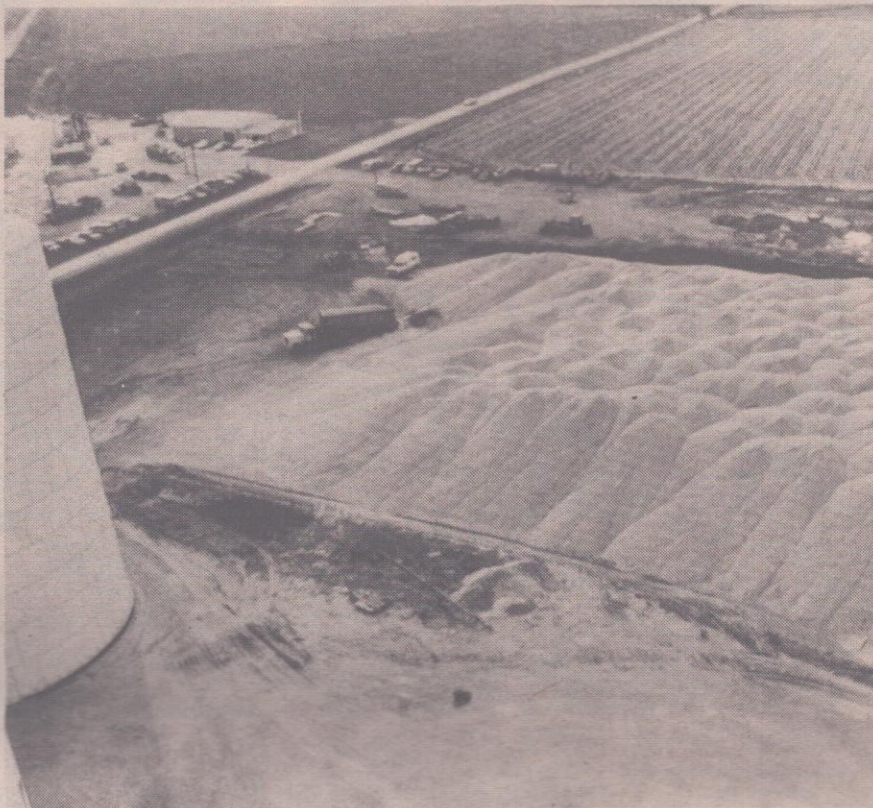
The report by the Farm Credit System, a group of co-operative banks that provide most of the credit for the agricultural sector, predicted farm debt would reach a record \$465 billion by 1995, burgeoning to a 7.5 per cent share of the annual debt growth.

Outlook

'Agriculture's financial outlook is less optimistic than during most of the 1970s,' Arthur Buffington, president of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, said.

Although farm output would continue to grow in the next ten years, exports would slow down and government subsidies that hold up price levels for agricultural produce would decline, the report said.

It forecast net farm income would average \$8 billion to \$9 billion annually — up slightly from the 1981-1983 average but below any year in the 1970s.



Grim outlook for US farmers

FRENCH TRADE SLUMPS

FRANCE'S trade with the rest of the world slumped into deep deficit last month, virtually wiping out the surpluses of the previous two months.

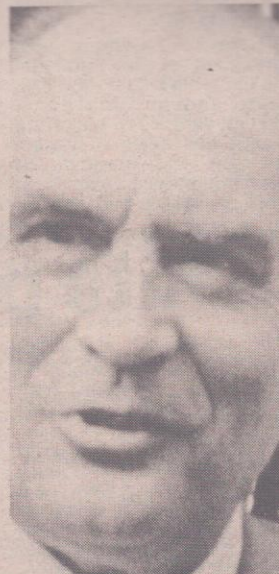
Foreign Trade Ministry figures show a seasonally-adjusted deficit of 3.9 billion French francs (\$369 million) in October after a cumulative surplus of 3.98 billion francs (\$433 million) in August and September.

It brought the deficit for the year to the 22.4-billion-franc (\$2.7-billion) level. The National Statistics Institute forecast the deficit would not increase for the rest of the year.

Disclosure of the disastrous turnaround has put in doubt the Socialist Party government's ability to meet its deficit targets.

It is a blow to President Mitterrand who kicked out of his Cabinet the Stalinists of the French Communist Party and Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, to appoint the technocrat Laurent Fabius.

Minister for Industrial Redeployment and Foreign Trade, Edith Cresson, blamed the energy im-



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FROM NICOLE VERNIER IN PARIS

port bill but the government has offered no official reason for the slump.

The net adjusted energy bill has been running at more than 15 billion francs (\$1.7 billion) a month this year.

Fabius has cut oil consumption to boost the use of electricity, mainly nuclear-generated.

Austerity

The cut has not fooled French consumers, who recognise it as part of Mitterrand's International Monetary Fund-inspired austerity policies.

Cumulative inflation in the first 10 months of this year is 6 per cent, 1 per cent more than the government's target, and is threatening to surpass a revised 7-per-cent target.

TOKYO — The New Zealand Labour government yesterday floated the largest yen bond seen in Japan, raising the equivalent of £400 million. Japan's largest stockbroker, Nomura Securities, said the New Zealand government had been given the loan for ten years at a 7.1-per-cent interest rate.

Chinese delegation in Washington

WASHINGTON — A Chinese navy delegation is in Washington discussing Pentagon help in modernising China's surface fleet.

US Defence Department spokesman Michael Burch told reporters the 13-man delegation, headed by Admiral Chen Youming, had arrived on November 13, and would return home on Decem-

ber 19.

Published reports have said China is interested in obtaining modern gas-turbine engines which are used in US destroyers, but Burch declined to give details of the talks.

He said China was generally looking at ways to modernise their fleet and that 'we would want to see what they are interested in and make de-

cisions on a case-by-case basis'.

The talks are part of a move toward increased US-Chinese military contacts begun last year. The Reagan Administration has not yet sold any weapons to China, but Chinese Defence Minister Zhang Aiping visited Washington in the spring and US Navy Secretary

John Lehman went to China in August.

During Lehman's visit to Peking, he said the two countries had discussed the possibility of visits to Chinese ports by US Navy destroyers.

Burch said the US delegation holding discussions with the Chinese in Washington was headed by Assistant Navy Secretary Melvyn Paisley.

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Israelis
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talks

NAQOURA, Lebanon — The Lebanese government has accused Israel of trying to delay progress at talks on an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

Opening the fourth session at the Lebanese border village of Naqoura, Brigadier-General Mohammed al-Haj said Israel was still raising formal matters dealt with at the first session.

'It was as if it was trying to delay the talks without arriving at a result,' said Haj, who leads Lebanon's military delegation.

Israeli spokesman Yona Gazit said the morning session had made progress on military matters and focused on how to ensure security in the northern part of southern Lebanon after Israeli troops withdraw.

Forces

An Israeli official said the two sides had discussed how UNIFIL forces were to be deployed in the northern sector. Israel would like UNIFIL, whose 5,200 troops control a small region south of the Litani river, to deploy in areas from which Israel withdraws, moving gradually from north to south.

He said the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia was not mentioned at yesterday's talks. Israel had previously insisted on a role for the SLA in an enclave north of its border but Lebanon says only the Lebanese army and UNIFIL can control the south.

Campus
shootings

JERUSALEM — An Israeli officer opened fire at a West Bank university demonstration yesterday by supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, wounding five students.

Israeli military sources said the officer had opened fire at Bir Zeit university to control protesters burning tyres and throwing stones.

The army closed off the university, declaring it a military area.

Tension has been running high in the Israeli-occupied West Bank over the convening of the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Amman today.

Genscher delays Poland trip

BONN — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has postponed a three-day visit to Poland only hours before it was due to have started because of unacceptable Polish conditions.

The Foreign Ministry cited a 'public admonition' to Genscher by the Polish authorities not to visit the grave of pro-Solidarity priest Jerzy Popieluszko, murdered by security police last month.

The Polish regime had also refused an entry visa to a West German journalist due to have accompanied the delegation or to

ARAFAT ARRIVES
TO OPEN COUNCILFrom
JOHN SPENCER
in Amman

AMMAN — The 17th session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) opens today after intensive last-minute diplomacy by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

He arrived back from an unscheduled visit to Algiers, as Fatah military commander Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad) confirmed a full quorum to start the Palestinian parliament-in-exile in the Jordanian capital.

Abu Jihad said Arafat had briefed President Chadli Benjedid on the summit. 'Our Algerian brothers support us for convening the PNC session in Amman.'

'In fact, they have told us from the very beginning that we are free to hold the meeting anywhere we wished.'

The PNC, whose session has been delayed because of disagreements from pro-Syrian PLO factions, has 564 members but 180 living on the Israeli-occupied West Bank are barred by the Zionist military authorities from travelling.

Pro-Syrian PLO spokesmen in Damascus said Benjedid had asked Arafat to postpone the session for two months to enable further discussions among the factions.

Benjedid had offered to host the session in two months if Arafat agreed to the postponement, they said.

Accusation

But in a special statement, issued in Cairo, on the eve of the 17th session, Arafat reiterated Fatah's accusation that the Syrian regime of President Hafez al-Assad was creating obstacles to thwart the convocation of the PNC.

Syria was trying to accomplish what former Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon had failed to accomplish in Beirut in

1982: eliminate the PLO.

Arafat said: 'In other words, what they have failed to accomplish militarily they are now trying to accomplish politically by obstructing the holding of the PNC meeting.'

He told the weekly magazine 'Rose al-Yusuf' the PLO had conducted a dialogue over ten months to try to 'rectify Palestinian-Syrian relations'.

'A number of Arab brothers representing Algeria, the PDRY (People's Democratic Republic of Yemen), Tunisia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the YAR (Yemen Arab Republic) had participated in this dialogue,' the magazine said.

'Some friends like the USSR and the late Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, in her capacity as chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, had

also taken part but all efforts had yielded negative results.'

Arafat told 'Rose al-Yusuf': 'Anyone who considers himself a Palestinian or feels that he is a Palestinian should attend the meeting.'

The PNC will discuss, among other things, the developments in Tripoli (in Lebanon last year), the 'Camp Murphy' negotiations between Lebanon and Israel over south Lebanon and the future strategy for establishing a Palestinian homeland.

Relations

Arafat told the magazine that the re-opening of relations with Egypt was 'a step in the right direction'.

To a question from 'Rose al-Yusuf' on the proposed establishment of a federal government between Jordan and the Palestinian people, he said: 'The decision was adopted at the last PNC meeting in Algiers to establish distinctive relations between Jordan and



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the Palestinians and to set up a confederal government.'

The PLO was supported in the occupied territories by all Palestinian people, who were giving every form of support from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, he said.

Tamils attack
police station

COLOMBO — Tamil liberation fighters killed at least 25 policemen and wounded ten more by driving a lorry loaded with explosives into a police station, the Sri Lankan government said yesterday.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said 25 bodies had been dug out of the ruins of Chavakachcheri police station, about ten miles from the northern city of Jaffna.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said nine other policemen were unaccounted for after Tuesday night's attack. He rejected some press reports that the death toll was at least 40.

Tamil liberation units were reported setting off land mines and barricading roads to thwart the deployment of military reinforcements to Chavakachcheri.

Police stations in Jaffna province, already under virtual military siege since the rampages by the army in July and August this year, have been put on alert.

On Monday Tamil fighters killed a colonel and four soldiers by blasting their convoy with a land

mine in the Jaffna district.

Colonel A. Ariyaperuma, commander of the northern area, was the highest-ranking army officer to be killed by the guerrillas.

On the same day, guerrillas hurled bombs at a police convoy in the centre of Jaffna city seriously wounding four police commandos.

In a 'nod and wink' provocation Athulathmudali made a radio appeal for calm and urged the Sinhalese not to be provoked into violence against the Tamils.

He said the guerrillas were trying to turn the unrest between the two communities into an international problem, hoping to make a foreign country intervene.

