



TUC general secretary Norman Willis with civil servants' union leaders at a press conference in London yesterday

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Law Lords declare 'open season' attack

GCHQ UNION BAN STAYS

TRADE union organisation throughout the Civil Service is threatened by yesterday's decision of the House of Lords to confirm the abolition of unions at GCHQ Cheltenham.

That was the warning given by Gerry Gillman, general secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS) as 45,000 civil servants in Scotland were urged to strike today in protest at the judgement.

Pledging industrial action if a single union member is sacked at the spy centre, Gillman warned that workers in the Ministry of Defence or the telecommunications industry could now become targets.

TUC General Secretary Norman Willis condemned yesterday's judgement and praised the defiant stand of those workers who had refused to be intimidated into surrendering their union rights. He repeated the pledge, made at the Brighton TUC Congress in September, that the sacking of any GCHQ trade union member would be the signal for a 24-hour Day of Action by the whole trade union movement.

'If the government attempts to victimise them they will be challenging not just a few workers but the whole trade union movement and we will respond accordingly,' Willis said.

The five Law Lords unanimously threw out the appeal by the six unions against the abolition of trade union rights decreed by Thatcher earlier this year.

They said the Tory decree would have been unfair had it not been for the question of 'national security'.

Lord Fraser said: 'The decision on whether the requirements of national security outweigh the duty of fairness in any particular case is for the government and not for the courts: the government

alone has access to the necessary information.'

The Council of Civil Service Unions (CCSU) intends to take their appeal against the ban to the European Commission on Human Rights.

Jack Hart, chairman of the GCHQ unions, said that the 150 workers who defied the government ban last January had since recruited a further 250 into union membership.

Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) said: 'We will fight it. I give this warning to the

BY SIMON VEVERS

government that if they sack union members at Cheltenham then they will have a fight on their hands, the like of which they have never seen before.'

Willis and the other union leaders accused the Law Lords of 'letting down' the GCHQ workers by upholding the ban.

State

In fact, as a part of the capitalist state, the Tory judiciary were simply giving a legal rubber-stamp to the central aim of Thatcher's Bonapartist regime

which is the destruction of all trade union organisation.

That was abundantly clear when the Thatcher regime outlawed unions at Cheltenham last February. It has been confirmed by every political attack mounted against the working class since then.

The abolition of unions at Cheltenham was encouraged by the refusal of the majority on the TUC General Council to support the National Graphical Association (NGA) in its fight to defend the closed shop at the Stockport Messenger.

Since the ban on unions at

Cheltenham the Tory Bonapartist regime has:

- Ordered the seizure of the NUM's assets both nationally and in South Wales, declared the strike illegal and sent thousands of riot police to terrorise mining communities

Jobs

- Jailed workers at Cammell Lairds for the 'crime' of fighting for their jobs at the Birkenhead shipyard

- Launched contempt proceedings against Britain's biggest union — the transport and general workers — for defying a High Court

order to lift the recent strike at Austin Rover

Yesterday's legal judgement proves clearly that the Bonapartist regime is out to destroy all unions. It is again being encouraged by TUC right-wingers who have openly declared that they are ready to accept the Tory anti-union laws.

Days of Action, though they must be supported, are woefully inadequate and will achieve nothing. The fight to defend the unions requires the exposure of these right-wing traitors and the mobilisation of the whole working class in the organisation of the General Strike.

Arafat lays down conditions

FROM JOHN SPENCER IN AMMAN

PALESTINE Liberation Organisation chairman Yassir Arafat told the opening session of the 17th Palestine National Council that the right of return, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and the self-determination of the Palestinian people were the basis of any future peace moves.

He told the assembly in the Sports Centre here that he was emphasising this point in order to silence any charge by his opponents within the Palestinian movement who claimed he was selling out.

He emphasised also the PLO's determination to continue the struggle against Israeli imperialism and said: 'The PLO are determined to smash Sharon and his plans.'

The Palestinian leader revealed the extent of the pressure placed on the PLO by the Soviet Union and its allies to capitulate to Syrian pressure.

He said he respected the efforts of the Soviet Union, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic and other countries of the Eastern bloc to bring about a rapprochement between Syria and the PLO.

He said the PLO was ready for agreement with Syria but made it clear that any such rapprochement would not be on Syrian terms.

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Angry sit-in at N. Wales NUM HQ

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RAPID REPLY... Miners from North Wales, Lancashire and as far away as Leicestershire protested against a minority of area executive members declaring the strike was over by occupying the Wrexham headquarters yesterday



BILL IS DICTATORSHIP OVER URBAN AREAS

TORY plans for dictatorship over the major urban areas of England were advanced yesterday when the Bill to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan counties (MCCs) was published.

It goes hand in hand with statutory limits on spending imposed on councils under the rate-capping legislation.

Dressed up as a step towards 'more local democracy', the abolition Bill proposes to leave London as the only capital city in the world without an elected authority.

In the provinces, the six Labour-controlled MCCs are to be scrapped by April 1, 1986.

The vital services and functions of the authorities are to be broken up, and distributed to unelected, government-controlled committees and handed over to quangos.

In the MCCs, only about 20 per cent of functions designated by expenditure will go to district councils. In London, the figure is 31 per cent.

The boards and committees will be under direct financial control by Whitehall, and sweeping cuts will be instituted.

Yesterday Tory ministers claimed that abolition would save a total of £100 million by getting rid of an 'unnecessary tier of local government'.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

But they could not substantiate these figures and it is clear savings can only be achieved by redundancies and cuts in services.

Some 8,000 jobs will be axed immediately abolition takes effect.

Doublespeak knew no bounds yesterday as Kenneth Baker, the Local Government Minister, said:

Local

'This Bill will bring about major improvements in local government in our great cities.

'It will mean that local government will be more local, more accessible, more economical and more accountable. An unnecessary tier of local government will be removed.'

Baker, standing in for car-crash victim Patrick Jenkin, warned against 'creative obstructionism'

by council officials and staff, reminding them that it would lead to contempt of court proceedings.

The complex Bill is 179 pages long and leaves many details to be filled in at later stages.

It also provides ministers with sweeping powers. For example, the Inner London Education Authority is to be retained — with the provision that it can be abolished if ministers do not like the way it performs!

GLC leader Ken Livingstone commented: 'It's a disaster day for London. Abolition is not cheap, not democratic and not needed.'

'A century of local government is being destroyed to satisfy the Prime Minister's personal vendetta against the GLC.'

'The cost of abolition of the GLC will be at least £225 million in the next five years. The much-



Tory Local Government Minister Kenneth Baker at yesterday's press conference

vaunted "saving" of £50 million for London is less than 2 per cent of County Hall's annual budget.

'Even if the government's figure is right, it brings the average London ratepayer the ludicrous saving of 14p per week. Tory MPs must ask themselves: is it worth it?'

'London ratepayers will lose control of most of our

major services. But they will still have to pay up — to a maze of unelected joint boards and quangos or direct to Whitehall.'

'Londoners expect the GLC campaign to go on — and it will. To quote a well-known American film star — you ain't seen nothing yet!'

Jack Layden, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities,

said: 'The government wants to destroy these seven Labour-controlled authorities simply because their electorates have voted the wrong way.'

'That is why 20 million people are to have their services disrupted, their neighbours put out of work and their directly-elected regional voices silenced.'

Strike threat over ship jobs

UNION leaders have warned British Shipbuilders of possible national strike action if it sacks workers to slash 3,000 jobs on Tyneside and in Southampton.

Jim Murray, chairman of the Shipbuilding negotiating committee of the federation of the shipbuilding and engineering unions, said: 'If they pursue compulsory redundancies there is bound to be trouble.'

But Murray and other union leaders have already given the management the go-ahead to start negotiations at local level to see if BS can 'achieve the figures they are after by voluntary redundancies or any other means such as work-sharing'.

The targets for the latest attack on the industry are 2,100 jobs on Tyneside and a further 790 jobs at the Vosper Thornycroft yard at Southampton.

Meeting

Maurice Phelps, head of industrial relations at BS, admitted after Wednesday's three-hour meeting with the unions: 'In the present situation, it would be very optimistic if we thought that we could obtain 2,100 volunteers on Tyneside.'

Murray said: 'I have no idea what the chances are of 2,100 people taking voluntary redundancy on Tyneside. The area is in a pretty sad state and the chances of a shipyard worker getting alternative employment is not high.'

'I would not rule out the possibility of a strike in the industry, but any action would be dependent on support we get from the national unions.'

NATFHE hits back at critics

THE lecturers' union NATFHE yesterday hit back at criticism that councils are wasting money because some lecturers do not spend enough time teaching.

A report published yesterday by the Audit Commission, set up last year to monitor efficiency in local government, claimed that as many as 75,000 extra students could be taken on if full lecturing hours were worked.

It claimed lecturers sometimes took tea breaks when they were supposed to be seeing students and were paid overtime before finishing their agreed number of

hours with the students.

Peter Dawson, general secretary of the 72,000-strong National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, dismissed the Commission's claim as 'ridiculous'.

He said: 'It shows a complete lack of understanding of the basis of lecturers' conditions of service.'

'Lecturers do not only stand in front of the class, they do a vast amount of other duties. The national agreement on teaching hours allows colleges to make arrangements which best suit the needs of their students.'

Occupation at Bristol colleges

ART students at Bower Ashton in Bristol occupied the site in protest against grant cuts and having to pay for the use of studio facilities.

The students are angry because the money for studio facilities is taken out of their grant and a grant cut would leave them with nothing whatsoever to live on.

Other sites which struck one day included Saint Matthias, Redland, Unity Street, and Coldeharbour Lane.

Ian Marshall, social secretary and communications officer for the student union and a member of its executive told News Line: 'The response from students has been magnificent.'

'We have also had the support of local trade unions including NATFHE and NALGO. We have had support from bus drivers and postmen who have refused to cross our picket lines.'

'A delegation of miners attended our picket at the main site on Coldeharbour Lane. We will be sending a large delegation to the national demonstration in London next Wednesday, 28th November.'

NORTHERN Ireland, Scotland, north Wales and northern and central parts of England will have some sunny intervals and showers, heavy and prolonged in places with isolated hail or thunder. Remaining southern areas will have showers or longer outbreaks of rain, heavy at times.

High Court order against students

A HIGH Court judge yesterday once again ordered North London Polytechnic to disclose the names and addresses of students who tried to bar National Front member Patrick Harrington from his philosophy lectures last week.

Mr Justice Leonard also ruled that the polytechnic authorities must identify student lawbreakers on written request from Harrington's solicitors at any time in the future.

The new orders follow an incident at the polytechnic last Friday in which there were four arrests.

Harrington, a third-year student, is taking contempt proceedings against students breaking a High Court injunction outlawing any attempt to stop him attending lectures.

The judge, sitting in private, refused to ask the High Court tipstaff to accompany Harrington to his lectures today.

But he granted the same order as last week, enabling the unusual method of using a loudhailer to serve the injunction on demonstrators who are not students at the poly.

Arafat opens congress and dismisses rivals

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Arafat defended his visit to Cairo in the wake of the siege of Tripoli last year.

President Mubarak had supported the PLO during the siege and it was his duty to go and thank him while passing through the Suez Canal, he said.

Arafat said: 'Any leader has the right in some cases to take his own decision and you can criticise it here at this conference if you wish.'

The conference is taking place behind an extraordinary security blanket, reflecting the fear that the Syrian regime may organise a provocation against the PLO while its leaders are in Jordan.

Troops were out with machineguns at all the intersections in this part of the city, with roadblocks, reinforced by trucks laden with earth.

FROM JOHN SPENCER IN AMMAN

So intense is the security and so nervous are the conference organisers that the entire press corps was excluded from the conference hall during the opening session.

Speech

In his speech to the conference, King Hussein called for a joint initiative between the PLO and Jordan based on the principle of 'territory for peace'.

He dwelt on the history of the Palestinian struggle and claimed that the Hashemite monarchy had always supported the Palestinians.

He said: 'The international position at large is one that perceives the possibility of restoring the occupied territories through a Jordanian and

Palestinian formula which requires commitments from other parties considered by the world as necessary for the achievement of a just, balanced and peaceful settlement.'

'If you find this option convincing, recommended further by our rights as two families linked together by a united destiny and common goals, we are prepared to go with you down this path and present the world with a joint initiative for which we will marshal support.'

Later in the conference, the delegates will elect a new executive committee, though it is expected that places will be left open on it for members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and other groups whom

the PLO is still trying to convince to break with Syria.

There have been demonstrations in the West Bank in support of the holding of the conference.

A student was killed at Bir Zeit University by Israeli soldiers during a demonstration in favour of the PLO.

Delegation

Jordan sent a top-level delegation to the meeting's opening session. Apart from the king himself, a good slice of the Cabinet was represented, underlining the importance the regime attaches to the PLO's presence here.

The Iraqi regime has also sent a large delegation, with 20 members headed by National Assembly speaker Naim Haddad.

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November Fund — only 8 days to go!

AND WE are beginning to get worried. The response to our appeal is too slow and we will not reach £8,000 at this pace. We have in £715.62. Drive this total up with no more delay. It's urgent!

The miners are battling it out each day on the picket lines and not giving ground. Neither must we. The only ones retreating and cringing in the face of the Tory onslaught are the leaders of the TUC.

The AUEW and EETPU run right into the corporatist trap of accepting money from the Tories to organise ballots of their

members.

The trade unions must remain independent from the state which is used by Thatcher through the courts and the paramilitary police force to break the organised strength of the working class.

Only the News Line speaks out loud and clear today. We, therefore, urge you to put your fullest support behind our paper. Please don't delay. Rush in your amounts now to:

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MACHINISTS DEMAND UNION BACKING

STRIKING sewing machinists from Ford's Dagenham yesterday lobbied the T&GWU Ford Joint Works Committee, meeting at Transport House in London to discuss the latest company pay offer.

About 270 women, who make car-seat covers, have been out on strike since last Thursday at both Halewood, Liverpool, and Dagenham, east London, to demand recognition of their skills.

Nearly 10,000 other production workers at both factories have been laid off by the dispute.

The women were lobbying yesterday to ensure the union did not accept management proposals to freeze grades for a year in return for other concessions on their pay deal.

The women have been campaigning since the 1968 'Petticoat strike' for an upgrading on their jobs. Then they won equal pay with B-grade male production-line workers, but did not succeed in getting their jobs upgraded to C-grade.

Lil Thompson, the women's steward, told News Line: 'We want recognition of our skill. Two years ago Ford management promised us we would be recognised and the girls went back to work on promises. We were ready to come out at the time but once again we were led up the garden path.'

'Now the girls feel enough is enough and

BY PENNY BLOOR

they are going to stay out until they get some satisfaction.'

Rose Harris, a machinist for 12 years at Ford's, explained what sparked off the strike at this time. At stake was not just wages but the defence of jobs and conditions, she stressed.

'Some long-service girls who do repairs are on C-grade,' Rose said. 'At Christmas 12 C-grades are going on early retirement.'

'The places have always been handed down to the next ones in line, but management wanted us to sign an agreement to sign away three C-grades, leaving only nine.'

'We've have never signed such an agreement before. If we signed that agreement then the whole lot would be signed away.'

Yesterday's Joint Works Committee meet-

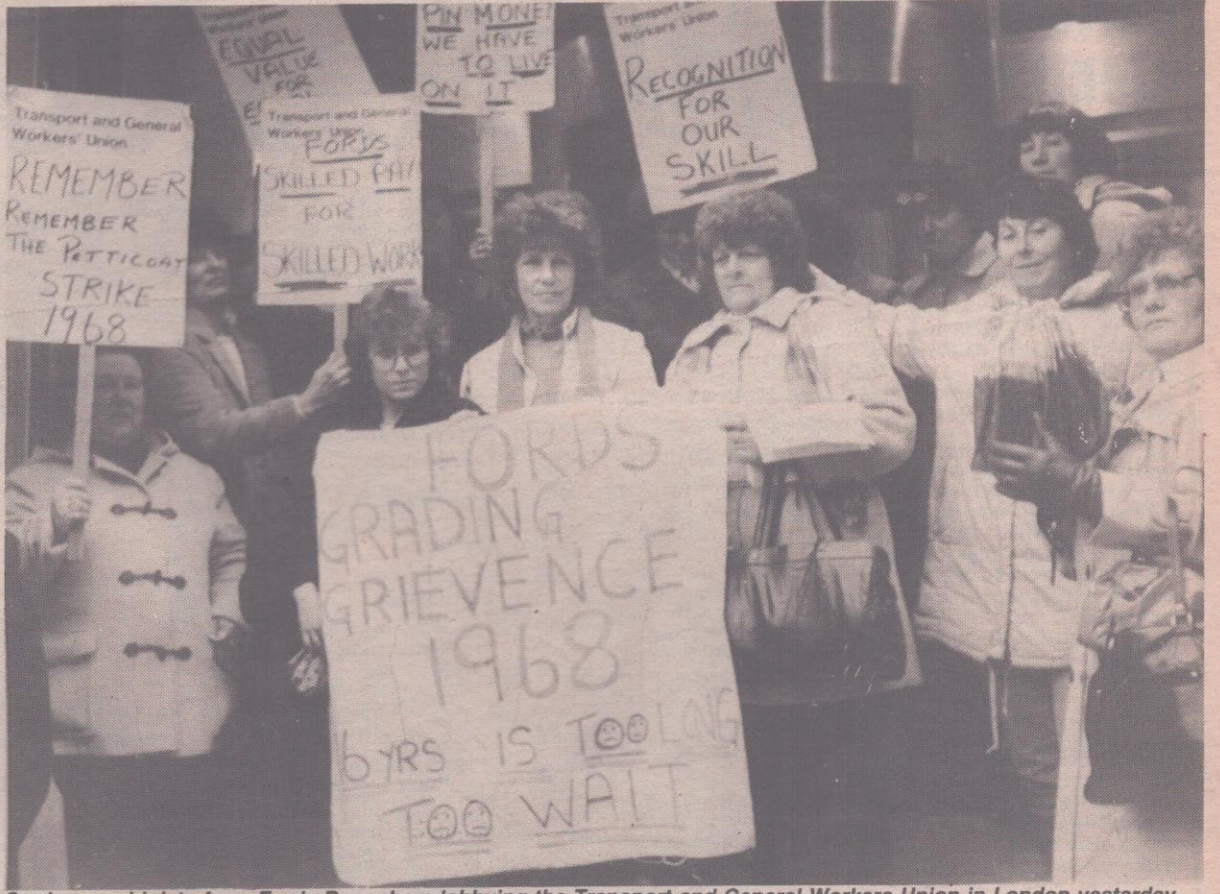
ing accepted the offer of 7 per cent on basic grades and about 9.4 per cent overall, with consolidation of an attendance supplement for pensions purposes and an extra two day's holiday.

