

Miners' news every day

SINCE DAY ONE, News Line has been reporting and photographing the miners' strike. On Saturday we were in Derby, where miners and local trade unionists (right) enthusiastically applauded speakers including NUM president Arthur Scargill. See a full report and more pictures in our four-page pull-out starting on page 7. Be sure of YOUR copy of News Line every day to follow the miners' action, plus all the national and international news and sport. Phone our circulation manager Clare Cowen on 01-720 2000, or write to the Circulation department, 21B Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 0JT.



OIL PRICE SLUMP WARNING

SAUDI ARABIA, with the support of the United States, is planning to send British North Sea oil prices crashing as producers struggle for survival in a glutted market.

The new Reagan administration has coincided with the end of the US speculative boom, and with analysts warning of a 1929-style collapse. American capitalism is determined to force down oil prices because every \$1 reduction acts as a tax cut within the US.

But a sharp fall in oil prices would bring an immediate crash in the value of sterling and destroy the British banks.

These banks have billions in outstanding loans to the oil companies, and the servicing of these debts depends utterly on the price of oil remaining high.

British oil prices fell well below the official mark last week, but the Tory government has ordered production to be stepped up in a desperate bid to maintain tax revenues and help finance the cost of trying to destroy the NUM.

Voice

This has angered the Saudis, who are the leading voice in the Organisation of Oil Petroleum Exporters (OPEC). At the weekend, Saudi oil minister Sheikh Yamani warned Tory Energy Secretary Peter Walker that OPEC would not allow itself to be used to prop up the market while their oil goes unsold.

Yamani's warning coincided with the cancellation by King Fahd of a £1 billion defence contract with Britain.

Although the British press is saying the decision

BY PAUL FELDMAN

reflects displeasure with Tory Middle East policies, it is clear that the tension over oil is behind the crisis in relations.

Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine was sent down to Riyadh last week, but was given the cold shoulder by the Saudis.

Speaking about oil price, Yamani told a Sunday newspaper: 'There could be a real panic on the market. The situation is very alarming and very risky.'

He added: 'Britain is relying on OPEC to protect the price level. It feels free to manoeuvre.'

'But if for any reason it could not take OPEC for granted, it would be very dangerous for Britain.'

In a message specifically for Walker, Yamani said: 'Your ability to compete in any price war is very limited.'

'Some of your oilfields are producing at a very high cost. If the price fell, you would have to shut them down.'

Extract

It is generally agreed that North Sea oil is unprofitable to extract at anything below \$20 a barrel, while OPEC oil is far, far cheaper to bring up from land-based sources.

Last month the official price of North Sea oil was \$30 a barrel; on Friday it

was changing hands in the markets at \$27.00.

It had lost 75 cents in a week's trading, and was well below the new British North Sea Oil Corporation (BNOC) price of \$28.65.

'Basically, no refiner wants it,' one trader said. One BNOC customer said: 'The official price is too high and the market is going to get worse.'

BNOC is selling up to 400,000 barrels a day at a loss on the spot market, eating rapidly into the £45 million of external financing grant to the corporation by the government last month.

Despite an agreement to cut production reached by

OPEC recently, member states in grave financial difficulties are doing exactly the opposite and flooding the market.

Nigeria, which broke ranks and cut its price to match BNOC's reduction, has increased production. The country has foreign debts of \$16 billion to finance.

Discount

Iran is offering a \$2 discount, while the United Arab Emirates has raised production. OPEC as a price and production cartel is finished.

The agreement was for a cut in production to 16 mil-

lion barrels a day, but OPEC members are now turning out over 6 per cent more.

Together with expanding British production, the result has been a fall in OPEC prices.

The OPEC product comparable with North Sea oil fell from \$28.05 to \$27.50 last week, compared with the official price of \$29.

The deepening slump in the US, the continued high price of the dollar and the mild winter have combined to cut demand.

The intensification of the crisis of British capitalism through an oil price war is accompanied by a sharp deterioration in its trading



Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Yamani

position on the world markets.

The non-oil trade deficit was running at £1.15 billion a month in the four months to October.

In same period, the average volume of non-oil imports was 14.5 per cent higher than the average monthly figure for 1983.

Rivals

While its rivals have gained from America's huge trade deficit, British exports to the United States have actually fallen by 7 per cent.

The Tories have used the £12 billion a year in revenue from North Sea oil to finance imports of consumer goods to keep the middle class happy, create mass unemployment and pay for the extra fuel imports to fight the miners' strike.

The impending collapse of oil prices — obeying the laws of the market so revered by Thatcher — will reveal the total bankruptcy of British capitalism and drive forward the conditions for all-out class confrontation and social revolution.

MARCOS TROOPS IN GUN BATTLE

MANILA — The Philippine army has laid siege to Zamboanga City, on southern Mindanao Island, in the wake of a gun battle that left at least eight people dead and 15 wounded yesterday.

Police said members of a Muslim separatist organisation fired machine guns and grenade launchers when soldiers raided the house of a city police officer, Abdurassal Alih.

Troops backed up by tanks and armoured cars surrounded the two-storey house on a busy street near where Mayor Cesar Climaco was assassinated on November 14.

Latest reports from the scene said the shooting had stopped, but the military

had sent in more soldiers carrying bazookas and had started to evacuate residents, witnesses said.

Some civilians died during the shooting, but most of the casualties were soldiers. Alih was killed in the battle.

The house was owned by

Alih, whose family the regime of President Ferdinand Marcos is trying to implicate in the assassination of Climaco.

Climaco, 68, considered one of the most colourful Philippine politicians, was a persistent foe of the ailing Marcos.

Even as the gunbattle rocked the southern city, new rumours circulated in Manila that Marcos was suffering from a chronic heart ailment from which he is not expected to recover.

Climaco was serving his third term as mayor

PLO DISCUSSES JORDAN LINKS

FROM JOHN SPENCER

AMMAN, Sunday — King Hussein's call on the PLO to accept UN Resolution 242 was criticised this evening as the Palestine National Council got down to political discussion after two days of procedural wrangles and fraternal messages.

Abdullah Franji, the PLO's representative in Bonn, said he favoured the strengthening of relations with Jordan to avoid a repeat of the 'Black September' massacre of 1970.

But he took issue with the King's proposal about 242, the resolution passed by the UN after the 1967 war which defines the Palestinian issue purely as a refugee problem.

The resolution has never been accepted by the PLO, and two of the organisation's leading figures, Abu Jihad and Abu Iyyad, have already said outside the conference that they will not accept it now.

Franji urged that the movement should stick to the resolution adopted at the Fez summit which calls for the establishment of an independent state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip under the leadership of the PLO as the sole legitimate repre-

sentative of the Palestinians.

Franji also demanded the expulsion of Khaled Fahoum, the pro-Syrian Speaker of the PNC, who was replaced by former Jordanian minister Skeikh Abdul Hamid Sayeh earlier in the conference.

Fahoum's crime was refusing to convene the conference under pressure from the Syrians, who have done everything possible to try and sabotage the holding of the PNC.

The conference has not yet discussed Fahoum's position in detail. At the session in which he was voted out, PLO chairman Arafat and others argued

that he should simply be removed without detailed discussion.

Abu Lutf pointed out that the Algiers PNC last year had agreed on the establishment of a confederation with Jordan after the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

He said it was in the national interest to have brotherly relations with Jordan, where the majority of exiled Palestinians live.

A clear Jordanian-Palestinian strategy was in the interests of the Palestinians and was a necessary element in the development of an all-Arab strategy, he said.

Abu Lutf also dealt with

the struggle with Syria, pointing out the political nature of the conflict between Syria's regime and the tilts towards Iraq.

'The essence of the conflict lies in Syria's continued attempt to contain the PLO, to expropriate its decision-making power and intervene in Palestinian internal affairs, he said.

In their remarks about the Hussein plan, both Abu Jihad and Abu Iyyad stressed the importance of the armed struggle against the Zionist-imperialist enemy.

Abu Jihad said: 'The PLO's stance towards Resolution 242 is clear and has not changed.

'We welcome joint Jordanian-Palestinian moves and joint Arab action on the Arab and international arenas provided they do not encroach upon the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination, and to establish an independent state on the liberated territory of Palestine and on the right of the PLO to be the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.'

Abu Iyyad said: 'The military struggle is a must. Escalation of the military struggle must be coupled with a political initiative. Experience has proved that the two are inseparable.'

INVITATION CALLED OFF

AN INVITATION to PLO leader Yassir Arafat to visit Britain next week has been withdrawn.

The PLO chairman had been asked to come to London on December 16 to launch a new book titled 'Arafat — terrorist or peacemaker'.

Now publishers Sedgwick and Jackson say the visit is off.



GCHQ warning

DEFIANT trade union members at GCHQ Cheltenham have been told by its director Peter Marychurch that the Tory ban on union rights would 'now be fully implemented'.

His warning followed last week's Law Lords' decision to uphold the ban decreed by Prime Minister Thatcher in January.

WOMAN CAR WORKER SACKED AT LONGBRIDGE

BY AN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN worker at Austin Rover's Longbridge plant in Birmingham has been sacked in a fresh attack on trade union organisation by the company.

Sheila McGreavy, a member of the transport union who has worked in the sewing room at Longbridge for many years, was dismissed following inci-

dents which were alleged to have taken place on the picket line during the recent pay strike.

Her sacking comes as Austin Rover prepares to launch contempt proceedings today against her union for defying a High Court order to end the strike.

The transport union is challenging the company's allegation that McGreavy assaulted women workers who crossed the picket line and scabbed on the dispute at Longbridge.

Transport union leaders at the plant are currently collecting statements from other workers who were on the picket line before an appeal against the sacking is made this week.

Threats

McGreavy's sacking also coincided with open threats by the company to launch further attacks on the shop stewards' movement and its refusal to include a 'no victimisation' clause in its pay deal with the unions.

Senior shop stewards refused to sign the deal last week because of this and a further meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee is planned for December 5.

In its document the company also indicated its intention to slash jobs and bonuses while introducing more speed-up.

Meanwhile every worker at the Cowley assembly plant in Oxford has re-

ceived a letter from the plant director, DG Dickson, appealing for 'a fresh start', and warning workers who fight to defend their jobs and working conditions that they could face the sack.

The letter states: 'I want to make it clear, therefore, that if there is a reversion to the unconstitutional stoppages, we shall have no option but to take very firm disciplinary action against those taking part or leading such actions.'

'We do not want to threaten anyone but all employees should be in no doubt that the people responsible for unconstitutional disputes will find their own employment terminated.'

Dickson then urges workers not to 'allow the extremists to destroy our future'.

During the two-week pay strike Cowley workers were given a sinister foretaste of the management's intentions when they found themselves being photographed on the picket line from inside the plant.

Pickets were told by superintendents who crossed their lines that they faced the sack within six months.

All these attacks are being mounted in the wake of the wretched capitulation by leaders of the AUEW engineering union and the EETPU electricians' union in the face of court action by the company during the pay strike.

McLennan closes down London CP Congress

THE LONDON district congress of the Communist Party came to a stormy end on Saturday when general secretary Gordon McLennan and his followers staged a walk-out.

The proposed two-day congress at the GLC's County Hall broke down after just three and a half hours.

BY ALEX MITCHELL



McLENNAN

It was the biggest and bitterest clash so far between the McLennan leadership and the so-called 'hardliners' in Tony Chater's faction at the 'Morning Star'.

Saturday's eruption at the London district congress means that the 'Euro-Stalinists' and the so-called 'hardliners' find it more and more difficult to co-exist in the same party.

British Stalinism is split from top to bottom and nothing can be done to repair it. Now the expulsions will start and the growth of factions will proliferate.

First on the expulsion list will be three members of the party's executive committee who refused to follow McLennan when he called for a walk-out from the congress. They are Mike Hicks, a SOGAT 82 official, black trade unionist Winston Pinder, and Mrs Maggie Bowden.

The unprecedented scenes at the London congress began with last Friday night's emergency meeting of the Communist Party's executive committee at the St John Street headquarters.

It was called to discuss how to prevent a political coup by Chater's faction at the following day's London congress. About 75 per cent of the names on the 'recommended list' were Chaterites whose political allegiance is not to the Communist Party leadership but to the management committee of the People's Press Printing Society.

Cancel

To thwart a Chater takeover, the executive decided to cancel elections for the incoming London district committee on the grounds that there had been a number of 'malpractices' in the selection of delegates in certain London branches.

Outside the meeting about 50 so-called 'hardliners' mounted a picket demanding that the party leadership allow the London elections to go ahead. The 'Morning Star' sent a photographer to take pictures of this unusual inner-party event.

At 9 o'clock on Friday night the executive committee gave its decision to a specially-called meet-

ing of the London district committee. This was followed by a heated discussion which ended around 11 o'clock.

When Mike Hicks opened the congress in Room 127 at County Hall on Saturday he immediately declared that it would go into closed session, thereby debarring visitors and the press.

Debate

On behalf of the executive, McLennan announced that the district committee elections had been cancelled. Although the delegates were free to debate the EC's ruling, no vote would be allowed since the London congress is a subordinate body to the executive.

Furious protests greeted his announcement. When pro-party speakers tried to intervene they were shouted down by a highly vocal group of 'tankies'.

Shortly before one o'clock McLennan made his reply through a barrage of loud boeing. Instead of then pursuing the agenda and calling on UCATT official Lou Lewis to give the political report, chairman Hicks began taking questions and further discussion from the floor.

Following a ten-minute break the raucous discussion continued until Ivan Beavis, a NALGO official and 'hardliner', moved a resolution to take next business. This was interpreted by Hicks to mean a vote on the executive committee's ruling — a vote which McLennan had specifically ruled out of order as contrary to the constitution of the party.

When Hicks said that he was going to take the vote, McLennan stood up and asked all party members who upheld the majority policy of the party and its congress to leave the hall.

He, NUM vice-president Mick McGahey (who had come to give fraternal greetings), national organiser and acting London district secretary Ian McKay walked off the platform taking about 125 delegates with them.

McLennan and the 'Euros' were joined by Fergus Nicholson and members of the 'Straight Left' faction who are desperately concerned not to offend the constitution and be thrown out.

Outside the hall the pro-party group heard rousing speeches from Solly Kaye and McGahey who said that the struggle to regain control of the 'Morning Star' would continue.

Estimates vary as to how many stayed behind. But News Line has been told it was slightly less than the 125 who followed McLennan out.

The Chater group kept the fictional congress going for a further 20 minutes passing a resolution which condemned the executive committee's decision to stop the elections. They then broke up apparently saying that the congress should be recalled in three months' time.

Jobs

In fact, the 'hardliners' in the leadership of the London district committee won't be calling anything because they are unlikely to be in the Communist Party in three months' time.

Some, like London organiser Roger Trask, will be suspended from their jobs as part of a 'political reorganisation'.

The party leadership is planning to call another emergency meeting of the executive committee in the next two weeks. Saturday's events makes unpostponable the move for disciplinary action against the chief culprit — Tony Chater, editor of the 'Morning Star'.

£8,000 Monthly Fund November Fund — It's urgent now!