Athulathmudali mentioned no name but political sources said he was referring to India.

In July last year, about 2,000 people, mostly Tamils, died in a blood-bath sponsored by the Junius Jawewardene regime, after the killing of 13 soldiers in an ambush near Jaffna, according to Tamil liberation sources.

About 100,000 people were made homeless and shops and factories were destroyed.

Kohl hawks assets

BONN — Chancellor Kohl's right-wing Christian Democratic Party (CDU) government has returned to private hands nearly half the firms in which the government held a controlling minority or larger interest.

The number of firms in which Bonn retains at least a 25 per cent stake has slid to 487 from 958 a year ago.

Government advisers say the divestment plan has not gone far enough.

They say it has made only a modest dent in the government's stake in the private sector, clipping about 220 million marks (\$73 million) off Bonn's share of equity in companies — 2.12 billion marks (\$702 million).

Echoing the privatisation policies of British Prime Minister Thatcher, Prime Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg has listed eight more firms in which he wants the government to reduce its holdings by 1987.

The list includes the car-maker Volkswagen and the national airline Lufthansa.

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RAIL STRIKERS 'STABBED IN BACK'

GLASGOW — Leaders of 300 booking clerks and guards on strike called yesterday for supporting action from railway workers throughout Clydeside.

'We are fighting for jobs,' said Charlie Gordon, chairman of the North Clyde Rail Staff Action Committee which is fighting de-staffing of stations.

He warned that if British Rail was allowed to steamroller through the cuts — at present affecting Sundays — then the de-staffing would rapidly be extended seven-days-a-week.

Ten of the 300 strikers have been suspended,

with some of them having been given letters saying they are not guaranteed to get their former job status back.

The bid to spread the action comes in the face of fierce opposition from certain officials of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Salaried Staffs Association.

'We have got a battle on here,' said Gordon. 'We never claimed it was an official strike but we certainly didn't expect the stab in the back from Messrs Barr and Watson.'

Andrew Barr is the NUR's East of Scotland official and Barry Watson is employed at the TSSA offices in Glasgow.

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Both have called for an end to the strike — with Barr in particular condemning the action and describing it as 'foolish'.

Barr, says the Action Committee, would be better consulting NUR members on their grievances instead of making uninformed statements to the Tory Press.

Bitter

TSSA members are particularly bitter because they were acting on official TSSA instructions in refusing to co-operate

with the de-staffing scheme.

A letter, dated November 12, from the union's Scottish regional secretary Richard King states: 'In the light of this situation and taking account of the known views of the staff concerned, the TSSA executive committee has determined to instruct members to refuse to carry out duties arising from the implementation of the North Clyde 'on train' ticket issuing scheme affecting Sundays.'

Aidan O'Donnell, a TSSA member of the Action Committee, commented yesterday: 'We seem to be dealing with a betrayal here.'

Five of the ten workers

suspended are TSSA members. Having been locked out for carrying out union instructions, they were now being left 'high and dry', said O'Donnell.

Strike leaders addressed a mass meeting yesterday morning and got a renewed mandate to continue the action until such time as those suspended are reinstated unconditionally, continue opposition to the de-staffing scheme, and to refuse to negotiate under duress.

The strike leaders hope to force BR management to consider an alternative scheme which would save an equal amount of money.



Steve French, with loudhailer, on the recent demonstration in Liverpool against the appointment of a 'Militant' supporter as principal race relations officer for the council

Black Caucus leader faces party block

A LEADER of the Black Caucus in Liverpool, Steve French, has had his application to join the Labour Party put on ice.

French, his colleagues and a number of trade unions, have opposed the appointment of a 'Militant' supporter as principal race relations officer for the council.

Selection

NALGO is boycotting the post, having denounced the selection procedure.

The opposition stems from the fact that the man appointed, Sam Bond, is said to be against 'positive action' programmes to tackle racial discrimination in council employment and the provision of services.

Councillor Tony Hood, chairman of Riverside

Constituency Labour Party, is reported as saying: 'This man has been openly campaigning against the Labour Party.'

'It is reasonable for us to ask him if he is prepared to abide by our rules and constitution. Such publicity could indicate he is not serious about joining the party. I hope this is not so.'

A spokesperson for 'Black Caucus' told News Line: 'Is this normal procedure? People are being told that if they want to fight any particular aspect of capitalist oppression, they must first come in for a talk with a selection committee.'

He added: 'It's time someone told them they are not the "vanguard of the working class".'

'I had to leave the Labour Party when I

found I had no support in that party when a black man was brutally beaten up in a pub in Woolton, by fascists alongside whom Labour Party members used to drink.'

Departure

'This resulted in the departure of seven black and white people from the local party. And now they are fighting tooth and nail to reverse progressive decisions of ward Labour Parties like Mossley Hill, Granby, Arundel, Smith-

down and Abercrombie who have opposed their line on race relations.'

A prominent 'Militant' and GMBATU steward Ian Lowes has openly called for a ballot of NALGO members on the issue of the boycott.

This flies in the face of the decision of his own district office meeting on Friday November 16.

It decided 'to call on the Liverpool city council to re-advertise the position of senior race relations officer'.

UP TO eight members of the First Battalion, Parachute Regiment, are expected to appear in court in Salisbury, Wilts, following the alleged rape of a 22-year-old WRAC private.

Five members of the same unit were accused on Tuesday of the rape and remanded in custody until next Monday.

The assault is alleged to have taken place at the weekend at Picton Barracks, Bulford, Wilts, where the battalion is stationed.

Scottish steel mill to close

A SCOTTISH mill is to close next year with the loss of more than 200 jobs.

The British Steel Corporation yesterday blamed the poor order book at the Glengarnock works in Ayrshire for the shutdown in March.

The mill, with a workforce of 203, is set to lose well over £1 million this year, with total losses over the past five years put at around £6 million.

A BSC spokesman said the small market for the steel plates produced at the works, used mainly in the shipbuilding and bridge construction industries, would be satisfied from the corporation's plant at Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.

Windscale communications test today

AN exercise to test communications in the event of a major radioactive leak from the Windscale (Sellafield) nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria starts today.

More than 100 civil servants, council officials and staff of British Nuclear Fuels will take part in the two-day exercise, which also involves local police.

A number of control centres will be set up in the area, and at the Department of Energy in London.

The exercise is part of a series organised by the department. Other centres are Hunterston, Sizewell and Dounreay.

A BNF spokesman said: 'Work will go on as normal at Sellafield and there will be no roadblocks or evacuations in the area surrounding the plant.'

About 10,000 people work at the plant.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

PICKETS ATTACKED BY SCABS

TENSION has increased across the Lancashire coalfield as striking miners hold the line against the state-inspired attempt to stampede men into scabbing.

Pickets following a coach full of scabs heading for Parkside colliery were attacked on Tuesday.

The coach stopped suddenly, and a scab ran back from it. He hurled a brick through the strikers' windscreen and ran off.

The other scabs on the coach then got off and turned the van over.

NUM officials later found the locker key of one of the scabs involved and turned his locker number over to the police.

Bold NUM treasurer Colin Lenton doubted whether the police would take action: 'We're waiting for an answer,' he said yesterday. 'It's not just one law for the rich and one for the poor. There's a law for the scabs but there's no law for us.'

Pickets from Bold later occupied the NACODS area office in Wigan for

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two hours to ask deputies not to supervise scabs. As Colin Lenton explained:

'The lads carried out a spontaneous action over the numbers returning to work. They tried to force NACODS hands.'

'They occupied their area office for two hours, but the NACODS area secretary, Galloway, called the police and 200 policemen sealed off the area around the office.'

Points

'When I arrived to mediate with Galloway, we asked him to take certain points to his own executive:

'1. NACODS not to cross picket lines.

'2. NACODS not to carry scabs across picket lines in their cars.

'3. To come out on strike.'

Media telling lies to provoke confrontations



Pickets at Bold colliery on Tuesday

You sink or you swim 'together'

JOHN HUGHES, a miner on strike at Sutton Manor colliery, St Helen's, was all set to join the scabs earlier this week, but now he is 'good for another 12 months', he told News Line yesterday.

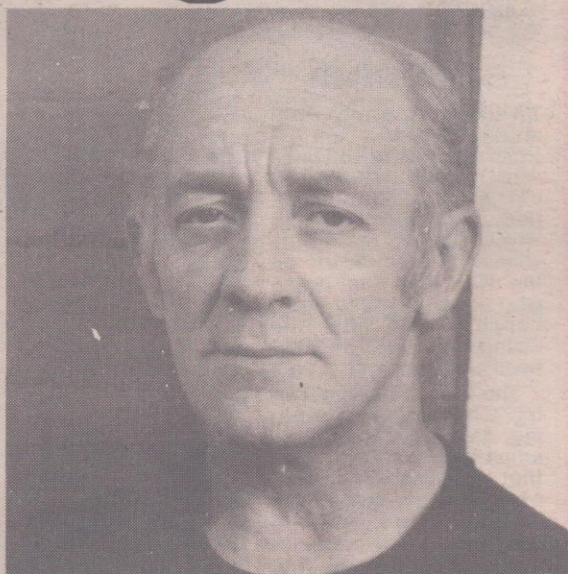
'Some people have encouraged me to go back, because I've just been divorced and Lord knows what.'

'I told everybody I had made my mind up to go back, I had psyched myself up.'

Problems

'I told the lads on the picket line. They all knew about it. I've got debts, family problems, all the lot. I put the alarm on for 5a.m. Monday morning. I was still going in at 5a.m. I got washed and dressed.

'I couldn't open the front door. It's the friendship that has built



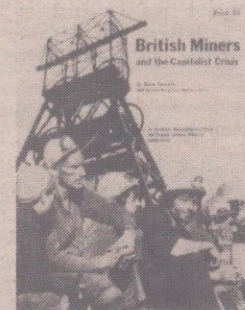
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up over nine months, like the comradeship in the army — you either sink or swim together. I just

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Back the miners Expose right wing

AT THE Kent miners' rally in Ramsgate on Tuesday night Arthur Scargill made a powerful appeal to rank and file trade unionists to take industrial action in support of the NUM. Recalling the large mobilisation of trade unionists at the Saltley coke depot in 1972, the NUM president said that the time had come for miners to go over the heads of union leaders to win the active support of other workers.

'We have every right to go to them because this union is being battered by the police and the judiciary,' he said.

Scargill's call to action must be supported by all trade unionists because the fate of the entire working class and its organisations is bound up in the miners' fight for jobs.

However the matter cannot be left there. The struggle within the TUC itself must not be by-passed, otherwise those right-wing bureaucrats who are now doing their utmost to stab the miners in the back will be let off the hook.

A conscious fight must be waged to thoroughly expose them before the whole working class or they will be left intact to carry on doing the dirty work for Thatcher and the ruling class. Their exposure is central to the struggle to mobilise all workers behind the miners and against the Tory Bonapartist dictatorship. This is essential if the miners are to mobilise the full strength of the working class behind them in the organisation of the General Strike.

For, while the miners and their families are standing firm in the face of a full-blooded assault by the capitalist state, Labour Party leaders and the right-wing in the TUC are making concerted moves to break the strike and coerce the NUM leadership into surrendering to the Coal Board and the Thatcher government.

They want the NUM to bow to Thatcher's own 'Plan for Coal' which entails massive pit closures, the destruction of thousands of jobs and the decimation of mining communities.

The class treachery of the TUC right-wing is a vital component part of the Thatcher regime's strike-breaking operations against the NUM. They are making their moves while the government and the NCB are doing everything to bribe strikers back to work and physically smash their resistance by letting thousands of riot police loose on mining villages.

At the same time union leaders Hammond (EETPU electricians), Duffy (AUEW engineers), Jenkins (ASTMS scientific and technical workers) and other right wingers have declared openly that they are ready to ditch TUC policy and accept Tory cash for secret ballots. They are prepared to obey the same Tory anti-union laws which the courts have invoked to plunder all the NUM's assets.