T&GWU general secretary-elect Ron Todd said afterwards that it will now be taken back to mass meetings.

He said he was prepared to sign an agreement for the coming year containing a clause for 'no future economic claims' but that at the same time 'there is no way I will abandon the sewing machinists' to push through a package deal.

'We support the sewing machinists totally and unequivocally,' he told reporters. 'It is the only grading grievance where people have voted with their feet.'

Todd will meet management in London on Tuesday along with machinists' shop stewards.



Sewing machinists from Fords Dagenham lobbying the Transport and General Workers Union in London yesterday

Austin Rover go ahead with charges

AUSTIN Rover is threatening fresh attacks on shop stewards and union organisation and is to press ahead with contempt proceedings against the transport union and the white-collar union TASS following the two-week pay strike.

After the votes to return at the Cowley and Longbridge plants this week, company chairman Harold Musgrove lost no

time in giving notice of harsh disciplinary action against workers.

He said: 'I give notice now to wildcat strikers that we are not prepared to tolerate them.'

Musgrove's threat was encouraged by the abject capitulation of leaders of the AUEW engineering union and the EETPU electricians' union to Tory anti-union laws.

By publicly condemning the strike, and disowning the action of their own members, they left the Transport and General Workers' Union and TASS alone in refusing to comply with a High Court ruling banning the strike.

The company has been further encouraged to sue the T&GWU and TASS because of the open moves by TUC right-wingers to

break the miners' strike and their readiness to comply with Tory class laws and accept government cash for ballots.

The Austin Rover strike was declared illegal precisely because the unions refused to obey new Tory legislation requiring a ballot before workers take industrial action.

The decision to go ahead with legal action

for damages aimed at financially crippling the two unions means that the struggle in Austin Rover will be now intensified.

Witchhunts against shop stewards will now go hand-in-hand with a ruthless drive for speed-up, sackings and closures.

Throughout the strike pickets at Cowley were photographed from inside the gates and superinten-

dents who went through their lines warned them that they faced the sack within six months.

The threat of a crack-down against trade union organisation underlines the fact that Austin Rover workers will immediately be pitched into struggles to defend jobs and working conditions — a fight which they will tenaciously take up.

Record trade deficit

BRITAIN'S visible trade balance shot to a record deficit of £851 million last month.

Record exports worth £6.2 billion were outweighed by an influx of £7.1 billion worth of goods, as the competitiveness of British manufactured goods took a beating on European and world markets.

The overall balance of payments deficit, taking capital movements into account, was £73 million — despite the injection of £528 million in a Common Market budget refund.

The worsening of trade in British goods, coupled with the effects of the miners' strike, had produced the worst trade balance deficit on record, they said.

Banks, meanwhile, are cutting interest base rates again in an attempt to compete on dollar-ravaged money markets.

National Westminster led the way, reducing its rate by 0.5 per cent to 9.5 per cent. Lloyds and Midland followed suit.

All three banks were forced to make the cuts after Barclays cut its base rate 0.25 per cent to 9.75 per cent on Monday.

On the west European money markets, the US dollar bounced back to close at 3.01 West German marks.

Euro-Stalinists call emergency executive

BY ALEX MITCHELL

THE COMMUNIST Party leadership meets in emergency session tonight to discuss the crisis over this weekend's London district congress.

The party leadership fears that the congress will result in a political takeover by the 'Morning Star' faction led by editor Tony Chater.

Disallow

For this reason, tonight's executive committee meeting is expected to vote to disallow elections for the London district committee.

This is the recommendation made by 12 members of the 14-person political committee who met at party headquarters on Wednesday night.

The political committee took the view that the officially recommended list of candidates for the London district committee constituted 'an alternative Communist Party leadership'.

Numerically, they are heavily pro-Chater and politically they are stridently anti-'Euro-

Stalinist'. Most of them don't support the elected Communist Party leadership at all, but Chater and the People's Press Printing Society management committee.

So rather than allow the Chater group to stage a political coup in the London district, tonight's meeting will decide to take constitutional powers to stop the district committee elections taking place.

As a pretext for its action, the executive is using the fact that there are 'irregularities' in the selection of delegates in the Hackney, Lewisham and other branches. The meetings which selected delegates were apparently heavily packed with so-called 'hardliners'.

Policy

The function of a district congress is to discuss the implementation of congress policy and to elect a leadership which will implement congress policy. Party general

secretary Gordon McLennan and his 'Euro' supporters believe that this weekend's congress will not fulfil either of these constitutional commitments.

The London congress has been arranged by the so-called 'hardliners' or 'tankies' as a forum to attack the McLennan leadership and congress policy.

Weakness

However, by calling an emergency meeting of the executive committee to halt the London congress elections, the party leadership is admitting its political weakness. It has already suffered reverses in two regional congresses.

In the North-West congress last weekend two 'Euro' members of the executive committee, district secretary Arthur Adlen, and David Heywood, were ousted. In the case of Adlen, it is unprecedented for a district secretary to be removed from his own district committee by the

vote of the local membership.

At the Yorkshire congress, another executive committee 'Euro', Janie Glen, was thrown off. Two pro-Chaterites came on — university economist Ron Bellamy and 'Morning Star' organiser Frank Watters.

Yesterday's 'Morning Star' revealed the depth of the split in the Stalinist party when it published excerpts from the political report given by 'Marxism Today' editor Martin Jacques to the November Communist Party executive.

McLennan had accused the 'Morning Star' of distorting what Jacques said and wrote a protest Letter to the Editor which was never published.

Ban

Now the Communist Party leadership is threatening to ban 'Morning Star' reporters from future meetings of the executive committee. 'They will get a press release at the end like any other section of the press,' a party official said.

Hume comes under attack

SECRETARY of State for Northern Ireland, Douglas Hurd was under attack from all sides yesterday after his claim that alienation among Roman Catholics in the north of Ireland was exaggerated.

SDLP leader John Hume said: 'If anybody says alienation does not exist here, he is not living in the real world.'

Hume then asked: 'Where is Mr Hurd at the minute? If he wants to find out about alienation, let him come to visit me in my home. So you know what he would need to do that? He would need an army of tanks to bring him here.'

Hurd had already come under attack from Humes' deputy, Seamus Mallon, following his outright rejection of political involvement by Dublin in Ulster.

These attacks came as a major row intensified over Monday's Anglo-Irish summit and its aftermath.

The Anglo-Irish rift grew rapidly following Thatcher's dismissal of proposals put forward by the Dublin-sponsored New Ireland forum as well as Hurd's claims about Catholic alienation.

At a press conference, Thatcher said: 'A unified Ireland was one solution — that is out. The second solution was for a Confederation — that is out. The

third solution, joint authority — that is out.'

Ireland's Foreign Minister, Peter Barry said Thatcher had 'behaved disgracefully'.

Irish Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald described Thatcher's attitude at the post-summit press conference as 'gratuitously offensive'.

In Dublin yesterday, Thatcher's attitude at her news conference was seen as having damaged the standing of FitzGerald. In the Dail Haughey attacked both Thatcher and FitzGerald. He demanded the premier's resignation over what he called his 'lying document' about the summit.

In the Commons yesterday, Thatcher was contemptuous about the whole affair. She told MPs she was in 'total disagreement' with FitzGerald's remarks and then said: 'I do not understand his comment in any way.'

WORLD SUMMARY

Bolivian elections in June

LA PAZ — Bolivian political parties have agreed to hold general elections on June 16 following an offer by embattled President Hernan Siles Zuazo to cut his term short by one year.

Accidents

PEKING — Road deaths in Peking are soaring because of growing traffic congestion and unskilled drivers who go too fast in badly maintained vehicles, the 'China Daily' reported.

Rocket

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil has fired a 7.2-tonne rocket built mostly with domestic technology in what the air force described as the culmination of 20 years of research work by local scientists.

Takeover

NEW YORK — News Corp, an Australian company controlled by Rupert Murdoch, said its US subsidiary had acquired 12 magazines from Ziff-Davis Publishing for £350 million.

Shot

WASHINGTON — The State Department said that an off-duty Salvadoran security guard at the US Embassy in San Salvador was shot dead last Saturday.

Meeting

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will confer with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone in Los Angeles on January 2.

World News Line

SHAKY ECONOMY HITS U.S. INTEREST RATES

WASHINGTON — The decision by the Federal Reserve Board to encourage a fall in interest rates is a response to the dramatic slowdown in the American economy.

Consumer demand has slumped, along with orders for new construction and the Federal Reserve is desperate to revive activity.

Wall Street believes that after 18 months of speculative growth, the economy is on the point of a downward plunge.

The fall in economic activity is already adding to the enormous Federal deficit, because the government's tax income has declined as a result.

Estimated at \$170 billion in September, the deficit is now admitted to be more than \$200 billion.

The Federal Reserve believes the dollar's international value is far too high as a result of the high interest rates needed to fund the deficit.

With the demand for dollars forcing its rate up, international competitors have taken advantage of the fall of their own currencies to step up exports to the US.

Immediately after the announcement, the dollar fell back against other currencies, including the pound.

This reversed the trend towards a higher dollar based on the expectation that US rates would actually have to rise to bring in the funds needed to bridge the Federal deficit.

The Federal Reserve — America's central bank — has cut the rate at which it lends money

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

overnight to other banks by ½ per cent to 8.5 per cent.

Wednesday night's move brings the discount rate back to the level that prevailed from December 1982 until last April when the Fed raised the rate to 9 per cent.

The aim is to encourage commercial banks to cut their prime lending rates yet further.

These have fallen three times since September, going from 13 per cent to 11.75 per cent.

Inflation

But commentators have suggested that an easing of monetary control, taken together with the government deficit, will lead to a sharp rise in inflation.

There is a real problem for the banks if interest rates fall. The profits of recent years have largely been produced by earnings on interest charged to debtors.

A fall in rates would cut earnings and expose even more sharply the fact that all of them have loans outstanding — and never to be repaid — which far exceed their assets.

The slump in America will have a devastating effect on Europe. Despite the tremendous surge in imports into the United States, unemployment and spare capacity remained at existing levels.

Panama marches

PANAMA CITY — Thousands of anti-government demonstrators marched through the streets of Panama City to protest at newly-imposed austerity measures.

President Nicolas Ardito Barletta, who took office last month, has ordered spending cuts and tax increases to reduce a spiralling budget deficit.

The march, organised by the country's major labour federation, was peaceful, police said.

Workers and employers alike have opposed the measures and say previous corrupt administrations are to blame for the deficit.

US bankers have agreed to reschedule almost \$600 million of Panamanian public debt on condition Barletta reaches agreement with the International Monetary Fund



Bilbao shipyard workers in protest against job cuts last month

Strike stops Bilbao

MADRID — Workers staged a general strike in the northern Basque city of Bilbao yesterday to protest against the murder of a nationalist politician.

City officers said industry had ground to a halt, shops and schools were closed and transport services suspended as the one-day strike gripped the Basque provinces.

The strike was backed by every Basque political party and trade union in a unanimous protest against the murder on Tuesday of Santiago Brouard.

Brouard, 66, and a paediatric doctor, was regarded as the leader of the political wing of the Basque national liberation guerrilla organisation ETA.

ETA guerrillas on Wednesday shot and seriously wounded General Luis Roson in Madrid in retaliation for Brouard's death.

In a communique published in the Basque press

yesterday, the ETA claimed responsibility for the shooting and held responsible for Brouard's death the Socialist Party government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez.

Brouard was the first Herr Batasuna (Popular Unity) leader killed in 16 years of the Basque's struggle for a separate state.

The men who shot Brouard in his surgery said they were acting on behalf of a shady ultra-right-wing organisation calling itself the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Group (GAL).

Basque nationalists say the group is linked to the Spanish police and has killed nine French-based separatist fighters since it began operating last year.

The strike, called to coincide with Brouard's funeral, followed a night of scattered police provocations against the Basque communities.

Sri Lanka under 24-hour curfew

COLOMBO — The Sri Lankan government yesterday imposed a 24-hour curfew across the country in the wake of the bombing of a police station in the northern city of Jaffna.

Twenty-nine policemen were killed and at least ten injured when a lorry loaded with explosives was driven into Chavakachcheri police station on Tuesday night.

A government announcement said the curfew, which will shut banks and financial markets, was imposed purportedly to stem a backlash against the Tamil minority community.

Police said three small shops owned by Tamils were attacked and burned in Colombo, the

national capital, but there were no casualties. There were also no reports of trouble in other parts of the island.

Government spokesmen said trouble was feared when the bodies of the dead policemen were sent to their villages for burial.

Daring

Ministers and spokesmen for the Sinhala ruling class, rattled by the daring of the raid in what has been a militarily besieged north for more than two years, declared that it had placed out of reach a 'peaceful settlement of the Tamil issue'.

In a statement from Madras, the capital of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation (TELO) claimed responsibility for the raid.

TELO is one of five Sri Lankan Tamil liberation movements but all have consistently denied possessing 'guerrilla training camps' in Tamil Nadu.

Yesterday, Colombo added another fantasy to its barrage of lies against the Tamil liberation movements: that one aim of the raid on Chavakachcheri police station was to ensure the re-election in India's general election

next December 24 of Tamil Nadu politicians sympathetic to the Sri Lankan liberation movement.

The Sri Lankan Tamils' struggle for a separate state enjoys the support of some Tamil Nadu politicians, particularly because of lingual, cultural and historical ties between the Indian state's 50 million people and the Tamils of the island state.

But Colombo's accusation is an attempt to throw a smokescreen over the fact that the nationwide curfew is a systematic military hunt for left-wing opponents of the Jayewardene regime in the Tamil community.

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MUBARAK'S LIBYAN PLOT FALLS APART

THE EGYPTIAN government's allegations about the Libyan plot to kill ex-Prime Minister Abdul-Hamid Bakoush are beginning to fall apart.

Cairo's claims are being dismissed as 'too fantastic for words' in sections of the West European press while even the Arab press is starting to cast doubts on Egypt's version of what happened.

As the Libyan authorities said earlier this week: 'These Cairo statements are linked to the plan which the imperialist forces have been circulating and planning for.'

'It is a pre-prepared plan aimed at creating suitable conditions to carry out an aggressive act against the Jamahiriya by the regime of Hosni Mubarak.'

No one seriously believes the 'international assassination plot' alleged by the Egyptian mouth-organ, the Middle East News Agency (MENA).

At a press conference in Cairo, President Mubarak made the astonishing claim that the so-called 'hit list' included not only Bakoush, but Prime Minister Thatcher, President Mitterrand of France, Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Zaid of the United Arab Emirates and the Emir of Kuwait.

Regime

'The plot also included an attempt to overthrow the present regime in Pakistan,' Mubarak told his incredulous audience of journalists.

But the Tory press in Britain was enthusiastic. It was front-page headline news in Monday's 'Daily Telegraph': 'Gaddafi in plot to kill Thatcher' — Egypt gives details of murder list' (November 19, 1984).

The ultra-Tory 'Daily Express' went further. Its front-page headline was: 'Scargill linked with Libya death plot Briton'. Without a shred of evidence it said: 'The British leader of a Libyan death squad had indirect links with miners' leader Arthur Scargill, it was claimed last night.' (November 19, 1984)

Mubarak's Interior Minister Major General Ahmad Rushdi added ex-

BY ALEX MITCHELL

tra spice to the Pakistani dish when he told the magazine 'May' that the 'hit team' intended overthrowing the military regime of President Zia ul-Huq of Pakistan and installing the son of the late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

The idea that the four-man team would tour the world bumping off some of its most heavily guarded international leaders is simply preposterous. It is the sort of stuff to be found in third-rate Hollywood scripts or in Central Intelligence Agency reports.

Episode

When he was asked about the episode during a visit to Cairo this week, Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe revealed his scepticism when he said it 'had the makings of a James Bond thriller'.

The Libyans have no reason to want to harm either Fahd or Sheikh Zaid. Indeed, after the break in diplomatic relations with the Thatcher government it was the Saudis who took over handling Libyan relations with the Foreign Office.

And in Washington when a similar break occurred in 1981, it was the United Arab Emirates Embassy which agreed to handle Libyan affairs.

But the wildest fabrication was the one made by Mubarak last Sunday when he linked the captured 'hit squad' with the assassination of the Indian Prime Minister. 'The confessions made by the terrorists who were arrested indicated involvement in financing the plot for assassinating Mrs Indira Gandhi,' the president said.