WE ARE rapidly running out of time. There are now only five days left during which we urge you to go flat out to complete our £8,000 target. There is £1,010.16 in — leaving most of this amount yet to raise. Please join us all this week in one huge effort to raise it all.

There was a magnificent struggle to complete our £25,000 Development Fund and we are confident that your support is there to raise our monthly fund on top. But don't delay. Post in every amount immediately.

The battle has hardened between the miners and the government. The Tories must proceed

to do everything possible to break the firm resistance of the NUM to the destruction of jobs. It is the future of the working class that is being fought out and the only way forward for millions of workers is to be ready to take the power and carry out the socialist revolution.

There is no other way. The News Line speaks out loud and clear. So put your fullest support behind our paper. Don't hold back. Go into action and collect in every amount you possibly can. Post all donations to:

News Line November Appeal Fund,
21b Old Town, Clapham,
SW4 0JT

GATT meeting

GENEVA — The post-World War II trade body GATT opens an annual meeting of its 90 contracting parties today under the hammer blows of the world economic and political crisis.

Set up as part of the Bretton-Woods agreement of 1944 to organise and balance bankrupt imperialism's shattered world markets, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is meeting at the height of increasingly bitter trade war.

CND moves right

CND drew back from formally attacking Soviet nuclear weapons yesterday, although the anti-communist position of the leadership was made clear.

After a heated debate, a motion calling for a campaign against Soviet weapons was shelved by the annual conference meeting in Sheffield. A vote to decide whether to refer the motion back was defeated on a card vote.

But the anti-Soviet nature of CND shone through

Scargill appeal

MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill made a fresh appeal for support from other unions last night, on the eve of today's meeting of a senior TUC committee on the strike.

Scargill urged power and steel workers to stop the movement of coal and oil to power stations and steel plants.

Postal workers' union leader Alan Tuffin will propose the TUC meet Prime Minister Thatcher for talks over the strike.

SCAB FIGURES FIDDLE EXPOSED

NCB's own auditors refuse to ratify figures

THE Coal Board and the Thatcher government have systematically fiddled figures showing the number of scabs being herded into the pits to sustain their lie that the miners' strike is 'crumbling'.

According to the 'Observer' newspaper, which has obtained copies of Coal Board documents, the NCB's own auditors last week refused to ratify the board's return-to-work figures.

The NCB documents show that government ministers lied throughout the summer about the numbers breaking the strike.

In July Prime Minister Thatcher and Energy Secretary Peter Walker claimed in the Commons

that there were more than 60,000 men defying the strike.

According to the internal Coal Board documents this figure could only be reached by including: more than 3,000 men providing safety cover with NUM permission, 5,500 members of the pit deputies' union Nacods, 3,700 members of the clerical union APEX and 14,500 members of the management association, BACM — all of whom were not on strike.

Row

When the auditors, Thomson McLintock, arrived at Hobart House to examine the figures last Monday, a flaming row erupted when they would only confirm that 51,000 men were crossing picket lines that day. The Board

had claimed the number was nearer 60,000.

The auditors had been called in at the suggestion of part-time Board member Sir Melvyn Rosser to try and boost the NCB's campaign to bribe strikers back to work.

Red-faced NCB officials are reported to have persuaded their own auditors that they had failed to 'understand' the figures.

In its analysis of the so-called 'drift back' for the week ending November 16, the NCB's manipulation of figures is again transparent.

For instance the NCB estimates that 66,409 men were defying the strike, but automatically includes in that figure 9,100 miners who were on the sick.

BY SIMON VEVERS

The figure excludes 3,500 miners on long-term sick leave in striking areas, but again assumes that those in areas where there are a majority scabbing would be opposed to the strike.

Ironically the NCB figures also reveal that the number of new strikers has risen to about 100 per week.

Support

They also show that in the North Derbyshire area the NUM's figure of 3,500 scabs is probably an underestimation of the level of support for the strike.

Local colliery officials last week supplied the 'Observer' with figures showing that 3,326 NUM

members were working. In its desperation to break the strike, the NCB inflated the figures by more than 1,000.

The NCB has counted the Bolsover pit in the North Derbyshire area when it comes under the Nottinghamshire NUM. It has also included in its back-to-work statistics white-collar workers at the Shirebrook colliery who are not even members of the NUM and 68 apprentices attending the Grassmoor training centre with NUM permission.

The 'Observer' proposed that area NUM secretary Gordon Butler should be allowed to examine the time sheets at each pit in the presence of NCB officials and reporters from the paper.

The request was turned down on the grounds that

Benefit cuts under fire

THE TORIES' decision to cut £1 from the benefit of striking miners and others will come under attack in the Commons today.

The debate on the issue follows last week's chaotic scenes when about 30 Labour MPs disrupted a government statement on the cut and the sitting was suspended.

But leader of the Commons John Biffin made it clear yesterday in a television interview that there is no chance of the Tories changing their mind.

It is becoming clearer that the attack on the striking miners' benefit is only a part of government plans to cut benefits for everybody.

New benefits come into force today for the 1.8 million elderly disabled who receive the long-term rate of supplementary benefit.

In order to save £86 million the Tories are taking between 50p and £1 from the help they receive for heating and special diets.

Shadow Minister for the disabled Alf Morris said: 'To knock £1 a week off the heating addition for the elderly disabled is a brutal attack on their living standards.'

He added: 'Again for some of the victims it will mean choosing between heating and eating.'

Every year thousands of pensioners die of hypothermia and the Tories' response is to decree that elderly disabled have been getting too much help in heating their homes.

Whatever is said in today's debate it is clear the Tories intend to intensify their attacks on all social security benefits.



GORDON BUTLER

Butler would obtain the addresses of strike-breakers. In fact the books do not contain addresses.

NCB will not budge

THE National Coal Board will not restart negotiations with the NUM unless it surrenders in advance to the pit closure programme.

This was made clear at the weekend by the Board's chief spokesman Michael Eaton who said: 'Talks can only start again if the NUM will give a copper-bottomed guarantee, before starting negotiations, that they will not insist that pits cannot close until they are exhausted.'

Eaton admitted that NCB chairman Ian MacGregor's prediction of 'half the NUM membership back at work by Christmas' was now rather optimistic.

Heating cash cut for OAPs

AN OLD people's charity today attacks cuts in the amount of money paid to supplement pensioners for heating.

Age Concern England said of the changes: 'The main beneficiary has been the DHSS. It was able to make large savings — £74 million — at the expense of many of our poorest pensioners, while spending a far smaller amount — £23 million — on extensions to the scope of heating additions.'

Safety booklet

'SAFETY Reps in Action' has just been published by the Labour Research Department. The booklet deals with health and safety in work and particularly the role of safety reps.

It clearly explains the legal requirements of employers towards the safety of the workforce.

'Safety Reps in Action' is available from the Labour Research Department, price 95p.

'Stand with us' — miners' wife



Annette Holroyd addressing the Camden Assembly yesterday

'THE miners need the whole working class to come out and stand shoulder to shoulder with us,' a striking miner's wife from Nottinghamshire told a meeting of the Camden Assembly yesterday.

Annette Holroyd, whose husband works at Blidworth Colliery, told the 100 delegates that the actions of the police in her village had been terrifying, with

hundreds of them surrounding her house at one point.

She made an impassioned plea for support, saying that miners and their families were suffering great hardship.

Jack Holt, Kent NUM area council member, told the meeting: 'Our only crime is fighting for our jobs, and we've had to resist a para-military police

force, and a hostile judiciary and media.'

The assembly passed a resolution, moved by Pete Farrell, a UCATT shop steward for the Camden direct workers, calling for united action by all local government workers with the NUM.

Every section of the labour and trade union movement must be united through the organisation

of an indefinite General Strike, the resolution declared.

A resolution of support for the homeless families occupying Camden Town Hall was also passed.

Other platform speakers included Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth Council, John McDonnell, deputy leader of the GLC and Camden Councillor Anna Bowden.

'Belgrano' diary 'panic'

THE Tories have asked the Director of Public Prosecutions to examine extracts from a private diary kept by an officer on the nuclear submarine which sank the 'General Belgrano'.

Yesterday's 'Observer' published parts of the diary kept by an officer on the 'Conqueror'. He has left the navy and is living abroad.

The extracts say the atmosphere in the control

room was 'electric' after three torpedoes were fired at the Argentine cruiser.

After explosions were heard, there was 'uproar... hysterical stamping and cheering and it became quiet only after two or three minutes', the diary reads.

The decision to call in the DPP, taken by the Defence Ministry, was attacked by Labour MP George Foulkes.

He said there was nothing in the 'Observer' that was not already published in other newspapers.

'It is public knowledge that this diary has been available and I myself have a photo-copy of it.'

'This is a panic move by the Ministry of Defence to divert attention from the main issue of the missing log and the log that was destroyed.'

LaBour workers unite with miners

A GROUP of 26 Engineers at LaBour Pumps, Denington Estate, Wellingborough, who have been on strike for over nine months, have united with the Wellingborough and District Miners' Support Group to put their respective cases across to the public.

The first solidarity action is planned for next Satur-

day at 1.30p.m. when supporters from all over the county will be joined by striking miners from pits in the Midlands and engineers from Vauxhall Motors, Luton.

They will march from the LaBour Pumps factory for a rally at the Sir Christopher Hatton School, Brickhill Road, Wellingborough.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

==XMAS BAZAARS==

LONDON

Saturday December 15, 12 noon
Morpeth School, Morpeth Road
off Roman Road, E3
Dance at 7.30p.m.
Vernon Hall, Roman Road, E3
(near Prestos)

LEEDS

Saturday December 15
12 noon
The Corn Exchange

PETERBOROUGH
Saturday December 15
12 noon
Taynells Community Centre
Orton Goldhay

LEICESTER
Saturday December 15
12 noon
Stockingfarm Community Centre
Marwood Road

IPSWICH
Saturday December 15
1p.m.
Stone Lodge Community Centre
Hawthorn Drive
Chantry

COVENTRY

Saturday December 22
12 noon
Sydney Stringer School
Vine Street

GLASGOW

Saturday December 22
12 noon
Rutherglen Burgh Halls
King Street

MANCHESTER

Saturday December 22
12 noon
Edgehill Community Centre
Salford Precinct

LIVERPOOL

Saturday December 22
12 noon
St Finbars Club
Dingle Mount
Liverpool 8

WORLD
SUMMARYBhutto
urges
pressure

WEST BERLIN — Benazir Bhutto, the daughter of executed former Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has urged Western governments to step up pressure for an end to what she described as murder by military court trial under the military dictatorship of President Zia ul-Haq.

Dead

MAPUTO — A guerrilla leader of the counter-revolutionary Mozambique National Resistance has been found dead on a sofa under a tree in his camp in southern Mozambique after an army attack in which 14 mercenaries were killed, Maputo Radio said at the weekend.

Dissidents

DURBAN — There was no chance that three South African dissidents sheltering in the British consulate would leave until lawyers were allowed to visit them, one of their lawyers said at the weekend.

Toll

BONN — Fourteen people have died in storm-related accidents across Europe and hurricane-force winds continued to lash the area yesterday.

Grenades

LISBON — Three grenades exploded at the United States embassy early yesterday, damaging a car in the grounds but causing no casualty.

CAIRO 'HIT SQUAD'

'It was all, of course, nonsense' — says 'Observer'

FURTHER searching doubts have been cast on Egyptian government claims to have captured a British-Maltese 'hit squad' involved in plans to assassinate a list of world leaders.

Most of the Sunday papers suggested that the four men now under arrest in Cairo were adventurers, fortune-hunters or James Bond fantasists.

The 'Sunday Times' said: 'Reports emerging from Egypt last week of Libyan plans to eliminate several Western leaders using "suicide squads" have bewildered British and American intelligence agencies.

'They say that despite repeated requests they have received no firm evidence from the Egyptians to substantiate President Hosni Mubarak's claim that a four-man "hit squad" arrested in Cairo was aware of any plan by Colonel Gaddafi to murder seven heads of governments, including Mrs Thatcher.

'In fact, the plan to kill a former Libyan Prime Minister, Abdul Hamid Bakoush, was such a bungled affair that the agencies are not inclined to give any credence to reports of a worldwide campaign of Libyan-sponsored terror.'

In striking contrast to the sensational reports in the Egyptian media and last week's Tory daily papers in Britain, the 'Sunday Times' researchers concluded: 'The picture that emerged

from inquiries in Egypt, Malta and Britain last week was that the four men, two Englishmen and two Maltese, were amateurs who stumbled into an Egyptian "sting".

'Judging from accounts released by the authorities, the plot had no chance of success from the moment the men climbed on board their planes to Cairo.'

In the first editions the 'Sunday Times' carried a report on Page 2 that one of the detained Britons, Godfrey Shiner, may have betrayed his accomplices to Egyptian intelligence. But the story was dropped from later editions.

The original item said: 'Western intelligence sources believe that a plot to kill a former Libyan Prime Minister in Egypt was betrayed to the security services by one of the Englishmen now held in a Cairo jail.

Tipped off

'The American and British sources maintain that Godfrey Shiner, 41, who has had business dealings with Colonel Gaddafi's regime for five years, tipped off the Egyptians well before the four-man "hit squad" arrived in Cairo.

'The Egyptians were able to monitor their operation, even making a secret video film of the preparations, for training purposes.'

'The Observer' was equally sceptical of the Egyptian President's wild accusations. It said: 'Two Britons are held in an Egyptian jail this weekend accused of being international hit-men on the scale of Carlos the Jackal.

'In fact, the extraordinary plot to kill one of Libya's political opponents was a bungled and amateur operation from the start, seized on by Egyptian intelligence to

expose Colonel Gaddafi to maximum embarrassment.'

'The Observer' investigation concluded: 'Gill and his team were paraded in Cairo, where the fertile imagination of the Egyptian security police, added to Gill's natural tendency to boast, com-

bined to form a staggering picture: his confessions included a hit-list said to include Mrs Thatcher, President Mitterrand, Chancellor Kohl and President Mubarak of Egypt; the government of Pakistan was to be overthrown; the team had had a hand in the death of Mrs Gandhi

(some mistake here, since the Libyans claimed Mrs Gandhi as a firm friend).

'It was all, of course, nonsense.

'But it was easily broadcast by the Egyptians to the intense embarrassment and anger of the Libyans.'

Delay in Beirut
security plan

BEIRUT — Lebanon's national unity government has agreed to a 24-hour delay in a key security plan for the capital due to have taken effect yesterday.

Syrian vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam met Lebanese leaders at the weekend for talks intended to ensure the success of the plan, supported by Syria and the Falangist and Muslim factions.

As they met, army commander General Michel Aoun decided to postpone until today an operation aimed at imposing full state authority on Beirut.

Military sources gave 'technical reasons' for the delay in the plans to deploy three brigades to complete an army takeover of the city, which was to have begun in July.

Khaddam, Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami and Shi'ite Muslim leader Nabih Berri appeared after the talks to be confident that deployment would go ahead after midnight last night, 24 hours later than originally scheduled.

State-run news organisations quoted security

sources as saying the army would begin moving into position on the Beirut-Damascus road next Sunday. The road, closed for more than a year, runs through mountains where army units frequently exchange fire with Druze militiamen.

