

Two miners' leaders meet TUC committee

MINERS leaders Peter Heathfield and Mick McGahey last night met the senior TUC representatives in preparation for a report to today's General Council meeting. NUM president Arthur Scargill did not attend the discussions in which the TUC were believed to be demanding concessions from the miners in order to re-open negotiations with the Coal Board.

But an NUM spokesman described the meeting as 'routine' and that 'no-

thing sinister' was being discussed in the absence of the union's president.

The main report to Monday's TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee by general secretary Norman Willis also demanded an NUM condemnation of so-called 'picket line' violence. As McGahey and Heathfield were in talks upstairs at Congress House in London, a court bailiff waited outside to serve writs on them.

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Moves to drop boycott of anti-union legislation

TUC CLIMBDOWN ON TORY LAWS

Transport union in discussion on fine

THE TUC has secretly circulated a document advising member unions to breach conference decisions opposing the Tory anti-union laws.

Prépared for the TUC Employment Committee, the document urges unions to go into the courts and mount legal defences against prosecutions under the Tory legislation. It rewrites Congress policy by claiming that opposition to the anti-union laws does not mean that unions have to refuse to pay fines or disobey injunctions.

Details of the secret document emerged shortly before the TUC's biggest affiliated union, the T&GWU transport union, was fined £200,000 for contempt of court on Monday.

The union's policy-making Finance and General Purposes Committee, which is holding a two-day meeting at Transport House, will decide today how to respond.

So far the transport union has followed TUC policy and the example of the National Union of Mineworkers by boycotting the courts.

Imposing his fine on Monday, Mr Justice Hodgson accused the union of committing 'one of the worst cases of disobedience of orders of this court that there can ever have been'.

Deadline

Failure to meet the 14-day deadline to pay the fine will almost certainly lead to the sequestration of the union's £50 million assets.

State sequestrators will be back in the High Court today reporting on their efforts to locate and seize the assets of the NUM. If they allege 'hindrance' from NUM officials, then

BY BEN RUDDER

the court could start jailing those named in the injunction, including president Arthur Scargill and general secretary Peter Heathfield.

The latest TUC climb-down document rests on Len Murray's 'broad interpretation' of the Wembley 1982 conference decision to oppose the laws. The new report claims that while the special conference voted for a policy of 'non-cooperation' with the legislation, this did not mean unions should not defend themselves in court.

The document was leaked to the press following public announcements by the EETPU electricians' union that it was going to accept government money to run ballots on strike action and union elections.

The AUEW engineering union leadership, which last week stabbed the BL carworkers' pay strike in the back by repudiating it in court, earned the praise of Tory Employment Secretary Tom King.



He issued a statement saying that there was a 'quiet revolution in attitude taking place at all levels of British industry — among employers, union leaders and, most important of all, among union members themselves'.

Gloating

This, he claimed, had been demonstrated by the ending of the BL pay strike, which was due to the 'undemocratic attempt to

force the workers of Austin Rover to come out on strike without the chance of a proper vote'.

King was gloating over statistics released from his department showing that in all but those cases pending against the NUM and the T&GWU, union executives, or the TUC itself, have intervened to ensure that injunctions under the anti-union laws were obeyed.

The most glaring example of the TUC abandonment of policy commitments to oppose anti-union

laws was its refusal to back the NGA print union on December 16 last year in the fight against the sacking of six members by Mr Eddie Shah's Messenger Newspapers Group.

Document

Now, the right-wing dominated TUC leaders are seeking a policy document to justify further breaches of Congress policy and the implementation of the Tory anti-union laws.

Busmen lobby against cuts

FIVE THOUSAND bus drivers and conductors from all over the country drove through London yesterday to a lobby of parliament and rally in Central Hall against the Tories' attack on their jobs and services contained in the White Paper 'Buses', published in July. At one stage, a hundred double decker buses queued round Parliament Square.

Teachers oppose books VAT

THE six main teachers' unions joined forces yesterday to oppose the threat of VAT on books.

The unions signed a joint resolution to be sent to Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.

It warns that the introduction of the measure 'would be highly damaging to the education system'.

The widespread fear over VAT arises from Chancellor Nigel Lawson's statement earlier in the year that the government was committed to a shift from taxes on earnings to taxes on spending.

VAT on books would bring in an estimated £85 million a year.

COWLEY CRACKDOWN ON STEWARDS

BY AN INDUSTRIAL REPORTER

MANAGEMENT at Austin Rover have continued a crackdown on workers who fought for the recent pay strike, suspending a deputy senior shop steward at the Cowley assembly plant.

The company warned at the weekend that Cowley workers held responsible 'for unconstitutional disputes will find their own employment terminated'.

During the two-week pay strike those on the picket lines were photographed from inside the plant.

Now management have suspended Bob Cullen, a Transport and General Workers' Union steward, and another union activist, Darren Clark. Both work in the assembly plant.

Hearing

They have been hauled before a disciplinary hear-

ing and accused of damaging a car belonging to senior management during the overtime ban prior to the strike.

Both men have vehemently denied the charge, and the union is representing them at national officer level. If they lose the case, both workers face instant dismissal.

Meanwhile, at Longbridge a woman worker sacked for alleged incidents on the picket line is appealing against the decision this week.

Sacked

Sheila McGarvey, also a member of the T&GWU, was sacked from her job in

the sewing room at the plant.

On Monday the T&GWU was fined £200,000 for making the strike at Austin Rover official.

Its key finance and general purposes committee is meeting in London today to consider the position. Non-payment of the fine will lead to seizure of the union's assets.

New move against ILEA

THE Tories have a backdoor plan to break up Britain's largest education authority, says its leader, Frances Morrell.

She believes that the Inner London Education Authority is once more under threat, despite earlier Tory pledges that it would be preserved.

She said: 'In the Abolition Bill, the government has betrayed London's parents and made a takeover bid for the city's education service.'

Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph had promised back in May that 'the ILEA was never under threat of dismemberment, never!'

But clauses in the new Bill give sweeping powers to the Secretary of State, allowing the break-up of the ILEA by ministerial order.

Morrell also said the Bill gives the government unprecedented powers to interfere in the education policies and finances of the authority.

The new authority would automatically be rate-capped for the first three years.

The Bill also gives Joseph direct and complete control over organisation and management of the new authority.

He will have the final say on the number of staff employed and the services, supplies and facilities needed.

Meanwhile, the Tory attack on ILEA assumed a legal form yesterday as Westminster City Council argued in court that a £750,000 campaign against rate-capping was illegal.

Court to rule on engineers

A HIGH court judge will decide on Friday whether the Stalinist-led white-collar engineers' union TASS should be punished for contempt of court over its involvement in the Austin Rover strike.

Mr Justice Hodgson yesterday reserved judgement on a move by Austin Rover to have the union fined or its assets sequestrated for contempt of a November 6 High Court order requiring it to lift the strike call.

The same judge on Monday fined the Transport and General Workers' Union £200,000 for contempt of a similar order. Yesterday he further ordered the T&GWU to pay Austin Rover's legal costs.

Richard Field, counsel for Austin Rover, told the judge that TASS — the administrative and supervisory section of the Amalgamated Union of

Engineering Workers — had deliberately ignored the order to lift the strike.

'There was a conscious and deliberate decision taken by this union that it was not bound by the order,' he said.

Earlier the company had agreed that the order should now be discharged. However, it pressed ahead with its contempt move, alleging that the union ignored the order when it was in force.

Stephen Sedley, QC, for the union, said the wording of the order was a 'catch-all'. It was not specific.

TASS had not officially endorsed the strike call, which had come from the joint shop stewards' negotiating committee at Austin Rover. The union could not be punished for failing to withdraw a call it had not made, Sedley submitted.



Thousands of bus workers from all over the country were at yesterday's rally in Central Hall

NUM sequestrators report today

THE sequestrators handling the seizure of the assets of the miners' union will be reporting again to the High Court today.

It is not known what accountants Price Waterhouse will tell Mr Justice Nicholls when they appear before him at 10.30a.m. to give a progress report on their efforts to track down and freeze the NUM's

national assets.

The sequestrators were sent in after the union failed to pay a £200,000 fine for contempt of the judge's orders not to describe the strike as official or threaten to discipline non-strikers.

Sixteen Notts scabs are also planning to take the union to court for describing the strike as official.

BUSES BESIEGE PARLIAMENT

BY PENNY BLOOR

ABOUT 5,000 bus drivers and conductors from across Britain drove through London yesterday to protest at Tory plans to denationalise parts of public transport networks.

As 100 double decker buses queued round Parlia-

ment Square transport workers lobbied MPs at Westminster before attending a rally at Central Hall.

Organisers said many more areas took part than anticipated.