The TUC right-wing is a pillar of the capitalist state which is using all its forces to break, not only the NUM, but all other trade unions. The only 'settlement' Thatcher has in mind for the working class is the destruction of all trade union organisation.

The class battle lines are drawn. That is why it would be fatal to avoid the struggle to ruthlessly expose and drive out the traitors in the TUC who are trying to sabotage the miners' heroic fight. Such a struggle will enormously strengthen the miners and the whole of the trade union movement.

All those unions who have declared their support for the NUM must immediately call their members out on strike. The conspiracy of the TUC right wing to break the miners' strike must be fought through the organisation of the General Strike.

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Scots courts back police crackdown

A RECENT case which a sheriff adjourned to allow the prosecution to get its facts straight is cited in a Scottish report, 'The Policing of the Miners Strike,' published yesterday.

Police evidence against an NUM striker had clearly been contradictory in the case. It was then that the court adjournment was ordered.

The sheriff involved had previously made public statements that any miner who came in front of him would face severe sentences.

Written by law graduate Robert Stevenson, the report is contained in the latest bulletin of the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties.

FROM CHRIS CORRIGAN

His document lists the extensions to police powers in recent months, and goes on: 'The picture however cannot be completed without taking account of the role of the courts. The police can use their discretion only as far as the courts will allow them.'

Future

There is also this warning: 'One of the long term consequences of the restrictions on freedom of movement going unchallenged is that in the future the judiciary will be able to rely on it as a legal precedent.'

Discussing specifically what changes in legal and

police practice have taken place in Scotland since the miners' strike began, Stevenson points to the following developments:

● POLICE enforcing civil employment law — as if breaches were criminal offences

● WIDENING of discretionary powers to control the movement of vehicles — which may create a legal precedent for the future

● USE of the charge of 'breach of the peace' to include individuals who have only been amongst a group where others were alleged to be disorderly

● NEW types of bail conditions — limiting the right to protest

● REFUSAL of legal aid.

Some of these practices could be given new statutory force once the dispute has ended, because new Public Order legislation is expected soon, Stevenson fears.

'In Scotland,' says Stevenson, 'there have been no police riots as at Orgreave or Bidwell, though Hunterston almost reached that stage in May, but there have been a number of trends that justify cause for concern and have serious consequences for the future of civil liberties.'

Arrests

He comments: 'The fact that there have been over 1,000 arrests in Scotland during the dispute, or that there have been widespread reports of arbitrary and violent arrests, or that vehicles have been stopped and turned back do not in themselves mean we have moved further towards a more authoritarian society. The policies that have led to such incidents may well mean just that.'

Turning to anti-picket bail conditions, Stevenson says these 'are a clear breach of the spirit if not the letter of the Bail (Scotland) Act hailed at the time as being a great liberal reform.'

'The conditions have clearly been used as another method of limiting individual rights to take part in political protests. The courts have, however, shown evidence of partiality in a number of areas.'

In his conclusions, Stevenson points out: 'The other significant pointer to the future to come to light during the current dispute is the almost total lack of control imposed on Chief Constables by Police Committees.'

Trouble flares at Longannet

PICKET lines grew in strength in the Scottish coalfield yesterday. Picket organisers reported that many strikers, recently absent, had returned to the action.

This was in response to the coal board's scabbing, said the NUM strike centres. As the scale of the turn-out by strikers rose, so the scale of the back-to-work trickle continued to fall behind coal board projections.

There were big confrontations between police and pickets yesterday outside Castlehill colliery, in Longannet. There was trouble, too,

outside Killoch colliery, in Ayrshire.

Coal supply problems are increasing across a wide area of Scotland. One development is a circular from the National Union of Public Employees to Scottish shop stewards advising them not to handle coal delivered by NCB vehicles or vehicles belonging to an Edinburgh-based coal merchants.

The move could hit hard at schools and hospitals. Support for the miners' strike, however, is strong amongst NUPE members.

NUPE have declared an official strike of members at a school near Edinburgh after four

janitors there were suspended for refusing to handle coal delivered by the merchants, Bruce Lindsay Waldie.

Action from schools elsewhere in Lothian region is likely to build up. The four janitors had been adhering to a request from the NUM, said NUPE official Ronnie McMenemy, who forecast that the effects of the circular would be rapid.

Drivers employed by the NCB began taking stocks of coal out of Bilston Glen colliery, near Edinburgh, last week.

Coal supplies to schools and other establishments are dwindling in Ayrshire and Fife it was reported yesterday.

NCB offices occupied

TWENTY five women from miners' support groups from all over South Wales continued to occupy offices in Cynheidre colliery yesterday. Singing: 'We got in, we got in' the women poured scorn on the NCB and the police who vowed it would never happen again after the women occupied the pit-head baths two weeks ago.

The women are preventing the scabs from working and they wanted to emphasise to News Line that the scabs are just standing in doorways hours on end and not doing any work.

The occupation has been ringed by police and 15 vans, three large coaches and 20 full police cars were noted by the women at one stage.



Tony Reeder, left, with pickets

Every we strong

EVERY day the more strike they get stronger. Smith, secretary of in North Derbyshire

'We have got rid of the coal stocks, and with winter coming on they will have trouble supplying the power stations.'

'In the next few weeks, something is going to happen suddenly without any warning. I remember in 1974, they kept up the propaganda until the first power cut. Then, in the week following the lights going out they signed the deal and delivered it a fortnight later.'

Desperate

'This time there is more at stake, because this government is out to smash the trade union movement as we have known it over the last 25 years. But the big propaganda push to break the strike is an indication that they are getting desperate.'

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



at Kilnhurst colliery

day get ger

ers stay out on
er, says Herbert
ne Ireland NUM

Their problem with the
bs is that they are not
calibre of men who will
ne coal. There are very
face workers, and they
the sort of men who the
management would not
mally pick for a coal-
ting team.

Majority

in this area, I am cer-
the majority of the
ers who are out now
stay out, including
st of the face-workers.
t means they will still
be able to cut coal, and
scabs will become an
barrassment to the
rd.

You will have noticed
in the last few days,
attention of the televi-
has shifted from Der-
shire to Yorkshire and
land. After being the
us of the so-called "drift
k to work", the Der-
shire Coal Board is not
ing many more in.

Their plan to break the
strike has floundered.

'We had two men coming
out at this pit. They told us
the management lied to
them about the number of
men going in, and that the
atmosphere in there was
very bad. They apologised
to the branch and joined us
on strike again.

'We also need more sup-
port from other trade un-
ions. We are pleased with
the response from railway-
men and the seamen. And

some of the transport work-
ers have backed us.

'But we need every union
member to stop using scab
coal and oil used as a sub-
stitute.

Battle

'Our battle is their battle
through and through. This
government is out to smash
the unions. If they smash
the NUM they will carve
the others up like they did
with the steel union.'

THE TORIES are so intent
on destroying the miners'
strike that they have ear-
marked another £750 mil-
lion to pay for 'costs' incur-
red by the National Coal
Board and the police.

An extra £600 million will
go to the board and an
additional £150 million to
the police, according to the
Treasury's supplementary
estimates.

There are other costs
arising from the strike dur-

ing the period up to the end
of October, principally
from paying for oil im-
ports, loss of taxation and
increased Social Security
benefits, but these do not
require, as the supple-
mentary estimates do,
parliamentary approval.

The Tories claim that
these additional estimates
are in line with Chancellor
Lawson's assessment that
by the year-end the strike
will have cost £1,500 mil-

Miners deserve physical support

THE MINERS not
only need the
physical support of
other workers, they
deserve it, says
Tony Reeder, presi-
dent of Kilnhurst
NUM.

'We are fighting for
all trade unionists. If
MacGregor has his
way, there will be
another 80,000 people
added to the 4 million
unemployed.

'We need every assist-
ance we can get in this
fight. Other workers
should know that villages
will die and thousands
more will be added to the
dole queues if we lose. We
are appealing to the
wider working class to
support us.

Identity

'If we lose this dispute
— which we won't —
everyone will have to car-
ry an identity card. We

BY BEN RUDDER

know what is coming, be-
cause we have been
pushed off pavements in
our own villages, banned
from driving to other
parts of the country, re-
fused access to the pit,
and we can't even speak
to the one or two scabs
they claim are going in
here.

It will be back to tak-
ing your cap off and
standing to attention in
the manager's office for
everyone.

Leaders

'We know that the prob-
lem in winning physical
support lies not with the
rank and file but with the
leadership in their un-
ions. Their leaders are
not leading from the front
like Arthur Scargill.

'We have got a lot of
support among the fac-
tory workers, but they
just can't seem to get the
calls for action through
the co-ordinating com-
mittees.

'At the top you have
people like Norman Willis
of the TUC. What he said
in Wales, blaming miners

for violence when he
hasn't seen what is hap-
pening for himself,
means he is calling the
miners liars.

Rally

'And Neil Kinnock,
what can you say except
to ask — where is he? All
I can say to him is that
when we have our victory
rally, he can stay away.'

Reeder said the so-
called 'drift back to work'
was a failure for the Coal
Board. 'They say there
are two scabs here. But
they are two we haven't
missed. They can't cut
coal with ones and twos.
Even if they were to get
10,000 into 'pits in York-
shire, which they won't,
they still could not turn a
cobble of coal.

'The men in this pit are
determined they will not
go back to work until the
closures are withdrawn
and all those who have
been sacked are rein-
stated.

'If you doubt what I
say, let me tell you that
out of 450 at this pit, we
can turn out between 200
and 250 pickets. Last Sun-
day we had 300 down
here.

Coverage

'But you would never
read that in the papers or
see it on television. The
media coverage has been
completely biased. Mon-
day's local paper accused
pickets of the damage
done to the computer ter-
minals at Cadeby. But we
know that there were no
miners involved.

'The miners are
blamed for violence. But
they wouldn't report a
situation like this morn-
ing when 33 police vans
came here with only 12
miners on the picket line.
Is that supposed to be nor-
mal policing?'

West German lobby

WEST GERMANY — The
Socialist Youth League
(SJB) in West Germany is
organising a lobby of the
West German miners' un-
ion, IG Bergbau und
Energie, on November 26.

The SJB, the youth
movement of the German
Section of the Interna-
tional Committee of the
Fourth International, are
campaigning for an end to
the export of scab coal

Mitterrand scabs on British miners

FRENCH miners over-
turned a trainload of coal
destined for Britain at
Miramas railway station
near Marseille on
Monday.

The 1,600 tonnes of coal
was part of a contract
signed between the Brit-
ish National Coal Board
and its French equiva-
lent, Charbonnage de
France (CBF).

According to the
French trade union con-
federation, the CGT, Char-
bonnage de France has

increased its exports to
Britain 'considerably'
since the start of the min-
ers' strike.

A statement published
by the CGT miners' fed-
eration denounced the
complicity between Mac-
Gregor and Hug, director
general of CBF.

Entitled 'not a gramme
of French coal for
Thatcher' the press state-
ment said that the CGT
would take 'any neces-
sary action' to prevent
the export of coal from
France to Britain.

Sponsored walk

SIX members of the Kirkby Unemployed Centre will
take part in a sponsored walk from Liverpool to Leeds
to raise money for striking miners and their families.
The six will set off from Stanley docks in Liverpool on
Sunday December 9 and plan to cover the 125 miles to
Leeds city centre in five days. On leaving Liverpool the
walkers will pass through Kirkby, Wigan, Chorley,
Blackburn, Burnley, Skipton and finish in Leeds.



Herbert Smith, centre, on the picket line at Ireland colliery



THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

SCABS IMPORTED TO WORK DOWN MINE

BARRICADES, erected by miners on Monday night outside Wheldale colliery, Castleford, forced the police to provide a heavy foot escort for five scabs to get them the last 400 yards to the pit.