Next Sunday's planned army takeover of the coast road to the Israeli lines 25 miles south of Beirut will include the Iqlim al-Kharroub region, where Druze forces confront a Falangist enclave.

The Syrian government of President Hafez al-Assad has put pressure on Karami to restore order in Beirut on the grounds that it would strengthen his government's hand in talks with Israel on withdrawal from occupied South Lebanon.

The talks at the Bekaa Valley village of Nagoura are deadlocked on Israeli demands that their proxy 'South Lebanon Army' take over the policing of the South after the Zionist army's withdrawal.



Vice-President KHADDAM

Ershad
extends
army
rule

DACCA — Bangladesh President Hossain Mohammad Ershad will extend his tenure as army chief for two years.

An announcement giving Ershad a further two years will be made before his current term expire on November 30.

The 54-year-old general seized power in March 1982 in a military coup and has headed the military regime for two and a half years.

Ershad's move for an extension only a month after he postponed a planned election has further dashed hopes for an early restoration of civilian rule.

Ershad organised his own political party, the Janadal, last year and said he would seek election to the country's presidency.

But he later yielded to opposition demands by announcing that parliamentary elections would take place on December 8 before a presidential poll.

The parliamentary elections were subsequently put off indefinitely after 22 opposition parties threatened to boycott the poll unless it was supervised by a neutral government.

Closing
in on
Mengele

ASUNCION — Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld said war criminal Joseph Mengele was in Paraguay and that she would try to have him extradited.

Klarsfeld told reporters she could not say exactly where the notorious 'Angel of Death' was living.

She said she hoped to meet Supreme Court President Luis Maria Argana and Interior Minister Sabino Montanaro today.

Mengele, who supervised the gassing of thousands of Jews in World War II concentration camps, was granted Paraguayan citizenship in 1959. He disappeared 20 years later when this was revoked under international pressure.

Warrants

The West German government requested the extradition of Mengele in 1962 and 1981. Warrants were issued for his arrest in Paraguay but he was never detained.

● In Santiago, Chile's military regime has ordered the arrest of leaders of the leftist Popular Democratic Movement (MDP) coalition.

Government spokesman Francisco Cuadra gave no names but political sources said one of the main leaders of the coalition, Fanny Pollarolo, had already been detained and that police were searching for coalition President Manuel Almeyda.

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Police crackdown in Santiago

SANTIAGO — Chile's military junta has stepped up security operations in slum areas of the capital to crack down on protests planned for this week against President Augusto Pinochet.

Troops and police toured several areas of the city on Saturday and some priests said the security forces had warned residents not to

join the protests tomorrow and Wednesday.

The protests, called by opposition political parties, trade unions and social organisations, are the first major challenge to Pinochet's crackdown on political unrest which began with the imposition of a state of siege almost three weeks ago.

Nearly 100 people have died since anti-

government protests began in earnest 18 months ago to press for a quick return to democracy.

Nearly one-third of the total came during August last year when thousands of troops were ordered to enforce a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Soldiers in trucks, jeeps and armoured cars cruised around at least

eight districts in different parts of the city while foot patrols mingled with shoppers and children playing in the streets.

There was no mass round-up, like those in two previous operations under the state of siege. Witnesses said about 70 people were detained but there was no official figure.

World News Line

HIJACKERS SEEK YOUTHS' RELEASE

ADDIS ABABA — Three Somali hijackers held more than 100 hostages aboard an airliner they have threatened to blow up unless the Somali regime of Mohamed Siad Barre reprieves seven students facing execution.

The three, described as Somali soldiers, forced a Boeing 707 to land in the Ethiopian capital and after negotiations with senior Somali officials, extended their original deadline of 2100 hours GMT on Saturday.

They commandeered the Somali Airlines aircraft on a flight from Mogadishu to Jeddah on Saturday, forced it to land at Addis Ababa's Bole International airport and threatened to blow it up unless their demands were met.

Paratroops surrounded the airliner, parked at a remote corner of the airport.

In negotiations with Ethiopian Foreign Minister Goshu Wolde and Information Minister Feleke Giorgis, they put off an earlier deadline, the Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) said.

ENA said the hijackers wanted Mogadishu to suspend death sentences on the students, accused of anti-state activities and to free 13 political prisoners.

Somali authorities had made no response so far, ENA said. Relations between the two East African countries have been severely strained since Somalia invaded Ethiopia in 1977 in an unsuccessful attempt to secure a claim to the Ogaden desert region.

On Saturday night, Mogadishu Radio said the Somali regime was in

touch with foreign embassies at home and abroad to try to resolve the crisis.

The hijackers freed 19 passengers and three crew of the 130 people, mostly Somalis, on board the aircraft. One of the crew had been wounded in a mid-air shooting, ENA said.

The seven facing the death penalty are students accused of backing rebels fighting President Barre's regime.

They come from the northern provincial capital of Hargeisa, where there has been an upsurge of anti-government

activity in recent weeks.

Among the 13 political prisoners whose release the hijackers have demanded is Omar Arteh Qalib, a former Foreign Minister, jailed on suspicion of anti-state activity.

According to French military radio monitoring in neighbouring Djibouti, the aircraft first attempted to go to Aden, South Yemen, but was barred from landing there.

The pro-Soviet military regime of President Haile Mengistu Mariam is anathema to Barre, who pursues a reactionary, pro-US imperialist line in the Horn of Africa.

Bureaucrats to purge party left

PEKING — China's Communist Party has announced the second phase of its campaign to purge 'ultra-leftists' and says all its 40 million members will face a re-selection procedure.

The objective is to ensure the party is fully behind the policies of Deng Xiaoping, who has abandoned many of the central themes of Maoism, including egalitarianism and rural communes.

The leadership which replaced the late chairman Mao Tsetung and the 'Gang of Four' is now set firmly on a course of introducing worker incentives and allowing 'market forces' a greater role in the economy.

A party circular issued by the Central Committee says organisations which began the process of 'party rectification' a year ago should now move on to the second phase.

Those involved in the first stage included central and local party organisations and the armed forces. The second stage will widen the scope to take in grass roots members.

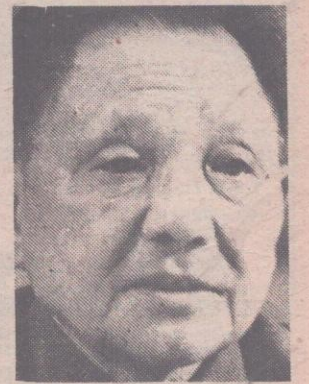
Register

'Over the next two years, all 40 million party members will have to face a re-selection procedure and register again with the party,' the official New China News Agency reported.

'Party consolidation is aimed at removing from the party people regarded as being harmful elements because they committed crimes or grave errors during the Cultural Revolution, or because they have become corrupt,' the news agency said.

The circular said the 'rectification campaign' was designed to improve the political quality of party members, maintain party discipline and 'purify party organisations'.

Deng and many other party leaders have repeatedly stressed, while urging foreign businessmen to invest more in



DENG

China, that the events of the Cultural Revolution can never happen again.

Party Secretary-General Hu Yaobang said this summer that only 3,000 people had actually been expelled so far.

The party circular says members must be shown written assessments of themselves and should be allowed to defend themselves against criticism.

They can call witnesses and appeal to superior party organisations.

The 'People's Daily' said on Saturday a special committee probing corruption in the armed forces had dealt with thousands of military families which had arranged luxurious housing for themselves and had not paid for water and electricity.

Backing comes for Tamils

COLOMBO — The southern Indian Tamil Nadu state government has rejected demands by the Junius Jayawardene regime that it support Colombo's new military hunt of liberation fighters for a separate state of Tamil Eelam.

As Colombo mobilised more troops for its crackdown, Tamil Nadu Finance Minister V.R. Nedunchezian said his government would continue to give 'moral' and 'emotional' support to Tamils fleeing the island.

Nedunchezian dismissed as unfounded a demand by Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa in Colombo last Friday that his government dismantle 'guerrilla training camps'.

He said in Madras: 'There never were any such training camps here in the first place; so the question of dismantling them does not arise.'

'We have given some protection to Sri Lankan Tamils who have come here as refugees and we will give them moral and emotional support.'

At the weekend, Sri Lankan police and troops ambushed six boats carrying about 60 Tamils, allegedly heading for an attack on the Kalavanchikudy police station in Eastern Province.



Tamil students demonstrate outside the Sri Lanka High Commission in London two weeks ago

The ambush came only five days after a bomb assault by Tamil liberation guerrillas on the Chavakachcheri police station in northern Jaffna district, in which 24 policemen and three civilians were reported killed.

An air force helicopter fired at the six boats, killing at least four Tamil 'guerrillas', police said. Others had jumped over-

board and disappeared into jungle after swimming ashore.

Heavily armed security detachments are combing the nearby tropical jungles. The army claimed that the sweep had led to the arrest of one wounded guerrilla.

In another incident on Saturday, soldiers arrested about 125 Tamils on charges of being suspected guerrillas.

The military said it had found a large weapons cache in a house in Battialoa, Eastern Province.

A 17-hour curfew was reimposed from 2p.m. yesterday in the Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts of Jaffna province and Mullaitivu in Eastern Province.

Government spokesmen said a 12-hour curfew was being reimposed at Mannar and Vavuniya.

Israel rejects offer

TEL AVIV — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has dismissed

King Hussein of Jordan's call for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian diplomatic effort for the return of Arab territory seized in the 1969 war.

Shamir, who is also Israel's deputy Prime Minister, told Israeli state radio that Hussein sought 'a total Israeli withdrawal to the (pre-June) 1967 borders'.

Step

He claimed Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat viewed any Israeli pullback from the occu-

pied West Bank and Gaza Strip as 'only a first step toward destroying the state of Israel'.

Shamir, leader of the Likud bloc in the national unity government, said he saw nothing new in the meeting of the Palestine National Council 'except for its geographic location of Amman'.

He warned that discussion of a territorial compromise would provoke 'very sharp argument' in Israel which could bring down the unity government.

Lenin's nephew

MOSCOW — Viktor Ulyanov, the nephew of Lenin, has died in Moscow at the age of 67, a death notice in the Soviet Communist Party daily 'Pravda' announced yesterday.

Viktor Ulyanov, son of Lenin's younger brother Dmitry, was an engineer by profession who spent much of his spare time working in the museum

dedicated to his uncle. 'Pravda' said his life had 'been illuminated by his personal contact' with Lenin.

He was described as a 'private pensioner of national significance'.

The last surviving member of the Ulyanov family to have known Lenin, who died in 1924, is Viktor's sister Olga.



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Asbestos found in Tube tunnel

TUNNEL linings on the London Underground are to be examined because Friday night's blaze at Oxford Circus station uncovered white asbestos.

Specialist contractors are being brought in to remove fire-damaged asbestos from the station's north-

bound Victoria line platform. The work will take several days.

A London Regional Transport spokesman said: 'We don't believe there is any danger, but it is right to be as meticulous as possible in dealing with the situation.'

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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. Dundvan Community Centre, Dundvan 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); Simon Vevors (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).

LIVERPOOL NALGO DEFENDS WALK-OUT

THE Liverpool branch of NALGO has explained why its representative walked out when councillors made a controversial choice for the job of principal race relations adviser.

NALGO is boycotting the post, which went to 26-year-old building surveyor Sam Bond.

BY A NORTH WEST CORRESPONDENT

The Labour Group has sent an open letter to each of NALGO's members, asking them to reverse the branch's decision.

In a special issue of its newsletter, the branch repudiates the Labour Group's version of events.

In it Chris Duala explains why the union walked out. She says:

'As the NALGO representative at the interview for the Race Adviser post I was in a position to observe what went on.

My major concern about the whole procedure of the interviews was the clear and blatant discrimination that took place.

Before the interviews

started Derek Hatton (deputy leader) stated clearly that he was looking for someone to "toe the party line".

This caused concern to the Black Caucus representatives present, and even the Liberal councillor. Later in the interviews Cllr Hatton stated that some of the local candidates would have difficulty in following the party line as they had been known to criticise the Labour policy on race in the past.

Again that was discriminatory. It was even stated that some candidates were good at their jobs and should stay put. Is this fair?

I must stress that the black community have a right to expect that anyone appointed to work in the race relations field should stand up and disagree with council policy when necessary, and not just agree with everything the Labour Group says on race.

Are we to be discriminated against because we criticise Labour policy or do a good job where we are?

If so, I do not think this is acceptable. It was on that basis that I walked out of the interviews on October 9 and said I would report back to NALGO.



CHRIS DUALA

BUILDING JOBS UNDER THREAT

TORY cuts in local government spending could cost 120,000 jobs in the building industry, says the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

Jack Layden, the AMA chairman, says that the Chancellor has cut a massive £1,000 million out of

capital expenditure, most of which will come out of construction work.

This will mean huge job losses in an industry already reeling under government blows. There are already 450,000 building workers on the dole.

GLC safety warning

PUBLIC safety will be put at risk by Tory plans to remove responsibility for building control from local authorities, says the GLC.

The government plans to privatise the building control services and introduce 'approved inspectors' as an alternative to control by

elected councils.

These are expected to be people in private practice who would not be accountable to anybody.

At present the council controls safety on most new building work as well as alteration to existing build-

ings in both the public and private sectors.

Under the new rules, any building could be put up without any proper safety supervision or control.

The government plans to bring the new building regulations into force in early 1985.

TECHNOLOGY CUTS HOSPITAL JOBS

NEW technological equipment is threatening ancillary jobs and fire safety cover in three central Liverpool hospitals.

New equipment has been installed to replace the old switchboard system at the Women's Hospital, the Liverpool Children's Hospital and Oxford Street Maternity Hospital.

Eleven jobs will be lost when it comes into operation next month.

Calls

From then, all switchboard calls to any of the three hospitals will go through the new technology installed at Oxford Street Maternity Hospital. The new switchboard will be manned by only five people, on a shift system covering the 24 hours.

When anyone phones any of the three hospitals, the call will go direct to the ward or department of the hospital wanted.

The system applies to emergency calls and even fire-cover arrangements. It means, for example, that the reception area of the Women's Hospital will be left with no cover right over 24 hours.

Staff have complained not only about the loss of the 11 jobs, but also dangers from what they fear will be inadequate fire cover.

At present at the Women's Hospital there is a map of the hospital in the reception area, which shows up the area where a fire has started. The map is triggered by appliances sensitive to heat or smoke in all areas.

With the removal of the switchboard and the staff to man it, there could be big delays in dealing with the affected area and evacuating patients from danger.

It could be particularly dangerous at night when common practice is to have only one nurse on a ward — who would have to leave dangerously ill patients to get hold of the night supervisor.

Fire

Under the new scheme, the night supervisor has to ring through to Oxford Street Maternity to get a call out to hospital administrators. They would then have to send a nurse down to locate the fire area. Where would all these spare nurses come from, the staff ask.

At the Women's Hospital nurses would have to

be sent to open doors for firemen, as these are locked after visiting time and there are no night porters.

At Oxford Street Maternity this would not be a problem as there are porters to admit patients at night at all hours. But at the Children's Hospital there is only one porter at night and he might be engaged in other work so the cover is inadequate for an emergency, the staff say.