After being welcomed to the rally by GLC leader Ken Livingstone, TUC general secretary Norman Willis attacked the government White Paper 'Buses', published in July.

TUC general secretary Norman Willis said buses were the safety net of free movement.

'This campaign is of course about the threat to jobs,' he said. 'But also it is about serving the community.'

Willis said he had recently attended a meeting with Tory Transport Minister Nicholas Ridley. It was clear Ridley had no understanding of public transport.

'What the travelling public require is not a choice of 20 different buses on a route but a network of services with sufficient wages to attract people to give a social service,' Willis said.

He had been amazed by Ridley's reasoning that on experimental private services there had been defective brakes and other faults found by inspectors because private operators were using inspectors to check their vehicles rather

than doing it themselves.

Gwyneth Dunwoody, new Labour transport spokesman, said trial runs by private operators had been a dismal failure, and the only reason for privatising transport was ideological.

Ridley was collapsing the bus service to say 'let them ride in taxis'.

She added: 'We will soon have every member of the public on our side to help us to get rid of the maddest scheme that even this mad government has thought of.'

Action

Bill Morris, leader of the national bus section of the T&GWU, said that the day's action was more than just a simple act of protest.

'Yes we are here to protest, but we are also here to make a profound declaration that that public transport belongs to the people, that it is part of the nation's assets and we are not prepared to stand by and see that destroyed.'

'We are saying to this government, we don't like your Transport Bill, please take it away and while you're at it, go away yourself.'

Jack Jones, of the Pensioners Action Group, said four out of five pensioners did not have access to a private car. He called for free transport for all old people.

Call for General Strike

CLYDEBANK branch of TASS, the white-collar section of the engineering union, has demanded that the TASS leadership implement a General Strike policy.

Unanimously adopted at its meeting held on Monday this week, the branch's resolution states:

'This branch supports the continuing struggle of the National Union of Mineworkers against the National Coal Board and the Tory government. We condemn the clandestine creation of a national police force and the legal move to seize the entire national funds of the NUM.'

'We consider that these measures demonstrate the present government is actively pursuing the destruction of the entire trade union movement.'

'In recognising that financial contributions and collections alone, however important, cannot defend the NUM and the trade union movement, we declare that this organised state attack can only be defeated through the organisation of a General Strike.'

'We instruct the executive committee to call out the entire membership of TASS in national strike action alongside the NUM'

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Spain opens 'Rock' border

SPAIN has agreed in talks with Britain to reopen its border with Gibraltar in the first quarter of next year.

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said the resumption of the free movement of people, goods and traffic signalled joint co-operation between Madrid and London on all sorts of issues inhibited when the border was shut by Franco 15 years ago.

Deadline

Britain and Spain had to reach agreement before the deadline of January 1, 1986, when Spain is due to join the EEC.

Common Market rights for Spaniards in Gibraltar and Gibraltarians in Spain will apply from February 15 under the terms of the agreement.

Gold slumps

GOLD slumped to its lowest level in more than two years on the world bullion markets yesterday.

The London fixing was \$332.90 an ounce, the lowest price since \$328.50 on July 9, 1982.

The \$4 slide from Monday's price followed the dollar's surge against West European currencies.

The dollar is remaining buoyant despite the drop in US interest rates. Yesterday Chase Manhattan lowered its prime

lending rate to 11.25 per cent, a quarter of a per cent below the level set by major US banks on Monday.

Chase Manhattan's cut was the sixth reduction since late September when the rate stood at 13 per cent.

Another huge US trade deficit is expected to be announced today while US leading indicators to be published tomorrow are likely to show that the slump is exerting itself once again after a reflationary spurt.

Machinists lobby Ford union talks

STRIKING machinists lobbied yesterday's talks between Ford unions and management aimed at settling their two-week strike which has brought Halewood and Dagenham production to a standstill.

But after four hours the talks broke down over the question of where and who should assess the women's jobs. 'I am afraid we are at deadlock and we are giving full support to the sewing machinists,' said chief negotiator Ron Todd, general secretary-elect of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

The 300 women are demanding regrading to skilled status in line with machinists in other industries and Ford's own machinists in Europe.

The women on the lobby were from the Dagenham plant, and came from their 24-hour picket of the factory to show their determination to win their claim.

The picket is designed to stop any shipment of seat covers from Europe into British plants.

Yesterday's talks were requested by management, and for the first time, five shop stewards from Dagenham and Halewood joined full-time union officials in the negotiations at Ford's Moscow Road offices in London.

'Normally we are a peaceful lot,' Teresa Taylor told News Line, 'but after promising us skilled status two years ago we warned them that they would have to settle with us this time. If they don't settle, then the rest of the annual pay deal will be held up.'

'They say we are not skilled, but whereas I have worked on spot welding when they have had shortages there, you never see them bring a man on to do the machining, because it is a skilled job. I think they got the shock of their lives when we came out,' she added.

Skilled

Linda Stevens said: 'The advertisements for our jobs are for skilled machinists. We have to have references, experience, a medical, tests on the machines, and a one-month trial period. But although that's clearly for skilled machinists, once we are in the shop our skills are forgotten.'

'It was the machinists who told them how to cut the material for the Sierra. Although we had all the experts down to find out why the material was sagging, it took a machinist to tell them not to cut it across the weave,' said Joan Roche.



The striking Ford women machinists lobbying the company headquarters yesterday



Ford machinists fighting for their right to skilled status: (left to right) Cis Peterson, Joan Roche, Teresa Taylor, Linda Stevens

Health workers lobby

YARROW shipbuilders on the Clyde have turned down a union peace proposal to end the so-called 'washing-up' strike by more than 4,000 workers.

A Yarrow spokesman said it was willing to withdraw warnings to a member of staff but not to reinstate the electrician whose sacking on Friday for quitting work several minutes early led to the walk-out.

The dispute began only hours after a visit by George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, to congratulate Yarrow on winning new warship orders.

Slain diplomat 'had CIA links'

ASSASSINATED British deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, Percy Norris, had links with the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Scotland Yard, according to a group claiming responsibility for his slaying.

The 'Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Muslims' telephoned the London office of an international news agency hours after the killing and said he was ringing from Bucharest, Rumania.

A man later called the

Agence France Presse in Paris and said the group had 'executed' Norris 'who works for Scotland Yard and who is connected to the CIA'.

The same group claimed responsibility for shooting dead the British Council representative in Athens, Kenneth Whitty, on March 28 this year.

AFP was told the group had warned the British authorities in previous statements to 'stop their aggressive interventions and their

detention and torture of fighters'.

The London news agency was told British authorities had not responded; so 'a group of the fighters of our organisation carried out a sentence of death at dawn'.

He added: 'The Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Muslims repeats its warning to the British authorities and announces that it will continue to confront them until the colonialist British authorities announce they are ready to respond to the organisation's demands.'

Organisation

British authorities in London yesterday tried to link the organisation to three men from the Abu Nidal group who attempted to assassinate the Israeli ambassador to London, Shlomo Argov, in June 1982.

The Park Lane murder attempt was used as a pretext to launch the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The three were tried at the Old Bailey and jailed for a total of 95 years in March last year.

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HEATH MOCKS KINNOCK

FORMER Tory Prime Minister Edward Heath yesterday ridiculed a nuclear disarmament pledge Labour leader Neil Kinnock said he had obtained during talks with President Konstantin Chernenko in Moscow.

Kinnock spent an hour and 40 minutes with Chernenko at the end of a visit to the Soviet Union accompanied by former Labour Party Defence Minister Denis Healey.

He said the Soviet leader had promised not to

target missiles on Britain if a future Labour government scrapped the nuclear programme and ordered the US to dismantle British-based nuclear missiles.

Commenting on BBC's 'World At One' programme, Heath derided the suggestion as 'not a major diplomatic triumph' for Kinnock.

Heath said: 'No doubt Mr Kinnock believes he is pursuing his policy in the best interests of the country. I would not accuse

him of doing so on purely party grounds'.

Former Labour Party Prime Minister Jim Callaghan, launching what he called 'long-term principles and guidelines for the whole of our relations with the Soviet Union' called Kinnock's meeting with Chernenko 'a very valuable input for reducing tension'.

In the Commons, Prime Minister Thatcher described Chernenko's pledge as 'totally worthless'.

Bristol students strike for education

THOUSANDS of students will gather in London this afternoon for a mass rally in Jubilee Gardens, London, in opposition to the Tory attack on the grants system.

Among them will be a delegation from Bristol Polytechnic's art faculty at Bower Ashton.

The students here have continued strike action and sit-ins since last Wednesday's national 24-hour day of action.