Branch secretary Dennis Townend told News Line: 'As a branch we are very disappointed that the scabs have gone in today. We always thought we were the strongest branch in North Yorkshire, and we never envis-

aged that we would have scabs down our pits.

'On Monday, six NUM members went in, four we recognised and two had plastic bags over their heads. One of the four has now rejoined the strike and has assured us he will not cross the picket line again.

Ringers

'We think that on Tuesday a couple of "ringers" went in. We have worked all our lives at this pit and nobody recognised them.

'At Glasshoughton pit, two "ringers" who are

not miners from this area at all, have also gone in.

'The men who went in yesterday would not agree to see a representative of the branch. When they have had trouble in the past, they have come to the union and the problems have always been resolved. One of them is an ambulanceman.

'I don't know any man who would be treated by a scab ambulanceman. If I had a broken leg, I wouldn't let him put a splint on it.

'We had a very large picket on Tuesday. It was perfectly peaceful, but

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

there was a problem of vandals, not miners, breaking into the offices and looting.

'They were not our members. £300,000 of damage was done. The control room was smashed up. It was mindless vandalism. We want a pit to go back to. We held a meeting last night to tell our members that the branch is not going to allow the pit to be destroyed.

I was outside the pit all night, standing near the

police and the road was completely clear.

'Then the riot police arrived at about 8a.m. and when the pickets finally dispersed, piles of stones were found in the road behind the police.

Planted

'I asked the inspector, where they had come from. He gave me no answer.

'I am certain they were planted. But it didn't stick, because not one missile was thrown.

'I am sure it is the same with the crates of petrol bombs. It's obvious the police are planting them themselves.

'The branch is in good spirits. We are determined to resolve this dispute in our favour, and to get the scabs out. We are not threatening anybody physically, but life will not be worth living for the scabs after the strike.

'The NCB can put out as many papers as they want. I understand that Taylor and Foulstone have put out a document for the scabs to sign, stat-

ing that they are prepared to work with Taylor and Foulstone.

'I am informed that 50 ex-scabs have refused and re-joined the strike.

'Wheldale is a tightly-knit community. We have never had blacklegs working in our pits.

'I hope if the lads read what I am saying, they will realise the position they are putting themselves in after the dispute.

'This has been a peaceful strike for nine months. Since the scabs went in, everything has changed.'

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

NORTH WEST

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

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

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)

WEST MIDLANDS

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

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

EASTERN

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)

LONDON

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

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Simon Ververs (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)



Two-car barricade

AFTER the pit entrance was barricaded on Monday scabs went into Merthyr Vale colliery for the first time on Tuesday.

Bill King, lodge secretary, told pickets assembled outside the pit: 'I spoke to the men courteously, pleaded with them to come out, but they were shouting and screaming and threatened to sue me personally.

'That doesn't worry me at all. Scabs they are. There will be no safety work carried out, not even if the pit rots away.

'Are they our pits or do they belong to the police,' he added. 'For if the police are used to bring in scabs, we've got to say "we don't want your pits".'

Since Tuesday, picketing has been stepped up and Merthyr Vale and Aberfan is under siege. Nearly 1,000 police were present yesterday morning, but the pickets are resolved in support for their strike and determined to stop the scabbing.



JOIN THE WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

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News Line FILM REVIEW

A 'New York Times' man goes to war

CAMBODIA was a side-show in the American imperialist war against the people of Vietnam. It began with a \$7 billion bombing campaign. A full-scale invasion followed and finally the Americans were forced to flee from Phnom Penh.

The callous imperialist campaign had destroyed Cambodian society and produced the brutal peasant Stalinists of the Khmer Rouge (who fought the US then, but now benefit from US imperialist backing themselves).

'The Killing Fields' is based on the true story of Dith Pran, a Cambodian reporter who worked alongside the 'New York Times' correspondent in Phnom Penh, Sydney Schanberg.

Thanks to Pran (superbly played by Dr Haing S. Ngor), Schanberg (Sam Waterston) is able to breach the official wall of secrecy and expose the truth about the bombing.

In one horrific scene early in the film, they travel to a town outside Phnom Penh which has been bombed flat, apparently as a result of 'pilot error'.

Schanberg is the hard-driving reporter, always pushing Pran to make greater efforts. When the collapse comes Pran's wife and family are evacuated in a US helicopter, but he and Schanberg stay behind to report the Khmer Rouge takeover.

To their horror they are soon given proof of the victors' barbarism: seized at gunpoint Schanberg and several other reporters escape a firing squad only thanks to Pran's courageous intervention.

The press corps retreats to the French embassy while the Khmer Rouge force the city's population to take to the road.

Pran is trapped — efforts to forge a British passport for him come to grief and he has to make a tearful departure from his sanctuary. Schanberg is consumed by guilt.

While the American is carrying off prizes for his Cambodian despatches, Pran is doing forced labour under the guns of the Khmer Rouge. He soon learns to feign total ignorance — the Khmer Rouge are systematically murdering all the educated people.

Children are encouraged to denounce their elders. The well-fed Khmer Rouge are a sinister elite ruling a starving majority.

After many humiliations, Pran escapes, only to find himself in a paddy field full of rotting corpses, victims of the Khmer Rouge executioners. He becomes the household

slave of a Khmer Rouge bigwig and escapes again when the Vietnamese army moves in against the hated regime.

His odyssey ends in Thailand in a border refugee camp.

'The Killing Fields' is a stunning tribute to the directing talents of Roland Joffe. The honours are shared with his cameraman Chris Menges and the technical crew who reconstructed (in neighbouring Thailand) the ghastly holocaust which befell the Kampuchean people.

The horrors of war are not spared. Ex-President Nixon's responsibility for the imperialist crime against the Cambodian people is stressed.

It will provide little comfort for the anti-communist ideologues of the Tory Party, whose government is busily helping the United States to support the Khmer Rouge mass murderers against the Vietnamese-supported government now in Phnom Penh.

BY JOHN SPENCER

The Killing Fields — Directed by Roland Joffe and produced by David Puttnam. With Sam Waterston as Sydney Schanberg and Dr. Haing S. Ngor as Dith Pran. Showing at the Warner West End, Leicester Square, from Saturday



'New York Times' journalist Sydney Schanberg (Sam Waterston) held at gunpoint by the Khmer Rouge



The Khmer Rouge victory ride into Phnom Penh . . . for the people it was a short lived joy



Pran after his escape from the Khmer Rouge comes across a paddy field full of rotting corpses

MICHAEL John Bird, 37, who was on remand from Marylebone magistrates court until November 27 on a charge of burglary, has been found hanged in his cell at Brixton prison. The coroner and next of kin have been informed.

A REPLICA of the 'Godsend' which took English settlers to America in 1607 will set out from London in April to recreate the journey. Equipped with the most rudimentary of sails it will take a southerly route to the Caribbean, through the Bermuda Triangle and up the American coast to Jamestown, Virginia.

MARKS and Spencers and Tesco will work together to develop a number of new edge-of-town shopping centres. A spokesman said no joint sites had so far been selected, but they were looking for sites which could give parking for 1,000 to 1,200 cars.

ALMOST 4,000 bank staff at the six sorting banks went to work sifting through the thousands of forms and cheques for British Telecom shares. Lloyds Bank said the first post brought in 6,600 forms at offices in Worthing and London.

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BOOKS

TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Robert Morley as Gilbert and Maurice Evans as Sullivan in 'The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan' on 4 at 5



Elizabeth Edmonds as Annie in 'Experience Preferred But Not Essential' on 4 at 9.30pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.05 Taking Sides. 10.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE: Financial Report, News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Fingerbobs. 2.00 The Afternoon Show. 2.40 Beauty is in the Eye. 2.50 War At Sea. 3.40 Cartoon. 3.48 Regional News for England (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Thursday. 4.10 Superted. 4.15 Hand-les. 4.30 Screen Test. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Blue Peter. 5.25 Henry's Cat. 5.30 Grange Hill. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES
6.55 TOMORROW'S WORLD

7.20 TOP OF THE POPS Introduced by John Peel and Tommy Vance

8.00 DON'T WAIT UP With Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son Toby and Tom Latimer. Father decides to return to his estranged wife (Dinah Sheridan)

8.30 ZOO 2000 Dolphins, killer whales and piranhas are among the subjects of *Watery Worlds*, the fourth programme in the series about the changing face of zoos

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 MORGAN'S BOY With Gareth Thomas as Morgan with Martyn Hesford as Lee. Lee tries to avert more trouble for Morgan at Blainau

10.15 QUESTION TIME With Robin Day

11.15 MEN ... AT HOME

11.40 NEWS HEADLINES; Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-7.20 Star Trek. 8.30-9.00 Week In Week Out. 11.15 Zoo 2000. 11.45 Men ... at Home. 12.10-12.15 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

9.38-3.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.38 Dicho y Hecho. 9.55 Thinkabout. 10.12 Science Workshop. 10.34 Scene. 11.05 Near and Far. 11.30 Homeground. 11.55 Swim. 12.20 Propaganda with Facts. 12.45 Pages from Ceefax. 1.10 Mind How You Go. 1.20 Treffpunkt: Deutschland. 1.38 Around Scotland. 2.00 You and Me. 2.15 Music Time. 2.40-3.00 Everyday Science.

3.00 Shouts. 3.50 The Great Egg Race. 4.20 Top Sailing. 4.55 Just Another Day.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 SHERIDAN MORLEY MEETS ... writer Laurens van der Post

6.00 BANDIDO (1956) With Robert Mitchum, Ursula Thiess, Gilbert Roland, Zachary Scott. An adventure story set during the 1916 Mexican revolution, about a man who rushed into the country just when others were trying to get away from the turmoil

7.30 OPEN SPACE *The Blockbusters* This film looks at the work of the Newham Tower Block Tenants' campaign who are constantly fighting against the misery and terror of tower block life, and have waged a campaign for the demolition of flats like Ronan Point

8.00 COMMERCIAL BREAKS *Million Dollar Scan*

8.30 FOOD AND DRINK Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jill Goodlen take a look at the world of food and drink

9.00 ENTERTAINMENT USA Jonathan King visits San Diego and talks to the Chubby Checker and Motley Crue

9.30 FORTY MINUTES *Love in Exile* A documentary about King Edward VIII who abdicated in 1936 to marry Wallis Simpson

10.10 KAREN KAY with special guest Buddy Greco

10.40 NEWSNIGHT

11.25-11.55 BUONGIORNO ITALIA

CHANNEL 4

2.30 THE BRITISH AT WAR Leslie Halliwell with more World War II documentary and propaganda films. *Western Approaches, Nero and Ordinary People*

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE STORY OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN (1953) With Robert Morley as Gilbert and Maurice Evans as Sullivan in the colourful biographical pictures that includes a generous ration of excerpts from their operettas, with the London Symphony Orchestra

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Father Owen Hardwick, Roman Catholic Priest and a member of Pax Christi; Weather

8.00 SCOTLAND'S STORY *Lean Years* Isobel Black continues the story of Scotland with a look at the campaign against mass unemployment after World War I, the rise of the Labour Party in Scotland and the deepening economic slump

8.30 BASKETBALL Live basketball returns for a new season with tonight's feature match — England v Czechoslovakia

9.30 FILM ON FOUR — TAKE 2 *Experience Preferred But Not Essential* It is 1962. Annie, fresh from school, gets a job in a Welsh hotel and learns about life. With a highly praised performance by Elizabeth Edmonds as Annie and Ron Bain as the young chef who befriends her

10.55 THE WINE PROGRAMME *Great Wine (If You Can Afford It)* Jancis Robinson visits Chateau Margaux, Bordeaux

11.20 SOAP America's dottiest families, the Tates and the Campbells, continue their crazy antics

11.50 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS

6.20 THAMES SPORT Presented by Steve Rider

7.00 THE KRYPTON FACTOR Presented by Gordon Burns

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 NEVER THE TWAIN *Words and Music*

8.30 HOTEL

9.30 TV EYE *Trouble at Bonnybridge* Report from the Scottish village where residents fear dioxin poisoning has caused cattle deaths, birth defects and leukaemia

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 THAMES SPORT SPECIAL Middleweight boxer Jimmy Price tops the bill on Frank Warren's promotion in London. He takes on Spanish champion Antonio Amana

11.30 JOBS LIMITED Tonight's programme asks what is the role of Britain's 235,000 voluntary groups in the field of unemployment

12.00 PORTRAIT OF A LEGEND *Andy Williams*

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS; followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Levkas Man. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS News and reports from around the North West

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 KNIGHT RIDER with David Haselhof as Michael Knight

8.30 NEVER THE TWAIN With Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies

9.00 THE BOUNDER *Raffles* A number of thefts carried out in distinctive style attracts the attention of the local police and casts suspicion on our hero

9.30 TV EYE *Trouble at Bonnybridge*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 THE SWEENEY *Faces*

11.30 RUNNERS ALL One hundred years ago Harry Hardwick created the Salford Harriers and turned working-class runners into Olympic medallists

12.00 SHORT STORY THEATRE *David* David teaches Bob the secrets and powers of the mountains

12.30 Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrandu A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.55 Six Centuries of Verse. 3.25 4 What It's Worth. 3.55 Numbers at Work. 4.20 Scotland's Story. 4.50 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.05 Y Gwyllt. 5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Teulu-Ffôn. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Teulu-Ffôn. 8.05 Coleg. 8.35 Hapnod; News Headlines. 9.05 Performance. 11.50 The State of Democracy. 12.45 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half-hour from 6.00a.m. until 9.30p.m. and at 12 midnight.
6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Into the Music (S) with Tommy Vance.