Porters

Union representatives have asked the district health authority to put extra porters on to cover both Children's Hospital and the Women's Hospital but the request was turned down by the area manager for Central Liverpool.

The authority made the decision to change to the new technology about three months ago.

It has not been publicised because the nursing staff feared that the situation would upset patients and would also let it be known that there was little or no security cover.

Installing the new equipment by a private contractor has cost approximately £170,000 and the authority claims it will save £50,000 a year as a result.

MPs to 'investigate' Special Branch

THE ROLE and activities of the Special Branch will be 'investigated' by a committee of MPs this week. The Commons Home Affairs Committee will hear evidence from a variety of sources.

The hearings begin on Wednesday when the chairman of the West Yorkshire Police Authority Ronald Darrington appears on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

He is also a member of the AMA's working party

on 'police accountability'. The decision to inquire into the Special Branch is claimed to be a victory for its accountability.

Although it is part of the police and not the security services, whose every action is hidden from public examination, the Special Branch's activities have always been shrouded in secrecy.

It is clear that no 'investigation' by a committee of MPs is going to change this basic fact.

Two hurt in chemical blast

TWO WORKERS were seriously hurt in an explosion at a chemical plant in Hull early on Saturday.

Seventy-five firemen fought the fire which followed the blast at the Corda Premier plant.

Police evacuated about 200 people from the area around the plant. But later the blaze was brought under control.

A Fire Brigade spokesman said a fireman was taken to hospital suffer-

ing from the effects of the chemical involved. And two policemen were also treated for burns, but their condition was said to be not serious.

The name of the chemical was not being released at present. The spokesman said it was flammable. Foam was used to quell the blaze.

The two night-shift workers injured are Cyril Draper, 33, and Joseph Horsman, 62, both of Hull.

Film picketed

MEMBERS of Bangor trades council in north Wales leafleted film goers at the Plaza cinema on Friday night who went to see 'The Red Dawn'.

The protest was orga-

nised because the trade unionists say that the film 'reinforces the absurd and cynical myth that Nicaragua would wish to invade the USA'.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



DANISH seamen have already donated a large amount of food to the miners' struggle — in July, the 'Libra' docked at Hull and miners and seamen posed in front of the ship

Danish seamen collect for Christmas

THE DANISH Seamen's Union has launched the biggest single collection for the children of Britain's striking miners. The aim is to bring a Christmas treat for every child of a striking miner.

Mass collections have started for children's shoes, toys and clothing with members of many of Denmark's trade unions playing an active role.

Earlier this year the Danish seamen's union took part in the operation to bring a convoy of food to Hull, mainly donated from trade unions in Eastern Europe.

In a special message for the News Line, the seamen's union president Preben Moeller-Hansen explains why they are campaigning for the British strikers.

THE need to engage in international solidarity has always been recognised by the best in the trade union movement and by progressive people.

Solidarity

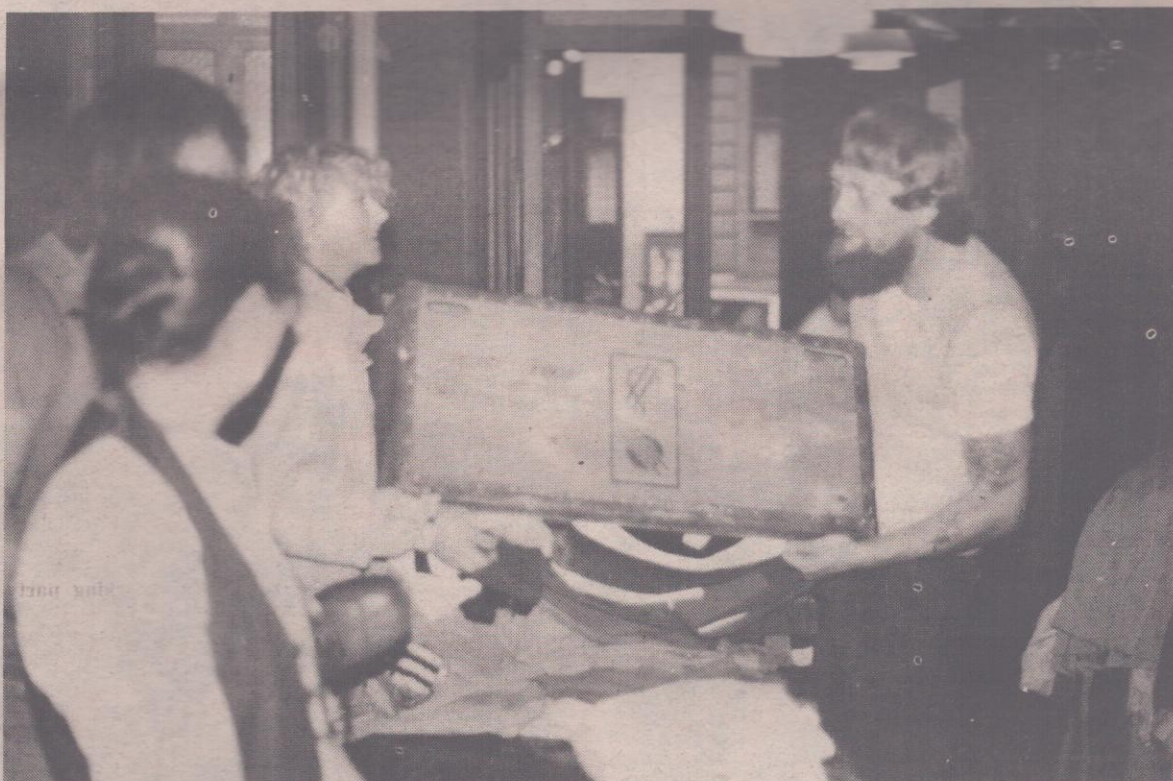
Each time international solidarity has been necessary, these circles have been ready and offered what was demanded to make the solidarity as powerful as possible. Never have they failed.

So it was in the trade union conflicts among grapepickers in California, dockers in Australia, automobile workers in the Fiat plants in Italy or wherever workers have been involved in heavy conflicts.

Also the liberation movements in the Third World have had the support of progressives and the best in the trade unions.

And among these you will find us, the Danish Seamen's Union. We won't let anybody down.

For nine months the British mineworkers have been out in a harsh struggle for their existence against the Thatch-



New collections of toys and clothing are being made now to be shipped by the Danish seamen to miners and their families

er government's decision to close down 20 coal pits.

The British government has a chance to carry out its criminal plan if the striking miners do not receive international moral, political and economic support. It was from the recognition of this that the Danish Seamen's Union, in co-operation with World Federation of Trade Unions and Trade Union International launched a support collection of food and sent it to England in July.

The Seamen's Union chartered a ship 'Libra'

on that occasion and our members sailed the 200 tons of food to Hull.

But we know that it wasn't enough. Therefore we have now raised a new collection in aid of the 350,000 children of the miners. They are in a difficult situation, because they haven't had any new clothes in the nine months that the strike has been on.

Appealed

We have appealed to all the schools, kindergartens, to many playgrounds and to the trade

unions to join us in this international work of solidarity.

And our appeal hasn't been fruitless. Everywhere people are prepared to help the Danish Seamen's Union which has chartered a new ship, which sails to England loaded with toys, shoes and children's wear early next month.

The idea is that the ship shall be in England before Christmas, so that the collection can reach the 110,000 homes of the miners.

The Danish Seamen's Union has taken upon itself to finance this op-

eration, (1 million Danish kroner). Cardboard boxes had to be collected and warehouses rented where people will be able to do sorting and packing.

Struggle

It's very heartening to see what can be done. We also hope it will lift the morale of the British miners so that they can see that they are not alone in their struggle.

We hope that it will give them the strength to continue their struggle.



Danish seamen's leader Preben Moeller-Hansen (right) talking with Dennis Murphy from Durham NUM when a food consignment for miners arrived in Hull

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Kinnock's verbal assault on miners

LABOUR leader Neil Kinnock has delivered yet another verbal assault on the miners and their 37-week old fight for jobs.

He told official trade union leaders in Moscow that no-one is starving in the mining communities, and that a defeat for the miners would not 'decisively' weaken the trade union movement.

These are not the words of a commentator, but of an active agent in the attempts to break the defiance of the miners and their communities.

Kinnock had been asked by official trade union representatives whether a defeat would have a 'terrible domino effect on the bargaining strength of other groups of British workers'.

Kinnock replied: 'Any end to the strike other than a negotiated settlement could inflict deep difficulties on the wider Labour movement. But to think that the whole trade union movement had been defeated or decisively weakened, that is a cataclysmic interpretation and I do not agree with it.'

In other words, according to Kinnock, there is no need for workers in the Soviet Union — or any other country — to send aid to the miners, or to give them industrial support. It is not necessary, he claims, and besides, it would be backing a loser.

Furthermore, Kinnock suggests, the miners can be allowed to lose, because it would do no damage to the trade union movement. This last point is, of course, untrue. A defeat for the miners would be a blow to the whole working class, and facilitate the attempts of Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship to create corporatist, state-controlled trade unions and a slave wage economy.

Kinnock deliberately underplays the consequences of a defeat for the miners because he shares with the right-wing of the TUC a desire to see trade unions bow to the dictates of the Thatcher regime.

The timing of his remarks is not unimportant. With the Coal Board's so-called 'drift back to work' lying in ruins, and the crisis on the oil markets threatening the British economy and sterling more sharply than ever before, Kinnock is desperate to see an end to the miners' strike.

His views are shared by the right-wing of the TUC, who are linked in the sabotage of the TUC resolution blacking coal deliveries. The secret memo circulated by the TUC urging member unions to abide by Tory anti-union laws also seeks to isolate the NUM's principled stand of non-cooperation with these class laws.

The right wing, led by the EETPU electricians and the AUEW engineering union leaders, also intend to take state money to hold ballots for union elections, Labour Party affiliation, and before industrial action. This would conform to the anti-union laws in their entirety — in defiance of the 1982 Wembley conference decisions, and the 1984 TUC conference.

But the desperate rightwards career of Kinnock and the TUC right-wing is entirely in accord with the revolutionary tasks posed by the miners' strike for the whole working class and the youth in Britain. It is the growing mass movement against the Thatcher government, led by the miners, which is flushing out into the open the agents of capitalism in the working class.

Kinnock's slanders and the violation of TUC policy by the right wing must be exposed by a ruthless campaign throughout the workers' movement. This campaign will be a vital part of the organisation of the General Strike in support of the miners, and the building of the Workers Revolutionary Party to lead the struggle for workers' power.

ORGANISE A GENERAL STRIKE

Scargill rebuke



Trade unionists from the Midlands joined miners on their march through Derby on Saturday

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



for Kinnock's defeatism

Abide by TUC decision, he tells Derby rally

THE MINERS now need rank-and-file trade unionists to come to their assistance, NUM president Arthur Scargill told 3,000 trade unionists in Derby on Saturday.

'We need you to take industrial action and stop the flow of coal and oil, and abide by the TUC guidelines adopted in September at the Congress,' he said to loud applause.

And in a clear rebuke to Labour leader Neil Kinnock's comments in Moscow, Scargill added: 'There have been references in the past 24 hours to the hardship in the mining communities. And there has been some dispute as to how severe that hardship is.'

Hardship

'Let me make it clear, there are miners and their families suffering the most terrible hardship seen since the 1930s, and no-one in our movement should seek to underestimate the difficulties and the problems we are now facing.'

'Our people are going without food, they are suffering severe hardship, they are having their electricity cut off because of the policies of the present government.'

'The latest attack upon the social security benefits is one more example of this government's determination to try and throw everything they can into trying to starve the miners into submission.'

And in a further rebuke to Kinnock's talk of a defeat for the miners, Scargill said: 'We go forward from here to victory,' he said. The failure of the Coal Board to bribe substantial numbers of miners back to work had only increased the crisis in the Board and government, he said.

Scargill said the NCB figures on scabs did not stand up to investigation. 'They don't say now 60,000 at work, they say 60,000 not on strike.'

He said the 'Sun' newspaper halted the presses when a story went out giving correct figures for the number of miners at work at 47,000. The story was pulled off the front page, until another 15,000 had been invented for later editions.

Proud

'We are going forward in this dispute. I've never been more privileged or proud in my life as we march at the head of this historic struggle,' he added.

'The National Union of Mineworkers, the marvelous women's support groups, the magnificent young men and women who have fought for the right to work on our picket lines, are involved in one of the greatest struggles in the history of our movement.'

'They are involved in a struggle which will rank

alongside those of the Chartists and the Tolpuddle martyrs. It will certainly rank with the greatest struggles of our movement, for the issue at stake is one which is probably more important and more significant than any which has gone before.'

'It is a struggle that goes to the heart of the system. It is a fight against the right of an employer to destroy the livelihood of an individual or a group of workers.'

He praised the solidarity of some trade unions in Britain and internationally. 'But I only wish that the Communist government in Poland would begin to try and practice a bit of socialism, and

stop helping Margaret Thatcher in 1984 to try and defeat the miners' union,' he said.

'I am asking for trade unionists throughout the world to give moral, physical and financial support to this most historic dispute, and give help to our people in this their hour of need.'

'Throughout history, workers have pointed their finger at trade union leaders who have betrayed or sold out workers. Well on this occasion you've got a leadership that will not sell out.'

'I pledge to you we are going to lead this strike and mighty demonstration to victory.'



Miners' president Arthur Scargill speaking to the Derby Market Square rally on Saturday

'Violence' chorus rapped

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

EVERYONE who has spent time, money and energy in backing the miners will not be let down, Kent Miner Bill Martin told a meeting at Chatham town hall on Friday.

About 500 trade unionists attended the Tolpuddle Martyrs commemoration rally organised by Medway trades council and Labour Party.

The platform also included TUC general secretary Norman Willis and Labour MP Eric Heffer.

Martin condemned police violence and received prolonged applause when he said: 'Miners cannot understand why some of our leaders joined the media chorus about miners' violence.'

'I ask these people to join our picket line. I guarantee their statements will then stop.'

He called on those union leaders who were thinking of taking government cash for ballots to stop running. He compared their lack of leadership with the support miners are receiving from grass roots level.

'The rank and file at West Thurrock power station are giving us tremendous support. It's almost closed down.'

'We are also getting support at Kingsnorth and Belvedere.'

But he called on workers at the Isle of Grain power

station to stop being leeches on the backs of the miners and to reduce the flow of oil to pre-strike level.

Condemning unemployment, particularly amongst the youth, he said the miners had taken on the challenge on behalf of the whole movement.

'We ask and expect your support. Don't be fooled — our strike is not crumbling.'

Pledge

'I make a pledge to all of you who have invested your time, money and energy in our dispute — the miners will not let you down.'

Willis dealt mainly with the 'collective heroism' of the Tolpuddle martyrs. He was heckled on several occasions and was obviously unnerved.

In reply to a heckler who asked what he had to say about the miners, Willis replied: 'You make the invitations and I do the speaking.'

Discussing last week's

legal verdict against the GCHQ unions, Willis said that he 'had immediately informed the press that if anyone is sacked for refusing to give up their trade union membership, the General Council will carry out Congress decision to organise a national day of action to build support'.