Crispin Burrage, strike co-ordinator and spokesman for the students at Bower Ashton told News Line: 'We are prepared to fight these cuts which we see as a start to the privatisation of education.'

'This is not just a local issue but an attack by the state on rights fought for and won by the working class in the past.'

'This is a direct assault on the workers' right to education.'

Yarrow peace-plan rejected

HOSPITAL workers will lobby a special meeting of the West Lambeth Health Authority today, called to discuss the 'strategic plan' for the area, which outlines plans to close at least two hospitals in the area.

South Western hospital, which serves mainly geriatric patients, and Tooting Bec, a psychiatric hospital, would close and St Thomas's future is uncertain as a result of government diktats on health service spending.

The health authority has been ordered by the government to cut £11 million off its budget within ten years. This is the largest cut required of any health authority in the country.

There will be special difficulties for the students if the cuts continue.

They are already experiencing cramped working conditions with little or no storage facilities and the fact that they already pay money from their grant for studio facilities. This is money they should be using to live on.

running costs will be insufficient.

Dr William Birch, director of Bristol Polytechnic, has been unable to order new materials for the faculty and although students have paid in advance for their courses, they will get nothing in return.

Today's national protest assemblies at Jubilee Gardens, County Hall, at 2.00p.m. for a rally in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Speakers include NUS president Phil Woolas, National Union of Teachers leader Fred Jarvis and ILEA leader Frances Morel.

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Strain

Last year due to financial strain, three students were forced to curtail their courses.

As a result of the effects of ratecapping, grants paid out by local government bodies to help cover

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WORLD SUMMARY

Military spies for trial

ROME — A former deputy head of Italy's military intelligence service, SISMI, General Pietro Musumeci, has been committed for trial on conspiracy charges, including possessing explosives and faking a crime, along with three other ex-officers and two civilians.

Death

VIENNA — Colonel-General Antonin Brabec, political chief of the Czechoslovak army, died suddenly on Monday, aged 56, the official Ceteka news agency said.

Bomb

BOGOTA — A car bomb killed one person and wounded at least three outside the US embassy in Bogota late on Monday, police said yesterday.

Expelled

BONN — The Rumanian government had ordered the expulsion of four members of West Germany's embassy staff in Bucharest, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Talks

SAN SALVADOR — President Jose Napoleon Duarte has named four government representatives to meet Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front leaders on Friday to discuss procedures for peace talks aimed at ending El Salvador's five-year-old civil war.

World News Line

DIPLOMAT SHOT DEAD IN INDIA

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

BOMBAY — Britain's senior diplomat in Bombay, deputy High Commissioner Percy Norris, was shot dead as he drove to work yesterday.

State-run Press Trust of India said the assailants were suspected to be two foreigners.

According to police one man was about six feet tall and the other wore a brown singlet and jeans.

A High Commission spokesman said all Britons in Bombay, including the England cricket

team, had been advised to stay indoors but the Test match was expected to proceed today, apparently under heavy security.

Security reinforcements were sent to the hotel where the Test cricketers are staying in Bombay.

Norris, 56, was hit in the temple and heart as his chauffeur drove him through rush-hour traffic in India's finance capital.

Colleagues of Eknath Golkar, a watchman at the traffic roundabout where Norris was shot,

said Golkar had told them he saw two men carrying plastic bags seconds before the shooting.

The men were on a footpath near where the car slowed to enter the roundabout.

Golkar told his colleagues the two walked away seconds after he heard the sound of shots.

Norris was taken to the intensive care unit of the nearby Breach Candy specialist hospital. He was pronounced dead a short time after arrival.

A short time after the

killing, Indian soldiers took up position at the front and rear of the British High Commission in New Delhi, the national capital.

Security has been tightened around all British offices across the country.

The government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said it was 'deeply distressed at this tragic incident' and expressed 'deep sympathy to the British government and the bereaved family'.

The last attack on a British diplomat in India was 20 years ago, when David Brower, head of

the British Information Service, was wounded in a knife attack by a disgruntled employee.

Norris had served in the Solomon Islands, Malaysia, Nigeria, Belgium, the Philippines, Dubai and finally the United States before his posting to India.

A High Commission spokesman said: 'The identity of the attacker or attackers is not known, and there is no evidence to suggest a motive.'

The diplomats body is expected to be flown back to Britain tomorrow night.

Agents get it wrong

WASHINGTON — The United States military had planned an air strike in Lebanon earlier this month in retaliation for an expected terrorist attack which in the end did not occur, the 'Washington Post' newspaper reported yesterday.

It said preparations for an aerial bombing strike were made after US intelligence agents predicted an attempted terrorist attack against a US facility in the Middle East.

The 'Post' said the aircraft carrier 'Eisenhower' had been ordered last week to hold position in the central Mediterranean in preparation.

Colonists provoke tension

NOUMEA — The French government yesterday flew 500 more police to its troubled Pacific territory of New Caledonia.

The deployment was in response to a threat by French settlers to strike and protest unless action is taken against independence-seeking Kanaks.

A strike in Noumea, the capital, would turn it into a 'dead city' if the Kanaks were allowed to set up a 'provisional' government on Saturday, spokesmen for the settlers said.

Thousands of whites have decided to demonstrate in Noumea on Saturday and were due to meet French High Commissioner Jacques Roynette today to relay their threat.

Leaders of the anti-independence French settler dominated Republican Party (RPCR) are the instigators of the right-wing protests against the Kanaks.

Protest

The RPCR's election last week to administer the territory has sparked renewed protest among the Melanesian Kanaks.

The National Socialist Front for the Liberation of Kanak (FLNKS), has blocked roads, seized town halls and held officials hostage.

The RPCR-run territory government, given wide autonomy in the National Assembly, are seeking 'reparations' from the French government for alleged damage to their property.

Kanaks have cut off much of the rural area outside the capital, where most whites live, with road blocks of trees. Food medical supplies and petrol is being airlifted to villages.

Road blocks ring the east coast town of Thio and other areas in the east are without electricity because the FLNKS short-circuited pylons, police said.

A special French envoy Charles Barbeau, arrived in Noumea yesterday to try to 'calm' the settlers.

The latest police reinforcements will boost the police force in the territory to about 1,300, including a 280-member riot squad.

General blames Congress policy

NEW YORK — General William Westmoreland, former commander of US forces in Vietnam, has told the New York district court that one reason America did not make military progress in South Vietnam was Washington's 'tight-fisted' money policies.

Giving testimony in his \$120 million libel suit against the CBS broadcasting network, the retired general said on Monday he had requested between 100,000 and 200,000 troops and that that was finally whittled down to 47,000.

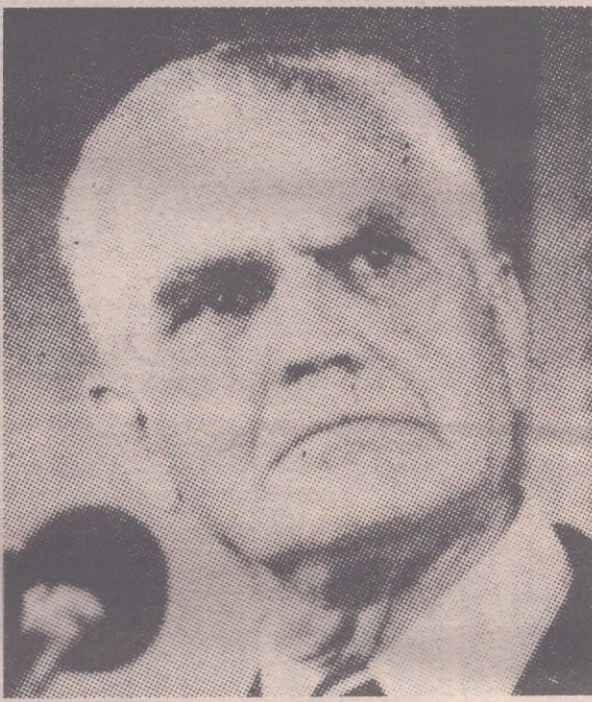
Under cross-examination by CBS lawyer, David Boies, Westmoreland agreed with comments made in a deposition by one of his junior intelligence officers in South Vietnam, Lieutenant Kelly Robinson, that he saw higher estimates of enemy strength as 'a public relations problem'.

Westmoreland alleges CBS libelled him in a documentary by claiming he deliberately underestimated the size of enemy forces poised against the United States and its allies before the 1968 Tet offensive.

In his deposition, Robinson said: 'I told General Westmoreland that our best estimate of the total strength of the enemy's political cadres exceeded 100,000 but that their total numbers were at least 87,000.'

Robinson said that far from accepting the estimate, Westmoreland expressed shock at its size. 'He was reluctant to accept our estimate.'