2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00 Colin Berry (S) (5.02 Cricket Desk). 5.30 Ray Moore (S) (6.02 Cricket Desk). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin; 9.02 Cricket Scores). 10.00 Russell Harty (S) (11.02 Cricket Desk). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (12.02 Cricket Scores; 1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.30 The Fostdyke Saga; 6.45 Sport and classified results). 8.00 Wally Whyton (S) (9.55 Sports Desk). 10.00 The News Huddlines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthews presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 George Coleman (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Frederick The Great, Johann Stamitz, Dvorak, Borodin (8.00 News). Debussy, Piere, Copland, Respighi, records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Rimsky-Korsakov; records. 10.00 Music for Oboe and Piano (S) Saint-Saens, Piston, Reizenstein. 10.35 Variation and Collaboration (S) Walton; Seiber and Dankworth; records. 11.15 Hamish Milne (S) Bach transcr. Busoni, Schumann, Liszt. 11.55 Six Continents. 12.15 Mahler (S) Das klagende Lied. 1.00 News. 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert (S) String Quartets by Haydn and Ravel. 2.00 Handel's Hercules (S) (2.55-3.00, 3.55-4.00 Interval Readings). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Bandstand (S) Bruce Broughton, Bryan Kelly, Holst. 7.00 Nearer and Farther. 7.30 London Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Mussorgsky, Rachmaninov (8.05-8.25 Princess Shostakovich. 9.10 Scottish Season: The Nitshill Writing Circle. 9.30 French Music for Flute and Piano (S) Ibert, Messiaen, Saint-Saens, Roussel. 10.00 Scottish Season: Music in Our Time (S) Elliott Carter, Per Norgaard, John Caskin. 11.00 Begin the Song (S). 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 Taking Sides. 10.00 News; Medicine Now. 10.30 Morning Story: *The Cavers*. 10.45 An Act of Worship (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Prefaces to Shakespeare. 11.28 The Case Against God. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Son of Cliché (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Bevil*. 4.00 News; Enquire Within. 4.10 Bookshelf. 4.40 Story Time: *Pierre et Jean*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Yes Minister (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.40 The State of the Nation. 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Glyn Worsnip. 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.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 The Champions. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bouncer. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Briefing. 11.15 The Sweeney. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.25 European Folk Tales. 12.40 Contact. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 The Champions. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bouncer. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Central Lobby. 11.05 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 Calendar

Thursday. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 The Love Boat. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bouncer. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Women of the Year Dinner. 11.15 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.15 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 QED. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 That's My Dog. 7.00 Knight Rider. 8.00 Never the Twain. 8.30 TJ Hooker. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 The Yellow Rose. 11.30 Women of the Year Dinner. 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 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.12 TVS News Headlines. 5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bouncer. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 The Yellow Rose. 11.30 A Sense of the Past. 12.00 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bouncer. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Scene '84. 11.00 Women of the Year Dinner. 11.45 The Sweeney. 12.45 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales this Week.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 The Champions. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Knight Rider. 8.00 Never the Twain. 8.30 Hotel. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia News and Weather. 10.30 Folio. 11.00 Ladbroke Festival of Darts. 11.30 Levkas Man. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Lunedale: Kempton's best bet

BY A RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE IMPROVING chaser Lunedale (1.45) ought to win in The Flyover Novices' Chase at Kempton today. A very impressive scorer at Sandown earlier in the month, he looks the sort to run up a sequence. Despite two slight errors on the Esher track, he was clear by the 13th and had 25 lengths to spare over Golden Minstrel at the line.

The winner of two novice hurdles at Stratford early last season, Lunedale seems to have taken well to the bigger obstacles.

Crowd

The appearance of this year's Aintree Grand National hero Hello Dandy in the Lutteur III Handicap Chase is sure to swell the crowd at the Sunbury course.

Greystoke trainer Gordon Richards has been in fine form lately and he had this 3 mile 5 furlong race in mind

for the 10-year-old when he saw that Corbiere was running at Warwick last weekend.

After runs at Ayr and Worcester and now over a much more suitable distance, Hello Dandy will be hard to beat, but Crosa (2.15) looks as though he is handicapped to win.

The pair met over three miles at Worcester and Crosa beat Hello Dandy by 15 lengths. With the weights exactly the same, Jim Fox's charge, who has since run

well at Cheltenham, should be good enough.

Mount Bolus (1.15), who made an impressive winning debut on the course in October, but found Sutton Prince too good last time, can continue David Oughton's fine form by winning the First Division of the Motorway Novice Hurdle.

Acarine (12.45) who is still in the 'four-days' for Saturday's 'Hennessy', faces a far easier task in the Staines Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase.

A Sure Row and Rachels Delight, two horses involved in recent controversies, run against each other in the Rainford Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle at HAYDOCK.

Contest

Both of them may find Vitriolic (3.30) too good in what should be an intriguing contest.

Monica Dickinson's winning streak ought to continue with Righthand Man (1.30) in the St Helen's Handicap Chase.

Barnbrook Again (2.00) cannot be opposed in The Northern Junior Hurdle, while Golde Fancy (2.30) may just get the better of solitary rival Pebble Island in the Norwest Holst Novice Chase.

Outstanding at Taunton are It's Only A Joke (1.45) and I Wonder When (1.15).

KEMPTON

12.45 STAINES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP CHASE £2,500 2m 4f (9 runners)

1	142-B12	ACARINE (C) (D) P W Harris 8 11 11	P A Farrell
2	F-21041	CNOC NA CUILLE (D) J T Gifford 7 11 4 (5 ex)	M Palmer
3	21-3210	BASH STREET KID D A Oughton 9 11 2	G Charles-Jones
4	023-2-10	PROFESSOR PLUM (D) T A Forster 11 10 7	P Croucher
5	430-2P	ROMANY COUNT W R Williams 12 10 6	A Jones
6	04212-0	GLEN ROVER (D) A Turnell 5 10 0	F Byrne
11	PP2-FP0	POLAR EXPRESS (D) W King 9 10 0	C Warren
13	F31F-FP	KASHILL A Moore 6 10 0	N Fearn
14	43-0102	KERRY JACK S Christian 8 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Acarine, 4-1 Bash Street Kid, 5-1 Glen Rover, 6-1 Cnoc Na Cuille, 7-1 Professor Plum, 12-1 Romany Count and Kerry Jack, 20-1 others.

1.15 MOTORWAY NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £1,500 2m (16 runners)

1	0434-12	MOUNT BOLUS (C) (BF) D A Oughton 4 11 7	P Double
3	000-	BISHOP'S BLAZE P D Cundell 5 11 0	
4		CONCLUSIVE G Richards 5 11 0	N Doughty
5		DEEP TROUBLE FT Winter 5 11 0	J Francombe
7	004-P04	FULV.O (USA) J R Jenkins 4 11 0	H Jenkins (7)
8		GALA'S IMAGE (BF) Mrs M Rimell 4 11 0	R Linley
9		HARBOR BRIDGE IM Dudgeon 4 11 0	M Richards
10	402240	ISOM DART (USA) T B Hallett 5 11 0	B Wright
11		KEEP IT DARK M D Usher 4 11 0	
13	0-	THE TARIAS D T Thom 5 11 0	Mr D Murphy (4)
14		TOWN ROCKET C A Horgan 5 11 0	
15		TUTOR'S NEPHEW M C Banks 5 11 0	G McCourt
16		WAFFY-FRYER J T Gifford 4 11 0	R Rowe
17	4	WELSH GLORY A Turnell 4 11 0	Steve Knight
19	020-	NEOTERIC J O'Donoghue 5 10 9	Mr B O'Leary (4)
20	0	SUSAN'S SUNSET S Woodman 6 10 9	P Scudamore

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Mount Bolus, 10-30 Gala's Image, 4-1 Conclusive, 5-1 Deep Trouble, 7-1 Welsh Glory, 10-1 Waffy-Fryer, 16-1 others.

1.45 FLYOVER NOVICE CHASE £2,500 52m 4f (10 runners)

1	41-1	DARC HANSEL (C) N A Gaselee 6 11 6	S Smith-Eccles
2	0131-01	LUNEDALE F Walwyn 6 11 6	K Mooney
3	0040-12	OVERSWAY (D) (BF) Mrs D Haine 7 11 6	P Scudamore
4	P	EDDIE JOE (BF) D R Gandolfo 8 11 1	P Barton
5	1202-2	EMPEROR CLUM F T Winter 7 11 1	J Francombe
8	P-0	LAUREL HILL IM Dudgeon 7 11 1	Philip Hobbs
9	01132-0	LEWESDON PRINCE R E Blakeney 7 11 1	R Linley
10	PPP	LUCKY GEM A Moore 7 11 1	G Moore

TAUNTON

12.45 NECKTIE NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £400 2m 1f (14 runners)

1	00-	ACTON IRON R J Holder 4 10 12	C Gray
2		CANDY DAN D Bloomfield 5 10 12	P Dever (4)
3	34	DERRYNIVER R G Frost 4 10 12	J Frost
4		DUART J Cosgrave 4 10 12	J Suthern
5	P000P-P	GALLOBAJ M Lawrence 5 10 12	A O'Hagen
8	0	JUST JOKING T A Forster 5 10 12	H Davies
9		TEMPLEMALEY R J Hodges 4 10 12	S Earle (7)
11	0F-0	TUDOR MARK C F Lutton 5 10 12	Mr G Edwards (4)
13	0-04404	FERDEE FREE T B Hallett 5 10 7	L Bloomfield (4)
14	P0-P0	JAHUALA W C Sleeman 4 10 7	R Dennis (4)
15	00-3	MEARLIN J A Old 5 10 7	P Murphy
16	00-2P	MISS REPPIN D H Barons 4 10 7	
18	00P-P	TULAROWENA Mrs D Tucker 9 10 7	W Morris (4)
19	P	WAVENEY WISH J Chugg 5 10 7	A Webber

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Mearlin, 11-4 Derryniver, 4-1 Just Joking, 13-2 Ferdee Free, 12-1 Acton Iron, 16-1 Tudor Mark, 25-1 others.