Mubarak with Thatcher

This vicious slander was later developed by MENA which claimed that Libyan intelligence had been financing the murder of Mrs Gandhi but that the Sikhs carried out their successful assassination before the Libyan operation got underway.

The fact is that Libya enjoyed the closest political relations with Mrs Gandhi and the Indian government. This was quite clear from the profound condolences sent by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to Rajiv Gandhi and the official mourning which was declared in Libya.

In rejecting the dirty slanders about a wave of international murders, the Libyan authorities said: 'The countries which were mentioned in Hosni Mubarak's speech are linked with the Jamahiriya by distinguished fraternal relations and co-operation and friendship, whether those countries are fraternal Arab countries or friendly Western countries.'

'It is obvious that the aim of this attempt is to sabotage those distinguished relations. By adding Britain to the aforementioned list of countries, the aim is quite clear of those who are going to carry out this plan.'

Amid great international publicity the Egyptian regime produced the deadly 'A-Team' consisting of: Anthony Gill, 48, Godfrey Shiner, 47, and two Maltese, Romeo Nicholas Chakambari, 42, and Edgar Cacchia, 40.

What was more incredible was that when he appeared on television to announce his great 'catch', Major-General Rushdi had Gill sitting next to him. The prisoner was not even wearing handcuffs or under armed guard.



Mubarak, left, in animated talk with then president Sadat as he and then Israeli prime minister Beigin inaugurate the Israeli-Egyptian Air Corridor in 1979

Yet this was a man who had allegedly met Carlos the Jackal in Tripoli and was described by the Egyptian media as 'the leader of the terrorist group' who 'had been a figure in international terrorism for 12 years'.

But more was to come. On Tuesday, amid the glare of television lights, press photographers and newspaper reporters, Gill and the minister went to a Cairo bank where they cashed a cheque, allegedly the final payment of £70,000 for the assassination of Bakoush, who was prime minister at the time of King Idris.

Reward

This was too much. It presupposed that the alleged assassins would kill Bakoush and then drop in at a local bank and collect their reward! Surely they would want to leave the city quietly and have their money deposited silently in a numbered Swiss bank account.

This does not sound like an 'international hit squad'. What's more, anyone familiar with Egyptian banking regulations knows that nobody transfers money INTO Egypt. Transferring money OUT of Egypt — Yes. But never IN.

Curiously, the Egyptian media said nothing about whose bank account the alleged reward was drawn on. Western intelligence sources say that the bank account used to pay the alleged hit squad was in the name of Hosni Mubarak himself.

This means that Mubarak played a central role in the whole operation to frame the Libyans with fresh assassination and terrorist stories. His close operational involvement added emphasis to the Libyan statement which accused the Egyptian president of being 'a CIA agent'.

But what lies behind this elaborate security hoax and what purpose does it serve? The faked photographs of Bakoush's blood-covered body were taken to Malta ten days

Talks were 'torture'

MANAGUA — A member of the three-man Sandinist inner-Cabinet, Rafael Cordova, has described as 'torture' negotiations with the United States aimed at resolving imperialist provocations against Nicaragua.

He was speaking on his return from the Mexican resort town of Manzanillo, where he participated in the eighth meeting with US officers since June, with Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Hugo Tinoco.

Rafael said the sessions had been 'a torture chamber for Nicaragua'. He did not say if the talks would be resumed with the special US envoy on Central America, Harry Shlaudeman.

Arms

Mexican government spokesmen and representatives of Latin American countries said Shlaudeman's insistence that an arms flow from Soviet bloc countries to Nicaragua be reduced had angered the Sandinist leaders.

Shlaudeman had refused categorically to guarantee an end to US imperialist sponsorship of counter-revolutionaries dedicated to toppling the Managua regime.

In New York yesterday, the leader of the largest US-backed mercenary group, Adolfo Calero, chairman of the stooge Nicaraguan Democratic Force, admitted his men had little evidence of the Soviet arms shipments US officers allege the Sandinist government is receiving.

Calero told 'The New York Times': 'The only things we have seen in the field so far are the same weapons they have used for many months.'

The only new weapon his forces had encountered was a computerised multiple-grenade-launcher.

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Iraq-U.S. resume ties

WASHINGTON — The US government and the Iraqi regime will announce on Monday that they are resuming diplomatic ties broken after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The renewed ties are due to be announced when Iraqi

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz meets President Reagan at the White House.

It will 'put a symbolic political stamp on relations that have been developing for some time', one US official said.

The restoration of di-

plomatic relations with Baghdad firmly commits Washington to the defence of the Saddam Hussein regime.

It also means that US imperialism intends taking a more open part in the war against Iran.

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'DISASTERS' OF PRIVATISATION

PRIVATISATION has 'thrown up a catalogue of disasters' TUC General Secretary Norman Willis said yesterday.

He was launching a TUC report, 'Contractors' Failures: The Privatisation Experience', listing 70 cases of privatisation 'gone wrong'.

The report cites cases of 'bungling incompetence, increased costs and threats to public safety', and concludes that the public is getting poor value for money and that their health is being put at risk.

Willis said yesterday: 'Privatisation has not brought the benefits the government promised. Rather it has thrown up this catalogue of disasters'.

The report lists many instances of contractors' failures including the school cleaning contract in Birmingham that led to 49 out of 50 schools complaining to the local authority about poor standards.

The council terminated the contract after admitting that many classrooms were 'not fit to teach in'.

Cambridge health authority is reported to have begun an inquiry into allegations that a contractor at Addenbrooke's hospital is employing child labour 'because it cannot find adults to work for the pay and conditions it is offering'.

Also listed is Wandsworth borough council's decision to offer for sale 'an old people's home along with its 21 residents'. It also cites council plans to contract out cleaning at old people's homes — replacing residential caretakers with 'mobile patrols'.

The report tells of the street cleaning contractors in Merton, south London, who provided residents with a skip and plastic bags so they could clean the street themselves, claim-

ing this 'helps to create a community spirit'.

There was also the contractor in Wirral who budgeted for dustmen covering around 27 miles a day at an average speed of 8.7 miles an hour — just outside the qualifying time for the Olympic marathon while lifting 5.4 tons of refuse each.

Scores of other similar cases are listed.

NUPE general secretary Rodney Bickerstaffe, and chairman of the TUC Public Services Committee, told News Line copies of the report are being sent to every health authority and local authority in the country with a letter from Willis warning of the problems they have for handing over services to private contractors.

'I hope they don't simply put it on their desks,' he said.

'I would like in particular to mention the Royal Sussex in Brighton, the hospital where Norman Tebbit and his wife were catered for. He congratulated the health team and one week after the health authority has decided to put the lot out to tender.'

Publication of the report is part of the TUC's campaign against privatisation.

Willis has written to trade union trustees on company pension funds warning of the dangers of purchasing shares in British Telecom. There will be a lobby of parliament on November 27 to protest at plans to privatise bus services.



Hospital workers waged a long fight against privatisation

Tories accused of 'monopoly tendering'

NUPE has accused south London Tories of encouraging a system of 'monopoly tendering' in relation to private contracts for borough and NHS cleaning services.

They say a contract worth £1.5 million given to Mediclean Ltd. part of the Harley group to clean St Helier hospital in south London means the company now dominates the area.

In a letter to Harry Cowd

chairman of the Merton and Sutton health authority, who is also Tory leader of the local council, the union asks for details of the contracts.

Contracts

The Harley group already has contracts for refuse collection, school cleaning and street cleaning in the area.

NUPE official Ian Scott speaks of 'monopoly tendering' and says members of the authority should declare all their private interests now to ensure that they do not conflict with supporting the Harley group.

He also asks for details of the offers for the contract submitted by other firms.

He says that as the Harley group is now obtaining a disproportionate amount of contracts in the Merton area does Cowd have any evidence or suspicions of price fixing with other major firms competing for the same work.

Scott says that the union is beginning to suspect that 'geographical spheres of influence' are being drawn up between the firms involved.

This could lead to cuts in jobs, lower rates of pay and shorter hours for the workforce and a much poorer service for the community.

Doctors fear infection risk

DOCTORS fear patients will face greater risks of infection if hospital laundry services are privatised, a top Scottish brain surgeon warned yesterday.

Sam Galbraith, a consultant neurosurgeon at Glasgow's Southern General hospital and vice

president of the Medical Practitioners' Union, was speaking in Glasgow at a press conference called by the Scottish TUC.

He said: 'Hospital laundry is not like hotel laundry. It has to conform to strict infection controls.'

'We are particularly worried about the risk of

infection when laundry goes out to places that have no hospital experience.'

Galbraith said hospitals in the US employed their own catering, cleaning and laundry staff, as did the new one-year-old Ross Hall Hospital, which would not be the case if

cleaning services were privatised.

The press conference was called to mark publication of a TUC report 'Contractors' Failures: The Privatisation Experience', which lists 70 cases of privatisation which 'went wrong'.

Scandal report

EDUCATION inspectors found leaking roofs, broken windows and dirty classrooms at one of Britain's biggest primary schools.

In their report published yesterday, they warn of 'grave difficulties' at the 700-pupil Arderton Park school in Birmingham.

Among the problems the inspectors found were:

- Leaking roofs throughout huddled classrooms, rain was still dripping into one room days after it had last rained;
- Broken windows — in one lobby, jagged glass still remained;
- Dangerous playgrounds with drainage problems;
- Dirty smelly lavatories, some of which were subject to flooding.

Ten injured in hostel fire

TEN people were taken to hospital early yesterday after fire badly damaged a hostel in south-west London.

A London ambulance brigade spokesman said seven casualties were taken to Charing Cross hospital and the others to St. Stephen's hospital.

'They were all suffering from the effects of smoke and shock none of them was in a serious condition,' he said.

A fire brigade spokesman said later that at the height of the blaze firemen rescued a total of seven people trapped on the first second and third floors, using extension ladders.

A further 17 people were taken by ambulance from the four-storey hostel in Warwick Road, Earl's Court, to Kensington police station while accommodation was arranged.

The fire brigade spokesman said the cause of the fire, which also affected a travel agent's shop, was not known although a fire investigation team had been sent to the scene.

Late Tuesday night a mother and her two young children died when fire swept through a hostel in Marylebone, West London. Several other people were injured.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

COURT BACKS ROADBLOCKS



Striking Bersham miners at the NUM HQ: Mark Britaner, Idwal Poole, Chris Hughes, Keith Hett and Mike Devaney

JUDGES yesterday 'legalised' the roadblocks set up by police on motorways and other roads near to collieries since the beginning of the miners' strike.

They referred specifically in a test case brought by four miners to a convoy of 25 cars containing pickets, who were stopped from reaching Nottinghamshire collieries on Good Friday this year.

Mr Justice Skinner told the High Court yesterday: 'Anyone with knowledge of the current strike would realise that there was a substantial risk of an outbreak of violence.'

The police had been justified in taking 'preventive action'.

The judge, sitting with Justice Otton in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, dismissed an appeal by four Yorkshire miners who accused the police of exceeding their powers when they set up a roadblock at Junction 27 on the M1 at Annesley, Notts, on April 20.

The four — Reginald Leonard Moss, Albert Bowns, Ernest Warner and Derek Smith, all from Kiveton Park colliery, near Sheffield — were among 40 miners arrested after they attempted to force their way through a cordon of police officers from Surrey.

The four appealed against their conviction by Mansfield magistrates in June of obstructing police in the execution of their duty. They argued that the roadblock was unlawful and therefore their convictions should be quashed.

They had spent 13 days in custody awaiting trial by the magistrates and were released after being convicted, but were ordered to pay £30 each

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towards the prosecution legal costs within 28 days of the end of the strike.

Justice Skinner said the law was clear. 'If a constable apprehends, on reasonable grounds, that a breach of the peace may be committed, he is not only entitled but is under a duty to take reasonable steps to prevent that breach occurring.'

There were four pits — Newstead, Annesley, Linby, and Hucknall — within five miles of the police cordon, and 60 striking miners from 25 cars were involved in the attempt to break through.

Shouts

There were angry shouts from NUM members at passing Coal Board lorries, and other comments made by them justified police suspicions that they were intent on a mass demonstration, the judge said.

The police had also been entitled to take into account all they had heard and read about the strike as well as what was taking place before their eyes.

The situation had to be assessed by senior police officers present.

Rapid response to scabbing

MINERS from the western area and North Wales responded swiftly to the sell-out of the North Wales executive by occupying NUM headquarters in Wrexham yesterday.

This followed the unilateral declaration by a minority of EC members to the capitalist media that the strike had collapsed and that they could no longer support it.

Les Kelly, executive member from Point of Ayr, told News Line: 'The facts are that the area executive met on Monday in Ted McKay's (area agent) absence and only decided to contact national headquarters to clarify the position in relation to the whole area.'

'That decision excluded

all reference to the Point of Ayr because Point of Ayr was in no way involved in the issue as they were carrying on as previously with the strike.

'They should have consulted the national centre before releasing press statements.'

Keith Head, lodge member from Bersham, and one of the striking miners who have been out from day one told News Line yesterday: 'McKay went missing the day of the ballot at Bersham.'

'The ballot turned out in favour of continuing strike action. He was seen only two nights ago after making his statements to the media about alleged threats of violence to his family and violence in

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general. He was back in his office as if nothing had happened.'

In fact, two of his children, son and daughter, had been staying on at home.

Meeting

Head continued: 'I arrived this morning at the Miners' institute for a meeting of Bersham striking miners when I heard of the occupation of headquarters.'

When Head arrived he found pickets from Agecroft, Bold, Bickershaw and Golborne in Lancashire and miners from the Point of

Ayr and as far afield as Leicestershire.

Steve Howells from Agecroft told News Line: 'When we arrived here we found Ray Ellis (president North Wales area) and Alf Jones (chairman of Bersham Lodge) and we put the position to them — talk to the striking miners and reaffirm their strike policy.'

'The two officials left — they were not evicted. We'll be here as long as it takes. Personally I think the leadership is totally at fault.'

Mick Richmond, one of Leicestershire's 'dirty 30', said he'd heard of the Bersham collapse and travelled up in solidarity.

'I know what it's like to be a minority — nine months with scabs all around. We've faced

tremendous hostility and isolation.

'We've got just 20 lads out in Bagworth, five out of Ellistown and two from Whitwick and one lad from South Leicester colliery plus two lads transferred to South Derbyshire who live near us.'

'If we can help the brave Bersham lads, they've only got to pick the phone because we know what it's like to be called scabs by scabs — yes, that's what the scabs call us.'

Disgust

Earlier yesterday, Point of Ayr striking miners met to express their absolute disgust with the way Bersham union officials and their area agent have conducted themselves. There was booing and jeering at every mention of their names.

But they were pleased with the response of Point of Ayr officials and their loyalty to its members who have stuck it out for the union.

The meeting affirmed its total commitment to the strike and its determination to stand firm until they win.

There is great concern bordering on indignation about the thousands of pounds worth of cash and tonnes of foodstuffs supplied to Bersham by the people of Merseyside during this strike.

Frozen records hold coal and cash

THOUSANDS of retired and injured miners, and miners' widows in Yorkshire may be deprived of concessionary coal and compensation payments if a policy adopted by management in one pit is extended.

Local management at Barnburgh colliery has refused the NUM branch any access to files of those expecting injury compensation or retirement benefits.

Over 1,420 local people not directly involved in the

current dispute are involved, Barnburgh NUM secretary Alan Hale told News Line.

Addresses

Earlier in the day, Hale had informed NCB staff of his intention to find the addresses of two retired members in connection with compensation payments.

While Hale was speaking

on the telephone, the manager interrupted the call. 'He told me: "In future, no further information will be given from this colliery to you". He said we could be trying to find out the addresses of scabs.'

'But they have even stopped pensioners from going on to the pit yard to sort out their concessionary coal and from getting their tickets for the annual Christmas treat. What harm do they expect from a man of 80 years?' Hale asked.

'It appals me that innocent people are now being dragged into this by the Coal Board. We have two widows of men killed in the pit in the last four years whose compensation has still not been sorted out.'

Files

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This **FRIDAY**
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Put a picket on the bishops

THE FRONT page of yesterday's Stalinist daily, the 'Morning Star', was predictably dominated by one story: 'Church joins miners in call for new talks.' ('Morning Star', November 22, 1984)

We say predictably because the Stalinists, whether they are 'Euros' or so-called 'hardliners', love nothing more than a blessed meeting with the church. Bishops, priests, archdeacons, vicars, cardinals and reverends of all description are always enthusiastically received by Stalinism.

Industrial correspondent Mick Costello was overcome with gratitude for the move by the bishops: 'Church leaders yesterday called for new talks to resolve the mining dispute... The Church chiefs' appeal supports the miners' repeated demands for the National Coal Board to come back to the negotiating table.'

But as every serious miner knows, the Thatcher government has taken away the negotiating table, chopped it up for firewood and it is now burning merrily in the fireplace at No.10 Downing Street.

When all-out Tory class war is menacing the National Union of Mineworkers and the coal-field communities, the Stalinists join the bishops in boosting more time-wasting and demoralising talks.

The Stalinists demagogically say that they are 'standing in the same trench' as the miners. Maybe so. But which way are they facing?

While the miners are facing the full violence of the national police force, the High Court, the sequestrators and the capitalist press and the starvation policies of the DHSS, the Stalinists are facing the opposite direction! Their political appeal is to bishops, mythical 'progressive' Tories and even more mythical 'independent arbitrators'.

What makes Costello's report doubly foul is that it is downright inaccurate and misleading. The bishops in fact gave the NUM leaders a dressing down and urged them to get the membership to observe the TUC guide on picketing!