'He simply wondered aloud how the public and the press would react to such a dramatic increase, and kept saying words to the effect of "What am I going to tell the press?"' Robinson said.



WESTMORELAND

Sharon riled by libel questions



SHARON

NEW YORK — Israel's former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon has told a libel jury that the 1982 Falangist massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in West Beirut was the 'worst thing' that could have happened to the state of Israel.

'What could have been worse for the state of Israel than what happened?' he asked. 'It was against our political interests.'

Sharon was ending six

days of testimony in his own defence in a \$50 million libel action against 'Time' magazine.

He became angry when 'Time's' lawyer, Thomas Barr asked him if far worse things had not been said about him in Israel than 'Time' had reported, including the findings of the official Kahan Commission of inquiry into the Sabra-Shatila massacre.

The commission found Sharon indirectly responsible for the mas-

sacre and said that he should resign as defence minister or be sacked.

He is suing the magazine for suggesting that shortly before the September 1982 massacre at the West Beirut refugee camps, he discussed with the family of assassinated Falangist President-elect Bashir Gemayel the need to take revenge.

Sharon says this single paragraph in a 'Time' February 1983 story portrayed him as a mass killer.

Barr tried to get Sharon to say what he meant when he described the Kahan Commission report as having placed 'the mark of Cain' on him.

'Did you say that the Kahan Commission put the mark of Cain on you. Isn't that the mark the Lord put on Cain after he killed his brother, isn't that the mark of a murderer?' Barr demanded.

Sharpeville shootings

JOHANNESBURG — A black boy, 7, has died of gunshot wounds and a teenager has been injured in Sharpeville, south of the city, in renewed police attacks on protesters.

The boy was found shot in both hips on Monday, after police opened random fire on a gathering of youths on allegations they

hijacked a refuse truck belonging to a local development board.

In Cape Town, the anti-apartheid campaigner Allan Boesak lashed out at the government's handling of black unrest, in which more than 170 people have died since February.

Boesak, patron of the

United Democratic Front (UDF) is the subject of an investigation of police atrocities in black townships.

Black miners leader Cyril Ramaphosa has been released after spending a night in jail in the 'tribal homeland' of Lebowa, accused of trying to hold an illegal meeting.

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LIBYA SLAMS IRAQ'S U.S. RELATIONS

BEIRUT — Libya yesterday condemned the re-establishment of full diplomatic relations between the US government and the Iraqi regime as an escalation of war hysteria against the Iranian revolution.

President Reagan and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz announced the resumption of relations following a 17-year break after a meeting at the White House on Monday night.

The announcement coincided with a meeting of the Gulf Co-operation Council in Kuwait to discuss the Iraq-Iran war amid unprecedentedly tight security precautions along a stretch of the Kuwaiti coastline.

A statement issued in Tripoli by the Libyan authorities said the Reagan administration had openly joined as a party to the war against Iran.

'The official proclamation of the decision to resume diplomatic relations between Washington and Baghdad is considered an overt American escalation of war hysteria against the Islamic revolution in Iran with an Iraqi tool that has been acting, and continues to act, outside the Arab national volition,' the statement said.

'In other words, America has entered clearly as a party to war. It is the formal announcement of a decision which has had far-reaching effects in actual implementation for years, since visits and contacts between officials in the Iraqi regime and the American government had not ceased.

'In the same way, American economic and military help has been continuing without their being announced, as they will be in the light of this formal decision.'

Baghdad broke off relations with Washington after the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, in protest against US support for Israel.

In recent years the two governments opened informal relations after establishing 'interest sections' in each other's capitals.

The US interest section in Baghdad has been a chief conduit for supplies to help President Saddam Hussein wage his proxy imperialist war against the Iranian revolution.

Reagan and Aziz met for 30 minutes on Monday night before simultaneous communiques formalising the renewed ties were announced in Baghdad and Washington.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Aziz was scheduled to meet Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger before returning to Baghdad today.

State Department and White House officials argued before an incredulous Western press that the resumption did not mean 'a change from our neutrality in the Iran-Iraq war'.

But in an arrogant and provocative gesture towards Tehran they said Washington would reopen ties with Iran providing the leadership met two key conditions: it must end 'international

terrorism' and meet Saddam Hussein's peace terms.

These will be treated with the contempt they deserve in Tehran.

In Kuwait, armoured cars and jeeps mounted with automatic weapons guarded junctions along the main road from the airport and press reports said helicopters and warships would make sure boats obeyed instructions to stay at least two miles offshore.

GCC officials said discussions on the Gulf war would dominate the conference.



Iranian rescue workers looking for survivors after an Iraqi attack

Israeli warplanes bomb east Lebanon

TEL AVIV — Israeli warplanes yesterday bombed Palestinian bases in Syrian-controlled east Lebanon after an 11-week lull, as Presidents Mitterrand and Hafez al-Assad met to discuss a Middle East peace initiative in Damascus.

The air raid, the first since September 9, was against bases of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, near the Beirut-Damascus highway 18 miles south-east of Beirut.

An Israeli military spokesman said the target for the bombing was in the village of Qabb Elias.

The spokesman said the raid was against bases used as 'command posts and jumping-off points for attacks on Israeli forces in south Lebanon'.

Increasingly successful guerrilla hit-and-run attacks in the occupied south Lebanon in the past two months have frustrated the Zionist military command which has lost 603 men in the past month.



MITTERRAND



ASSAD

Yesterday two Katyusha rockets landed at unspecified points in northern Israel, according to Israeli spokesmen.

The raid was the first since the 'rotating' government of Labour Prime Minister Shimon Peres took office two months ago.

In Sidon, Israeli troops detained an official of the Shi'ite Muslim Amal movement.

Hassan Subaiti, an offi-

New moves against Tamils

COLOMBO — The Sri Lankan government is planning new repressive measures against liberation organisations which are fighting for a separate state of Tamil Eelam.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said he would give details of the threat and the government's planned response in parliament tomorrow.

The move comes in the wake of an unsuccessful military campaign in the northern Jaffna and Eastern Province regions de-

spite nationwide and selective curfews, house-to-house searches and jungle hunts.

Twenty seven policemen were killed in an attack on a police station in Jaffna district last week.

A night curfew in five northern districts has been extended to some parts of Eastern Province.

The government yesterday placed the tea-growing Nuwara Eliya district in the central highlands on special alert

Hijackers surrender

ADDIS ABABA — Hijackers who forced a Somali airliner to fly to Addis Ababa on Saturday surrendered to Ethiopian authorities yesterday.

Ethiopian Foreign Minister Goshu Wolde said all 108 passengers on board the Somali Airlines Boeing 707 had been freed.

The plane was on a flight from the Somali capital, Mogadishu, to Jeddah when it was seized and forced to land at Bole International Airport.

The three hi-jackers, led by a Somali army captain, were joined by two passengers who sympathised with their demands for the release of prominent prisoners and the reprieve of seven youths due to be executed.

Goshu said the hi-jackers surrendered after receiving assurances that death sentences on the youths would not be carried out by Somalia.

The hi-jackers had been threatening to blow up the plane with all the hostages on board unless their demand for a stay of execution was granted by Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre.

Goshu said the Somali regime would also consider the hi-jackers' demand that 14 prominent political prisoners should be released.

The leader of the hi-jackers, army captain Swil Adfen Bouedhan, told a news conference after surrendering that he and his colleagues commandeered the plane to focus international attention on the plight of the seven youths, who were condemned to death for 'illegal association'.

'It was a question of dignity for us to fight the oppressive (Somali) regime and to bring world attention to what was going on inside Somalia,' the captain said.

Chileans call two-day protest

SANTIAGO — Opponents of Chile's military junta called for new demonstrations yesterday and today to back demands for a return to democracy and to protest against a state of siege imposed three weeks ago.

President Augusto Pinochet's government said it would take all measures necessary to keep order during the protest.

Opposition leaders say the two days of demonstrations, called by a

committee grouping opposition parties, trade unions and social organisations, will be crucial to their campaign.

Students staged anti-government demonstrations in the northern city of Arica as Pinochet arrived on Monday for a five-day stay amid tight security, eyewitnesses and human rights sources said.

The sources said about 400 students erected barricades at the University

of Tarapaca and outside a military base and were dispersed by police using tear gas.

Elsewhere in the city, 1,250 miles (2,000 km) north of the capital, troops patrolled streets and armoured cars guarded the President's route into town.

The sources in Arica said troops had carried out several raids in the city at the weekend and the authorities sent 11 people to a prison camp

yesterday in nearby Pisagua village.

Six students arrested in the neighbouring city of Iquique were also sent to Pisagua, where more than 400 people are being held under the government crackdown.

In Santiago the government said it had sent two more people into internal exile, taking the total confined without trial under the state of siege to 96, not including those in Pisagua.