1.15 HEADSCARF JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE £400 (3-Y-O) 2m 1f (16 runners)

1	B021	I WONDER WHEN (D) L G Kennard 11 0	B Powell (4)
2	0410P	THE RUSK (D) F Jordan 11 0	R Hyett
3	P0	ABLE DAN Mrs E Harden 10 9	R Dennis
4	0	ACER LAD D J Wintle 10 9	A Carroll
5	U0	DOEWEGIAN R P Hoad 10 9	M Furlong
6	0B	ESKER HOUSE D R Tucker 10 9	S McNeill
7		HONEYDEW WONDER D R Elsworth 10 9	C Brown
9		OGRE D Williams 10 9	J Frost
10	P	RIX WOODCOCK G Kindersley 10 9	A Webber
11	30	SHINER'S PAL Mrs B Waring 10 9	P Stone (7)
13	PF	BISHOPS' PARTS R E Diamond 10 4	A Sharpe
14	0	BRIGHT CECILIA Miss L Bower 10 4	R Rowell
17	000B	SEASONED EMBER J M Bradley 10 4	Sharon James (7)
18	00	SPRINGS TO MIND W G Morris 10 4	W Morris (4)
19	0	STAR REVUE R P Hoad 10 4	M Hoad (7)
20	F	VALIANT DANCER Peter Taylor 10 4	R Lawson (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 I Wonder When, 7-2 Shiner's Pal, 4-1 Esker House, 6-1 Able Dan, 8-1 Acer Lad, 10-1 Honeydew Wonder, 16-1 Bright Cecilia, 20-1 others.

12	01002-3	SANHEDRIN (FR) (C) G B Balding 7 11 1	Mr S Sherwood
13	112F-0P	SPEEDY BEE P W Harris 6 11 1	P Croucher (4)

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Lunedale, 3-1 Darc Hanel, 100-30 Emperor Charles, 8-1 Oversway, 10-1 Sanhedrin, 12-1 Eddie Joe, 16-1 others.

2.15 LUTTEUR III H'CAP CHASE £4,000 3m 5f (5 runners)

1	40F20-4	ANOTHER BREEZE N A Gaselee 9 11 7	S Smith-Eccles
2	2P21-24	HALLO DANDY (BF) G Richards 10 11 2	N Doughty
3	U142-40	HERR CAPTAIN (D) J A Old 8 10 10	Mr E Whittam
4	1113-23	CROSA J C Fox 9 10 5	S Moore
6	42P-213	CAPTAIN PARKHILL B McLean 11 10 0	K Mooney

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Crosa, 11-4 Hallo Dandy, 100-30 Another Breeze, 6-1 Herr Captain, 8-1 Captain Parkhill.

2.45 FAIRVIEW HOMES H'CAP HURDLE £2,000 2m (10 runners)

2	134401-	MISTER GOLDEN (C-D) FT Winter 4 11 8	J Francombe
3	011-340	SKYLANDER (D) F Walwyn 5 11 3	K Mooney
4	FP0-004	UPPER NOTE (D) M O'Halloran 6 10 13	M O'Halloran
5	022210	INDAMELODY (D) N J Henderson 6 10 8	S Smith-Eccles
6	3141-0P	ONE ARMED BANDIT (C) J R Jenkins 8 10 8	H Jenkins (7)
8	023-142	THE IRISH RHINE (D) D A Wilson 6 10 4	Steve Knight
9	122100	TRY TO REMEMBER (D) R J Holder 4 10 3	P Richards
10	210-13	ALLIED NEWCASTLE D R Elsworth 4 10 0	R Arnott (7)
11	00213-0	BATTEN (D) B Palling 8 10 0	C Seward
13	03310-0	PIP (D) B Stevens 4 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: 100-30 Try To Remember, 4-1 Allied Newcastle, 9-2 Mister Golden, 5-1 The Irish Rhine, 12-1 Upper Note and One Armed Bandit, 16-1 others.

3.15 MOTORWAY NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £1,500 2m (12 runners)

1		BALLYTRENT FT Winter 4 11 0	J Francombe
2		CELTIC CRACKLE P D Cundell 4 11 0	P Double
4	P	CORSTON LAD (BF) J T Gifford 4 11 0	R Rowe
6	32300-0	GREAT PRETENDER T B Hallett 4 11 0	B Wright
7	044-230	GRIMA IM Dudgeon 7 11 0	M Richards
8	0	LISLARY LAD Mrs M Rimell 4 11 0	S Morshead
9	04-3P33	MONIAR (USA) A Moore 5 11 0	K Mooney
10	000-	PEP TALK F Walwyn 6 11 0	G Moore
11		STYLISH MOVER B Stevens 5 11 0	
13	F	VINO ROSSO A Turnell 4 11 0	Steve Knight
14	0/0U	BOVEY BELLS W R Williams 6 10 9	A Geering (4)
15	P3030-	RHEFFANOSA (FR) Miss A Sinclair 5 10 9	P Croucher (4)

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Ballytrent, 4-1 Lislary Lad, 5-1 Celtic Crackle, 7-1 Corston Lad, 9-1 Pep Talk, 10-1 Crima, 12-1 Great Pretender, 16-1 others.

1.45 CARTWRIGHT & RIDAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (H'CAP CHASE) £2,300 3m 1f (12 runners)

1	P40210-	PUCKA FELLA (C-D) Mrs D Tucker 10 11 10	N Coleman (4)
3	13F-2P	FREDWEL (D) P G Bailey 9 11 3	A Webber
4	1U0-324	BALLYDONAGH D H Nugent 11 11 1	C Mann
5	101F-21	IT'S ONLY A JOKE T A Forster 6 10 13 (7 ex)	H Davies
7	122100	JIMMY MIFF (D) P Wardle 12 10 10	
8	10-420F	CROWNING MOMENT P Wardle 9 10 1	
9	00PP40-	GILDED GOLD L Waring 8 10 0	George Knight
10	U02P3-P	BEACONSIDE J Brooks 7 10 0	P Leach
11	2P-F44F	OATLEY PRIDE P W Hatt 9 10 0	
12	000100-	ROOK WOOD (C-D) B Scriven 8 10 0	B Powell (4)
13	234420	MASTER SMUDGE (C-D) A Barrow 12 10 0	R Hoare
14	341230	FIRM CONVICTION W G Turner 7 10 0	Miss T Turner (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 It's Only A Joke, 100-30 Ballydonagh, 9-2 Pucka Fella, 8-1 Crowning Moment, 10-1 Jimmy Miff, 14-1 Oatley Pride, 20-1 others.

2.15 J C R NEWS NOVICE CHASE £1,500 2m 3f (16 runners)

3	B3-0304	AKRAM S P Pattemore 6 11 7	C Cox (7)
9	3013-43	FER-KIL B Forsey 8 11 7	
10	0000PF	FLYING CARPET A J Chamberlain 8 11 7	A Chamberlain
11	0000P-F	FUNKY ANGEL Mrs E Harden 8 11 7	B Powell (4)
13	F000-F1	LUCKY GEORGE (BF) R J Hodges 6 11 7	Peter Hobbs
15	00211-0	MISS ABWAH (C-D) D D Scott 5 11 7	J Frost
16	003-320	PERHAPS LUCKY D R Elsworth 7 11 7	C Brown
19	000P4-	SOLERO F J Thorne 6 11 7	P Dever (4)
21	PB2P-PF	WITHYMAN'S POOL N G Ayliffe 10 11 7	M Ayliffe
25	0PP103-	BRIGADIER ROSE M Stephens 5 11 5	
29	000PPU	ONLY A FOOL T A Keenor 5 11 5	
30	3100-00	ALIDEB M J Gibson 10 11 2	A Webb
31	3100-00	CELTIC BEAUTY D R Elsworth 8 11 2	
32	F00P-F4	DOUCEMENT J H Cobden 8 11 2	S Shilton
33	000P-00	FOOLISH HOOLEY E G Bevan 7 11 2	M Williams
	0102P0-	GOLDEN HORNET K W Dunn 6 11 2	

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Lucky George, 4-1 Fer-Kil, 9-2 Perhaps Lucky, 11-2 Solerof, 8-1 Miss Abwah, 10-1 Akram, 16-1 others.

2.45 PROGRESSIVE NEWSAGENT H'CAP HURDLE £1,500 2m 1f (20 runners)

1	0003-U4	LOOK AT THAT J Thorne 6 11 10	P Dever (4)
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HAYDOCK

1.00 CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE £1,500 2m 6f (10 runners)

1	12303-P	MOSSMORRAN (D) A Scott 5 11 11	Mr T Reed (4)
2	12404-0	REPINGTON N Crump 6 11 7	C Hawkins
3	11211-0	SOLARES (C-D) J Berry 4 11 5	M Berry (7)
4	00BF13-	GOLD MEASURE J Spearing 7 11 1	W Hayes (7)
6	0000-30	BLEATHWOOD (C-D) K White 8 10 6	M Brisbane
7	000P-04	STORMY SPRING Mrs S Tainton 7 10 5	C Smith
8	100-4F2	GOOSEY GANDER J Jefferson 5 10 5	P Tuck
10	11-11-24	HIGHLAND GOLD (D) D McCain 4 10 4	K Doolan (4)
13	0213-00	TIC-ON-ROSE Mrs B Waring 7 10 0	E Waite
14	F22000	FREE CHOICE M Oliver 6 10 0	R Dunwoody

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Highland Gold, 100-30 Mossmorran, 5-1 Solares, 13-2 Goosey Gander, 8-1 Repington, 10-1 Free Choice, 14-1 Tic-On-Rose, 16-1 others.

1.30 ST HELENS HANDICAP CHASE £3,500 4m (6 runners)

2	40220-1	RIGHTHAND MAN (C) Mrs A Dickinson 7 11 12 (5 ex)	G Bradley
3	4021F-3	MIDNIGHT LOVE (C) Denys Smith 9 11 7	C Grant
4	4002-01	WHY FORGET W A Stephenson 8 10 8 (5 ex)	R Lamb
5	P0U4-12	LORENTINO (BF) R Francis 7 10 0	R Crank
6	P/P00R-U	PILOT OFFICER (C-D) Mrs M Rimell 9 10 0	A Sharpe
7	4000-14	HOLBORN HEAD (BF) W A Stephenson 8 10 0	K Jones

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Righthand Man, 5-2 Why Forget, 6-1 Midnight Love, 8-1 Lorentino, 12-1 Holborn Head, 14-1 Pilot Officer.

2.00 NORTHERN JUNIOR HURDLE £2,000 (3-Y-O) 2m 4f (11 runners)

1	111	BARNBROOK AGAIN S Mellor 11 4	M Perrett
2	3	BALLYCRACKERS R Perkins 11 0	
3	210	BALUCHI (BF) B Preece 11 0	R Stronge
6	12	FREEFLOW (USA) G Richards 11 0	J Hansen (4)
7	0	HUYTON BOY T Taylor 11 0	
8		MEESON GRANGE J Berry 11 0	G Bradley
10	031	NEWMARKET SAUSAGE Mrs Nesbitt 11 0	D Dutton
11	00323	ORVILLE'S SONG A Leighton 11 0	C Smith
12	2	PARTICIPATION (USA) P Brookshaw 11 0	S J O'Neill
14		BAILGATE EXPRESS G Morgan 10 9	S Johnson
16		MPEEPER R Fisher 10 9	M Meagher (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Barnbrook Again, 7-2 Freeflow, 5-1 Newmarket Sausage, 13-2 Participation, 12-1 Baluchi and Orville's Song, 14-1 others.

2.30 NORWEST HOLST NOVICE CHASE £4,000 2m (2 runners)

1	2001-1F	GOLDEN FANCY (D) I Vickers 7 11 5	R Lamb
2	12F21-F	PEBBLE ISLAND G Richards 5 11 0	J K Kinane

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 on Golden Fancy, 5-4 Pebble Island.