'The Guardian' reported: 'The churchmen apparently pressed the NUM on its conduct of the dispute, and underlined the need for TUC guidelines on picketing to be respected.'

'The Times' said: 'But the bishops are also extremely concerned about violence on the picket lines and the evident disinclination of NUM leaders to make their members conform to the TUC's code of conduct on picketing.'

The ultra-Tory press was even more forthcoming. The 'Daily Express' headline said: 'Praise the law! Bishops hand Scargill a sermon. Stop the bully boys, church leaders urge coal strike chief.' The story said: 'Church leaders yesterday urged miners' president Arthur Scargill to end the picket line violence in Britain's coalfields.'

It's no wonder the Tory press seized on the statements of the bishops after the meeting with the NUM. It conformed precisely to the requirements of Thatcher's ruthless warfare on the miners in blaming them for so-called 'picket line violence'.

In fact, the Tories used the bishops' slander against the NUM to suddenly declare the £1 cut in benefits to miners' children.

Until only very recently, it had been generally understood that the function of the bishops was to interpret the Bible, not the TUC guidelines on picketing. These pompous Tory gentlemen are custodians of Tory law and order, not the basic democratic rights of the working class.

Their sudden interest in the miners' strike has been stimulated by their concern for the Tory regime and the capitalist order. By presenting them as 'allies' of the NUM, the 'Morning Star' is being politically dishonest.

Miners are not going to win this struggle through the power of prayer or the ballot box, but through the organisation of the indefinite General Strike!

ORGANISE A GENERAL

Free jailed picket leader

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

EDINBURGH — Poster-sized photographs of pit strike leader David Hamilton were carried on a protest yesterday. He has now spent five weeks in Saughton Prison, Edinburgh.

His case is not being heard until December 19 at the earliest — and it could be much later. Under Scottish law he could be in custody on remand for 110 days.

Centre

'By keeping Davey in jail they hope the strike will break up,' said David Rowe, chairman of the local Dalkeith NUM strike centre and NUM youth delegate at Monktonhall colliery.

Hamilton (34), is chairman of the NUM's Mid and East Lothian central strike committee. He is also NUM delegate at Monktonhall colliery.

Yesterday's protest in the town centre of Dalkeith was attended by between 250 and 300. Striking miners gave out leaflets to passers-by.

David Rowe is one of three miners, accused of picketing offences, who are due to appear at the Sheriff's Court in Edinburgh on the same day as Hamilton.

'Our cases are not guaranteed to be taken that day, so Davey could still be in prison over Christmas and New Year and into January.'

Refused

'He's in jail because he's a striking miner. The authorities have repeatedly refused him bail,' Rowe told News Line.

Leaflets handed out yesterday state: 'The Dalkeith Strike Committee and Dalkeith Women's Support Group have produced this leaflet to let you know the facts regarding Davey Hamilton's imprisonment for an alleged assault.'

'Davey Hamilton was taken in front of a Sheriff in Edinburgh and was refused bail as he was on a previous bail condition for an alleged picketing offence outside Bilston Glen colliery.'

It goes on: 'You can read in any paper, any day of the week, about murderers, rapists, arsonists and con men who can get out on bail, but because Davey Hamilton is a leading member of the Mid & East Lothian Central Strike Committee the courts have taken a political decision to keep him behind bars, hoping that the strike in this area will take a nosedive.'

Public

'This action cannot be morally right, that is why we are letting you, the general public, know the true facts about Davey Hamilton, and what consequences he has to face solely because he is a miner.'

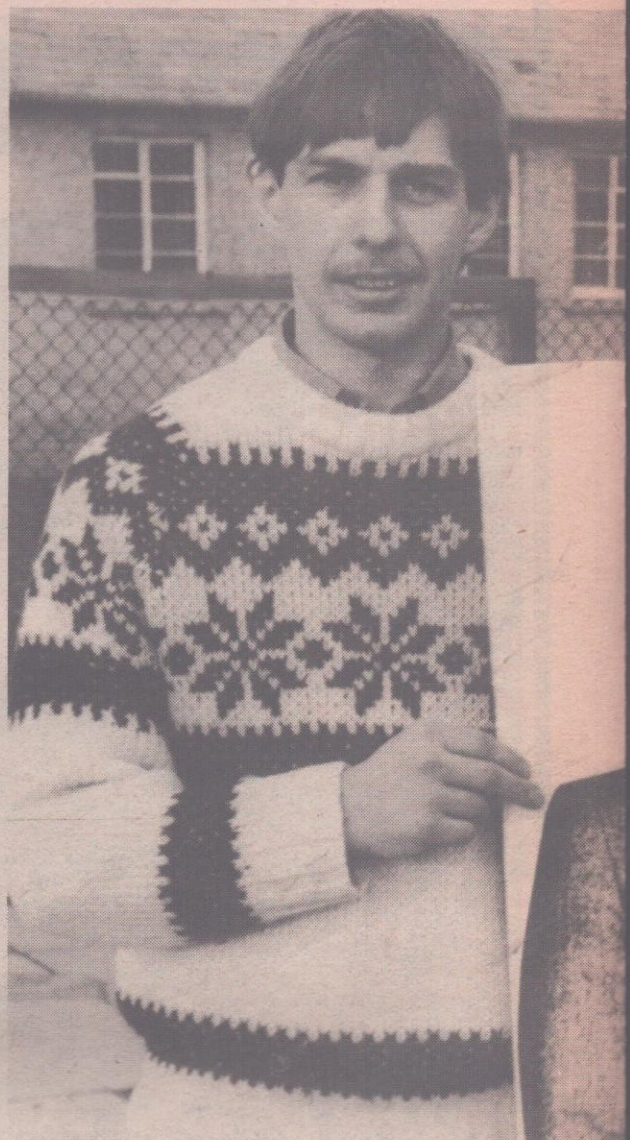
'Just think how would you react if your mother,

father, brother, sister, husband, wife, son or daughter got into a bit of trouble one day and then find out that bail conditions were refused, thus meaning your relations could be kept in the remand section of Saughton or some other prison for a maximum of 110 days.'

'How would you feel telling your children, friends, and neighbours that your husband was in Saughton.'

'Whether or not you believe in the Miners' Strike, this is just showing you what the Tory government can do and have done to try and unjustly force their policies onto the electorate of this country,' it adds.

● THERE were angry moments during yesterday's demonstration when a scab went into a nearby bank to collect his money.



A blown-up print of Davey Hamilton (taken when he stood David Rowe (left) and Willie Russell yesterday)

Thousands answer Coal Board lies

THOUSANDS of striking miners manned picket lines throughout Yorkshire yesterday morning giving further proof of the failure of the Coal Board's so-called 'back to work' operation.

Despite an expensive local advertising campaign, scabs failed to turn up at four pits — Goldthorpe, Kilnhurst, North Gawber and Grimethorpe.

Pickets erected barricades at Askern colliery where only one older scab sat alone in a 50-seater armoured bus escorted by 20 police vans carrying riot-helmeted police.

At the entrance to the Yorkshire pit of Wheldale, NUM officials accused the police of duplicity after a picket was arrested. The officials had an agreement with senior policeman that there would be no more than a friendly push if no miner were arrested. The pickets kept their word, the police did not.

Gathered

Over 1,500 pickets gathered at Denby Grange, and a further 500 assembled outside Elsecar workshops where they were sur-

rounded by police. Every pit where scab buses were organised by the police, large numbers of pickets manned the gates.

Miners are scathing about the figures on scabbing published by the Coal Board. With the exception of Manton and Shireoaks and two or three other pits, scabs can be counted on a single hand.

And at Goldthorpe, though the man who scabbed last week is no longer working, the Coal Board are still claiming one man is working.

There are numerous

similar instances. At Askern, the Board claim eight are scabbing. Yet as the blacked-out bus passed bright police headlamps, a single silhouette was all that could be seen.

Bitterness against the local management has only been intensified in the Bentley community, near Doncaster, after managers deliberately snubbed the annual remembrance service for miners who died in two pit disasters.

Dismissal

Meanwhile, local MPs have demanded dismissal of the policeman who ended the working life of council worker, 54-year-old Ernie Cusworth, by breaking his collarbone last week outside Cortonwood colliery.

Peter Hardy, Wentworth MP, has demanded the sacking of those responsible.

And local councillors say they are alarmed by revelations that not one single policeman has been disciplined or arrested for their conduct during the strike — although over 10,000 miners have been arrested.

South Yorkshire police committee chairman George Moores said the revelations were 'very hard to take in' and 'disquieting'.

French miners extend strike

FROM NICOLE VERNIER IN PARIS

A STRIKE by iron ore miners employed by the state-owned Sacilor corporation in Lorraine, north-east France, was extended yesterday to include miners in a privately-owned pit.

The Luxembourg-based steel group Arbed operates a number of pits across the border in the Lorraine Basin.

Sacilor miners have been on strike since Monday, demanding an end to pit closures. They have warned the management the strike will continue unless it with-

draws notices to 80 workers at the Anderny pit, scheduled to be shut down on December 3.

Barricades have been erected on the railway lines leading to the Sollac steelworks in the Moselle valley, halting the blast furnaces and rolling mills.

The Sollac management has threatened to lay off 11,500 steelworkers because of the strike.

A lay-off means the shut-

down of the hot and cold casting sections within the next day or so. Production of sheet iron will also be threatened.

The blockade of the railway lines has stopped iron to Sollac, which imports about 33 per cent of its iron.

Negotiations between the Industry Ministry and representatives of the Communist Party-led CGT union last Wednesday were welcomed by the union as a 'positive gesture' broke down at the end of the day.

An estimated 2,000 jobs are threatened by the clo-

sure plans and the CGT leadership have demanded emergency talks with the head of Sacilor.

A statement published by the union said: 'We will not be satisfied with promises in view of the undertaking given by the Mitterrand government in 1981 that the pits would be kept open until at least 1985. Eleven pits have closed in the region in the last three years.'

Sacilor is part of the steel group nationalised in 1981, after the election of President Mitterrand's Socialist Party.

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Benefit cuts won't stop us

BY BEN RUDDER

THATCHER'S decision to cut another pound off the social security payments to miners' families has only made Askern miner Peter Chambers more determined to stay out.

His defiance of this latest cruelty by the government is one made particularly bitter by nine months of neglect by the Department of Social Security of his baby daughter's plight.

Seventeen-month-old Gina has been wearing a cast on both legs for five months to correct a hip dislocation she had from birth. But although little Gina has been unable to learn to walk at the usual age, and has a special need for nappies, the social security department have told Peter and his wife Irene they will get no help.

Suffer

'It's not her fault her father's on strike, she's never done any harm to anyone and yet she has got to suffer. They told us that if she was two years old, she could get help for being disabled. But it seems you can't be disabled if you are under two years old.'

'They said that if I was on the dole, they could help, but because I was in dispute, there was nothing I can get.'

Peter and Irene are struggling to make ends meet on a mere £21.66 a week. Mortgage repayments alone stand at £650, while other bills mount up.

'But I am not going to let her get me back to work like that. The cut of another pound from the social security only shows how sick she is.'

'We are right to fight, because if we win, at least 70,000 people will be kept off the dole.'

'I only hope that other workers will see how we are suffering after nine months in this just cause. We must have their help because there is no one else we can turn to.'



Peter Chambers with his daughter Gina on his lap, and his wife Irene with their other daughter, Lynn

'I think the leaders of the other unions are the ones who are most to blame. They are frightened to death of Thatcher, and they are sitting on the fence to see if Arthur Scargill and the rest of us get defeated or not.'

'It is leaders like Bill Sirs that I am most bitter about. He knows better than anyone what MacGregor did to the steel industry, and yet he is just standing by.'

'I can tell any steelworker that with the amount of steel we use in the pits, the closure of a third of the mines will be bound to lead to the closure of Ravenscraig.'

'Neil Kinnock is not much different. At the beginning of the strike he said he supported us, but now he has gone over to the other side.'

'If I had one message to other workers, it would be — if we lose it will be your turn next. They want to get us back to begging bowls and the thirties. We have to face it — she wants all working people put down.'

'But they should also think of what their help in a victory for the miners will mean. We will save the 70,000 jobs, and we will show this government that we are not going to be shoved around.'

'This strike has taught us all a lot. It has brought the community closer together, and showed us who are really our friends.'

'Despite the ones and twos who are daft enough to go back in, I think we'll stick it out to the end. There will be less and less going back and we will have to suffer some more until the power cuts start and until we persuade other workers to give us real physical support.'

Trouble

Peter's wife Irene made it clear she would stick by her husband, come what may. 'Thatcher is the one causing the trouble round here by offering the £1,600 to the men who go into work even though it is already theirs. It would be better if they stayed out and stayed friends with their neighbours.'

'I hope people who read how we are surviving — and remember there are others worse off than us — will come and help the miners. They should stop believing the things they see on television and back the miners.'

'Because if the miners are beaten, no one else will stand a chance.'



longside Arthur Scargill at a local NUM rally in the summer) held by fellow strike officials



DOZERS were used yesterday to move barricades erected at Askern pit

UNIONS MUST LEAD

E leadership of the four and trade union movement must give a lead instead of hedging and fudging, a meeting heard on Tuesday.

of the leadership of the four and trade union movement had given the sort of lead as the NUM the strike would have been won a long time ago,' said Eddie Den, Labour MP for St. Helens.

He was speaking at a

500-strong meeting in Liverpool to support the miners organised by Merseyside trade union and unemployed centre.

'In spite of the so-called return to work wives are still on the picket lines and miners have the backing of whole communities,' he continued.

Speaking for the miners' wives in St Helen's, Marlene Newhouse declared: 'The miners' wives would sooner

starve than allow their husbands to go back to work.'

Roy Walters of South Wales NUM expressed his disgust at the lack of support by the TUC, comparing it to 1926.

He thanked the ASLEF and NUR rail unions. The NUR had had men sacked for refusing to cross picket lines, he said.

He also praised T&GWU members, seamen and dockers,

Wives occupy offices

MINERS' wives occupying the NCB office block at Cynheidre colliery, near Llanelli, South Wales, yesterday extended their occupation to the whole building after enduring a night of continual harassment and verbal abuse by management and police.

'The police kept shouting "Where's your beauty sleep then?" and "Are you doing overtime?" and shining their torches all night,' said Christine, the occupation spokeswoman.

'If these men are supposed to watch over society, well they're not fit to watch over anything,' she said.

The manager, forced to go home in his dirty clothes, responded by shutting off the electricity at 8.30a.m. leaving the women with no hot water, heat and light.

The women are convinced that their action has helped to keep strikebreakers from working. There is

still no safety cover at the pit and the problems of flooding are mounting all the time.

Gareth Gower, Cynheidre lodge secretary, said the occupation was a great morale booster for the striking miners.

'It is first class. Management are now unable to administer the pit,' he said. 'The return to work has dwindled and the NCB are cooking their figures.'



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TANNOCHSIDE: Thursday December 6, 7.30p.m. Tannochside Miners Welfare Club, 416 Old Edinburgh Road, Viewpark.

Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS National Committee); Terry Brotherton (Edinburgh WRP)

COATBRIDGE: Wednesday December 12, 7.30p.m. Dundyan Community Centre, Dundyan Road.

Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS National Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)

FALLIN: Thursday December 13, 7.30p.m. Fallin Miners Welfare.

Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Joe Keegan (GMBATU, John Browns, in personal capacity)

GLASGOW: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. Glasgow Youth Training Centre, Tobago Street, off London Road.

Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH EAST

NEWCASTLE: Wednesday December 12, 7.30p.m. Bridge Hotel, Castle Square, Newcastle 1.

Speakers: Kevin Townsend (YS National Committee); Bob Bell (Newcastle WRP); Dave Temple (Durham WRP and Merton Mechanics WRP, in personal capacity)

YORKSHIRE

WAKEFIELD: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Community Hall, Bullenshaw Road, Hemsworth.

Speakers: Maxine Cresswell (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Bob Mitchell (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

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

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

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

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)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Thursday December 13, 7.30p.m. Whitehawk Youth Centre, Whitehawk Road.

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

LONDON

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

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Ray Vewers (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)

HACKNEY: Tuesday December 18, 7.30p.m. Hackney Town Hall, Reading Lane entrance, off Mare Street, E8.

Speakers: Graham Campbell (Hackney YS); Richard Goldstein (London district committee WRP)

FROM MARTIN McLAUGHLIN
IN DETROIT

UNITED Auto Workers International union leaders have reneged on a pledge to striking British miners to support their nine-month battle against the Thatcher government.

UAW International secretary-treasurer Raymond Majerus has confirmed the union will not respond to a plea made by an NUM delegation four months ago.

Majerus told 'Bulletin' (the American twice-weekly Trotskyist paper) the American Federation of Labour Confederation of Industrial Organisations (AFL-CIO) would have to instruct the UAW before it honoured its pledge.

The appeal was made personally to Majerus and UAW vice-president Marc Stepp by Betteshanger colliery branch president John Moyle, on behalf of the Kent area NUM, at a meeting in Solidarity House, Detroit, on July 25.

Meeting

Moyle met dozens of trade union officers, including the entire International Executive Board of the United Mine Workers union, which voted to send \$25,000 to help feed the strikers' families.

The UMW also sent a fact-finding delegation to Britain to report back to American miners on the struggle in Britain.

Both the contribution and the delegation from the UMW were warmly received in Britain as a powerful indication of the sympathy of American workers for the struggle to defend trade unionism internationally.

Moyle's meeting with the UAW leadership was arranged by Detroit Met-



NUM representative John Moyle (left) meets UAW leaders Ray Majerus and Marc Stepp last July

ro-AFL-CIO president Tom Turner.