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Scots teachers' strike threat

SCOTLAND's teachers will strike next week unless their demand for an independent pay review is met by Friday.

Scottish Secretary George Younger was officially notified of the deadline yesterday by the Educational Institute of Scotland.

If there is no reply, or a negative reply, the union's 45,000 members will be called out on a one-day stoppage on December 5.

That action will be followed a week later by a series of 'rolling strikes' on December 11, 12 and 13.

The EIS, Scotland's biggest teaching union, delivered a letter to Younger warning of the strike decision, which was taken by the union's national council at the weekend.

General secretary John Pollock said: 'He has been consistently saying he has been giving careful consideration to the request. One must be hopeful.'

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SCOTLAND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTH EAST

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

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

STAFFS

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

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

YORKSHIRE

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)

WEST MIDLANDS

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

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

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

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.

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

Three Communist Party leaders face expulsion

TONIGHT'S meeting of the Communist Party's political committee is expected to recommend the expulsion of three members of the executive committee.

The recommendation will go before an emergency meeting of the executive committee called for this weekend.

Those facing expulsion are SOGAT official Mike Hicks, black trade unionist Winston Pinder and Mrs Maggie Bowden, a solicitor's clerk.

When party general secretary Gordon McLennan called on members to walk out of the chaotic London district congress at County Hall last Saturday and close it down, Hicks, Pinder and Mrs

Bowden stayed behind.

Hicks, a close supporter of the Tony Chater faction at the 'Morning Star', was chairman of the meeting. He called for a vote on next business when this had been expressly forbidden by a decision of the executive committee.

After McLennan, national organiser Ian McKay and NUM vice president Mick McGahey led 120 pro-party loyalists from the meeting, Hicks accepted and put a motion which condemned the party's executive committee.

Motion

The unconstitutional motion passed by the then unconstitutional congress said:

'This 1984 London district congress holds the

BY ALEX MITCHELL

general secretary and the national executive committee responsible for the walk-out from the congress following the chairman's ruling that if a vote went against "next business" he would proceed under Rule 3d for an expression of view; and further, in the light of the circumstances, it declares that the congress stands adjourned for a maximum of three months.

'Congress also expresses full confidence and support for the existing London district committee and officers, and declares against any disciplinary action. Congress further calls for the convening under rule of a special national congress.'

The political committee

will draw up charges against Hicks, Pinder and Mrs Bowden for breaching the party constitution and summon them to appear before the weekend executive.

At the 38th congress of the Communist Party a year ago, Pinder topped the poll in the executive committee elections with 219 votes. Hicks received 188 votes and Mrs Bowden 171.

Votes

Their high votes mean that they received 'Euro' as well as so-called 'hard-line' votes. General secretary McLennan, the darling of the 'Euros', got back onto the executive with only 153 votes.

The political committee will also draw up a battle plan to restore its control in the London and North-

West districts. Existing district committees will be removed from office and replaced by hand-picked McLennan loyalists.

Two London officials who are certain to be ousted are district organiser Roger Trask and industrial organiser George Wake.

The political committee will also hear a report from international department head, Gerry Pocock, who was despatched to Liverpool on Monday on a fact-finding mission.

His visit followed the failure of two executive committee members, district secretary Arthur Adlen and David Heywood, to get re-elected to the district committee at the North-West congress three weeks ago.

Grants 'sit-down' by art students at Tate Gallery

STUDENTS from art colleges all over London yesterday occupied the Tate Gallery in Millbank to publicise their opposition to the Tory grant cuts announced earlier this month.

Art students from the Royal Academy, Camberwell, London College of Printing, St Martin's, Central, and Goldsmith's were among those who took part.

They were supported by the director of the Tate Gallery, Alan Bownes, who issued a statement declar-

ing: 'The art schools of this country are the best in the world and anything that threatens them is a matter of great concern to every one of us.'

'I can entirely sympathise with your reasons for wanting to demonstrate here today and you have my full support in your campaign to protect art and education.'

He told them they were welcome to stay as long as they allowed visitors free access and observed the rules of the building.

Simon Stringer and

Jamie Scott of the Royal Academy had the idea of occupying the Tate and contacted the other colleges.

'We are small colleges and easy to push around and cut,' they said. 'This action has been spurred by the recent government announcements. We decided on joint action so that our voices would be heard for a change.'

'We've got the backing of all the art students, who are usually apathetic, but we've just about had enough.'



Fleet Street pollution

FLEET Street has one of the highest lead pollution levels in London, says a report by the GLC out yesterday. Investigations have shown that the concentration of lead in dust there far exceeds the 'action' level. The survey covered 15 of London roadside sites where high levels of lead pollution were expected. Every location exceeded the council's own guidelines. The cause of the problem in Fleet Street has been traced to lead used in newspaper production.

FORD's first European turbo-charged car will go on sale next year at around £9,300. The 125mph Escort R5 Turbo was developed by Ford special vehicle engineering at Dunton, Essex. Production will begin next month at Ford's plant at Saarlouis, in West Germany.

Thatcher a 'ham actress'

'SHE is taking everything over and trying to centralise everything so that she is completely in control. I think a lot of what she does is based on personal vendetta. She lacks affection and a sense of humour. She is a bit of a ham actress.'

Boy George commenting on Prime Minister Thatcher in the latest 'Cosmopolitan' magazine, whose December issue features him on the cover.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

KINNOCK'S 'INSURANCE'

LABOUR leader Neil Kinnock would not condemn police violence in the pits dispute in case one day he needed to use the police against the miners, Kent miners' leader Jack Collins said on TV-am yesterday.

'Mr Kinnock is preparing himself for the day when he might be Prime Minister and when he might have to take on the miners. It is a form of insurance.'

He urged Kinnock to direct his attention to the 'swarms of policemen' who were creating the real violence.

Why he won't condemn police violence

'I would say to Neil Kinnock: "If you want to see violence, come into the pit villages and see the police knocking the miners about".'

Collins said it was being portrayed that the only people doing any fighting and attacking were striking miners. 'That is a lie and a distortion of the facts. The miners on strike are also being attacked.'

Thatcher had created the situation where miner

was attacking miner and trade union attacking trade union. 'We should be directing all our efforts to attacking her,' he continued.

'She has created the situation where she is prepared to sack 70,000 miners — this is a form of violence, and there is only one other form of violence greater than that, the starving of the kids.'

Collins also called on Kinnock to show the same measure of support for

the striking miners as the Labour Party had shown.

'If it was not for the Labour Party, our kids would be starving. I want him to say, realise and recognise that if it was not for the rest of the working class, the children in the mining communities would be starving,' he added.

Kinnock, he added, had the chance at the miners' rally in Stoke-on-Trent on Friday to reaffirm

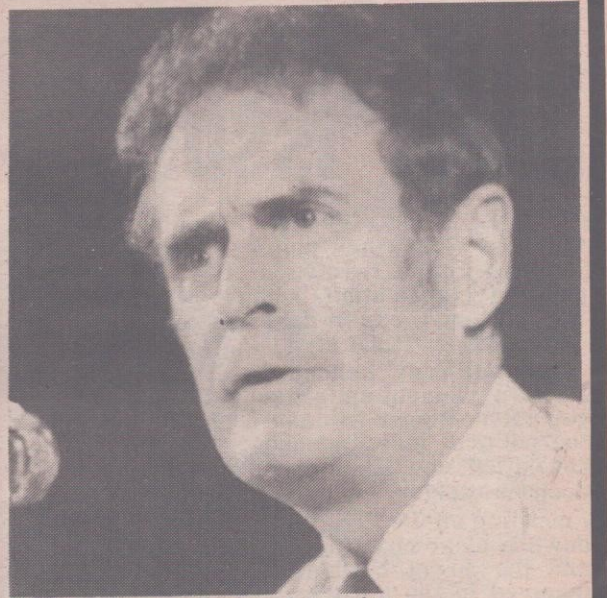
Labour's policy in relation to the miners.

Jaw-war

POLICE drew their truncheons on Kent miners picketing the Tilmanstone pit yesterday morning.

In his exuberance, one policeman swung his truncheon at a miner's head. The miner pulled out of the way. But the truncheon continued its trajectory until it collided — with another policeman!

The second officer is now in Canterbury Hospital with a broken jaw.



Jack Collins, Kent miners' secretary

INTERVIEW BY BEN RUDDER

THE WHOLE trade union movement must back the miners, and trade unionists in the power and steel industries should be ready to speak out against their leaders who are refusing to carry out TUC policy by blacking coal supplies.

Those unions planning to take government money for ballots in defiance of TUC policy should be expelled, says Eric Mountain, secretary of Dearne Valley NUM branch in South Yorkshire.