3.00 GARSWOOD NOVICE HURDLE £850 2m (20 runners)

2		ANOTHER HALF D McCain 4 11 0.....	K Doolan (4)
3	P	BARDSEY R Hollinshead 4 11 0.....	D Carcary (7)
4		BROCK MILL J Wilson 4 11 0.....	P Tuck
5		BROMWICH BOY L Barratt 4 11 0.....	S Keightley
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7	32	CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE M H Easterby 4 11 0.....	A Brown
8		CHIPPED METAL R Francis 5 11 0.....	R Crank
12		HOUSE OF LORDS J Fitzgerald 5 11 0.....	M Dwyer
14		JONLANI Mrs A Dickinson 5 11 0.....	R Earnshaw
15	004000-	PRINCE REVIEWER (USA) A W Jones 6 11 0.....	K Whyte
16		RHOECUS (FR) Mrs A Dickinson 5 11 0.....	G Bradley
17	3-F	ROYAL LASER D Moorhead 4 11 0.....	Ruth Hargreaves (7)
18		STONE JUG Miss S Hall 4 11 0.....	K Teelan (4)
19	03	TANA'S PERFORMANCE N Crump 5 11 0.....	C Hawkins
24	00	BLACK DELIGHT D Burchell 4 10 9.....	C Evans (7)
25	000-204	BRIGHT IMP R Bethell 5 10 9.....	R Lamb
26	00-2322	MAGGIES GIRL Denys Smith 5 10 9.....	C Grant
27	00	MELROSE BAY N Crump 4 10 9.....	K Adshead (4)
28		MISHA J Wilson 4 10 9.....	Mrs G Rees
29		PRYME MOVER T Caldwell 4 10 9.....	P Caldwell (7)

Sports Line

GRAMOV SLAMS OLYMPIC VENUE

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

SOVIET Olympic Committee chief Marat Gramov this week publicly criticised the choice of Seoul for the 1988 Olympic Games for the first time and added that the Soviet Union considered it an inappropriate site.

At a meeting with a visiting group of Japanese politicians on Monday, Gramov said South Korea was the wrong kind of country for such an event, adding that they had already received threats to harm Soviet athletes if they went there.

'Frankly speaking, we don't understand why the Olympic Games should be held in Seoul,' he told the Japanese group, according to a television journalist who attended the meeting.

Urged to make a commitment that the Soviet Union would attend the Games, Gramov said it would be 'uncomfortable' for Soviet athletes to participate.

Talks

He added that South Korea had proposed direct talks on the subject with the Soviet Olympic Committee and he indicated that the Soviet side was ready to agree to such talks.

South Korea earlier urged North Korea to resume talks as soon as possible on forming joint teams for international sports events, including the 1988 Olympics. The talks were broken off by North Korea last May.

In his meeting with the Japanese delegation, Gramov drew direct parallels between the planned Seoul Games and the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, which Moscow boycotted because the US State Department refused to guarantee the safety of Soviet athletes.

Asked if Moscow felt more inclined to attend the 1988 Games than the 1984 event, Gramov replied: 'It is difficult to say.'

He said the Soviet Union generally felt that South Korea was 'not an appropriate place' for the Olympics because it had diplomatic relations with few countries and was a base for US troops.

'It is the country where the CIA (US Central Intelligence Agency) is working most actively,' he added.

RACING RESULTS

HAYDOCK

1.00 (2m): STRATHEARN R O'Leary (6-4 fav); Worling-Pearl (20-1); Geyron (8-1); Gods Law (9-2); 20 ran. 4, 10. (J G FitzGerald) T: £2.30; £1.30, £8.80, £2.70, CSF: £41.
1.30 (3m): BIG BROWN BEAR G Bradley (5-2); Palm Cross (8-1); Black Combe (8-1); Bitterman (10-1); 9 ran. 7, 2½. (G B Barlow) T: £2.90; £1.10, £2.20, CSF: £22.59.
2.00 (3m): WAYWARD LAD R Earnshaw (15-8 on fav); A Kinsman (85-40); Imperial Black (33-1); Scot Lane (20-1); 5 ran. 2½. 4. (Mrs A Dickinson) T: £1.50; £1.20, £1.10, CSF: £1.97.
2.30 (2m 4f): BROKEN SPEECH C Hawkins (2-1); Voice of Progress (5-4 fav); Starfen (9-4); 3 ran. 3 fshd. 4, 15. (N Crump) T: £2.80, CSF: £4.78, NR: Big Ginger.
3.00 (2m): PACIFIST G Bradley (2-1 fav); Sir Lucky (3-1); Benfen (5-

Recalling that the Soviet Union stayed away from Los Angeles because of he had received a letter from the United States four days ago threatening Soviet sportsmen who went to Seoul.

'All over the world terrorist groups are getting organised to exclude the Soviet Union from the Olympic Games,' he added.

The Soviet press has carried a series of articles over the past two months suggesting the 1988 games venue should be changed.

Gramov's comments were the first direct public criticism of the Seoul venue by the Soviet Olympic chief.

Gramov hinted at the talks that Moscow might soften its opposition to Seoul if some events were held in North Korea, an idea which was aired at a meeting of national Olympic Committees in Mexico last month.

He said Moscow considered it would be 'realis-

tic' to hold the Games in both halves of the divided peninsula, but he did not elaborate.

The Soviet sports chief told the Japanese visitors he had voiced Moscow's fears about Seoul to South Korean delegates at the Mexico meeting but received no 'concrete response'.

In East Berlin, the East German Olympic Committee called on country's athletes to prepare for the Seoul Games.

Unity

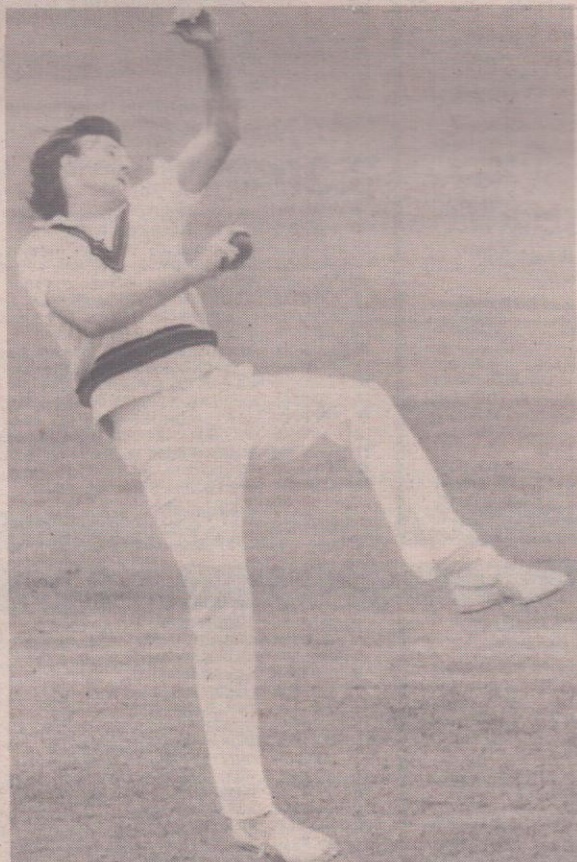
The official news agency ADN said the committee met on Monday and pledged to work for the unity of the Olympic movement and turn the Games into a 'festival of friendship and international understanding'.

The report was the first sign that East Germany did not share Moscow's reservations about the choice of South Korea.



MARAT GRAMOV . . . Unhappy with Seoul as the site for the 1988 Olympic Games

CRICKET



GEOFF LAWSON . . . Australia will decide on whether to play him later this week

Aussies wait on Lawson

FAST bowler Geoff Lawson's fitness and the state of the pitch are likely to determine whether Australia play both uncapped spinners Bob Holland and Murray Bennett in the second cricket Test against West Indies starting in Brisbane tomorrow.

Lawson is in doubt because of a virus infection that kept him out of New South Wales' match against the touring team which ended in Sydney on Monday with Holland and Bennett sharing 15 of the 20 wickets as the state side won by 71 runs.

Lawson practised yesterday but looked pale and drawn, and Australian selectors Greg Chappell

and Rick McCosker, due to arrive today, will confer with the paceman after training before making a decision.

Groundsman Kevin Mitchell could influence the selectors' decision over whether to include both leg spinner Holland and left-arm spinner Bennett.

Mitchell, who is preparing his third Test pitch, believes it will be similar to past Test surfaces and doubts whether the selectors would risk playing two spinners.

'I wouldn't be game enough to do it here. Maybe in Sydney,' he said.

If Lawson is fit and just one spinner is included, Au-

stralia would have only two other specialist bowlers, pacemen Rodney Hogg and Terry Alderman. That choice would give middle order batsman David Boon his first cap.

The state of the pitch could also determine whether West Indies include tall off-spinner Roger Harper, who was not in the side that won the first Test in Perth by an innings and 112 runs.

Captain Clive Lloyd, who will name a squad of 12 today, said he noted the fact that the spinners were assisted in the early part of last weekend's Sheffield Shield match in Brisbane between Queensland and South Australia.

Khaosai wins WBA title

THAILAND'S Khaosai Galaxy won the vacant World Boxing Association (WBA) junior bantamweight crown when he knocked out Eusebio Espinal of the Dominican Republic in the sixth round of their scheduled 15-round bout in Bangkok last night.

Khaosai, with blood streaming from a wound to his right eye, pounded Espinal to defeat with a flurry of blows to the head and body which sent him crashing to the canvas two minutes 16 seconds into the round.

It was a dramatic change of fortune for Espinal, who rocked Khaosai in the opening rounds with two straight rights to the face.

But the Thai began to find his range in the third round

Rugby rules change

THE Australian Rugby Union (ARU) said yesterday it had changed the rules governing scrums for junior matches following a plague of neck injuries.

The moves will apply next season to all rugby played at the under-19 division and below. ARU executive president John Dedrick said some of the changes would be recommended for adoption worldwide throughout the game.

The most significant scrumming change is the banning of binding between the legs, a practice that has been widely

blamed for the sudden increase in neck injuries since its introduction in the mid-1970s.

Seven rules governing forward play have been altered to 'de-power' the scrum following a year of tests and trials.

Clauses

In all, there are 22 new clauses and 18 amendments to the game's rules in an attempt to make the game safer, Dedrick said.

Front-rows must bind with their heads and shoulders no lower than their hips and each set of

forwards must support its own weight while hookers and props must also individually support their own weight.

Charging at the engagement of the scrum is banned. So is collapsing, popping and wheeling of the scrum, and both hookers must strike at the ball when it is put in.

The tight-head prop must not exert downward pressure on his loosehead opponent and may grip the jersey of the opponent only to keep himself and the scrum steady.

The tackle law had also been changed to provide more open play by allow-

ing a tackled player to pass the ball before it touched the ground as well as being able to release it as before.

ARU president Sir Nicholas Sheddie welcomed the changes and said that risk of injury would be further reduced.

Specialist

A leading spine injury specialist, Dr John Yeo, told reporters that the changes were a major step forward in trying to reduce the number of neck injuries.

Sports Line



JOHN McENROE . . . The British Tennis Umpires Association are appalled at the allegations made about the Wimbledon champion by one of their members

Umpire called 'out'

Allegations are appalling says official

EXCLUSIVE
by Matthew Nugent

THE BRITISH Tennis Umpires Association (BTUA) are to launch an inquiry into allegations made in a national daily newspaper yesterday.

'Sun' sports columnist John Sadler claimed that a senior British tennis umpire had written to him stating that in recent years umpires who are known to be strict disciplinarians have been removed from matches involving the world's No.1 player, Wimbledon and US Open champion John McEnroe.

A high-ranking member of the BTUA told News Line yesterday: 'I think every member of our association will be appalled by the allega-

tions made in "The Sun" today. To my knowledge the tennis umpire in question has never made an official complaint to us about this.'

The letter to Sadler stated that the umpire was criticised after the last match he officiated involving McEnroe at

Wimbledon. He also told Sadler that he had issued the American with a caution during that match.

'At the end of the season I was informed by the then tournament secretary that the authorities were concerned about the consequences of future actions of a few umpires who wouldn't shrink from dealing with this player,' the letter said.