When a member of the audience shouted that the General Council had already sold out the right to strike at GCHQ, Willis replied: 'I have already been handed a note warning me not to be provoked. You should ask the trade unionists at GCHQ what they want.'

Referring to his condemnation of miners' 'violence', Willis claimed: 'I made those remarks at a miners' meeting and would not have made them anywhere else.'

He called for the unions to reflect TUC policy on the limited use of oil and the transportation of coal. 'We asked for this solidarity in order to bring the NCB back to the negotiating table.'



One young marcher making a point about the future of jobs in the pit industry



THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

The case for Community Councils

EVERY trade unionist and worker must come to the aid of the miners in their struggle for jobs against the capitalist state, the Thatcher dictatorship and the National Coal Board.

The working class as a whole and their professional allies must share the burdens and sacrifices of the fight which the miners are waging in defence of the most basic of rights — the right to work and to organise freely in trade unions independent of the state.

Trade union branches, shop stewards' committees, trades councils and other labour movement organisations must take the initiative now in the setting up of Community Councils which will act immediately to meet the needs of the miners.

Thatcher and the state are out to smash up pit communities, driving families into destitution and starving the miners back to work. Their aim is not only to destroy the miners' union, but all trade unions.

Miners are, therefore, fighting on behalf of the whole working class. They cannot be left to shoulder the burdens of the strike alone. All workers must ensure that the miners can continue the struggle under the best conditions, and that a common front is presented to the class enemy.

As well as the trade unions, the Community Councils must draw in representatives of every section of the working class and their middle-class and professional allies involved in the anti-Tory fight — miners' wives, youth groups, voluntary organisations and local Labour councils.

At the very same time the Tories are attacking the miners, they are also establishing a central government dictatorship over local Labour councils, threatening cities like Liverpool with financial destruction and abolishing seven authorities covering the major industrial areas of England. Community Councils will take responsibility for the defence of local councils, jobs and services.

There are immediate and practical tasks which flow from the defiant resistance of the miners to the provocations of the NCB, an unprecedented military-style police operation directed by the Home Office through Scotland Yard and the organised harassment by social security, gas and electricity bureaucrats.

The Workers Revolutionary Party believes that the tasks of Community Councils, which should extend beyond mining districts, will be to:

- Provide food for families and children of those on strike. No miner to be starved back to work by the Tories.
- Pay urgent bills for electricity and gas, calling on workers not to carry out cut-offs as an act of solidarity with the strike. Raise funds for new clothing and footwear for strikers.
- Ensure that no miner is evicted by local councils for not being able to pay rent or rates. Make certain that medical supplies are paid for so that miners and their families can get the treatment prescribed.
- Arrange for the care of the elderly dependent on support from miners' families, ensure nursery provision so that miners' wives can participate fully in winning support for the strike.
- Organise the provision of free legal representation for miners who need it. Provide accommodation for miners from other areas.
- Watch out for and organise against provocateurs. Organise the defence of union offices and funds from state attacks.
- Rally other workers to support and back up miners' pickets and organise marches and rallies.

LABOUR COUNCILS must be asked to:

- Provide free school meals and transport for miners' children.
- Make office accommodation in council offices available to miners, with facilities for printing and communications.
- Make sure that no evictions take place because of mounting debts. Wipe out rent and rate arrears.
- Provide free public transport for strikers and their families. Make all council facilities available free to miners. Lay on entertainments and outings for miners' families.
- Resist having to foot the bill for the cost of the Downing Street directed police operation against the miners' union.

This is the best way to answer the challenge of the capitalist state, and the Tory dictatorship. Community Councils — as Soviet-type organisations — will give the working class confidence in its own independent strength to defeat the class enemy and provide the basis for the successful struggle for power which has now been joined.

Time for the TUC to act

OVER 3,000 workers attended one of the biggest rallies Derby has ever witnessed when trade unionists turned out in support of the miners on Saturday.

Striking miners from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Durham were joined by railworkers, health workers, Indian workers and other supporters in a march through the town.

Crowded

A lively contingent from the Workers Revolutionary Party repeatedly chanted through the crowded streets: 'The miners must not fight alone, organise the General Strike.'

Among those on the march was the striking miners' banner from Cotgrave. Paul Robinson, from the striking miners' committee, said: 'There are 59 of us out on strike out of 1,600, but we are solid. Thatcher can take the £1 off our social security, but it has only made us more determined.'

'The mass return to work has not materialised, and we have not taken their carrot. But it is about time the TUC started to pay out the dividends on the promises they have given us.'

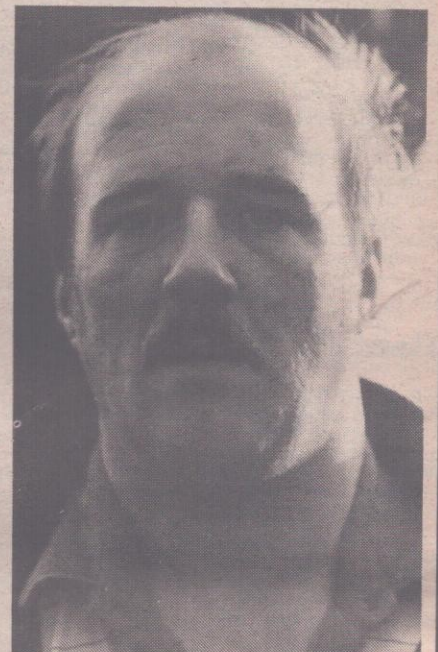
'If the lorry drivers refused to move coal, half our battle would be won. The other unions could give us a tremendous amount of support if they wanted to.'

'As for Neil Kinnock to say we are virtually a lost cause, that is a terrible statement from someone supposed to be a leading socialist. We would not be here if we thought we were backing a lost cause. We know that if she defeats the miners she will go through the rest of the trade union movement like a dose of salts.'

MINERS INTERVIEWED ON DERBY MARCH



TOM CALLAN, secretary of the Durham Miners' Association



PAUL ROBINSON of the Cotgrave striking miners' committee

Tom Callan, secretary of the Durham Miners' Association, led the Durham contingent on the march. 'We are proud to come down today to be associated with the lads in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire,' he told News Line.

Coal

Kinnock's remarks about a possible defeat were 'silliness', he said. 'The only time we have to worry about that is when the power loaders are back at work. But there is no more coal being cut today than there was at the start of the strike.'

'But other unions should give us more positive, and I mean by that real, physical support. We must win this battle. My area will never get another chance, and a lot of the collieries where the scabs are going in will close down within six months if the Coal Board carry out their plan.'

Nick Wroughton is one of the 17 striking miners in the South Derbyshire coalfield, where 3,600 scabs are working. 'We are a small group, but we are well organised and we will stick it out. My advice to other trade unionists is to follow Arthur Scargill's call, and back the miners in the same

way the Tories are backing the Coal Board.'

Barry Gordon, chairman of the ASLEF train drivers in the town, said it was high time other unions took the principled stand of his union in backing the miners and refusing to move scab coal. 'For our branch it is not only a traditional solidarity but also the knowledge that for every mine that closes we lose more jobs.'

Food

The branch has adopted Kiveton Park NUM members and is supplying them with food and financial assistance, he said.

Eight Ayrshire leaders sacked

PIT strike centres in Ayrshire have been alerted to be wary of the establishment Press working in collusion with the coal board.

The warning has gone out following a newspaper article which included remarks attributed to one of three strikers, from Killoch colliery, dismissed three weeks ago for allegedly 'stealing' coal.

But the quoted miner — a local strike committee member — is adamant he never made the remarks, which could be construed as an admission of 'guilt'. In fact, all three miners are challenging the sackings

through an industrial tribunal.

The story also quoted an unnamed detective as implying that miners were taking coal not for their own homes but for sale to others.

Advice

The local NUM is taking legal advice on the issue today. The sackings took place three weeks ago and have been well known about in the area since. But

the newspaper article gives the impression the dismissals have just taken place.

A total of 13 striking miners have now been sacked from the two pits left in Ayrshire.

Dockers at Ayr have refused to load coal for Barra and Tiree, in the Western Isles. They took the action after the NUM blacked the coal because it was delivered to the dockside by strike-breaking drivers.

Coal reserves on the islands are said to have been

exhausted and peat is also in short supply.

NUM local strike leaders have accused the coal board of deliberately provoking the situation by using the scab drivers. Deliveries, said the NUM, could have been sanctioned from another depot where drivers work shifts by agreement.

Dogs

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STUDENT GRANTS FIGHT

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Cuts just part of Tory attack

COLLEGES and universities all over Britain joined in last Wednesday's day of action, occupations and demonstrations called in response to Tory Chancellor Nigel Lawson's plans for cuts in student grants.

The government intends to:

- Abolish the minimum grant altogether, which was halved last year.
- Increase the levels of maintenance contributions of many parents.
- Introduce a means test so that some parents will have to pay tuition fees as well.
- Increase the level of grants by only 3 per cent when the rate of inflation is forecast to be at least 5 per cent.

The effects of the proposed cuts will take £65 million away from students. Already this year £21 million has gone this year through other cuts, including the ending of travel grants of less than £500 a year.

Nearly half of all students in universities and polytechnics do not get the full amount of parental contribution from their parents.

The NUS estimates that 46 per cent of students, over 18,000 people, will lose out through the cuts.

NUS president Phil Woolas responded to Lawson's announcement by saying that students had been patient, 'lobbying MPs and seeking to put their case to Ministers'.

He said: 'And with the Draconian measures outlined by Nigel Lawson... that patience is about to run out. If [Educational Secretary] Sir Keith Joseph wants to see a return to the late sixties and early seventies picture of nationwide student demonstrations, protests and sit-ins, be it on his head.'

Wednesday's day of action certainly showed the anger which has erupted among students and their readiness to fight the government.

But the NUS 'New Deal' campaign — lobbying parliament, persuading the Tories to change their minds and such useless exercises as 'Write a letter to your MP' — has been totally inadequate.

Woolas is due to meet Joseph to discuss the cuts.

The latest moves are not simply an attack on middle-class students. The implications are not merely how students' pockets will be affected if they are at college next year.

The attack on grants is part of a much wider attack on the whole basis of free education.

Last week the Tory Manpower Services Commission launched an 'Adult Training Awareness Cam-

paign' with a conference where dozens of businessmen were invited.

The Department of Employment's document, 'Training Loans', spells out an adult education scheme where people will have to borrow money from banks to pay for training courses.

Speakers at the MSC conference emphasised the importance of business intervening in college and university courses and encouraging the introduction of courses aimed at local industry.

Under way is a whole strategy for the privatisation of the education system, where, unless you pay the fees or can afford to borrow the money to study, you will be excluded. And the content of educational courses will be determined by industrial interests.

Starting next year is the MSC's inroads into non-advanced further education in colleges.

A quarter of cash for these colleges has been snatched from elected local authorities and handed straight over to the MSC.

Contrary to the claims of the NUS leadership, no student campaign can persuade the government, driven by the intensity of the capitalist crisis, to change its mind.

The attack on grants is part of a whole strategy to privatise education and turn the majority of young people into a low-paid, uneducated, cheap labour force.

Students must mobilise independently of the state and the Tory government and unite with the miners and the rest of the working class to build revolutionary leadership.

Scotland 'no different'

ROBERT GORDON'S Institute of Technology in Scotland was occupied by students throughout Wednesday night.

Alison Cox, deputy president, told News Line: 'The Scottish education department met on Tuesday with student leaders. They had no reason to believe Scotland would be any different from the plans announced for England and Wales.'

'A lot more students will not be able to come to college. And many of those at present studying will be forced to drop out.'

Pauline McNeil, deputy president NUS Scotland, said: 'The present system



Students occupy Tory offices in Norwich

Norwich Tory HQ taken over

AROUND 140 students occupied Tory Party offices in Norwich city centre last Tuesday as part of the grants protest. On Wednesday the campus was brought to a standstill as students picketed the entrances to the university and all academic buildings.

Mark Seddon, president of the Students Union, said: 'The time for talking to the government has gone; the "New Realism" of the NUS is defunct, it is time for students to take to the streets to get what they want.'

STUDENTS at the North East London Polytechnic voted on Thursday to continue their occupation of the main administration building after joining Wednesday's 24-hour national day of action against cuts in student grants.

The students were allowing in lecturers and classes to continue, but the director told the staff not to enter the building.

'It is our aim to see this legislation defeated. We see this attack on students as similar to the attacks on the NUM and all other trade unions by this government over the last 12 months.'

Nigel Huddleston, a law student, said: 'I am protesting today in support of students who are affected by grant cuts. Those measures won't immediately affect me, but I am fighting for those whom it does.'

Fiona Byrne said: 'Everybody has a right to free education and the government want to remove this. This is just the beginning. They will introduce loans so you have to pay the money back. This will put a lot of people off coming to college.'

Dominic Russell-Price said: 'Students who are supposed to have their grants made up by their parents often don't get this money.'

Dependent

'This, combined with the abolition of the travel grant, is just making students dependent on the banks and their parents. This is the first step towards privatisation of the education system.'

'For the first time, students are going to have to pay for their own tuition fees. Keith Joseph is butchering the education system.'