AT the grass roots in the power stations we are starting to see a revolt against the leadership. They are saying, quite rightly, that people like Eric Hammond AND Terry Duffy are not speaking on their behalf and have no right to make the statements they have.

We are beginning to get union branches saying that their leadership have no right to refuse the miners help.

This is the kind of movement we need, because one thing is certain, we will have a hard job trying to win this battle on our own.

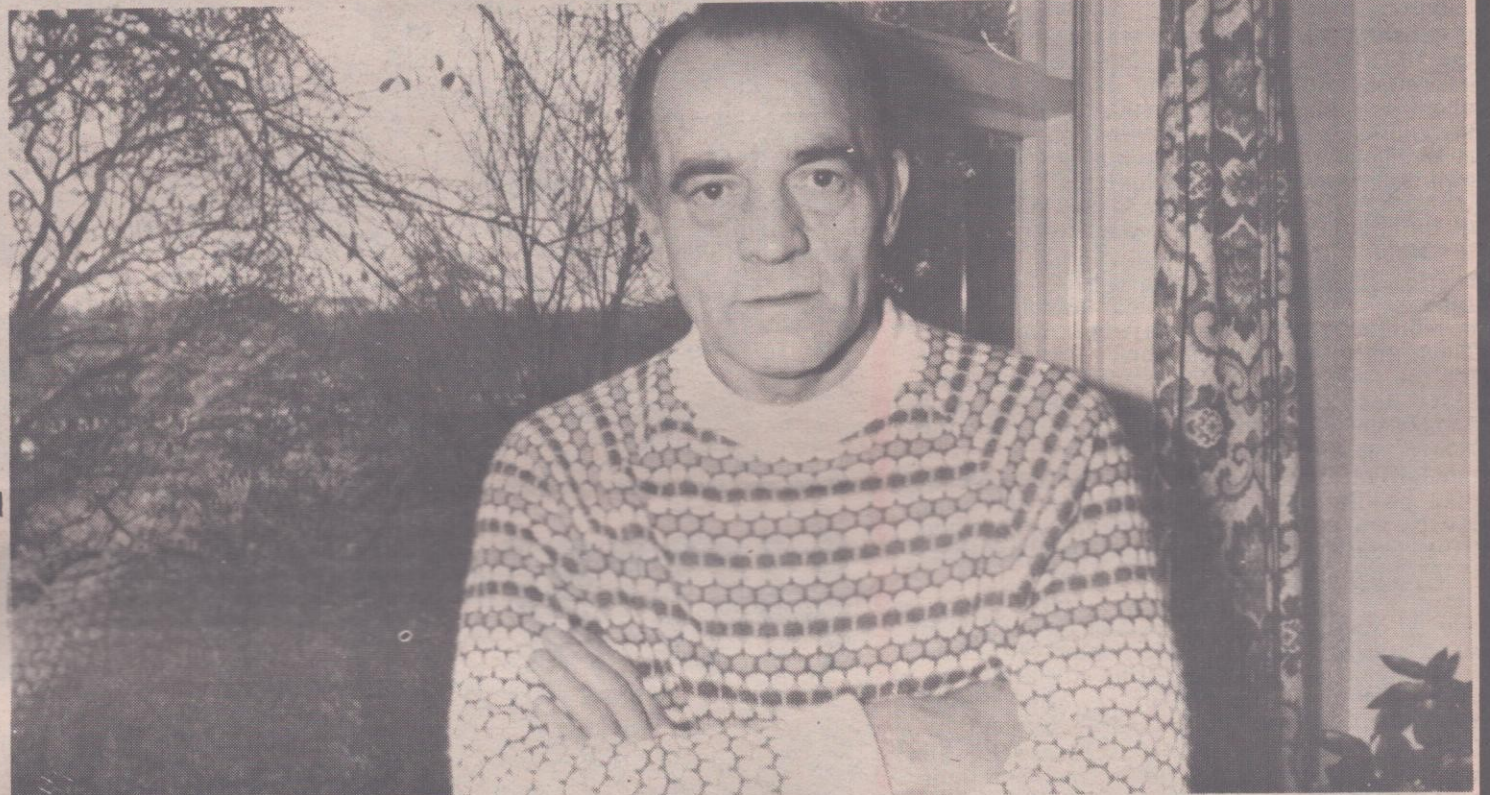
Forces

I have no doubt that Thatcher will eventually use the armed forces to move coal from the mining villages. You can tell that by the panicky and hysterical reaction we are getting from the press and media.

She will go to any lengths to beat us. She believes she has learnt a lesson from 1974, that the union cannot be allowed to win. That was why they backed off in 1981, they weren't ready then for a full-scale attack.

So the message is clear. If the trade union movement is to remain strong, the whole of the movement must come behind us. Because if they defeat us, they will go through the rest of the movement like dominoes.

Power men are coming behind us



Eric Mountain, Dearne Valley NUM branch secretary, at his home in South Yorkshire

And if they succeed in that, we will be driven back decades. But I believe that if they try to take coal from the mining villages, it will be their Vietnam.

We should act against unions which refuse to carry out TUC policy. I believe that the unions planning to accept government money for ballots should be expelled. What is the point in taking decisions at Congress only to have them broken?

The leaders of these unions are pathetic. If you listen to them you have a hard time telling them apart from Tories.

We need more leaders like Arthur Scargill in the TUC, someone who will fight for the class they come from. Willis is certainly not like Scargill, he is a man in the mould of Len Murray. They are appeasers who want to walk a tightrope — but they have got to get off.

The same is true of Kinnock. Young lads in our pit won't join the Labour Party any more. They can see that the Labour Party is a middle-of-the-road party. It's no use when you are fighting something bordering on a fascist dictatorship.

People have got to realise that they must observe picket lines. They will get no protection from this government for breaking picket lines. They are being

used as cannon fodder for this government.

But despite the problems, the men at Dearne Valley are determined to carry on. The feeling at our meetings, which we hold every week, is that we have gone too far down this road to turn back.

Ropes

We have refused to change the ropes for safety inspections, and we have decided we will not go in to work until the seven lads sacked are reinstated.

We shall stick to this line, because we believe that the Coal Board's attempts to get a scab in every pit is a sign of desperation on their part. It is not helping them mine any coal though, and this will start to have an effect soon.

The saying for us is: 'The harder it gets, the more we'll dig our heels in'.

Fryston branch president in custody

A YORKSHIRE NUM branch president was remanded in custody last night in connection with an attack last Friday on scab miner Michael Fletcher.

Roy Wright, 55, Fryston colliery branch president, and six other miners appeared in court yesterday. Eleven others appeared before magistrates on Monday.

Wright of Brotherton, near Castleford, was accused that with others he caused grievous bodily harm to Fletcher, who left Pontefract hospital late yesterday after being treated for a broken shoulder and ankle, bruised ribs and other injuries.

Michael Travis, 28, and Sean Gerner, 23,

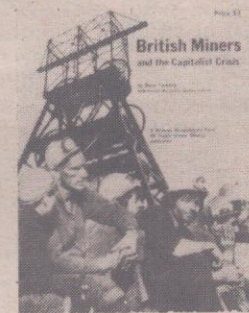
both of Castleford, were remanded on bail until December 3 on condition that they live at their home addresses and observe an 8p.m. to 8a.m. curfew.

They have also been ordered not to go within 440 yards of Fletcher's home or contact him or any witnesses.

Both are accused of besetting his home and Gerner of carrying paint with intent to cause damage.

Four others were remanded in custody until December 3. They are: Stephen Cunningham, 25, Robert Reidman, 23, Colin Loveday, 25, and Andrew Weaver, all of Castleford.

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PLO clarifies main issues

THE CONVENING of the 17th Palestine National Congress (PNC) has politically strengthened the Palestinian revolution. It has produced political clarification because it has shown where every group in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) stands.

A clear majority headed by Yassir Arafat's Fatah movement and its supporters are at the council meeting in Amman. They are upholding the political independence of the Palestinian revolution and its right to conduct its own decision-making.

By insisting on the PNC being held, Fatah threw down a clear challenge to the Syrian regime and the Soviet bureaucracy who have been involved in the most loathsome campaign to usurp the independence of the PLO using the methods of murder, provocation, pressure and slander.

The question raised by Fatah was simply this: is the PLO to exist as an independent national liberation movement taking its own decisions about the struggle to secure a Palestinian homeland, or is it to be the tool of the Syrian regime and the Soviet bureaucracy for their own secret and sinister diplomatic games with US imperialism and NATO? In fact, the boycott of the PNC serves American imperialist interests.