Chance

The arrival of the letter on Sadler's desk gave 'The Sun's' man a chance to, once again, tear into the world's No.1.

In an article headlined: 'Racket behind Mac the Mouth', Sadler said: 'At last we can throw a little more light on the subject of John McEnroe and why he's allowed to get away with murder.'

The article continues: 'Like me, you must have considered McEnroe's boorish behaviour has warranted his early disqualification from many events over the years.'

But the BTUA representative who talked to News Line yesterday — his name cannot be revealed as the association's members are not allowed to talk to the press — said he was sure

they would hold an immediate enquiry into the umpire's allegations.

'I have umpired some of the top players in the world, including McEnroe, and if I felt they merited a warning I would have done so,' he said.

Problems

'I've never heard of any ultimatum being handed to an umpire who has had problems with John McEnroe. We have had words on occasions, but nobody has ever told me how to do my job. Whoever spoke to "The Sun" is totally out of order.'

Lloyd chasing her 1,000th win

CHRIS EVERT LLOYD, one of the most consistently successful women tennis players in history, has a new milestone in view as she prepares for the Australian Open which starts in Melbourne next week.

With her third win of the championship, the American will become the first player, male or female, to have notched up 1,000 career victories.

Lloyd, third on the all-time list of women's Grand Slam singles titles winners with 15, has won 997 of the 1,094 matches she has played since 1969.

And as she approaches her 30th birthday in December, Lloyd is hoping that the Australian Open will again be the occasion for victory over her arch-rival Martina Navratilova.

Lloyd last beat the Czechoslovak-born American in the 1982 final 6-3 2-6 6-3. She was prevented from defending her title last year by a foot injury.



CHRIS EVERT LLOYD

Practised

Yesterday she practised with her British husband John Lloyd on Kooyong's grass courts while Navratilova was competing in the New South Wales Open in Sydney.

Asked why she had not taken the opportunity to take another crack at Navratilova this week, Lloyd said: 'I stayed in London to watch John in his tournament — the New South Wales Open just didn't fit into my routine.'

'When you are married you have to think of other things. We don't want to get back to being apart a lot.' The Lloyds were reunited this year after a brief estrangement.

She added: 'I don't really think it's what you do a week before a tournament — it's what you have done over the 12 months.'

Lloyd, who has earned more than \$5 million in her career, believes she is playing better now than ever before and said Navratilova's form was a factor.

'I think it's because

Martina is playing so well, it makes me play a lot harder.'

But Lloyd knows she must raise her game even more if she is to beat the world No.1. 'I just have to get up to a different level.'

She said she thought the only way to beat Navratilova here was to volley more and stay at the net. 'On grass you have no chance at all if you stay back.'

Icing

Lloyd said she never had trouble psyching herself up for a Grand Slam tournament — 'But I still don't feel that I have reached my peak mentally.'

'There are a few years left before I get out of the game and anything I win now is icing on the cake.'

Durie loses title in Sydney

JO DURIE'S nightmare year on the women's professional tennis circuit continued yesterday when she was beaten 7-5, 6-4 by West Germany's Claudia Kohde in the second round of the New South Wales Open in Sydney.

Durie, who won the title last year and broke into the world's top ten for the first time, was never in the second set as the powerful serve-and-volley approach of Kohde proved too much for her.

Martina Navratilova, the No.1 seed, was made to battle for a place in the quarter-finals against the veteran American Sharon Walsh. Navratilova, who had a six week break before travelling to Australia to take part in three consecutive tournaments, won 6-4, 7-5. Walsh never allowed her room for manoeuvre, fighting every inch of the way to

5-6 down in the second set. But her serve let the American down yesterday.

The pressure began to show at deuce in the 12th game. Walsh served a double fault to give her opponent the advantage and Navratilova, never one to let a chance slip, thumped a backhand volley down the line to seal the match.

Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova, who won her first major title, the Brisbane Classic, last Sunday, was also a third round casualty. The seventh seed was ousted 6-4, 6-3 by Yvonne Vermaak.



JO DURIE

Werbeniuk to take 'rest'

BILL Werbeniuk is considering taking a long break from professional snooker in a desperate bid to revive his career.

The genial Canadian was beaten 9-1 by the unseeded Rex Williams in the Coral UK championship first round this week, yet another disaster for the 37-year-old world No.14 who has had a nightmare 18 months.

Werbeniuk has won just two tournament matches in Britain since reaching the world championship quarter-finals last year, and he admitted: 'I'll probably quit at the end of the

season if there is no dramatic improvement in my form.'

'I know I can still win titles but perhaps it would do me good to get away from the game for a year.'

Disorder

Werbeniuk is also battling against a nervous disorder which he can only control by drinking large amounts of lager,

he said: 'I'm really fed up having to drink six pints before I play a match when I know I can enjoy myself away from the table without drinking. If I can break from the game I won't need to drink and maybe I can come back refreshed and get my weight down.'

Tony Meo meanwhile faces a big problem of another sort after last night's 9-4 victory over Irishman Eugene Hughes. The Londoner now meets his stablemate in the last 16, world champion Steve Davis.

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Umpires' association deny McEnroe threat

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TOMORROW

Gary Waddock's QPR file

HANDS OFF!



GRAHAM TAYLOR . . . Stay away from Barnes

WATFORD manager Graham Taylor last night issued a warning to every other First Division club: 'Keep your eyes off John Barnes. He's a Watford player and he's staying at Vicarage Road.'

Taylor was still annoyed last night about reports in yesterday morning's newspapers that Arsenal had offered him £1 million for the England international.

'Arsenal did make an inquiry about John, but I told them in the nicest possible way that he's not for sale,' Taylor told News Line. 'John is a very important part of our plans here at Vicarage Road. He's an integral part of our plan for success over the coming seasons.'

Taylor warns First Division

EXCLUSIVE BY ROBERT JAMES



DON HOWE

Arsenal made their approach for the England man after watching him in action against Turkey in the World Cup last week and again at the weekend against Sheffield Wednesday in a League match.

Gunnery's manager Don Howe has long been an admirer of Barnes and works regularly with the player in the England set-up, where he acts as coach.

Lacked

The Arsenal attack has lacked firepower recently and the north London club saw the talented youngster as the player to help provide the ammunition for Tony Woodcock and Paul Mariner, as well as contributing a sizeable amount of goals himself each season.

But with Watford slowly pulling away from the relegation zone and having

the bench for the past two games.

'During the past three years Callaghan is the only one who has not had a rest,' the Watford manager said. 'He has never been suspended; he has never been injured. Everybody else has missed some of the action, but Callaghan has always been there. He has done a magnificent job.'

'He has been as responsible as anyone for getting the club where it is and I don't think a rest at this stage will do him any harm.'

Reason

Taylor added: 'We have just taken him out of the firing line for a while. People may interpret that as being dropped and one could say that he has been inconsistent this season — but maybe the reason is that he needs a rest.'



JOHN BARNES . . . His future lies with Watford

CRICKET

Fowler to the rescue

GRAEME FOWLER and Tim Robinson answered David Gower's call for more grit and determination in Rajkot yesterday.

Just a week before the first Test starts against India in Bombay, the England openers shared a 190-run partnership, the highest of the winter tour so far.

Admittedly the wicket was ripe for run-making, but England's 231 for one at the close of the first day against West Zone was well deserved.

After the shambles in Ahmedabad, when England were thrashed by an innings and 59 runs by India's Under-25's, doubts set in about England's ability to adapt to local conditions.

Booster

But Fowler and Robinson gave the tourists a massive confidence booster.

In surely his most patient England innings to date, Fowler batted for 255 minutes for his 116 before falling to a catch in the covers.

In the morning he was cautious, edging occasionally in the area of first slip, but was aided by the lack of bounce which made sure that no catch carried.

In the afternoon he assaulted the spinners, smashing three sixes and 13 fours in a powerful display.

Robinson began slowly after receiving only three deliveries in the day's first five overs and never really switched into top gear.

But he marked his 26th birthday with a five-and-a-half hour stay for 92 not out, never losing his patience

SCORECARD

ENGLAND 1st innings:
Fowler c Jadeja b Patel 116
Robinson n.o. 92
Gower n.o. 11
EXTRAS 12

TOTAL (1 wkts) 231

FALL: 1-190
BOWLING: Kulkarni 14-3-30-0;
Sandhu 23-4-74-0; Keshwala 3-0-5-0; Patel 30-5-70-1; Gudge 10-3-36-0; Rajput 4-1-10-0.



GRAEME FOWLER

and never attempting to lift the ball off the ground.

As the tiredness, caused by temperatures in the high 80s set in, he could manage only eight singles in the last 40 minutes of play.

By then he was sharing the company of David Gower, who promoted himself to No. 3 for the first time on the tour, ahead of Mike Gatting, and finished the day on 11 not out.

SOCCER

Magpie Megson Spencer slides

NEWCASTLE UNITED manager Jack Charlton was poised last night to sign Gary Megson from Nottingham Forest for £130,000. Megson — who asked for a move last week — played under Charlton at Sheffield Wednesday, and is keen to rejoin his old manager after rejecting a move to Third Division Derby County last week.

The former Plymouth and Everton midfielder cost Forest £175,000 during the summer, but he has not played in the Forest first team this season. Charlton also tried to sign Wednesday striker John Pearson yesterday, but his approach for the player was rejected by manager Howard Wilkinson.

● THE NEW Bristol City football club formed two years ago made a profit of £36,518 last season, when they were promoted to the Third Division. The club crashed in February 1982 and reformed, and now has £100,000 in the bank, according to figures released yesterday.

Commenting on the remarkable transformation on and off the field, the club's financial director Oliver Newland said: 'In November 1982 we had reached a depth of despondency. We were 92nd in the Football League. It has been an outstanding success story for manager Terry Cooper.'

SNOOKER

JOHN SPENCER looked to be sliding towards defeat in the Coral UK snooker championship at Preston yesterday when Bradford's Joe Johnson established a 6-2 lead in their first round match.

Spencer, 49, and three times world champion, had an eye complaint during the summer and has so far suffered a disastrous season. He hit more trouble against Johnson, whose consistent potting enabled him to set the pace.

Frames

Spencer was at Johnson's elbow at 3-2 down, but the Yorkshire qualifier eased away to cruise towards the last 16. He needs just three more frames this afternoon when the match resumes.

Edinburgh's Murdo MacLeod squandered the chance to lead Manchester's David Taylor in their first round meeting, which stood at 4-4 at the end of the first session. Taylor, the No.16 seed, took a 2-0 lead and could have gone 3-0 up, but from then on MacLeod called the tune and took the seventh frame to lead 4-3 with a 66 break. A 36 compilation by Taylor made it 4-4.

GOLF

Golf hits prize money jackpot

EUROPE's booming golf circuit received another boost yesterday when it was revealed that a record £4 million in prize money will be at stake next year.

It represents another big increase on the £3.4 million on offer in 1984 and is more than double that available three years ago.

Tour

There are several reasons why European golf is now so successful, said Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA tour, when the 1985 calendar was announced in London yesterday.

He pinpointed the high standard of performance on the circuit, expanding interest in the game worldwide, the developing of golf on the Continent and the 'outstanding support from the BBC in televising events'.

The BBC will cover nine and possibly ten of the 11 British mainland tournaments in 1985, the major

exception being the new four stars pro-celebrity tournament at Moor Park from May 30-June 2.

Independent Television, which used to show the similar-styled Bob Hope Classic, has not picked up this event and will drop out completely of nationally televised golf.

The BBC take over another major tournament that their rivals previously covered, the Panasonic European Open at Sunningdale from August 29-September 1.

Prize money details will not be finalised until the New Year, but Schofield said the average purse per tournament would go up by £20,000 to £130,000.

Purse

The new £200,000 Dunhill British Masters at Woburn in June will have the highest purse outside the Open championship and set a standard which several other major tournaments are likely to match.