The Solidarity House meeting followed, attended by both the Detroit area AFL-CIO and the UAW International officers.

A detailed report by Moyle was heard by Turner, Majerus, Stepp and more than a dozen other trade union officers and employees.

UAW president Owen Bieber stopped by the meeting long enough to have his picture taken

with Moyle and others although he had just begun negotiations on crucial contract negotiations with GM.

Assured

On hearing that Moyle had been given \$25,000 by the UMW, Majerus assured him that the UAW would be at least equally generous and that the donation would be routinely cleared through the AFL-CIO.

He said the UAW had

contributed to the striking West German IG Metall trade unionists in June-July.

But no action was taken after the Solidarity House meeting. Majerus later admitted he had not contacted the AFL-CIO.

The UAW's position is being aped by those local union leaders whom Moyle contacted, such as UAW Local 600 president Bob King.

King promised Moyle at a meeting that he would raise the issue of

financial support at the executive board but the local's financial secretary has confirmed nothing has been done three months later.

Voted

Only one officer, Local 160 president Pete Kelly, at the GM Warren Tech Centre, has taken a principled position.

His executive board has voted unanimously to send \$1,000 to the British miners.

Violence provoked by police Australian trade unionists told

PERTH — The only violence on picket lines during the British miners' strike has been provoked by the police, Yorkshire NUM vice-president Sammy Thompson told Western Australian trade unionists this week.

Thompson, on a four-week tour of Australia with his wife Alma, said the miners constantly were confronted by police dirty tricks.

Provocateurs

'We've had provocateurs from the police force that have dressed up as striking miners and stood at the back (of the picket line) throwing stones at their own police to cause riots,' he said.

'That's the position we're in, so they can make arrests and cart us off.'

A £1,000-offer by Prime Minister Thatcher and the NCB to each miner returning to work before Christmas was 'a last throw at trying to bribe the miners back to work and break the strike', he said.

Thompson told of the so-called Armthorpe riots



Sam Thompson and his wife Alma at a press conference in Perth

of August 22: 'The media said miners were rioting in Armthorpe, breaking windows and throwing bricks.'

'I went to the village because my father, who is

75, lives there. The following day there weren't any shop windows broken. It was the police who ran riot.'

'They smashed people's doors down and ran riot

through the housing estate.'

'The next day, there were signs on shop windows in the village: "We do not serve police in this shop".'

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BOOKS

Vietnam Voices

WHEN the forces of the Vietcong and the National Liberation Front took Saigon on the day before May Day 1975 it was not just the end of a military offensive that began in January, it was the greatest blow suffered by imperialism since the end of the World War II.

'Vietnamese Voices' tells the story of those years. It is an indispensable reference book, combining historical statement in the form of names, dates and narrative with contemporary documents from many sources.

But on September 23 French troops overthrew the DRV government in Saigon and on November 20, 1946 they occupied Haiphong, throwing out the Vietnamese forces and the remains of the DRV government there. On December 20, 1946 Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh declared war on France and took to the jungle.

For instance, as early as 1950, the US National Security Council issued a report on how to prevent 'communist aggression' in Vietnam. A US 'investigatory mission' was sent to Saigon, and everything possible was done in the American and European press to give the

Less well known is Desmond Meiring's 'The Brinkman'; the main character, Jean-Philippe, a French officer, describes the military efforts of the French as 'some thundering knight in armour facing farcically up to a good shot with a bazooka', and later in the book he says (and this is 1954): 'You know finally and completely that this was no longer a minor military exercise against a ragged band of communist extremists, which was the official French line right up to the end, but that virutally the entire country and its people were against you.'

They began with what were described officially as 'political-psychological warfare' operations. The sort of detail 'Vietnam Voices' contains is shown by the report of the very first activity under this heading.

It describes in detail the creation of an Armed Psywar Company of pro-imperialist Vietnamese soldiers in civilian clothes. Their job was to go round villages spreading a rumour that Chinese soldiers were attached to the Vietminh forces and were raping girls and taking reprisals against villages (presumably those which had not decided to support the revolution). Every single one of them deserted — and joined the Vietminh!

John Clark Pratt is at present Professor of English at Colorado State University. Previously he was Professor of English at the US Air Force Academy, and before that he was a jet pilot instructor with the USAF and did a tour of duty in South East Asia where he flew 101 combat hours.

Pride and shame are the themes of the novel. There is violence and death and political analysis and a discussion on the nature of fiction and its relationship to reality. 'Shame' is a very impressive book.

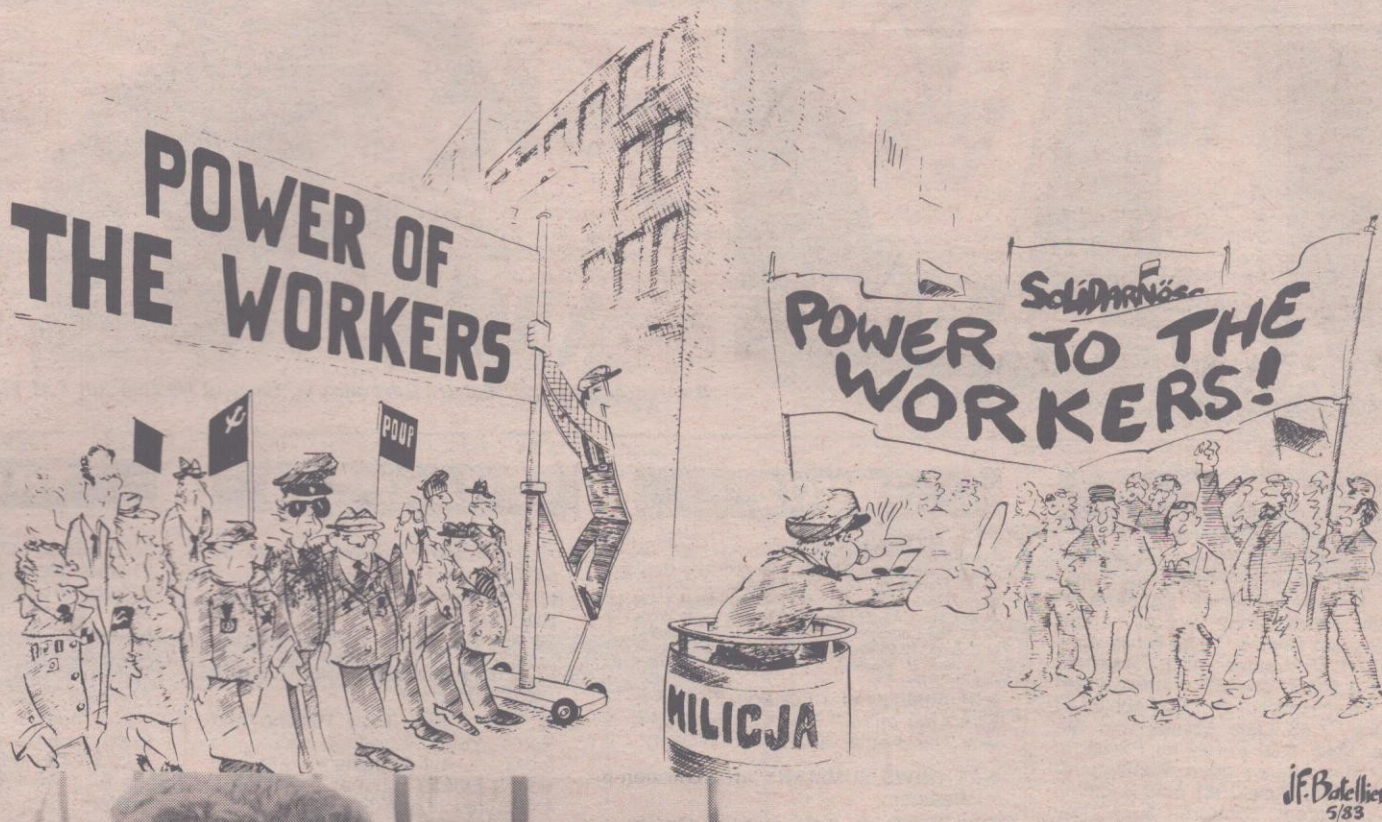
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'I had grown to admire her,' says the erstwhile liberal, shamefacedly bowing before what he sees as the insuperable might of capitalism with an attempt to mask his reactionary fervour, by assuring his readers that he still votes for the SDP.

A weekly review of the latest publications



The angry cartoonist

THE work of angry, ironic French cartoonist Jean-Francois Batellier, who began to put his drawings on walls in the university occupations in Paris in May 1968, is at last available here. Last week he exhibited in Covent Garden, and his new book 'Is Anybody Out There?' shows the full range of his work. The cartoons comment on Solidarity and the Stalinist bureaucracy in Poland, arms dealers in Paris, and the boredom and loss of identity of factory work and life in the big working class apartment blocks.



Jean-Francois Batellier mounting his exhibition in Covent Garden last week

Clive James — flying

The collection admirably illustrates James' verbal brilliance — and his all-pervading political cynicism which leads him to some very reactionary positions.

An admirer of the 'individual', James is appalled by the drabness of everyday life which he sees on a visit to the Soviet Union, and which he attributes not to the rule of the Stalinist bureaucracy but the October revolution.

'Night descended in 1917', he writes of Soviet culture.

'and the sun has never really re-arisen'.

This can only be a wilful misinterpretation of the facts. On the contrary the October Revolution was the impetus for a tremendous flowering of all that was most adventurous in the arts.

It was Stalinism, not Bolshevism, banned experimentation and return to the dead norms of earlier Western bourgeois culture.

Even when writing of the political scene in his own country, James is pathetically misinformed.

Who does he expect to believe his denial that the CIA had anything to do with the 'Canberra Coup', which unseated Labour Premier Gough Whitlam? Or to accept his superficial and cynical analysis that the 'same people who voted Whitlam in voted him out again, when they began to fear that his liberalising policies would involve them in becoming less rich.'

True, you can't help smiling at the well-turned phrase, 'the chico roll' he writes of a new type of Australian burger — 'looks and tastes like something which has been slowly passed through a live dog' — but you'll choke on James' fulsome praise of Thatcher, as he covers her 1982 trip to China.

'Margaret Thatcher is a democratic product to an extent of which even the most radical Chinese theorist can hardly dream'

'I had grown to admire her,' says the erstwhile liberal, shamefacedly bowing before what he sees as the insuperable might of capitalism with an attempt to mask his reactionary fervour, by assuring his readers that he still votes for the SDP.

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6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 CHILDREN IN NEED Terry Wogan introduces the first part of an evening's entertainment to raise money for handicapped and deprived children. Including selected items from *Jim'll Fix It* and the comedy quiz *Blankety Blank* hosted by Les Dawson

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weekend weather

9.25 CHILDREN IN NEED continued: including *Six of the Best*, a film about the first year in the lives of the Walton sextuplets and items from 11 years of *That's Life*

11.30 News Headlines
11.35 THE LAST LAP progress report

1.10 Weatherman; Closedown
BBC WALES: 4.30 Hartbeat. 4.50 Crackerjack. 5.30 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 The Good Life. 11.35 Children in Need: Wales Special. 1.10 Closedown.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.30-3.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.30 Science Topics. 9.52 Look and Read. 10.15 Mathsco Two. 10.38 Exploring Science. 11.00 Junior Craft. Design and Technology. 11.22 Japan: The Crowded Islands. 11.44 Going to Work. 12.05 The Computer Programme. 12.30 Computers in Control. 12.55 Page from Ceefax. 1.20 Let's Go. 1.38 Around Scotland. 2.00 Scene. 2.30 English File.

3.00 Anatomy of a Volcano. 3.55 Film: *The Man in Half Moon Street* (1944) with Nils Asther and Helen Walker.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 FRED An Epic Journey Begun Fred Dibnah, his family, their steam engine and trailer head towards rural Cheshire

6.00 THE INVADERS Roy Thinnas as David Vincent, an architect who accidentally discovers alien invaders in *The Innocent*

6.50 CHOIR OF THE YEAR 1984 Six more choirs from Scotland and the north

7.30 THREE IN THE WILD *Mordicus the Buzzard*

8.00 CALL MY BLUFF A duel of words and wit

8.30 ITALIANS *The Sicilian Fisherman* A portrait of Italy today seen through the lives of ten different Italians

9.00 M★A★S★H *UN the Night and the Music* With Alan Alda and Mike Farrell

9.25 ARENA *We Don't Like Your House Either* Portrait of American architect Bruce Goff

10.25 NEWSNIGHT

11.10 MIDNIGHT MOVIE *The Killing* (1956) Stanley Kubrick thriller about a diverse assortment of hoods intent on pulling off a daring \$2 million racetrack robbery. With Sterling Hayden, Elisha Cook and Timothy Carey

BBC SCOTLAND: 7.30-8.00p.m. Prosbairg.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 TREASURE HUNT *Forest of Dean*

3.30 THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE *Rose*

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE ADDAMS FAMILY *Morticia's Romance*

5.30 THE TUBE Jools Holland and Paula Yates introduce more live music — studio guests include Paul Young, Donna Summer, Feelabeelia and Lords of the New Church

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY chaired by Gus MacDonald

8.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY The week's papers reviewed by Margaret Van Hattem of the 'Financial Times'

8.15 A WEEK IN POLITICS Presented by Peter Jay

9.00 TELL THE TRUTH

9.30 IN SEARCH OF PARADISE *The Gardens of the Sun King* A look at the formal gardens of Vaux-le-Vicomte, Versailles, Trianon and Marly, created by Louis XIV as a symbol of his God-given power

10.00 NEWHART *Animal Attractions* A stray sheep dog arrives at the Stratford Inn and adopts George

10.30 JUST SEX *Marriage* Discussion on attitudes to marriage, sex and adultery

11.15 OPINIONS *Jeffrey Bernard* of the 'Spectator'

11.45 DAYS OF HEAVEN (1978) 1916: An American steelworker who accidentally kills an overseer in a row, escapes with his sister and lover to join the migrant workers heading for the Texas wheat harvest. But they find rural life as bleak as in industrial Chicago. With Richard Gere, Linda Manz, Brooke Adams and Sam Shepard

1.30 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Film: *Pit of Darkness*. With William Franklyn. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK SHOW

7.00 AIRWOLF *And They Are Us*

8.00 BRUCE FORSYTH'S PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

8.30 HALLELUJAH *Snake Pit*

9.00 EH BRIAN, IT'S A WHOPPER *The Shape of Things to Come*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *London News Headlines*

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME

The London Programme looks into the Tory government's plans to abolish the GLC and the Metropolitan Counties and whether the GLC can win the fight against abolition. Includes an extended interview with GLC leader Ken Livingstone

11.00 STRUGGLE *One Person, One Vote*

11.30 AROUND MIDNIGHT Special guest Spike Milligan joins Janet Street-Porter and Auberon Waugh in this light-hearted show

12.15 LIVE FROM LONDON *Carlene Carter* Country rocker Carlene Carter has headed east to play western music

1.10 HIGHWAY PATROL *Phony Insurance*

1.40 NIGHT THOUGHTS and Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 5 Lon Goch. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.00 Years Ahead. 3.45 Book Four. 4.15 Scotland's Story. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Rosalind A Myrddin. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le; News Headlines. 9.15 Fairly Secret Army. 9.45 Tell the Truth. 10.15 Film: *Rough Shoot*. 11.55 Newhart. 12.20 Soap. 12.50 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-A-Disc with Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (S).

2 News on the hour (except 9p.m.); 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 Desk). 10.00 Russell Harty (S) (10.02, 11.20 Cricket Desk). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and classified results). 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night (S). 9.15 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Nights at the Paris Olympia. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Hilary Osborn (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00 Big Band Special (S). 3.30-4.00 String Sound (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Cyril Scott, Samuel Wesley, Franck, Gliere (8.00 News) Boito, Lalande, Grainger, Robert Russell Bennett. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Rimsky-Korsakov. 10.00 American Piano Music (S) Gershwin, Bernstein, Lou Harrison. 10.30 Northern Sinfonia (S) Haydn, Mozart, Frank Martin. 11.40 The Songs of Peter Warlock (S) Recital. 12.15 Midday Prom (S) Sibelius, Liszt (1.00 News). 1.05-1.20 The Barrow Poets) Bax. 2.05 Faure (S) Piano quartet No.1. 2.40 The Prodigal Son (S) ballet by Prokofiev. 3.25 Schumann and Janacek (S) Piano recital. 4.00 Choral Evensong. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) Frank Martin, Ponce, Fricker. 7.00 Broomhouse Reach. 7.30 Takacs Quartet (S) Haydn, Bartok (8.25-8.45 Scottish Season: The Exiles) Dvorak. 9.20 Viola (S) Smetana. 9.45 Ol Cadres and Kings. 10.30 Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra (S) Beethoven (11.05-11.15 Interval) Schumann. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25,

8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs (S). 9.45 Feedback. 10.00 News; International Assignment. 10.30 Morning Story; *Luck Break*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Analysis. 11.48 I Beg Your Pardon? 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Top of the Form. 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; Master's India (S). 4.00 News; My Kind of Folk. 4.10 The Mind in Focus. 4.40 Story Time: *Pierre et Jean*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Going Places. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week (S). 8.20 Stop Press. 8.45 Any Questions? 9.30 Letter from America. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Some Do Not*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 Today in Parliament. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Week Ending. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 11.00-12.00, 11.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-12.00 Study on Four. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Women of the Year Dinner. 2.15 Rock of the Seventies. 2.50 Cartoon. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Three Little Words. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Film: *Asylum*. 12.05 The Last Outlaw. 1.05 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Green Grows the Rushes*. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.35 The Streets of San Francisco. 11.35 Film: *Vanishing Point*. 1.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; For Schools. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Calendar

News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Shamus: A Matter of Life or Death*. 2.55 Footsteps. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Shelley. 11.00 The Sweeney. 12.00 Rock of the Seventies. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Film: *The Masquerader*. 3.00 Hart to Hart. 3.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.35 Film: *Shamus*. 12.20 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.35 Three Little Words. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Country Ways. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your

Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Shelley. 11.00 Masquerade. 12.00 Ashford and Simpson — Freeze Frame. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *The Beachcomber*. 3.00 The Movie Makers; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30 Sidestep. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 The West This Week. 11.15 Film: *The Honeymoon*. 12.40 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 A Week in the Life of . . . 11.00 Film: *The Honeymoon*. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *The Trygon Factor*. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.10 Film: *The Ghost of Flight 401*. 12.55 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Go - Against The Grain - at Newbury



AGAINST THE GRAIN (1.00) who has chased home leading juvenile hurdler, Barnbrook Again on both his outings over timber so far, can open his account at the third attempt by taking Division One of The Freshman's Novice Hurdle at **NEWBURY** today.