The pro-Syrian groups attached to the National Alliance answered this clear challenge by boycotting the PNC and staying in Damascus. These groups are Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, the Palestine Popular Struggle Front, a wing of the Palestine Communist Party and the Abu Musa-Abu Saleh 'dissidents'.

Their boycott established in front of the Palestinian people and the Arab masses who their loyalty was to — the Syrian regime. There had never been much doubt about that, but at least it was now clearly out in the open.

There are a second group of boycotters: George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Naif Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Palestine Liberation Front and another wing of the Palestine Communist Party.

They decided not to stay in Damascus, so they all went off to Moscow. According to some of their spokesmen they were 'summoned' to Moscow for talks with the International Department of the CPSU Central Committee. Others said they went at the invitation of the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, a bogus Stalinist front organisation.

Either way, it does not matter. What matters is that they rejected the call of the PLO leadership to attend the PNC. They would not answer the urgent call of the PLO to defend their movement from outside interference, but they quickly complied with the telephone calls from Moscow.

The Moscow boycotters think that by absenting themselves from Damascus and going to Moscow they will somehow escape the stigma of being called puppets of President Hafez Assad and his intelligence services. They won't.

The Palestinian masses will not forget this cowardly retreat by the Habash-Hawatmeh rejectionist groups. In practice, they have shown themselves to be in the boycott camp which is jointly sponsored by Damascus and Moscow on behalf of imperialism.

The Soviet press has given the boycotters lavish coverage and treated them to a press conference while the Stalinist 'Morning Star's' only coverage of the PNC has been a small item on Monday boosting the fact that Habash, Hawatmeh and company are in Moscow!

Everywhere that liberation movements and the working class are coming into struggle against imperialism and the capitalist state they are learning that Stalinism is a world agency of peaceful coexistence, class compromise, secret diplomacy and dirty manoeuvres.

That is why the urgent task in the Middle East as much as in Britain is the building of the International Committee of the Fourth International, of which the British section is the Workers Revolutionary Party, as the nucleus of the world party of socialist revolution.

ORGANISE A GENERAL S



Miners and their wives demonstrating at the Merthyr Tydfil DHSS office yesterday

NOW IT'S ULSTER-TY



No sign of Mr T, but this team is determined to win

A SERIES of U style police raid and the detention of some of their leaders — has only steeled determination of miners at Fryston colliery in North Yorkshire.

Several miners, including 55-year-old branch president Wright, are being held in custody following an alleged attack on a Michael Fletcher.

Back in the warm mer months picket Fryston put up a pl declaring their readiness to stay out until 1985.

Stop

And Jim Horne News Line yesterday 'I'm ready to do just in order that we stop and other pits close. We're not fighting Coal Board really, been forced to take Thatcher government.

That's why Horne believes the time for whole trade union movement to come out of the NUM is overdue.

'How much longer other workers go wait before they join? Can't they see what's happening? The is on the wall for other union in this

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Benefits protest in Merthyr

MINERS and their wives from four pits in the Merthyr borough — Merthyr Vale, Taff Merthyr, Trelewis Drift and Deep Navigation — demonstrated on Monday at the DHSS offices in Merthyr Tydfil against the £1 being cut from strikers' families' benefits.

After demonstrating outside, all the wives went in and all went into the public part of the claims department, following a deputation of one miner's wife from each pit and three miners.

Angela Pike, whose boyfriend works at the Merthyr Vale colliery, said of the £1 cut: 'It's terrible. Women should stand together. It's the kids who suffer more than anyone else. My boyfriend said he was disgusted with the police who are goading the pickets, saying to them, "Come on boys, can't you push any harder?"'

'Previously he has seen it on TV but now he has seen it for himself. They are marching up and down the street in Nixonville, just outside Merthyr Vale. It's like a war. It's frightening the

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

amount of police they are using.

'We all want our husbands to go back for Christmas, but we are determined to stay out until we get satisfaction.'

Maureen Kinsey, whose father and brother work in Merthyr Vale, came to lobby the DHSS with her little son Gary.

She told News Line: 'In the community we support the miners and agree with them all the way. We are sharing everything at the moment.'

Everybody

'The miners are on strike for everybody, not just for themselves. My husband works for Celtic batteries, and they've got to finish one there because they are not making so many batteries.'

'It will affect everything if the pits close.'

Brenda Locke, who was on the deputation, and whose husband works at Deep Navigation, said about Thatcher: 'She's gone as low as she can go. Taking the £1 won't do anything to us. It makes us more determined.'

'Unemployment in Tre-harris is deplorable. It's



Brenda Locke on yesterday's occupation of the DHSS office: 'Thatcher's gone as low as she can go'

the highest in the borough.

'We are decaying on the dole. What is lost in the argument on violence is unemployment. Those who talk about violence

must remember, they see edited film and one journalist's point of view. They should go on to the picket line to see what is happening for themselves.'

'I have a son in college and until he's 18, I get £6.50 for him. I give him a £1 a day for food, so I get just £1.50. We are fighting for jobs for my son as well.'

'We are going to the town hall on Thursday to see our councillors about a £10 benefit. They've had it in the Rhymney Valley and we want to get it for our people.'

PE RAIDS

BY SIMON VEVERS

try. You can see that with this fine against the Transport and General Workers' Union.

'I think it's time the TUC leaders stood up to be counted. It's action we want, not words.'

Jim Straitton said: 'The TUC was formed to protect working class people, but they did nothing to defend the workers at GCHQ. They were sold down the river.'

'Every union should have responded when Thatcher did away with unions at Cheltenham. By that I mean there should have been a General Strike as the only way to defeat this government.'

Straitton said that other unions could no longer hide behind the fact that they are sustaining the NUM with donations of food and finance, welcome though they are.

Support

He said: 'The support we've had from other unions in terms of food and money has been very good and we are, of course, very grateful, don't get me wrong.'

'It has helped to keep us out on strike for the last nine months, it has helped us survive during a very difficult period. But it

hasn't made much difference to Thatcher and the Coal Board.

'They will stop at nothing to defeat us. What we need now is active support from other unions. How much longer are they going to wait?

'If unions just kept giving us money then we could probably stay out until next Christmas, but we could end this long before then if every union united behind us. The trouble with these union leaders is that when the struggle comes they turn tail and run like rabbits.'

Leaders

Bernard Crossland supports the call for the organisation of a General Strike. 'We should have had a national strike six months ago,' he said, bitterly condemning the stance of TUC leaders. 'We've also been badly let down by the deputies' union.'

● MORE than 300 pickets gathered outside Manvers Colliery in South Yorkshire yesterday morning as the NCB's hopes of coercing men back to work took a further dive.

At several pits men who had been scabbing simply did not turn up following appeals to rejoin the strike by union officials.



Manvers colliery saw a large turn-out of pickets, but little trouble, when scabs turned up there yesterday



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:

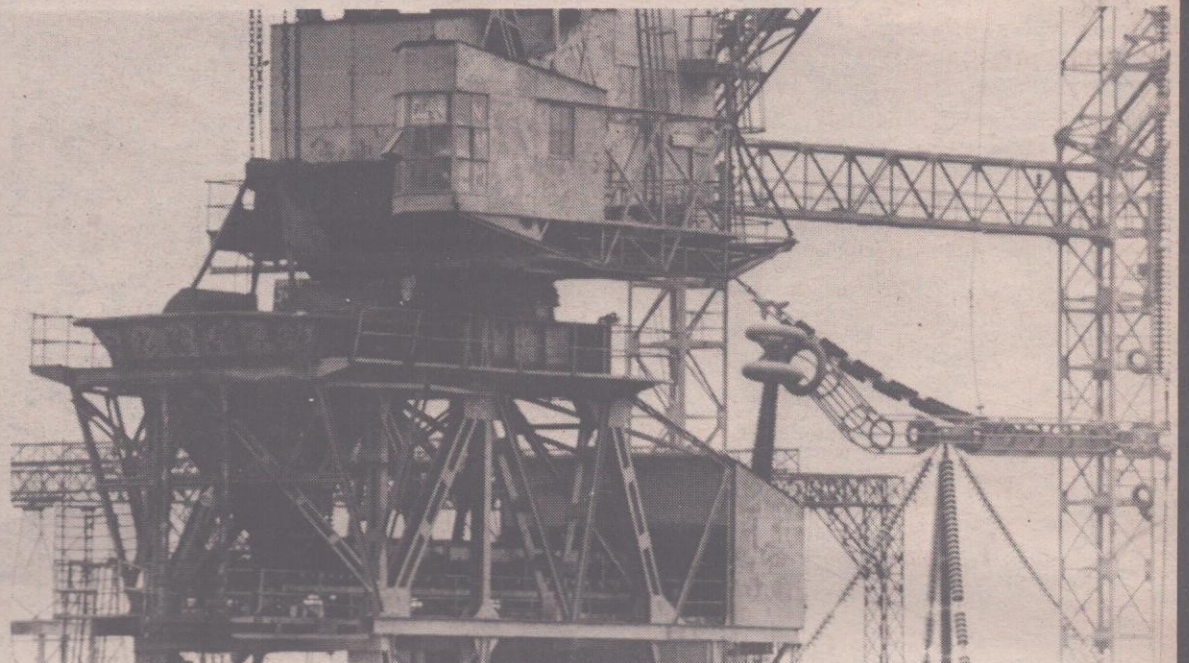
- Provide food for families and children of those on strike. No miner to be starved back to work by the Tories.
- Pay urgent bills for electricity and gas, calling on workers not to carry out cut-offs as an act of solidarity with the strike. Raise funds for new clothing and footwear for strikers.
- Ensure 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.