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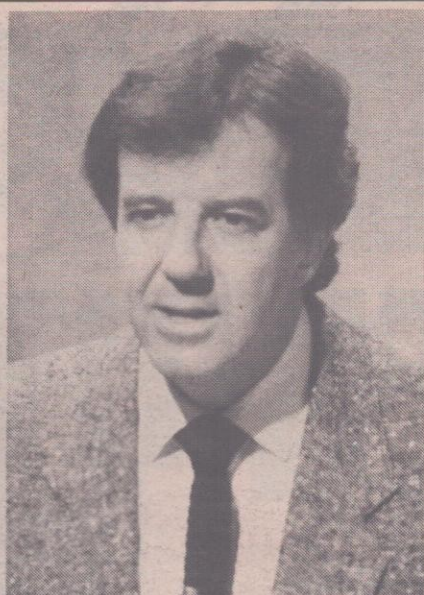
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6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 HARTY WITH MCCARTNEY

7.40 GET SET GO! Michael Barrymore hosts this word game

8.10 PANORAMA Scandal Down Under Tom Mangold reports on the scandal that threatens to break out in Australia involving senior political and legal figures. A Royal Commission on organised crime has identified lawyers, businessmen and trades union leaders in a network of criminal activities ranging from drug trafficking to murder

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 THE MONDAY FILM: From Hell to Victory (1979) 1939: Six friends meet in a Paris cafe for the last time before war breaks out. All play an important part in the war, but not all of them survive. With George Peppard, George Hamilton, Sam Wanamaker, Capucine, Horst Bucholz

11.05 CHAMPIONSHIP SNOOKER David Vine with the latest from the Coral United Kingdom Championship in Preston

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5.25 NEWS SUMMARY WITH SUBTITLES Weather

5.30 HEY LOOK... THAT'S ME! Chris Harris spends a day in Bognor Regis

6.00 HOLLYWOOD LADIES Esther Williams in *Jupiter's Darling* (1955) MGM historical musical about the sacking of Rome

7.35 KEN HOM'S CHINESE COOKERY Meat

8.00 TO THE MANOR BORN With Penelope Keith, Peter Bowles and Angela Thorne

8.30 LAME DUCKS with John Duttine, Lorraine Chase and Brian Murphy

9.00 LAUGH??? I NEARLY PAID MY LICENCE FEE! Comedy series with Robbie Coltrane, Ron Bain, Louise Gold and John Sessions

9.25 HORIZON *Global Village* Horizon visits the Indian village of Manikonda, where satellite television has arrived

10.15 FRANK DELANEY Frank Delaney talks to Fay Weldon, Martin Amis, Michele Roberts and Malcolm Bradbury

10.50 NEWSNIGHT

11.35 TOP GEAR RALLY REPORT Latest news and action from the second day of the Rally, live from Rally HQ in Chester

11.45 BUONGIORNO ITALIA! Tenth of 20 programmes of Italian for beginners

12.15 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.35 VIETNAM — THE TEN THOUSAND DAY WAR *Days of Decision*

3.00 THE LATE LATE SHOW

4.00 A PLUS 4

4.30 COUNTDOWN Richard Whiteley presents another round of the words and numbers game

5.00 ALICE *What Happened to the Class of '78* Flo decides it's time she got her diploma, but she can't stick to her studies long enough to pass

5.30 BLACK AND WHITE AND READ ALL OVER Dona Croll and Michael Rosen present this series about children's books. Today supergran drops in for a bit of rapping

6.00 COUNTING ON

6.30 GALLERY The panel game about art and artists chaired by George Melly

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT By film-maker Hugo de Burgh; followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 FAIRLY SECRET ARMY *When the Talking Had to Stop*

9.00 THE ALGERIAN WAR To the Barricades Tonight's episode shows how European settlers and French army officers in Algeria became increasingly disillusioned with de Gaulle's policies. This led to rebellion and rioting and in 1961 the formation of the extreme-right-wing OAS

10.00 ST ELSEWHERE *Attack* A masked rapist continues to terrorise the female staff at St Eligius. Dr Ehrlich is humiliated when his wife makes public complaints about their honeymoon

10.55 THE ELEVENTH HOUR presents *Unsuitable For Children* In *Nothing Personal* actors re-enact a number of revealing interviews conducted with men. The programme deals with childhood traumas

11.55 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Film: *The Man in Black* With Betty Ann Davies and Sidney James. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 AUTOMANIA *Car Crazy*

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 WORLD IN ACTION SPECIAL *Kidnap* How a father tries to find his 'kidnapped' son in Greece

9.00 QUINCY *Give Me Your Weak* Quincy wages war against the major pharmaceutical companies to continue offering the unprofitable 'orphan drugs'

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 HAMMER HOUSE OF MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE *The Late Nancy Irving* With Christina Raines, Marius Goring and Simon Williams. A young American lady golfer is abducted to a private clinic to satisfy the need of a millionaire who is suffering from a rare anaemia and needs a constant supply of blood — from one of the rarest blood groups in the world

11.55 THE BOUNDER *Raffles*

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS and **Closedown**

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 We'll Meet Again. 2.30 Scramble! 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Protectors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 SONS AND DAUGHTERS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS The latest news and reports from around the North West

7.00 AUTOMANIA *Car Crazy* Rare archival film which illustrates the joys of early motoring

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 WORLD IN ACTION SPECIAL *Kidnap* Nicholas, seven, has been kidnapped by his mother and been on the move for six months. World in Action follows a father's desperate attempts to get back his stolen child

9.00 QUINCY *Across the Line* Quincy risks his reputation when he defends a police officer who shot and killed a hostage

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 PAUL MCCARTNEY: THE MAN, HIS MUSIC, HIS MOVIES A look at Paul McCartney working on his latest film 'Give My Regards to Broad Street'

11.00 THE WEEK TONIGHT Live reports and investigations into stories behind the headlines

11.45 CASABLANCA *Who Am I Killing?* Rick comes to the aid of Celia, an English singer stranded in Casablanca

12.45 Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 Yr Efeiliad. 2.35-2.55 Daearyd-diaeth. 3.00 The Late, Late Show. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Let's Parlez Franglais. 4.45 Cadwgan. 5.00 Eitem Ddirgel. 5.05 Ysgoloriaeth. 5.30 The Human Jungle. 6.30 Annwyl Angharad. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Arolwg. 8.00 Treasure Hunt; News Headlines. 9.00 Torri Gwynt. 9.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 10.00 Snwcer. 10.30 Just Sex. 11.15 Gallery. 11.45 Karen Armstrong. 12.15 Close.

RADIO

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

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

2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30a.m. 6.30, 7.30, and 8.30.

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S) (6.15 Pause for Thought). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin; 8.45 Pause for Thought). 10.00 Russell Harty (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 Alan Dell (S) The Dance Band Days and Big Band Era. 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton (S) The Best of Jazz. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Don't Stop Now — It's Foundation. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Folk On 2 (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Mussorgsky, Glazunov, Janacek (8.00 News). Handal, Danzi, Respighi; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Orlandus Lassus; record. 10.00 Imogen Cooper (S) Piano recital: Haydn, Schubert, Wagner transcr. Liszt. 10.50 Delius Concertos (S) Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Delius Violin Concerto (mono). 11.35 Moeran and Bax Songs (S). 12.05 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (S) Verdi, William Schuman, Puccini, Britten. 1.00 News. 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert (S). 2.00 Music Weekly (S). 2.45 New Records (S) Wagner, Bach, Locatelli, Howells, Penderecki. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Organ (S) Bach, Hugh Wood, Ligeti. 7.15 Scottish Season: Orion (S) Opera by Cavalli (8.10-8.30 Vico in His Time; 9.20-9.40 The Land of Lost Content). 10.30 Simple Minds. 11.00 Richter at Aldeburgh (S) Liszt, Schubert. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Week. 6.25 Prayer for

the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.35 The Week on 4. 8.43 Angus McDermid. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker (S). 10.00 News. Money Box. 10.30 Morning Story: *Enemies*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. 11.48 Poetry Please! 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Anything Legal (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Custom of the Country*. 4.30 A Charmed Life. 4.40 Story Time: *Pierre et Jean*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 The News Quiz (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Science Now. 7.50 A Book for Christmas? 8.15 The Monday Play (S) *The Birdcage*. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Mr Facey Romford's Hounds*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 News Headlines. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 The Electric Theatre Show. 2.00 Film *Never Look Back*. 3.20 Cartoon. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 The Cop and the Kid. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Briefing. 11.15 Autumn Gold Darts Masters. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Ill Met By Moonlight*. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 The Yellow Rose. 12.05 Contact. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power.

1.00 News; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Ill Met By Moonlight*. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 The Calendar Fashion Show. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 12.00 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Lunchtime Live. 2.00 Film: *Melody*. 3.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens for All. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Late News and Weather. 10.35 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense. 11.55 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 Film: *Amsterdam Affair*. 3.15 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to

Coast. 6.40 Airmail. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Film: *Oklahoma Crude*. 12.25 Company; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *The Iron Mistress*; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 The River Parrett. 11.00 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.00 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: As HTV except 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Exploration and Adventure.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Stolen Hours*. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Peterborough Country Musical Festival. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Cambridge Folk Festival. 11.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Winter Measure — Par for the course



JENNY PITMAN, delighted with Burrough Hill Lad's outstanding victory in the Hennessy on Saturday, can have further cause to celebrate after saddling Winter Measure (3.00) for the Reynoldstown Cup Novices Hurdle at WOLVERHAMPTON today.

This listed race represents by far the toughest task of Winter Measure's career, which began last season with two successes in National Hunt flat races and has continued this with two facile victories in admittedly modest novice hurdles.

Both those hurdle races, however, were run in fast times, and Winter Measure is probably a very good recruit to the winter game.

Play Boy, who gained many friends when beating the one-paced Olympic Prize 15 lengths in a valuable novices' hurdle at Ascot nine

days ago, is sure to give Winter Measure plenty to do.

But he has to concede 15lbs, including the 7lb claim of Jenny's son Mark, to his year-younger rival, and at likely odds does not make as much appeal.

David Nicholson has not

had much to laugh about this season, but Against The Grain's 12-length victory at Newbury on Friday — only the stable's second success in almost six weeks — augurs well for the chance of Comedian in the Much Wenlock Handicap Chase.

But although an upturn in a stable's fortune can bring considerable improvement

from even its modest inmates, Comedian may be happier on faster ground, and is passed over in favour of Celtic Brew (2.00).

Form

Trained by another leading lady, Mercy Rimell, Celtic Brew is well handicapped

on his best form of last season, and his reappearance can be forgiven as he undoubtedly needed it badly.

Sea Splash (1.45), who unseated his rider at Market Rasen on Saturday, makes a quick reappearance in the Denton Handicap Chase at SOUTHWELL and should record his fifth course win.

Despite being 6lb out of the handicap, Sea Splash started 7-4 favourite on Saturday largely because of his 15-

SELECTIONS

WOLVERHAMPTON: 1.00 The Knife, 1.30 Silva Linda, 2.00 Celtic Brew, 2.30 Big Brown Bear, 3.00 Winter Measure (nap), 3.30 Rachels Delight

SOUTHWELL: 12.45 Mister Bee, 1.15 Sax, 1.45 Sea Splash (n.b.), 2.15 Sir Blessed, 2.45 Legal Emperor, 3.15 Mr Denetop

length win at Leicester six days earlier.

The improving Northern Bay looks the danger to Sea Splash but, provided there are no accidents this time, should not be good enough to beat him in receipt of only 12lbs.

WOLVERHAMPTON

1.00	VICTORIA CONDIT'L JOCKEYS SELLING H'CAP	HDLE £700 2m 7f (13 runners)
1 2-00PP	GOLD FLOOR J M Bradley 7 12 6	D Tegg (7)
3 1002/0-P	CAPTAIN FANTASTIC A R Davison 6 12 3	M Pitman
4 001114	THE KNIFE M B James 6 11 9	Sharron James (7)
5 100044	GALTRIM C F Jackson 5 11 8	W Smith (7)
6 P1-0000	DERBYSHIRE FILET J D Roberts 7 11 4	P Croucher
7 0030	INSPECTOR BEN R T Jukes 5 11 4	D Chinn
9 000300	ASHLEIGH BOY J D Davies 7 11 1	G Heaver (7)
11 002030	LIGHT SENTENCE P A Pritchard 6 10 12	N Fearn
12 4432-40	LIFT HIGH D R Tucker 5 10 10	C Bourne (7)
13 PP04P/0	CHEVRULLAH D C Tucker 5 10 8	A Morgan (7)
14 03-2000	LITTLE TYRANT B Richmond 7 10 7	P Corrigan (7)
17 000040	HIGH BARN B Charnley 5 10 7	P Rutland (7)
19 P-UPP	LAUGHTER LINES K Bishop 5 10 7	S MacKey (7)

BLINKERS: 14
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 The Knife, 7-2 Light Sentence, 4-1 Lift High, 9-2 Galtrim, 13-2 Derbyshire Filet, 8-1 High Barn, 12-1 others.

1.30 BROCKTON NOVICE CHASE £1,500

2m 4f (12 runners)			
2	2/020-1	SILVA LINDA FT Winter 6 10 13	B de Haan
4	F0040-P	BLACKBROOK STAR P J Bevan 6 10 12	A Webber
6	000-030	COME ON SONNY K B White 5 10 12	M Brisbane
7	0000-F0	GOLD EPEE D Nicholson 6 10 12	P Scudamore
8	43F0-33	GREENORE PRIDE P O'Connor 7 10 12	G Newman
9	PP22-44	MIDSUMMER EXPRESS (BF) W Clay 7 10 12	S J O'Neill
11	PP00P-P	MR MULLEN W G McK-Coles 7 10 12	R Hoare
13	34F3-F3	REMEMBER ROCK P G Bailey 6 10 12	S Morshead
14	PP0F-F	REPRIEVE P A Pritchard 7 10 12	C Mann
16	PP2P02	SEVEN ACRES J P Wardle 6 10 12	N Babbage (4)
17	3/030-FP	SOMETHING SPECIAL P J Bevan 7 10 12	G McCourt
18	304	TARVILLE J A Edwards 6 10 12	P Barton
BINKERS 6			

BLINKERS: 6
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Silva Linda, 7-2 Greenore Pride, 9-2 Remember Rock, 11-2 Midsummer Express, 8-1 Seven Acres and Tarville, 10-1 Gold Epee, 14-1 others.

2.00 MUCH WENLOCK HANDICAP CHASE £2,000

1	0/000-32	DOUBLEUAGAIN C Holmes 10 11 11	A Webb
2	14303-P	GREENBANK PARK (C) R A Perkins 7 11 0	Dai Williams
3	0PP00-3	SPARTAN MAJOR (C-D) Mrs W Sykes 10 10 11	C Brown
4	1U0/23-P	ASSURED (D) C James 11 10 10	Miss S Lawrence (7)
5	12023-0	CELTIC BREW Mrs M Rimell 7 10 8	S Morshead
6	3F3-404	COMEDIAN (C) D Nicholson 6 10 7	P Scudamore
7	1F0PP-P	SMITH'S MAN (D) Mrs J Pitman 6 10 1	B de Haan
8	04001P	BOSSALL P Broome 8 10 0	R Hoare
11	FP/P03-P	POMPOSITY R J Smith 7 10 0	R Dennis (4)

BLINKERS: 3
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Doubleuagain, 3-1 Celtic Brew, 11-2 Spartan Major and Comedian, 13-2 Greenbank Park, 10-1 Smith's Man, 14-1 others.

2.30 BOURTON CHASE £2,000

3m (10 runners)			
2	0P-0221	BIG BROWN BEAR (D) G B Barlow 7 11 4.....	G Bradley
3	00341-F	FORTSTAR S Christian 6 11 0.....	K Mooney
5	2211-40	SANDWALKER (BF) Mrs M Rimell 5 11 0.....	S Morshead
6	0F10B-P	THREE CHANCES R Champion 5 11 0.....	J Francome
7	4400/P4	AVANTIE R A Perkins 8 10 10.....	Dai Williams
10	00000-0	JOAT R W Hartop 8 10 10.....	J Barlow
11	PF-F4PU	KING'S BRIG G Richards 8 10 10.....	J K Kinane
12	0140F-R	PRIDE O'FIFE J A Edwards 6 10 10.....	P Barton
15	04FF0U	BAY FOREST Mrs E Kennard 6 10 5.....	R Hoare
16	00FPD-	BLUE SPECKLE K B White 6 10 5.....	M Brisbane
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Sandwalker, 3-1 Big Brown Bear, 9-2 King's Brig, 11-2 Bay Forest, 7-1 Fortstar, 10-1 Three Chances, 14-1 others.			