At Cheltenham last time David Nicholson's charge went down by half a length when in receipt of 8lb, but only after a tremendous tussle up the final hill.

The remaining six runners finished 30 lengths and more adrift that day, and that performance makes Against The Grain the clear form choice here.

Stan Mellor can take The Clanfield Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase with the ex-Irish hunter chaser **Glenfox** (1.30), who will appreciate the give in the ground.

The Oxfordshire Chase has attracted only three runners, and with question marks over the temperament of his rivals. **The Reject** (2.30) has the opportunity to make a successful debut over fences.

Sequence

Three Shiners (1.45) should extend his winning sequence to four in the Symington Handicap Hurdle at **AYR**.

Colin Parker's charge has shown tremendous improvement this season and has won his last three easily.

Successful over course and distance in October, **Three Shiners** has since won twice by 12 lengths at Sedgfield and Kelso.

The danger will be Tom Noel, but **Three Shiners** looks on a very attractive mark and is impossible to oppose.

Ex point-to-point winner **Cool Magic** (2.15) looked special when he beat the useful stop it at Hexham, and the six-year-old can follow up in the Drybridge Novice Chase.

The Fiveways Conditional Jockeys Handicap may go to

dual course and distance winner **Black Falcon** (12.45). The four-year-old lost his chance with a blunder two out in the race won by Abercata at Carlisle last month, but can now recoup losses.

Success

Best bet at the three meetings appear to be **Qualitair Prince** (3.30) in the Tyne Handicap Hurdle at **NOTTINGHAM**. Mick Ryan's game five-year-old gained an easy three-length success at Southwell earlier in the

week, and only has to carry three pounds extra because of his long handicap weight.

He is extremely well-handicapped at the moment and cannot be opposed.

Monica Dickinson, whose horses are in tremendous form, should land a double at this meeting with **Brunton Park** (1.30) and **The Welder** (3.00).

SELECTIONS

NEWBURY: 1.00 Against The Grain (Nap), 1.30 Glenfox, 2.00 Jo Colombo, 2.30 Reject, 3.00 Solid Oak, 3.30 Double Swing. **AYR:** 12.45 Black Falcon, 1.15 Centre Attraction, 1.45 Three Shiners, 2.15 Cool Magic, 2.45 Doronicum, 3.15 Norwhistle. **NOTTINGHAM:** 1.00 Purple, 1.30 Brunton Park, 2.00 Malistrano, 2.30 Miss Willie, 3.00 The Welder, 3.30 Qualitair Prince (nap).

NEWBURY

1.00 FRESHMAN'S NOVICE HDLE (DIV 1) £1,500 (3-Y-O) 2m (17 runners)

2	22	AGAINST THE GRAIN	D Nicholson 11.0	P Scudamore
3	00	ALEXANDRA PALACE	J Gifford 11.0	R Rowe
5	0	DEER DANCE	Mrs M Rimell 11.0	S Morshead
6	0	DEVON LAD	N Kernick 11.0	M Yeoman (7)
7	0	DISCOVER GOLD	M Blanshard 11.0	M Bastard
9	3	DOUBLE TURN	A Jarvis 11.0	G Newman
10	0	FANDANGO LIGHT	D Elsworth 11.0	C Brown
12	0	HARD LINE	D Murray Smith 11.0	R Dunwoody
14	0	LOCHFEN	D Greig 11.0	A Webber
15	0	MALAKAMD	A Turnell 11.0	E Waite
18	U2	RUSSBOROUGH (BF)	B Wise 11.0	R Rowell
20	0	TAMERTOWN LAD	J Jenkins 11.0	J Francome
21	0	TIMURS DOUBLE	T Forster 11.0	H Davies
22	0	TINKERSFIELD	J Old 11.0	P Murphy
24	0	HALF A TREAT	B Shaw 10.9	D Chinn (7)
26	0	PENNY BAY	Miss E Sneyd 10.9	I Cox
27	0	RUSSOLA	S Mellor 10.9	G Charles-Jones (4)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Against The Grain, 7-2 Russola, 11-2 Russborough and Fandango Light, 8-1 Timertown Lad, 10-1 Tinkersfield, 12-1 Timurs Double, 14-1 others.

1.30 CLANFIELD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP CHASE £2,500 3m (7 runners)

1	21P212	LAWN MEET (C-D)	N Henderson 9.11.10	P Croucher
2	041P-04	CO MEMBER (C-D)	T Forster 8.11.9	N Fearn
3	4-13	GLENFOX	S Mellor 7.11.7	G Charles-Jones
5	013F-00	QUERRIN	T Bulgin 10.11.2	P Corrigan
7	0U44BP	ROYAL POTION	D Pearman 9.10.7	A Rannott
8	0-2U114	GREY TARQUIN	J Bridger 12.10.5	A Jones
9	0PU0-PP	SPARCON	Miss P O'Connor 10.10.0	C Warren

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Glenfox, 7-2 Grey Tarquin, 4-1 Co Member, 11-2 Lawn Meet, 6-1 Querrin, 20-1 Royal Potion and Sparcon.

2.00 JACKY UPTON HANDICAP CHASE £3,000 2m 4f (6 runners)

1	11314-3	CLASSIFIED (C-D)	N Henderson 7.12.0	P Croucher (4)
5	4FR0-1FU	BENNY'S BOY (C)	BF A Moore 11.11.2	G Moore
6	13424-4	PALMYRA-COURT (C-D)	F Winter 8.10.11	M Williams
7	0300P-1	JO COLOMBO	Mrs W Sykes 9.10.11 (6 ex)	S Morshead
13	2123B3	LECKIE (C-D)	R Armytage 8.10.0	A Webber
16	311101	RODNEY PARADE	Mrs B Waring 9.10.0	A Webber

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Classified, 3-1 Jo Colombo, 7-2 Benny's Boy, 11-2 Palmyra-Court, 9-1 Leckie, 14-1 Rodney Parade.

2.30 OXFORDSHIRE CHASE £3,500 2m (3 runners)

1	P-3332	BRIGHT OASSIS	K Bailey 8.11.5	A Webber
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12.45 FIVEWAYS COND'L JOCKEYS H'CAP HURDLE £1,000 2m (6 runners)

1	241411	MARK EDELSON (C-D)	J M Jefferson 7.12.0	M Hill
2	0110-00	BLACK FALCON (USA)(C-D)(BF)	M J Lambert 4.11.13	
5	10-4423	TOT (C-D)	Denys Smith 4.11.8	D Thompson
6	403214	TARCHIN (D)	S J Leadbetter 7.11.7	J O'Gorman
10	000-431	FRANKNESS (C-D)	P Monteith 8.10.9	D Jones
11	2220/00	ISLAY MIST	T Craig 8.10.6	B Hay

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Tot, 3-1 Mark Edelson, 7-2 Black Falcon, 6-1 Tarchin, 8-1 Frankness, 12-1 Ilay Mist.

1.15 MAUCLINE NOVICE CHASE £1,500 2m (10 runners)

3	101-F2	CENTRE ATTRACTION (BF)	G Richards 5.11.3	N Doughty
4	43300-0	DUSTY ISLES	F Jestin 6.11.3	D Nolan
6	P	MARMALITE	Miss J Salkeld 9.11.3	C Grant
8	000-30	POLOKI	G B Fairbairn 7.11.3	T G Dun
10	000U-0U	SOMERLED	R McDonald 5.11.3	K Jones
12	003100	TAMSON'S TIPPLE	D Robertson 8.11.3	Mr D Robertson
13	003100	THE DIVIDER	Mrs T Calder 6.11.3	R Lamb
14	300240	THE SMALL MIRACLE	N Bycroft 6.11.3	P A Charlton
14	P223-34	JOYFUL STAR	J E Dixon 7.10.12	B Storey
15	3F0/F00	WAYZ GOOSE	Mrs J Bradburne 6.10.12	Mrs S Bradburne

PROBABLE SP: Evens Centre Attraction, 3-1 The Small Miracle, 5-1 Joyful Star, 8-1 Somerled, 10-1 The Divider, 14-1 others.

1.45 SYMINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE £1,500 2m 6f (9 runners)

5	111000-	COLONEL ROSE (C)	T Goldie 7.11.7	
6	03-1200	TOM NOEL (USA)	M P Naughton 9.11.7	
10	002210	BLUE TARQUIN	J G FitzGerald 5.11.1	M Dwyer
11	0P0P-20	ATS PRINCE	K Stone 5.10.13	
12	042111	THREE SHINERS (C-D)	C Parker 8.10.12	B Storey
13	3P-2023	LADY LAWYER	J E Brockbank 6.10.11	Mr P J Dun (4)
14	0000U-1	ABERCATA	Miss J Salkeld 12.10.11	K Doolan (4)
15	342023	LAUGH-A-MINUTE (C-D)	Mrs D Culham 5.10.11	P A Farrell (7)
17	423P/24	SUSANNA	J Andrews 6.10.0	Mrs S Bradburne

BLINKERS: 6
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Three Shiners 7-2 Blue Tarquin, 5-1 ATS Prince, 7-1 Tom Noel, 10-1 Laugh-A-Minute, 12-1 Abercata, 14-1 others.

2.15 DRYBRIDGE NOVICE CHASE £1,500 3m (9 runners)

2	3-1	COOL MAGIC	F Jestin 6.11.10	D Nolan
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3	43302-2	CONNAUGHT RIVER	D Nicholson 5.10.11	P Scudamore
5	1110-3	THE REJECT	F Winter 5.10.11	J Francome

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 The Reject, 7-4 Connaught River, 5-2 Bright Oasis.

3.00 ROUND OAK HANDICAP HURDLE £2,500 2m 4f (15 runners)

1	F204-04	JADE AND DIAMOND	G Balding 6.11.13	R Chapman (4)
2	02113-0	LAWNSWOOD MISS	D Nicholson 6.11.12	G Newman
3	21211-2	ROSE RAVINE (C-D)	F Walwyn 5.11.9	R Pusey (4)
4	22130-	HAVENTALIGHT	F Winter 5.11.5	J Francome
5	3F/0000-	MR MOONRAKER (C)	L Kennard 7.11.4	B Powell
6	P3P000-	HOLEMOOR STAR	L Kennard 7.11.4	
8	12323-0	BOWDEN	I Dudgeon 6.10.11	M Richards
9	3/02124-	ISAAC NEWTON	R Armytage 6.10.8	A Webber
10	0FF321-	ARABIAN MUSIC	J Gifford 9.10.8	R Rowe
11	330-033	GAINSAY (C)	D Nicholson 5.10.8	P Scudamore
12	F103P-1	SOLID OAK (NZ)	D Barons 6.10.8	H Davies
13	31111P-	WINDBREAKER	A Moore 6.10.8	G Moore
15	4412-2	BOLANDS CROSS (BF)	N Gaselee 5.10.5	R Linley
16	0/1200-2	INCHGOWER	W Wightman 7.10.1	M Caswell (4)
19	02000F-	LADY SWEETAPPLES (C-D)	D Elsworth 8.10.0	C Brown

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Solid Oak, 4-1 Bolands Cross, 5-1 Inchgower and Rose Ravine, 6-1 Gainsay, 7-1 Jade And Diamond, 10-1 Haventalight, 12-1 others.

3.30 FRESHMAN'S NOVICE HDLE (DIV II) £1,500 (3-Y-O) 2m (21 runners)

2	3	BATU	A Hide 11.0	J Barlow
3	000	BLUELIMIT	D Elsworth 11.0	C Brown
4	000	BRONSKI	J Jenkins 11.0	J Francome
5	000	CRUVEVAL	A Jarvis 11.0	K Burke (7)
6	40	CARO WOOD	M Haynes 11.0	H Davies
8	02	DOUBLE SWING	Mrs N Smith 11.0	R Rowe
9	000	JUST AUTUMN (USA)	A Jarvis 11.0	G Newman
10	000	MAJUBA HILL	M Pipe 11.0	
11	000	MARSH HARRIER (USA)	A Moore 11.0	G Moore
12	000	MARSTON MOOR (USA)	B Palling 11.0	C Seward
13	4	MEDIA BOY (USA)	Mrs N Smith 11.0	R Dunwoody
14	000	PHAROAH'S TREASURE (USA)	C A Bell 11.0	J H Davies
15	3	PRINCE RAMBORO	Mrs M Rimell 11.0	S Morshead
16	000	SHARP IMAGE	G Balding 11.0	B Reilly
17	0	STAMPY	J Bridger 11.0	A Jones (7)
18	000	STOCK HILL LAD	M Blanshard 11.0	M Bastard
20	000	WASSEM (USA)	J Jenkins 11.0	Mr S Sherwood
21	000	WOT NO SEAL	M Usher 11.0	R Chapman (4)
22	000	ALMOST CAUGHT	P Burgoyne 10.9	J Nolan
23	000	AVERAGE	L Kennard 10.9	B Powell
24	000	HARVEY'S CHOICE	B Shaw 10.9	D Chinn (7)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Double Swing, 4-1 Majuba Hill, 11-2 Batu and Media Boy, 8-1 Stampy and Just Autumn, 10-1 Bronski, 12-1 Prince Ramboro, 16-1 others.

3	103033	HERON'S REFLECTION	W A Stephenson 6.11.10	R Lamb
6	0004-03	HUMMELMOOR	A H MacTaggart 7.11.5	C Pimlott
7	0	LOCHAN CORRIE	J S Haldane 7.11.5	C Grant
8	00F-234	MARATHON MAN	K M Oliver 6.11.5	T G Dun
9	400130	MEND IT (C)	N Bycroft 6.11.5	P A Charlton
11	U	PALISTRANO	T Craig 10.11.5	B Storey
13	00	CELIA	J Robinson 6.11.0	Mr R Robinson (4)
14	000	LECKY WIL	W Young 7.11.0	

BLINKERS: 11
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Cool Magic, 100-30 Heron's Reflection, 5-1 Marathon, 8-1 Hummelmoor, 10-1 Mend It, 14-1 others.

2.45 BLACKHOUSE NOVICE HURDLE £700 2m 4f (12 runners)

1	13	PRINCE SANTIAGO (USA)(C-D)(BF)	Denys Smith 5.11.3	C Grant
3	02P-100	SECRET LAKE	D W MacDonald 5.11.3	
4	0	BLACKADDER BRIG	R McDonald 5.10.10	K Jones
6	4220-22	DORONICUM (BF)	G Richards 5.10.10	N Doughty
7	032	EMO FOREVER	M H Easterby 4.10.10	A Brown
8	P0-0	GOLD SOCKS	T L Robson 6.10.10	Miss R Lock
10	0	KUMMASIE	C Parker 7.10.10	B Storey
11	00/F	MR NASH	T D Dun 7.10.10	T G Dun
12	000	RETRIBUTION	T Craig 5.10.10	M Ennis
15	000-	TWELTER	W A Stephenson 5.10.10	R Lamb
16	03	BANNOB BURN	K M Oliver 4.10.5	Mr P J Dun (4)
17	0	BRIGHT SUGGESTION	T Goldie 6.10.5	

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Prince Santiago, 3-1 Doronicum, 5-1 Emo Forever, 6-1 Bannob Burn, 8-1 Secret Lake, 10-1 Retribution, 12-1 others.

3.15 GATEHEAD NOVICE HURDLE £700 2m (11 runners)

4	000	BEAVERBOY	G Richards 4.10.10	N Doughty
5	000	BILLY TOBIN	Miss Z Green 4.10.10	J Goulding
6	P00-0	BORDER TINKER	D W MacDonald 4.10.10	
7	000	BRILLIANT FELLOW	P Monteith 7.10.10	D Nolan
9	00	KALYOUN	J S Wilson 4.10.10	C Grant
10	00	NO RANSOM	J S Haldane 4.10.10	T G Dun
11	000	NORWHISTLE	T Craig 4.10.10	M Ennis
12	034004-	SOME YOYO	R Shiels 4.10.10	Mr R Shiels (7)
13	000	CONNAUGHT QUEEN	G Richards 4.10.5	
14	000	FLEETWOOD	J Love 4.10.5	S Youlden (4)
17	000	SEA SAND	Mrs W Tullie 4.10.5	K Jones

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Norwhistle, 7-2 Beaverboy, 11-2 Some Yoyo, 6-1 No Ransom, 8-1 Kalyoun, 10-1 Connaught Queen, 12-1 others.

NOTTINGHAM

1.00 LAKE SELLING HURDLE £700 2m (12 runners)

4	P3-0020	ERIC'S WISH	Mrs J Evans 4.11.9	J D Davies (7)
6	000	KWA ZULU (USA)	M Tate 4.11.9	C Smith
9	4P2	BOMBARD (BF)	D T Thom 3.10.7	Mr D Murphy (4)
11	0	HIGHVIEW	P J Bevan 3.10.7	
13	00	MOON MELODY	R Thompson 3.10.7	Jayne Thompson (7)
14	0	NOBLE LANCER	K A Morgan 3.10.7	R McGhin
15	0	PURPLE	F Jordan 3.10.7	R Hyett
16	3	THUNDER ROCK	A R Davison 3.10.7	R Goldstein
20	0	CIRCUS TRICK	D W Chapman 3.10.2	S Keightley
21	0	DAWN LADY	D W Chapman 3.10.2	G P Kelly
24	0	JUDY'S DOWRY	W Wharton 3.10.2	M Brennan
25	0	LINDRICK PASSION	G R Harman 3.10.2	S Youlden (4)

BLINKERS: 11
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Bombard, 11-4 Thunder Rock, 4-1 Highview, 6-1 Eric's Wish, 8-1 Kwa Zulu, 10-1 Purple, 16-1 others.

1.30 RADIO TRENT HANDICAP CHASE £1,700 3m (8 runners)

1	2/21F1-2	BRUNTON PARK (D)	Mrs A Dickinson 6.11.11	G Bradley
3	30U0-02	GREENWAYS (BF)	A P Jarvis 9.11.4	P Barton
4	4033P-0	MOOR CLOSE (D)	P S Felgate 10.10.13	P Daver
5	20220-1	ARCTIC MENELEK	J G Fitzgerald 9.10.11	R O'Leary
6	03PP0P-	CHANCE COMMAND (D)	P Calver 9.10.10	
9	0022-F0	VELESO	J S King 6.10.3	S Smith Eccles
11	0-023U3	PRINCE CARLTON (D)	Mrs J Bloom 9.10.0	Miss C Saunders
13	1/UPP-34	BAULKING BYWAY	Miss R Harper 9.10.0	Miss R Harper

BLINKERS: 6, 9
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Brunton Park, 3-1 Arctic Menelek, 11-2 Greenways, 7-1 Veleso, 20-1 others.

2.00 MERIT THREE YR OLD HURDLE £2,500 2m (16 runners)

6	00	ASIAN KING	G M Vergette 10.12	NON-RUNNER
8	F	BASKET WEAVE (FR)	A P Jarvis 10.12	T Jarvis (4)

Sports Line

GARY WADDOCK'S
QPR file

This offside rubbish

SOME PEOPLE have certainly gone way over the top about out Rangers' use of the offside trap. I must admit I was very surprised at some of the things I read and heard after last weekend's match at Arsenal.

Let me make it quite clear here and now, QPR DON'T set out to play the offside in any of our games. I don't believe any club in the Football League do — but there are times when it can be the used to help you salvage a point or protect a lead.

Trap

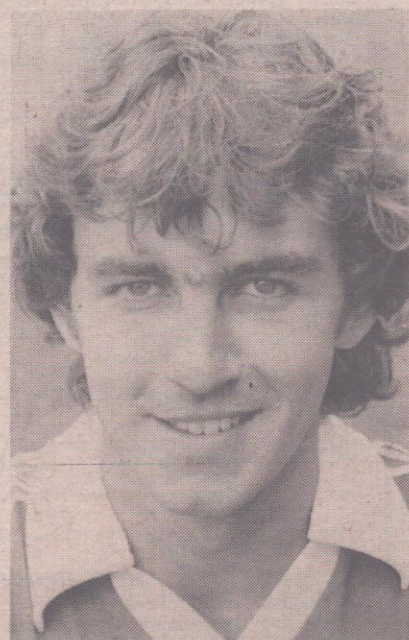
To set out in a game to play the offside trap as much as possible would be the most negative thing any team could do — and I don't regard Rangers as being a negative side. Not for one minute.

Okay, so we have our problems at the moment, but to suggest that the offside trap is our only way of playing or that we are becoming the most boring team in the First Division (as the News Line suggested last Monday!) is nothing short of rubbish.

Pressure

There is obviously a little pressure on us and the manager right now, but we can all see a little light at the end of the tunnel after our good result against Southampton on Tuesday night.

The Saints are one of the most consistent teams around right now and going down to the Dell and getting a draw in the Milk Cup was a very encouraging sign for all our fans.



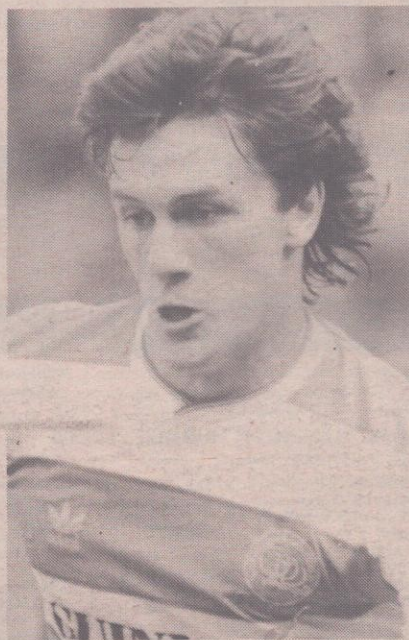
MIKE FILLERY

We have to win the replay, of course, but we played well enough last Tuesday night to suggest that we can get the result next week that will put us into a quarter-final clash with Ipswich at Portman Road.

Tomorrow we face Aston Villa at Loftus Road and hopefully we can put our recent run of bad League results behind us and pick up three much-needed points.

Villa are also suffering from a few problems at the moment, but it should still prove to be a tough match.

As you all probably know by now, several first team players — Simon Stainrod and Mike Fillery — have



SIMON STAINROD

asked for transfers. I hope that their position with the club at present is sorted out because it would be very sad to lose these two talented players.

On a personal note, I have been extremely pleased with my progress after returning to the first team just over a month, and particularly pleased with my form in the last two games.

Time

I always thought it would take a little time to find my feet again, but against Arsenal last weekend and Southampton in midweek I felt I had found my feet once again.

I've adopted the policy of

not looking past the next game — but a meeting with Tottenham in the Milk Cup final would certainly be something to look forward to early next year.

We still have a score to settle with them from our last meeting at Wembley in the 1981 FA Cup final. What would be even nicer in my mind would be a clash with them in the semi-final and then a Wembley return against anybody.

At that stage of the competition I don't think you really care who you meet!

See you all very soon.

GARY WADDOCK WAS TALKING TO MATTHEW NUGENT

SCOREBOARD

OVERNIGHT: England 231 for one (Fowler 116, Robinson 92 n.o.)

ENGLAND 1st innings cont:
Robinson b Sandhu..... 103
Gower st Pandit b Gudge..... 57
Gatting n.o..... 136
Lamb n.o..... 30
EXTRAS..... 16

TOTAL (3 wkts) 458

FALL: 2-246, 3-317
BOWLING: Kulkarni 22-5-58-0;
Sandhu 31-7-99-1; Keshwala 5-0-12-0; Patel 39-7-102-1;
Gudge 26-6-114-1; Rajput 4-1-10-0; Patil 6-0-35-0; Vengsarkar 1-0-7-0; Jadeja 1-0-11-0

WEST ZONE 1st innings
Rajput n.o..... 31
Kalyani lbw b Cowans..... 9
Vengsarkar n.o..... 26

TOTAL (1 wkt) 66

FALL: 1-20
BOWLING: Allott 6-1-26-0;
Cowans 8-2-19-1; Ellison 6-3-6-0; Edmonds 6-2-11-0; Marks 3-1-4-0

ENGLAND UNHAPPY DESPITE

MIKE GATTING . . . One of England's century makers in India yesterday

RUNS SPREE

ENGLAND rattled up a massive 458 for three declared against West Zone, at Rajkot yesterday, but still things did not go quite according to plan.

There was deep satisfaction in the sight of Tim Robinson and Mike Gatting adding centuries to the one scored by Graeme Fowler on the opening day, but their success robbed the tour selectors of a further chance to assess the merits of Vic Marks and Richard Ellison who are competing for the No.6 spot in the first Test at Bombay.

By the time the innings was six hours old, West Zone captain Dilip Vengsarkar, fed-up with his bowlers' lack of success on a flat batting track, had introduced a 'joke' attack.

Although they provided Gatting with a series of sixes, as he smashed his way to 136 not out in 171 minutes, it was hardly the practice England wanted.

So captain David Gower declared earlier than intended and before Marks or

Ellison had got to the crease to at least make sure that his bowlers had a serious run out.

As manager Tony Brown said: 'Against that bowling it was hardly serious practice at all.'

The way the England innings ended detracted from the first four session's batting, in which England's first five batsmen — all set for the Test — answered the call for discipline issued after the defeat at Ahmedabad.

Century

Robinson, 92 not out overnight, completed his first century for England but, on 103, fell to a genuine inswinging yorker from Balwinder Singh Sandhu.

Gower, himself, batted more than three hours for 72, while Gatting took two hours for his first 50 before circumstances forced him to accelerate.

In the end he hit six sixes and 15 fours in an innings of

great entertainment, that for a time was accompanied by Pat Pocock doing John Arlott impressions on the public address system.

Life was not so comfortable for England's bowlers when West Zone finally began their innings on the lifeless pitch, with two hours remaining.

But there were encouraging signs from Norman Cowans. In his eight-over new ball burst the Middlesex paceman claimed the wicket of Shrikant Kalyani, after earlier seeing him dropped behind.

Cowans also had several close appeals for leg before and gained more pace out of the pitch than any who had gone before him.

Sadly the breakthrough, made at 20, was not consolidated and by the close Vengsarkar and Lalchand Rajput had taken West Zone to 66 for one.

When the match enters its third and penultimate day today, the local side will only require another 192 to avoid the follow-on.

KENT WON'T RELEASE TAVARE

KENT have refused to release their former captain, Chris Tavare. The 30-year-old England batsman, relieved of the captaincy in September, had asked to be released from the remaining two years of his contract. But, in a statement

yesterday, the club said: 'The Kent executive committee have considered Chris Tavare's request for a release from his contract.

'Whilst sympathising with his disappointment at not being appointed captain

for 1985, the committee are not able to agree to release him.

'As we indicated last month when we offered to extend his contract for four years, we retained confidence in his ability to make a major contribution to the

Kent side and we hope, given time he will withdraw his request to leave.

'We believe our attitude to be in the best interest of English county cricket as well as for the county club and the player himself.'

RACING RESULTS

HAYDOCK

1.00 (2m 6f): GOOSEY GANDER P Tuck (5-2 fav)1; Free Choice (12-1)2; Repington (7-1)3; Tic-On-Rose (25-1)4. 10 ran. 15, 3. (J Jefferson) T: £2.90; £1.50, £2.30, £1.90. CSF: £30.03.

1.30 (4m): RIGHTHAND MAN G Bradley (6-4 on fav)1; Why Forget (3-1)2; Pilot Officer (12-1)3; Holborn Head (14-1)4. 5 ran. 34, dist. (Mrs A Dickinson) T: £1.50; £1.10, £2. CSF: £3.16. NR: Lorentino.

2.00 (2m 4f): FREEFLOW J Hansen (9-1)1; Barnbrook Again (7-4 on fav)2; Baluchi (25-1)3; Participation (11-2)4. 10 ran. 12, 8. (G Richards) T: £6.40; £1.60, £1.10, £3.80. CSF: £14.12. NR: Bailgate Express.

2.30 (2m): PEBBLE ISLAND J K Kinane (6-4)1; Golden Fancy (15-8 on fav)2. Only two ran. 25. (G Richards) T: £1.60.

3.00 (2m): RHOECUS G Bradley (11-8 on fav)1; Charlotte's Duncie (3-1)2; Maggie's Girl (8-1)3; Royal Laser (33-1)4. 19 ran. 3, 4. (Mrs A Dickinson) T: £1.90; £1.20, £1.40, £1.30. CSF: £4.62.

3.30 (2m 4f): A SURE ROW J Duggan (13-2)1; Duesenberg (7-4 fav)2; Rachel's Delight (8-1)3; Vitriolic (4-1)4. 16 ran. 15, 2. (Mrs S Oliver) T: £9.70; £1.90, £1.10, £1.50, £1.30. CSF: £18.99. NR: Al Khashab.

KEMPTON

12.45 (2/2m): ACARINE P A Farrell (11-8 fav)1; Kerry Jack (14-1)2; Cnoc Na Cuille (10-1)3; Kashill (50-1)4. 9 ran. 25, 1 1/2. (P W Harris) T: £2.10; £1.10, £2, £3. CSF: £18.54.

1.15 (2m): GALA'S IMAGE R Linley (13-8 fav)1; Mount Bolus (11-4)2; Isom Dart (25-1)3; Deep Trouble (12-1)4. 15 ran. 8, 15. (Mrs M Rimell) T: £3.10; £1.70, £1.10, £12.50. CSF: £6.89. NR: Bishop's Blaize.

1.45 (2/2m): DARC HANSEL S Smith Eccles (4-1)1; Oversway (10-1)2; Eddie Joe (12-1)3. Only three fshd. T: £4.50; £1.10, £6, £2.90. CSF: £39.16.

2.15 (3m 5f): HALLO DANDY N Doughty (9-4 fav)1; Crosa (11-4)2; Another Breeze (5-1)3; Herr Capitan (5-2)4. 5 ran. 20, same. (G Richards) T: £2.80; £1.40, £1.90. CSF: £7.85.

2.45 (2m): INDAMELODY S Smith

Eccles (10-1)1; Try to Remember (9-4 fav)2; Mister Golden (6-1)3; The Irish Rhine (8-1)4. 9 ran. 10, 10. (N Henderson) T: £9.30; £3.60, £1.90, £2.20. CSF: £32.84. NR: Pip.

3.15 (2m): RHEFFANOSA P Croucher (16-1)1; Pop Talk (9-2)2; Ballytrent (9-2)3; Lisliary Lad (10-1)4. 9 ran. 15, 15. (Miss A Sinclair) T: £18.60; £2.20, £1.50, £1.20. CSF: £88.91. NR: Celtic Crackle, Corston Lad & Monair.

TAUNTON

12.45 (2m 1f): MEARLIN P Murphy (2-1 fav)1; Just Joking (3-1)2; Ferdee Free (5-1)3; Waveney Wish (40-1)4. 13 ran. 7, 2. (J A Old) T: £3.50; £1.50, £1.70, £2.10. CSF: £7.10. NR: Tularowena.

1.15 (2m 1f): HONEYDEW WONDER C Brown (11-8 fav)1; Shiner's Pal (13-2)2; Seasoned Ember (50-1)3; Rix Woodcock (16-1)4. 16 ran. 30, 5. (D Elsworth) T: £3.40; £1.90, £2.90, £8.10. CSF: £12.20.

1.45 (3m 1f): IT'S ONLY A JOKE H Davies (evens fav)1; Pucka Fella (16-1)2; Ballydonagh (10-1)3; Rook Wood (33-1)4. 11 ran. 2, 2. (G Forster) T: £2, £1.40, £3.60, £3. CSF: 16.86.

NR: Jimmy Miff.
2.15 (2m 3f): LUCKY GEORGE J Burke (3-1)1; Golden Hornet (14-1)2; Celtic Beauty (12-1)3; Doucement (12-1)4. 12 ran. 2 1/2, 12. (R J Hodges) T: £2.70; £1.20, £3.60, £4.80. CSF: £41.87. NR: Akram, Funky Angel, Solerof and Only a Fool.

2.45 (2m 1f): DAMPIER G Newman (33-1)1; Snitterfield (20-1)2; Princess Isis (33-1)3; Bolt the Gate (33-1)4. 19 ran. 7, 2. (J H Baker) T: £88.20; £13.90, £4.50, £2.90, £6.70. CSF: £481.81. NR: Bold Illusion.

3.15 (2m 1f): TURKANA B Powell (evens fav)1; Coral Delight (6-1)2; Morning Match (6-1)3; Hope End (10-1)4. 13 ran. 1/2, 4. (S Mellor) T: £2.40, £1.10, £2, £1.70. CSF: £7.01. NR: Gn Perine

Windies will rise to challenge

CLIVE LLOYD is banking on his West Indies' cricketers shrugging off their surprise defeat by New South Wales and characteristically rising to the occasion in the second Test against Australia starting in Brisbane today.

The 40-year-old touring team captain brushed aside the 71-run setback against the state side in Sydney on Monday and emphasised West Indies aimed to extend their record-breaking sequence of Test wins to ten. Referring to the New South Wales upset, Lloyd said: 'You must remember 18 wickets fell on one day in that game, so it could not have been a good wicket in Sydney. We did play badly and we don't want to do that again.'

'We pull ourselves together when it counts. A Test match is a game we play very well and we hope to make it 13 straight wins in a row if possible.'

West Indies' win by an innings and 112 runs in the first of the five Tests, in Perth, was their ninth consecutive Test victory, one more than the previous record set by Warwick Armstrong's 1920-1921 Australians.

Lloyd also dismissed suggestions his team were vulnerable to spin which accounted for 15 of their 20 wickets in Sydney. 'Everyone keeps telling us we can't play spin,' he said. 'But we beat Pakistan in Pakistan, India in India and

England in England while they had very good spinners.'

Leg spinner Bob Holland and left arm spinner Murray Bennett caused the West Indians' downfall in Sydney by snapping up 15 wickets between them and were named in Australia's Test 12, but it is not certain both uncapped slow bowlers will play.