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3.00 REYNOLDSTOWN CUP (NOVICE HURDLE)

1	211	PLAY BOY (SPA) F T Winter 5 11 8	J Francome
3	F02-3U1	INISHARRAN (D) Mrs M Rimell 5 11 2	S Morshead
4	11	WINTER MEASURE Mrs J Pitman 4 11 0	M Pitman (7)
8	0/00-012	LONACH G B Balding 6 10 12	R Linley
10	3300-00	PAN ARCTIC T T Bill 5 10 12	R Hoare
12	P0-PP-	TAKABUCK W G McK-Coles 6 10 12	Dai Williams
14	0112	VOYANT (C) R A Perkins 5 10 12	J Bryan
16	0P-00	ROY'S HOUSE Earl Jones 4 10 7	J Bryan

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Play Boy, 15-8 Winter Measure, 5-1 Voyant, 7-1 Inisharran, 8-1 Lonach, 25-1 others.

3.30 ADVENT HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

1 04212-0 JAYESS (D) Mrs J Pitman 11 0 M Pitman (7)			
2	121-3	MALYA MAL (D) (BF) F T Winter 11 9 R Linley	
4	21300-0	CAWARRA LAD C James 11 4 J Francome	
5	213-400	OUTLAW (D) W Clay 11 3 S J O'Neill	
6	3U4F-P0	SNOWY BONDLAIR M Salaman 10 13 A Griffiths	
13	044-13	RACHEL'S DELIGHT (C-D) D Morrill 10 5 J Duggan (4)	
15	003/000-	BOSSANOVA BOY P J Makin 10 4 P Scudamore	
BLINKERS: 5			

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PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Malya Mal, 7-2 Rachel's Delight, 6-1 Jayess and Bossanova Boy, 7-1 Cawarra Lad, 10-1 Outlaw, 12-1 Snowy Bondlair.

SOUTHWELL

12.45 MANSFIELD NOVICE CHASE £700

2m (8 runners)		
1	PF000/P	AWNING M Henriques 6 10 12..... Mr M Armytage (7)
2	032024	MISTER BEE K C Bailey 6 10 12..... M Perrett
3	00000-	MOON GAZER V Thompson 6 10 12..... Mr M Thompson (7)
4	0/000-4	SAUCEPOT G Richards 6 10 12..... N Doughty
6	02/0-U00	VICTOR DUB M Castell 6 10 12..... M Castell
7	00/00-0	BALOYD W J Musson 5 10 9..... C Smith
9	000000	PASQUIER H O'Neill 5 10 9..... M Hammond
10	0/0-	THIS ONES FOR YOU V Thompson 5 10 9..... Mr T Reed (4)

BLINKERS: 6
PROBABLE SP: 11-8 on Mister Bee, 7-2 Victor Dub, 6-1 Saucepot, 12-1 Baloyd, 16-1 Moon Gazer, 25-1 others.

1.15 FARDON SELLING HURDLE £500

2m (10 runners)			
2	0000/40	ALEX CHOICE Mrs H Bevan 5 11 0	C Smith
3	00-2P14	PORTO LOUISE (C-D) W Clay 5 11 0	M Brennan
4	3/00-000	QUDESA C Tinkler 5 11 0	R O'Leary
6	P0143-0	BATON MATCH M C Chapman 4 10 12	P Liddle (7)
7	PF	DUBASSOFF MAID J R Jenkins 5 10 9	D Morris (7)
10	P11320	GREENACRES JOY (C-D) B Preece 4 10 7	W Knox (7)
11	0-	HEATHER PRINCE A W Jones 4 10 7	K Whyte
12	0	RUMZ P Butler 4 10 7	M Furlong
13	043430	SAX (D) K S Bridgwater 4 10 7	W Worthington (7)
14	0P3-004	RHYMARC G Richards 4 10 2	J Hansen (4)
BLINKERS: 4, 7, 12			

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PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Greenacres Joy, 4-1 Baton Match, 9-2 Sax, 5-1 Rhymerc, 7-1 Porto Louise, 10-1 Alex Choice, 16-1 others.

1.45 DENTON HANDICAP CHASE £1,700

3	000-144	HOLBORN HEAD (C-D) W A Stephenson 8 11 7	K Jones
4	1P-431U	SEA SPLASH (C) O Brennan 8 11 6 (8 ex)	M Brennan
6	2140P-2	RUN AND SKIP J L Spearing 6 10 9	P Warner
7	23P-221	NORTHERN BAY T T Bill 8 10 8 (4 ex)	G Williams (7)
10	P3P0P-2	BUCKSOME B A McMahon 11 10 3	R Crank
12	F4432-2	PLAYFIELDS (BF) P Burgoyne 10 10 0	G Charles-Jones (4)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Northern Bay, 100-30 Playfields, 7-1 Holborn Head, 9-2 Sea Splash, 6-1 Bucksome, 14-1 Run and Skip.

2.15 BURTON JOYCE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE £800 2m (13 runners)

1 0-P001	ABOUSHABUN (USA)(D) J R Jenkins 4 11 7	H Jenkins
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BRING ON RAPID

CELTIC manager David Hay expressed only one regret after his team's 7-1 mauling of St Mirren — that it was not Rapid Vienna on the receiving end of the punishment.

The Glasgow club are still furious at UEFA for ordering a replay of the European Cup-Winners Cup-tie against the Austrians next month, and poor St Mirren bore the full brunt of Celtic's anger.

A spectacular six-goal second-half performance, in which Frank McGarvey scored a hat-trick that included his 100th goal in Premier Division football, must have caused a few tremors in Vienna.

Hay said: 'After the initial feeling of shock at UEFA's judgement on Friday, I fancied that St Mirren might feel the backlash.'

'The only pity is that it wasn't Rapid we were play-

St Mirren bears the brunt of Celtic's anger over replay



DAVID HAY

ing. But I still believe that wherever we eventually replay the match we will beat them fairly and squarely again.'

Celtic should know today where the replayed tie will take place. Scottish FA secretary Ernie Walker will try to find a venue, although

Manchester has emerged as a clear favourite to stage the match.

Aberdeen retained their three-point lead over Celtic at the top of the table with an undistinguished performance against Dumbarton.

Frank McDougall caught the part-timers cold with a

goal in just 31 seconds — and that was the end of the scoring.

Manager Alex Ferguson was angry at his side's display and admitted that Dumbarton had deserved more than they got from the game. Even more disappointing for Ferguson was the broken ankle suffered by defender Neale Cooper, who was celebrating his 21st birthday on Saturday.

Rangers recovered from the loss of an early penalty, converted by Jim Duffy to beat Morton 3-1 with two headed goals from Ian Redford and a third from full-back Ally Dawson.

Dundee United, who set out for Old Trafford today for their UEFA Cup tie against Manchester United, were not at all convincing in drawing 0-0 with Hibernian, while Lex Richardson and Robert Connor scored the goals which gave Dundee a 2-1 win over Hearts.

CRICKET

Gower undecided

DAVID GOWER has been forced to have second thoughts about his team for the first Test against India, which starts in Bombay on Wednesday.

Since injuries and personal problems ruled out Chris Cowdrey and Martyn Moxon a week ago, Gower went into England's final warm-up match — the drawn game with West Zone at Rajkot — with his Test side.

Now, however, he could re-shape his bowling attack. Much will depend on the fitness of Paul Allott, who had further treatment yesterday on a back injury.

Gower said: 'Originally I had Paul as our No.1 fast bowler with either Norman Cowans or Neil Foster sharing the new ball.

'But we do not know yet whether Paul will be available. He first felt the problem in Ahmedabad and it did not clear up in Rajkot.

'He's been told to rest for a couple of days but in a way that doesn't really help.

'Before the Test he really needs practice to get back into his rhythm and get the confidence of knowing he can bowl without pain.'

Although Foster would be the likely replacement, Gower did not rule out the

Swap attack for first Test



DAVID GOWER . . . Bowling dilemma

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

possibility of Richard Allison sharing the new ball, especially if conditions on the first morning look likely to give help to a bowler who relies on swing.

Gower's second dilemma is whether to include Vic Marks as a spin partner for Phil Edmonds. With Cowdrey and Moxon unavailable the Somerset man's batting ability, which brought him over 1,200 runs last summer, would be useful to the middle order.

So far on tour, however, Marks has bowled 73 overs and taken only one wicket at a cost of 225 runs. Meanwhile, the tour party's

other off-spinner, Pat Pocock, whose batting ability leaves a lot to be desired, has taken eight wickets in 60 overs at a cost of 223.

Doubt set into Gower's mind during the game at Rajkot, where Marks bowled 40 over without success and also failed to score a run.

Gower said: 'I don't know whether on that wicket Pat would have taken any wickets either. But had Vic scored runs, it would have definitely been in his favour.'

England's players this

morning flew from Rajkot to Bombay and began their preparation for the Test with a final afternoon off beside their hotel swimming pool.

They learned that the umpires for the Test will be Swarup Kishen, who handled three of the Tests on England's last tour, and B. Ganguli, who officiated in the match at Rajkot.

While England have made a policy of not commenting on Indian umpiring during the tour, it is understood that neither Gower nor manager Tony Brown have objected to the appointment, having watched both umpires in at least one of the tourists' three warm-up games.

Windies tighten their grip

WEST INDIES once again applied their successful formula of relentless pace and sent Australia tumbling to the brink of defeat in the second cricket Test in Brisbane, Australia, yesterday.

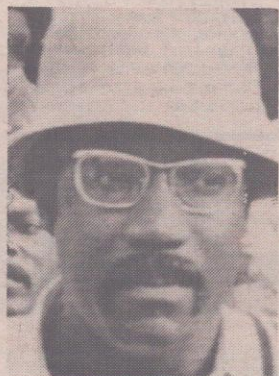
Michael Holding captured three wickets and fellow fast bowlers Malcolm Marshall and Courtney Walsh took one each as Australia, 249 behind on first innings, crumbled to 134 for five in their second by the close of the third day.

Clive Lloyd's touring team are poised to complete victory today with a day to spare and take a 2-0 lead in the five-match series after winning by an innings and 112 runs, also with a day in hand, in the first Test in Perth.

Quality

The depth and quality of West Indies' fast bowling was underlined by the fact that the giant Joel Garner, their most successful pacer with four for 67 in Australia's first innings of 175, did not take a wicket yesterday.

Holding fired out Graeme Wood, Allan Border and captain Kim Hughes, despite nursing a hamstring injury sustained on the first day, while Marshall and



CLIVE LLOYD

Walsh triggered the slump after an opening stand of 88 by Kepler Wessels and John Dyson.

The resistance by Dyson and Wessels, top scorer with 61, provided a rare bright moment for Australia, whose only other suc-

cess came when they swept aside West Indies' last four wickets for 28 to dismiss them for 424 yesterday morning.

Fast bowler Geoff Lawson took three of the wickets. His last, which accounted for Walsh and ended the innings, was his 100th in his 25th Test.

Lloyd, who resumed on 109, added only five before Hughes caught him off the fast medium bowling of Terry Alderman, while Lawson's tail-end victims included Marshall for 57 and gave him five for 116.

Australia started defiantly as Wessels struck out boldly and survived for 148 minutes before falling to a sharp catch by Larry Gomes off Walsh only moments after Dyson was caught behind by Jeff Dujon off Marshall.

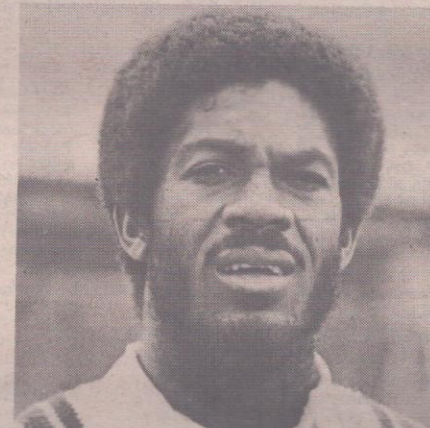
Wood became the first of

Holding's victims when he was superbly caught at first slip by Richie Richardson, while Hughes was lbw to a delivery from the Jamaican paceman that kept low.

Border and David Boon offered a measure of resistance in a fifth wicket stand of 25 interrupted for 40 minutes by rain.

After the resumption, with 28 minutes left in the final session, Holding dispatched Border for 24, at which point five wickets had tumbled while only 43 runs were scored.

Left-hander Border's downfall came when substitute Roger Harper showed his qualities as a close fieldman by pouncing to hold a fine catch at short leg. The tall Guyanese off-spinner was fielding for Walsh, who injured a foot while batting.



MICHAEL HOLDING . . . Three wickets

REID STEERS THE KIWIS TO SAFETY

LEFT-HANDER John Reid guided New Zealand to a respectable 239 for seven with an unbeaten century on the opening day of the second Test against Pakistan at Hyderabad yesterday.

Reid justified captain Jeremy Coney's faith in his ability with a gritty display after some of the touring team's earlier batsmen got out playing injudicious

strokes. His third Test century came in 253 minutes and included seven boundaries.

The only other innings of substance was played by Jeff Crowe, who hit eight fours in his 42, mostly off the spinners.

Crowe was batting so aggressively that Pakistan

captain Zaheer Abbas had to withdraw his two front-line spinners Abdul Qadir, taker of three wickets, and Iqbal Qasim, who took one.

The captain's introduction of his own brisk off-spinners proved effective as Crowe and wicketkeeper Ian Smith were removed at the cost of only 20 runs

in eight overs.

The two teams each made one change from the sides who played the first Test at Lahore, which Pakistan won by six wickets.

Off-spinner John Bracewell replaced medium-paced Ewen Chatfield for New Zealand, while all-rounder Manzoor Elahi came in for off-spinner Tauseef Ahmed in the Pakistan line-up.

Best of the week

CITY FIGHT BACK

AFTER the 4-1 Milk Cup drubbing at Chelsea in midweek, it seemed City were heading for another as they went in to the half-time dressing room two goals down.

But a spirited fight-back in the second period earned them a hard-earned home point and late pressure almost forced them a winner.

A physical first half full of late challenges saw the Manchester side lacking cohesion. Their confidence was obviously dented as Portsmouth took an eighth-minute lead. A Gary Stanley throw from the right found Neil Webb who cut inside and drove the ball past the right hand of the bemused Williams from just inside the 18-yard box.

Half

When City did manage to break out of their own half, Portsmouth defended without compromise. Seemingly the order of the day in that department was to take no prisoners.

Their best chance of the half came when Knight in the opposing goal dropped a cross by Welsh international David Phillips, but with

MAN CITY 2
Smith, Kinsey
PORTSMOUTH 2
Webb 2

nobody close enough, the defence hacked the ball into touch for a corner.

Right on half-time Pompey went further ahead. Again it was the unmarked Webb, this time cutting in from the left to beat the keeper off the far post.

During the interval City's Graeme Sinclair, presently on loan from Celtic, was withdrawn suffering from concussion.

Phillip's switched to right back and Gordon Smith, the club's leading scorer, came on in the midfield. In fact it took 53 minutes before City had a shot on target. But keeper Knight took it well.

However, the tide had turned and after creating more chances City clawed a goal back.

Melrose's initial attempt was blocked and from the

re-bound Kinsey's close range drive was deflected for substitute Smith to score.

Seven minutes later the resurrection was complete. A long throw on the right was collected by Melrose and his fine pass allowed Kinsey to produce a brilliant left-foot equaliser which gave the keeper no chance.