Australia will be able to select from a full strength squad after fast bowler Geoff Lawson passed a fitness test following a virus infection. Captain Kim Hughes said Tasmanian middle order batsman David Boon would bat at number six, winning his first cap, so Australia must either decide on an attack comprising all three pacemen and one of the spinners, or omit a fast bowler and play both slow men.

Hughes said: 'We know what we face but the pitch here may not have the same pace and bounce as Perth. This pitch here gives both teams an even chance.' West Indies named an unchanged 12 after fast bowler Courtney Walsh overcame a persistent sore throat.

TEAMS:
AUSTRALIA (from 12) — John Dyson, Kepler Wessels, Graeme Wood, Kim Hughes (captain), Allan Border, David Boon, Wayne Phillips, Murray Bennett, Bob Holland, Rodney Hogg, Geoff Lawson, Terry Alderman.
WEST INDIES (from 12) — Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Larry Gomes, Vivian Richards, Clive Lloyd (captain), Jeff Dujon, Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner, Courtney Walsh, Roger Harper.

Sports Line

Mac opts out

Wrist injury ruins 'slam' chance

JOHN McENROE has been ordered to take a two-week break from tennis because of a wrist injury and will not play in the Australian Open starting on Monday, an Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) official said in Melbourne yesterday.

The injury to his left wrist, sustained during practice in California two days ago, also puts

the left-hander in doubt for the United States' Davis Cup final against Sweden the week after the Open.

Telephone

Benji Robbins, the ATP representative in Melbourne for the Open, said he had held a three-way telephone conversation with McEnroe and the ATP office in Dallas early yesterday. But the call

failed to avert McEnroe's withdrawal.

'He was en route from New York to Melbourne when he saw his doctors,' Robbins said. 'They advised that he must take a complete break if the injury is to heal. John told me the wrist was causing him considerable pain.'

McEnroe had not played any tournament since he won the Scandinavian Open almost three weeks ago. He pulled out of the London Grand Prix and the European Champions' Cham-

pionship in Antwerp after incurring a fine for misconduct during the Stockholm semi-final leading to an automatic 21-day suspension.

Fine

He chose not to appeal against the fine in order to be free of the suspension in time for the Australian Open and stay on course for the Grand Slam of Wimbledon, the US, Australian and French Open titles.

McEnroe's withdrawal

has thrown Australian Open officials into confusion. The draw scheduled for today has been cancelled and will probably be held on Saturday or Sunday.

Lendl will now be the No.1 seed and officials said they were asking Jimmy Connors to replace McEnroe in the No. 2 spot.

If he declines, Swedish defending champion Mats Wilander will be the second seed, probably followed by another Swede Joakim Nystrom, and Australian teenager Pat Cash.



JOHN McENROE . . . Wrist injury has ruined his 'Grand Slam' hopes for this year

...and Pam takes break

PAM SHRIVER pulled out of three major tournaments on the women's tennis circuit early next year after crashing to a surprise defeat by lowly-ranked Marcella Mesker of Holland in the New South Wales Open yesterday.

The American, her form affected by a severe collapse of confidence, bowed out 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

'If I had to face the prospect of always playing like this, I'd get out altogether,' she told reporters afterwards.

'At the moment I have a horrendously negative attitude. I've just had too much of the whole thing . . . I'm not winning any of my close matches and it's definitely

the halftime point as far as my tennis career is concerned.

'The first half is over. I've gone through the stage of being an up-and-comer and then establishing myself in the top 10. Now it's time to regroup.'

Events

After the press conference, the Women's Tennis Association announced Shriver had withdrawn from events in Washington and Florida as well as the \$900,000 International Players' Championship at Delray Beach — allowing her a three-month break from commitments.

Mesker, ranked 64th in the world, threw away seven set points in the

second set but still managed to scramble home in the tiebreak.

Shriver slugged it out with her through a tense third set and at one stage had match point, only to throw it away.

Mesker will play American Ann Henrickson in the quarter-final round.

In other third round matches yesterday, West Germany's Bettina Bunge was ousted by American Zina Garrison 6-3 7-5 and Yvonne Vermaak beat Swiss youngster Christiane Jolissait 6-3 6-3.

The match between Puerto Rico-born Gigi Fernandez and Pascale Paradis of France was halted by rain with Fernandez leading 5-4 in the first set with a service break in hand.



PAM SHRIVER . . . A rest away from tennis

Wilander wins epic

SWEDEN'S Mats Wilander put an abrupt end to Kevin Curren's ambitions in the International Challenge round robin tennis tournament after a thrilling three-set win in Canberra yesterday.

Wilander, ranked fourth in the world, saved four match points on the way to beating the South African 6-4, 6-7, 7-6.

In last night's other match, Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl had an easy 6-4, 6-2 win over Sweden's Joakim Nystrom, who on Wednesday beat Australian Paul McNamee.

Defeat

For Curren, beaten by Melbourne teenager Pat Cash on Wednesday, the defeat meant an end to his hopes of winning the round robin tournament.

Curren, who has dropped from ninth in the world rankings last year to his current 21st position after a series of injuries, served in his usual devastating manner but failed to live up to the big points.

Wilander looked as though he would stroll to victory after breaking Curren's serve in the second game, but Curren broke back in the seventh. Wilander took the set with a second service break.

Curren aced his way to

winning the second-set tiebreaker 7-3 and looked to have regained form when he broke Wilander in the second game of the final set.

But the exchange of service breaks continued, with Wilander winning a game back in the fifth only to be broken again in the eighth.

Points

Curren, leading 5-3, held two match points in the 12th game but failed to capitalise on them, letting the Swede draw level at 6-6.

Wilander had little trouble taking the tiebreaker 7-2.

WORLD SOCCER REVIEW

Independiente say no

SOUTH AMERICAN soccer champions Independiente of Argentina have refused to stay at the same hotel as Liverpool before their match on December 9, the Japan Football Association said yesterday.

An Association official declined to say why the Argentine side had demanded a separate hotel. But he suggested that bitter memories of Argentina's 1982 war with Britain over the Malvinas Islands in the South Atlantic might be responsible.

The two teams, champions of their continents, will meet in Tokyo in the annual match to find the world's best club side.

Liverpool qualified by beating Roma of Italy in the European Champions' Cup final last May.

Independiente will arrive on December 4 and stay at the Takanawa Prince hotel. The Liverpool team are due two days later and will stay at the Tokyo Prince hotel, the Japanese Association said last night.

The match will be televised live to about 60 nations.

Argentina's international midfielders, Ricardo Enrique Bochini and Jorge Luis Burruchaga, and defender Enzo Hector Trossero will be included in a powerful Independiente line-up.

● DIEGO MARADONA has been suspended for one match after being sent off during Napoli's 1-1 draw with Ascoli last weekend.

The suspension means that Maradona, who cost Napoli \$7.5 million from Barcelona, will miss Sunday's home game against bottom-of-the-table Cremonese.

The Argentine striker was sent off with Ascoli's Enrico Nicolini, who received a two-match suspension, following a touchline incident when they both went for a loose ball.

● UNBEATEN Barcelona stayed top of the Spanish First Division with a hard-fought 2-0 home win over lowly Hercules on Wednesday night.

Rivals

The victory put the Catalan club five points clear of their nearest rivals, Valencia.

Valencia could only manage to draw 1-1 with Sporting Gijon.

● ZENIT, from Leningrad, will represent the Soviet Union in next season's European Champions Cup after winning the Soviet League for the first time on Wednesday.

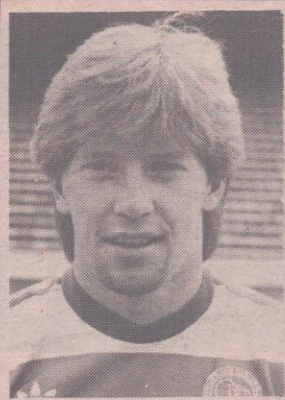
They had a convincing 4-1 victory over Metallist Kharkov to snatch the Championship from Spartak Moscow, who finished runners-up, and Dnieper, the 1983 champions.

LEAD FOR TAIWANESE

TAIWAN'S Hsieh Min-Nan shot a five-under-par 67 for a one-stroke lead after the first round of the 75 million yen (\$307,000) Kagoshima Open golf tournament in Japan yesterday. Britain's Sandy Lyle, Americans Gary Koch and Scott Hoch and Japan's Isao Aoki and Tsuneyuki Nakajima were joint second, one stroke back. Defending champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany shot an even-par 72 for a 12-way 27th tie with six Japanese, four Americans and one Taiwanese.



MATS WILANDER . . . Finally overcame Curren in Brisbane



Gary Waddock's

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Pay our jobless athletes

BY A SPORTS LINE REPORTER

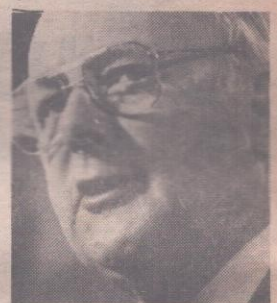
DENIS HOWELL, minister for sport in the last Labour government, believes that when out-of-work sportsmen go abroad to represent their country, they should continue to receive unemployment pay.

Speaking at the national conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) in Bournemouth yesterday Howell said: 'When young men and women go abroad for six weeks or so to represent Britain, at the Olympic Games and other big events, it is ridiculous that they lose all right to unemployment benefit.'

'The youngsters are told that, as they are not available for work at their location while they are abroad, they cannot be paid. This must be changed.'

'It is up to the present Minister of Sport to lean on his friends in the government to get this state of affairs sorted out.'

Howell also believes there should be a major



DENIS HOWELL

shake-up in sport administration in this country with the CCPR and the Sports Council joining forces. He said: 'Relations between the CCPR and the Sports Council have never been so disastrous. This is not the way to conduct sporting business.'

'It is not in the best interests for officials on both sides to be faced with this extraordinary confrontation. We ought not to have two sporting bodies.'

FINGERS CROSSED

BY A FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GRIMSBY manager Dave Booth will open his bottom drawer before the Milk Cup quarter-final clash against Norwich — and look for the slice of luck that could take his Second Division club nearer an improbable Wembley appearance.

'Norwich must be rubbing their hands together at the thought of coming here,' said Booth whose

side shocked favourites Everton in midweek.

'We just hope we haven't run out of luck by the time we play them and that there is a bit left in the bottom drawer.'

Booth did not need telling how Norwich counterpart Ken Brown reacted to the pairing: 'He will be saying that the only better draw they could have had was Grimsby at home — and on the face of

it you can't blame him,' said Booth.

Brown, whose side can reach the last four without facing First Division opposition, said exactly that... and a little bit more.

'The draw seems to be favouring us a little at present and now it is up to us to take advantage. No one will think it an easy tie, but we must be pleased,' acknowledged Brown.

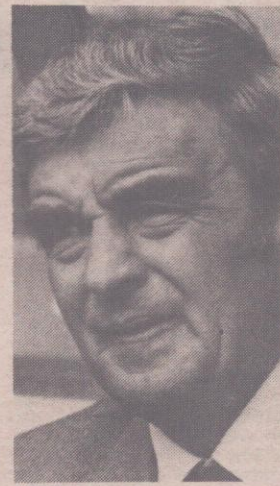
Coincidentally, Norwich are at home to Everton tomorrow.

'That could give people a form guide,' quipped Booth, whose club were drawn at home in a single leg Cup tie for the first time since they faced Wolves in the 1979-1980 League Cup fifth round.

'We are relieved to get a home tie and it could not have come at a better time,' added Booth. 'If Norwich can win their



PETER SHREEVES... Evens Stevens with Watford



JOHN NEAL... Played in the first ever League Cup final

Shreeves added: 'There will be a contrast in styles if we do win through — and recent results favour us. We have lost at home twice to Watford in the past two seasons — but won both matches at Vicarage Road.'

QPR face another away trip, to Ipswich, if they account for Southampton next Tuesday in their replay. And as far as Ipswich manager, Bobby Ferguson is concerned: 'I must admit I would prefer to play QPR.'

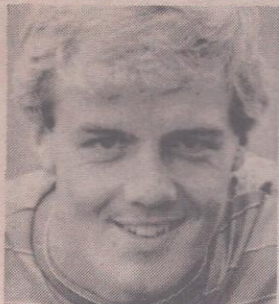
The fourth tie sees a clash between two of last season's promoted clubs, Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday, at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea manager John Neal has a soft spot for the competition, having helped Aston Villa win in the inaugural competition back in 1961.

'We had two really good games against Wednesday last season. They were no doubt choked not to win the Second Division championship and perhaps feel they have something to avenge,' said Neal.

Booth hopes luck still in

Kerry — Still room for improvement



KERRY DIXON... Not ready for England yet

CHELSEA'S backroom staff are trying to damp down the 'Kerry Dixon for England' chorus, but coach John Hollins admits it will be hard to ignore the 23-year-old striker if he continues to show the finishing touch which brought him a Milk Cup hat-trick against Manchester City on Wednesday night.

'If at the end of the sea-

son he has kept up his present rate and scored 40 goals or so, then he has surely proved his ability,' said Hollins last night.

'But our aim here is to make him the perfect striker. We want him to be more aware of those around him, to make goals as well as score them. To create space, take players away to let others in.'

'I want him to be the perfect all-round player.'

Hollins admits he was a little disappointed that he never made either the recent England 'B' team or the Under-21s as an over-age player.

Assistant manager Ian McNeill believes he has seen a change in the ex-Reading striker's attitude

recently. 'Once I had the impression he would be happy if the team lost 10-1 and he had scored our goal — but not now.'

'He realises there is more to the game than his contribution. He chased back 30 yards on Wednesday to challenge for a ball. That pleased me more than his goals.'

Spencer bundled out

UNSEEDDED Bradford professional Joe Johnson clinched a second-round place in the Coral UK snooker championships at Preston yesterday with a 9-6 victory over No.13 seed John Spencer.

The 32-year-old Yorkshireman, who had come through the qualifiers, overcame Spencer in a tough struggle after the Radcliffe player fought back from a 6-2 deficit overnight.

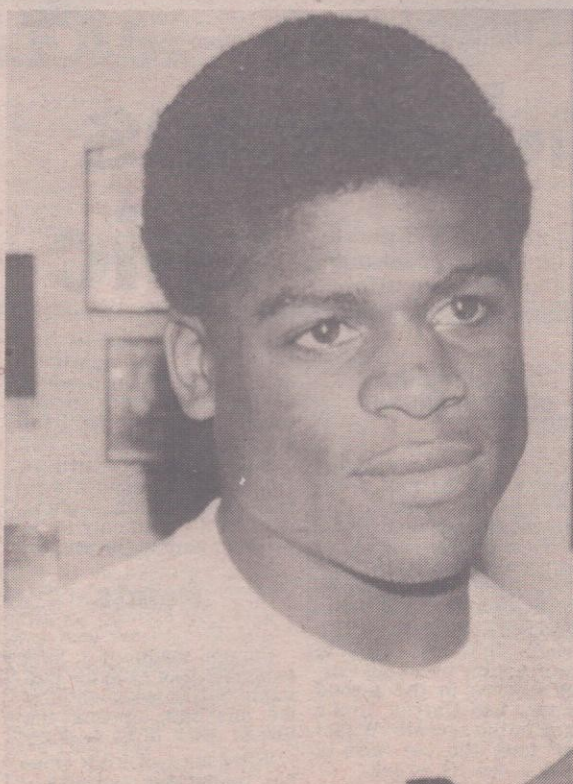
Spencer pulled back to 6-4, and later 7-5, but

could not sustain his revival and Johnson survived to earn a last 16 match with Kirk Stevens.

Manchester's David Taylor earned a second-round meeting with Welshman Ray Reardon by beating Edinburgh's Murdo MacLeod 9-6.

In a later session, Terry Griffiths, a former champion at Preston, was in serious trouble against unseeded Cliff Wilson, trailing 5-2.

Wilson, the 50-year-old 300-1 outsider, breezed into a comfortable lead over the No.9 seed with a sparkling display in their 17-frame first-round match.



ERROL CHRISTIE... Building up to world title fight

Christie's latest date

Looking for some serious competition

ERROL CHRISTIE will meet Barry Audia of Knoxville, Tennessee, at Alexandra Pavilion on December 5.

Christie, the 21-year-old Coventry middleweight, is hoping for serious competition after winning his last two contests in a total of less than two minutes.

Christie beat Rico Hoyer in Halifax in 71 seconds on November 1 and Cecil Pettigrew in 36 seconds two weeks later.

Audia has a record of 22 wins in 23 fights. He has never been stopped and he has beaten 17 opponents inside the distance. But this does not mean that his chin is any more

durable than Christie's other 15 victims.

Christie's manager, Burt McCarthy, defends his decision to keep his 21-year-old prospect away from big-name opponents, despite his potential.

'If he goes into the top 15 and wins, where does he go from there?' asked McCarthy yesterday. 'He would have to continue at that level at a time when he is still young enough to be looking for experience rather than fame. After all, he is not 22 until next June.'

McCarthy also said that he is not renewing his challenge to British champion, Mark Kaylor, to whom he has offered £40,000 for a Christie

fight. 'I've made the challenges and they haven't been taken up, and that's the end of it,' he said.

'The plan now is to fight at least once a month, hopefully against opposition that will stretch him, until the end of the season. Then, by his 22nd birthday he will be ready for anyone in the world's top ten.'

Christie's addition to the Alexandra Pavilion bill makes it one of the strongest of the year. America's Marvis Frazier meets unbeaten heavyweight, Funso Banjo, in the chief contest, and Pat Cowdel, European super featherweight champion and Terry Marsh, British light welterweight champion, are also on the programme.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

(7.30p.m. kick-off)

DIVISION IV

Crewe v Halifax

Port Vale v Chester

Tranmere v Northampton