Pressure

The remainder of the match saw more City pressure. In fact Portsmouth escaped from their own half only once after the first goal. But the game ended level.

City defender Mick McCarthy, who is eligible again next week after a recent suspension, said: 'In a way Portsmouth's second goal did us a favour. During the second half they sat back and having nothing to lose we took the game to them.'

'Overall a draw's a fair result,' he concluded.

Walker's crispy hat-trick

SUNDERLAND came back from conceding two goals inside the first 15 minutes of an explosive match, in which the home side's David Hodgson and United's Mark Hughes were sent off.

England captain Bryan Robson fired United into a 13th-minute lead and two minutes later Hughes made it 2-0 from the 18-yard line.

A minute later Clive Walker reduced the arrears

SUNDERLAND 3
Walker 3, 2pens
MAN UNITED 2
Robson, Hughes

and two minutes later both sides were down to ten men when Hodgson and Hughes clashed, following an off-the-ball incident.

Two goals in a two-minute spell, both from the

penalty spot just before the interval, turned the game completely in Sunderland's favour.

Gary Bailey brought down Gary Bennett and Walker put Sunderland on level terms.

On the stroke of half time Gordon McQueen brought down Stan Cummins and Walker again beat Bailey from the spot to complete his first hat-trick for Sunderland.

Stoke go down again

STRUGGLING Stoke became the latest victim of the Watford goal machine at the Victoria Ground on Saturday.

Watford exploited Stoke's indecisive defence early on and reaped rewards through George Reilly. Then, in the 36th minute, Brendan O'Callaghan's appalling back-pass was snapped up by Luther Blissett.

STOKE 1
Painter, pen
WATFORD 3
Reilly, Rostron, Blissett

set whose cross set up Wilf Rostrom with an easy header for Watford's second.

Six minutes into the second half Watford increased their lead and

brought their tally to 44 goals this season when Worrell Sterling met Barnes' cross with an acrobatic overhead kick, Joe Corrigan parried on to the bar and Blissett stroked home the rebound.

Stoke salvaged some respect and kept the scoreline at least creditable with a 57th minute Ian Painter penalty.

Rangers regain confidence

QPR 2
Gregory, Bannister
ASTON VILLA 0

'THERE is no crisis at QPR', Alan Mullery made the claim forcefully in Saturday's club programme, and Rangers' players backed up their manager's judgement with the systematic destruction of struggling Aston Villa at Loftus Road.

'There might be a problem of confidence . . . but not a crisis,' suggested Mullery. 'The spirit at our club is first class.'

On Saturday's showing, confidence is no longer a problem either. Villa goalkeeper Mervyn Day produced a series of superb saves to keep the scoreline respectable.

But he had no say in the 10th minute when John Gregory touched in Rangers' first goal in five League games after Gary Bannister's header had been blocked on the line.

Rangers' electronic scoreboard credited Bannister with a goal — but he

scored for real after 56 minutes.

Simon Stainrod — one of four Rangers players to have demanded a move in the past fortnight — provided the centre for Bannister to notch his 15th goal of the season.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

FA CUP
First round replay
Swindon v Dagenham (7.30)

kend soccer reports and pictures



John Chiedoze's speed and skill took him through the Chelsea defence on numerous occasions during Spurs' Saturday morning match at White Hart Lane

Honours shared

CHELSEA's goal machine Kerry Dixon took five minutes to net his 19th of the season at White Hart Lane.

But Tottenham came back level through their leading scorer, Mark Falco, after 47 minutes, and an electric London derby ended all-square.

There were near-misses galore at both ends, with Tottenham's best chance of a victory to reach second

TOTTENHAM 1

Falco

CHELSEA 1

Dixon

place in the table laying with the speed of John Chiedoze.

The Nigerian winger was always too fast for full-back Doug Rougvié, only to see Chelsea somehow survive his crosses. Dixon gave home defender Paul Miller an equally torrid time and the Spurs man was eventually booked for a wild

second-half challenge.

David Speedie was also booked, but the Chelsea midfielder was a shade unlucky with the decision. He was outstanding for the visitors, setting up chances which should have produced a win.

Glenn Hoddle finished with a slight hamstring injury, and is doubtful for Tottenham's UEFA Cup game with Bohemians of Prague on Wednesday.

Strikers Falco and Allen collected minor ankle injuries.

Wark sinks Ipswich

LIVERPOOL 2 IPSWICH 0

Wark 2

SCOTTISH international John Wark's 100th League goal of his career put champions Liverpool on course for victory over Ipswich at Anfield — and their first Saturday home success of the season.

Wark hit 94 League goals in his days

with Ipswich, who were left reeling when he shot past Cooper to give Liverpool a 41st-minute lead. That goal was poor reward for Liverpool's total first half dominance.

Cooper did much to frustrate them with great saves from Dalglish, Molby and Kennedy, but in the 58th minute he was beaten again by Wark, this time with a delicate floated header from a neat chip by Dalglish.

Armstrong lifts gloom

SOUTHAMPTON 1

Armstrong

NEWCASTLE 0

DAVID ARMSTRONG struck a 65th-minute winner to enable Southampton to temporarily forget their dressing room disharmony at home to Newcastle.

Shocked by the pre-match axing on disciplinary grounds of England's Mark Wright and Steve Williams, Southampton took a long time to adjust in a scrappy, dull match.

But once Newcastle, never much of a threat in attack, were unbalanced by the departure of Peter Beardsley with a back injury, there was never any danger that Southampton would be unable to stretch their unbeaten run.

Newcastle had taken the edge off the match with their offside tactics, but ultimately that was what proved their downfall. Their defenders dashed out as a corner was half cleared and when Alan Curtis lobbed the ball back Armstrong netted from six yards.

CARROW ROAD BLUES

Canaries swoop to take points

NORWICH 4

Deehan 2, Gordon, Donowa

EVERTON 2

Sharp, Sheedy



JOHN DEEHAN . . . Two goals to his credit

THE TOFFEE men came well and truly unstuck at Carrow Road on Saturday afternoon. Everton's marvellous League run came to an abrupt halt as Norwich ran riot in an amazing first-half.

With 15 minutes of the game gone the Merseysiders seemed to be in control. Twelve minutes later shell-shocked Neville Southall was picking the ball out of his net for the third time.

To their credit the League leaders pulled one back immediately and got back to 3-2 early in the second half, but when John Deehan swept home his second, and Norwich's fourth, in the 65th minute it

was all over bar the shouting.

The vital difference between the sides was Norwich's clinical finishing. In the past they have been guilty of wasting too many chances, but there were no such problems on Saturday.

Their opener was set up by right-back Paul Haylock, one of the most improved players in the First Division. He caught Kevin Sheedy in possession with a tigerish tackle and released Deehan who slotted home coolly.

That goal came through the middle, but the home team's other three all came from crosses. There could be no more powerful testimony to manager Ken Brown's tactics of attacking down both flanks.

Not only do Norwich rely

on two teenage wingers, Dale Gordon and Louie Donowa, but Deehan and Mike Channon also regularly took up wide positions before releasing the crosses which wrought such havoc.

Second

The veteran Channon set up the second two minutes later. Southall failed to hold his shot from the left and Gordon pounced from close range.

Not to be outdone, Deehan crossed from the left for the third. Donowa arrived late at the far post to blast home from six yards.

But Everton struck back immediately when Graeme Sharpe headed home. This time the cross came from Sheedy.

The Carrow Road crowd could have been excused a few minutes to get their breath back, but there was no respite from the non-stop action.

The Blues could have reduced the arrears even further, but the unmarked Sheedy blasted against the underside of the bar. Straight away Donowa burst clear at the other end and his cross was met powerfully by Gordon, but he too hit the bar.

Everton looked set to complete a remarkable comeback when Sheedy, who seemed to be in the thick of all the action, latched on to Dave Watson-backpass to score.

But although they pressed hard, the visitors over elaborated too often in the

build-up and were unable to break through the Norwich rearguard where Steve Bruce was outstanding.

When Norwich finally broke away, Deehan latched onto another Channon cross to put the result beyond doubt.

Close

A few more performances like this could see Norwich coming close to their aim of a place in Europe while Everton showed skill and commitment in defeat to fully justify their place at the top.

It may be a cliché, but the real winner was football. As long as there are games as exciting as this crowds can only continue to get better.

Wilander ready for the Open

SWEDEN'S Mats Wilander, saying he is playing better now than when he won the Australian Open tennis title a year ago, proved his point emphatically by beating Ivan Lendl in their final warm-up in Canberra on Friday night here.

Wilander toppled the Czechoslovak, ranked two in the world and seeded first for next week's Open in Melbourne, 7-5 7-6 to win the International Challenge event.

It was Wilander's third win this week in the round robin event in which he beat South African Kevin Curren on Thursday and Pat Cash of Australia on Thursday.

He said he was confident about his prospects for the Open and felt he was playing better now than at this

time last year. 'My volleys have improved since then,' he said.

Wilander rated Cash along with Lendl and American Jimmy Connors, if he plays, as the biggest dangers for the Open.

Brilliant

'Cash is playing very well. He has a brilliant all-round game and has a very good chance of winning the Open,' said Wilander.

'I am playing well at the minute and this tournament was great practice for the Open,' he added.

Cash earlier took third place by beating Sweden's Joachim Nystrom 4-6 6-3 6-4.

IVAN LENDL, bidding for a second Grand Slam title, received a first-round bye when the draw for the Australian Open tennis championships was made in Melbourne yesterday.

Lendl, who won the French Open at Roland Garros in June, was seeded first in the men's singles which begins today following the withdrawal of injured John McEnroe, whom he beat in five sets in the Paris final.

In the second round, the Czechoslovak will meet American Bill Scanlon or Australian John Fitzgerald, neither of whom should cause him any real problems even on grass.

Defending champion Mats Wilander, who beat

Lendl in straight sets in last year's final — a feat he repeated in Canberra on Friday — was also given a first-round bye and will open his campaign against big-serving American Chip Hooper or David Mustard of New Zealand.

While Wilander, the No.2 seed, appears to have the tougher draw, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd look to have few problems in the women's singles.

Navratilova, chasing a remarkable seventh successive Grand Slam title, opens against South African Yvonne Vermaak while Lloyd, the No.2 seed, meets compatriot Kim Shaefer.

Although Lloyd may have to face 13th-seeded Briton Jo Durie in the last 16, the

road to the final holds no apparent dangers.

Navratilova, however, may have to overcome doubles partner Pam Shriver in the semi-final, and the tall American is always a dangerous opponent on grass.

If either Lendl or Wilander slip up, local favourite Pat Cash could be the man to watch, especially since Jimmy Connors has decided to stay away.

The fifth-seeded Australian, a semi-finalist in the US Open and Wimbledon championships earlier this year, is in the same half of the draw as Wilander and will meet the winner of the all-American first-round clash between Andy Andrews and Ken Flach.

Edberg wins first title

SWEDEN'S latest 'tennis wonderboy' Stefan Edberg confirmed he has made a successful transition from junior to senior level with a smooth 6-2 6-3 win over American Scott Davis in the final of the Western Australian Open in Perth yesterday.

Edberg, 18, the junior world champion in 1983 and perhaps the most naturally talented of all the Swedes currently on the circuit, crushed Davis in just 60 minutes with an awesome display of all-court tennis.

'That was certainly one of the best matches I've ever played,' said Edberg, who last year became the

first player to win the junior Grand Slam.

'I came to Perth to get practice on grass in preparation for the Australian Open and it was a good move.'

Contingent

Edberg, now ranked in the world's top 20, will be part of a strong Swedish contingent when the Australian Open begins in Melbourne today.

He is seeded eight while compatriots Mats Wilander, the defending champion, and Joachim Nystrom are seeded second and third respectively.

SAINTS ROW STATEMENT

Gunners over-run

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY claimed another impressive scalp as they over-ran Arsenal in yesterday afternoon's live televised match at Hillsborough.

The Londoners, packed with expensive talent, failed to match the youthful Wednesday side's enthusiasm and it cost them dearly in the end.

The intimidating frame of Lee Chapman had the Arsenal defence in trouble as he hovered dangerously waiting for Wednesday's favourite high ball.

And it was Chapman who made the vital breakthrough in 16 minutes when he headed in a superb Gavin Oliver cross.

Arsenal, who managed only two notable first-half efforts from Paul Davis and Stuart Robson, pounced on a second-half error to level the scores.

SHEFFIELD WEDS 2

Chapman, Smith
ARSENAL 1
Woodcock

Three minutes later Wednesday poured forward again and, with the Arsenal defence watching, Mark Smith headed the winner.

DAVENPORT DOUBLE

TWO GOALS from Peter Davenport gave Nottingham Forest victory over struggling Midlands rivals Leicester at the City ground yesterday afternoon.

The game came alive after 20 minutes when Leicester went ahead through Ian Banks, who scored with a fierce left foot shot from 15 yards.

But Forest levelled four



STEVE WILLIAMS

BY A SPORTS LINE REPORTER

SOUTHAMPTON chairman Alan Woodford will make a statement today on the row between the club's manager Lawrie McMenemy and England defender Mark Wright.

McMenemy and Wright were reportedly involved in a fight at half time during last week's drawn Milk Cup tie against Queen's Park Rangers at The Dell.

Wright failed to turn up for training on Friday, did not play in Saturday's 1-0 victory over Newcastle and has asked for a move.

As if Southampton do not have enough problems, captain Steve Williams, also a current England international, has also demanded a transfer after being left out of the team to play Newcastle.

Williams said: 'I've



MARK WRIGHT

asked for a move. 'This is nothing to do with Mark Wright — I've had a row of my own with the manager. I don't want to play for this club again.'

McMenemy refused to comment on his alleged confrontation with Wright, but said that Williams had been left out because he was not fully fit.

If the two unsettled players do leave it will be a severe setback for Southampton, who have lost only one of their last 19 matches.

Jimmy's costly curls!

BY A SNOOKER CORRESPONDENT

JIMMY WHITE was cursing his curly locks yesterday for costing him £10,000 in bets.

The 22-year-old Wimbledon left hander needed only three frames to finish off Doug Mountjoy 9-2 and sweep into the Coral UK quarter finals at Preston.

But he missed a great chance of a televised maximum 147 break, worth £10,000 in bets with the sponsors, in yesterday's second frame — the tenth of the match — when he went out of position after running in 11 reds and ten blacks.

Haircut

'My hair kept hanging in my eyes and it put me off. I need a haircut,' said

White, adding: 'The 147 was definitely on, but I had to keep brushing my hair back and eventually I knocked a couple of reds safe potting a black and that ruined it.'

Victory

White took 52 minutes to complete a victory over Mountjoy having done the real damage on Saturday in their first-ever championship meeting, when he went 7-1 ahead in 109 minutes.

'I did not play as well as I have been. I made some sloppy shots but he was ruthless,' said Mountjoy.

White now plays either his old London schoolmate Tony Meo or Steve Davis, who beat him 18-16 in last season's World Championship finals, after White had battled back from 12-4 down.



Chelsea's goal machine Kerry Dixon, watched by Paul Miller, took five minutes to beat Spurs' Ray Clemence at White Hart Lane on Saturday. See report and another picture inside