Kent miners occupy crane



After the Kent miners took over a section of the giant crane at Shoreham, they proudly displayed the NUM initials in the window

TWO members of the Kent NUM and two local trade unionists yesterday began a 24-hour occupation of a crane at Shoreham Power station in protest against the unloading of coal there last week.

Their action is an attempt to draw local T&GWU transport union

officials into discussion over the unloading of further shipments of scab coal.

Last week's action by power station workers broke an agreement between the NUM and the T&GWU, and local union officials have since refused to meet NUM repre-

sentatives.

The immediate area around the power station is reported to be swarming with police, and a special police unit is now in the power station itself although no attempt had been made by nightfall yesterday to get the men down.

Two cars believed to belong to the men in the occupation have been towed away by the police and impounded.

Of three cranes at the station, the men have occupied the largest. It is the crane which was used to unload scab coal last week.

Getty donation to Xmas appeal

MILLIONAIRE John Paul Getty II has given £100,000 to a Christmas appeal to help striking miners' families.

The appeal, launched by personalities including Labour leader Neil Kinnock, actress Susannah York and football manager Brian Clough, took a half-page advertisement in yesterday's 'Guardian' newspaper.

Getty was one of the first contributors to the appeal.

Jean McCrindle, treasurer of Women Against Pit Closures, the organisation distributing the money appeal, said:

'We are bowled over by the cheque. It will be a great tonic for miners' families and their children.'

'Cheques and contributions are beginning to come in already from other people and we are now confident of matching the Christmas bonuses being promised by the National Coal Board to miners to break the strike.'

The Getty cheque was delivered by hand to the appeal address given in the 'Guardian', an appeal spokesman said.

'It arrived completely unexpectedly and there was no covering letter from Mr Getty with it,' he said.

'It was paid through his accountants who have said they don't want to comment further.'

The cheque is one of several donations made by Getty this year. In July he gave 2400,000 to help buy the famous Duccio painting of the crucifixion for Britain.

Getty has also given almost £2 million to the British Film Institute and bought an £18,000 Steinway piano for the virtuoso pianist John Ogden.

Getty, 51, is reported to have a personal income of at least \$20 million a year. He lives as a virtual recluse in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, London.

In 1981, he was involved in a lengthy legal battle when he refused to meet the medical expenses of his son J. Paul Getty III, who was blinded and paralysed by a stroke.

The case was finally settled out of court last year, with Getty having to pay an undisclosed amount.

'UNNECESSARY' THREAT TO BUS DRIVER

A THREATENED bus strike throughout South Wales was called off last night after talks in Cardiff between union officials and South Wales assistant chief constable Viv Brook.

The busmen's union branch secretary, Gwyn Jones, described the police action and a threat to arrest the driver as 'totally unnecessary'.

Union officers said the police had agreed to discuss arrangements to avoid coaches being stopped from leaving the depot again.

Earlier, about 60 drivers walked out from their National Welsh bus depot after police stopped a

coach-load of miners being taken to a picket line.

Services in the Rhondda Valley were hit and several school buses were cancelled, leaving children stranded.

Police claimed the coach had been stopped from leaving the depot to prevent a repeat of alleged violence outside Merthyr Vale colliery in Mid Glamorgan on Monday, when 11 police constables were hurt.

Jones said the pickets were being carried from the depot to a different pit and had never been the cause of any trouble during the miners' strike.

Give miners' children a merry Christmas

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Health and Safety at Work exhibition

Asbestos is top priority for action

THE HEALTH and Safety at Work exhibition, at the Wembley Conference Centre, London on November 19-22, not surprisingly featured prominently the safe handling, treatment and removal of asbestos.

The exhibition guide stated: 'Undoubtedly this year's top priority for action has been asbestos. Although even more still needs to be done to allay the fears of the public, the new control limits and new asbestos (licensing) regulations have woken people up to the sheer scale of the problem.'

Twenty-two of the approximately 100 stands were listed under the heading of asbestos management. Enormous profits have been made from the use of this lethal substance in a wide variety of industrial and domestic products, with a total disregard for the health and safety of those who work with it or for the general public coming into contact with it.

Now faced with public exposure of the terrible danger to life from the most minute particles of asbestos fibres and dust in the air and the mounting campaign by workers in industry, tenants, scientific workers, doctors and others, private employers enter the field to equally fat profits from the treatment, removal and disposal of asbestos.

It was notable that there were no stands from firms manufacturing asbestos products.

Encouraging though it was to see the development of highly technical methods for the safe treatment and removal of asbestos, giving the maximum protection for workers carrying out this task, it is clear that the cost is so high as to be a deterrent in many cases.

An example of removal work satisfactorily carried out for Lambeth

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

Council was demonstrated on slides. Similar work commissioned by the Greater London Council was also illustrated.

But the decision by the Tory government to abolish the GLC and penalise local councils can only mean the end of such plans to remove all asbestos from local government housing and public buildings.

Most instructive were the stands presentation by SPAID, the Society for the Prevention of Asbestososis and Industrial Diseases.

Deaths

Here the dangers from asbestos were graphically displayed together with case histories of deaths and compensation claims.

Commonly used products such as floor tiles, wall fillers, insulating tape and rope break linings which contain asbestos — and those which are asbestos free — were on display.

An important feature was detailed information on the value of the electron microscope in the di-



Left to right: Lewis Herbert, chairman of the GLC's Environmental Panel, Graham Lee, a GLC scientist and Frank Field MP, outside the GLC conference on asbestos earlier this month

agnosis of asbestos-induced diseases.

Information on legal aspects and entitlement to benefit was available. It was not surprising that this stand aroused considerable interest and attention from visitors to the exhibition.

SPAID is to be congratulated for its outstanding and fearless display.

Nancy Tait, the secretary of SPAID, told News Line: 'My impression was that concern regarding the asbestos problem has moved to manage-

ment. Previously inquiries have been from union representatives and safety officers.

'We now no longer need to convince people that asbestos is undesirable.

'Management were wanting to know what the legal problems were and how to get rid of it safely. I was there for three days and the climate has changed completely in the last year. We are greatly encouraged.'

The concern of the GLC for health and safety was evident by an exhibit from the London Fire Bri-

gade which dominated the lower floor.

Private medicine was prominently featured and the Red Cross and St Johns Ambulance organisations were at the exhibition.

But there was no indication anywhere of the contribution made by employees in the National Health Service to health and safety at work.

Valuable though the information available was, the exhibition was overwhelmingly a promotion of the products of private industry.



Lambeth council workers using special equipment for the safe removal of asbestos

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

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Giotto's final test

THE Giotto spacecraft, which will seek out Halley's comet, is now entering the final phase of its test programme. British Aerospace announced yesterday.

The space explorer has just completed heat and cold tests for its 150 million-kilometre journey at Toulouse in France.

The final tests for the £35 million project includes spin balance and de-magnetisation procedures.

Europe's first space explorer is scheduled for lift-off in French Guiana in April. It will intercept the comet after an eight-month voyage.

British Aerospace is the project leader, working through the Star Consortium, which manages a team of specialist contractors from 10 European countries.

TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



'Black Hollywood' a documentary on 4 at 10.05



Barry Dennen as Dr. Stein in 'Oxbridge Blues: He'll See You Now' on BBC2 at 9

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast. 11.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. 9.10 The Dorsetmen. 9.40 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE): Financial Report; News Headlines with subtitles. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Gran. 1.50 Stop-Go! 2.00 Championship Snooker. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 Bananaman. 4.15 A Little Princess. 4.30 Godzilla. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 The Box of Delights. 5.25 The Good Life. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 I'VE GOT A SECRET

7.30 SHARON AND ELSIE

8.00 DALLAS *Jamie*

8.45 POINTS OF VIEW

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Tory Party

9.05 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.30 IN AT THE DEEP END *Auctioneer* Chris Serle can't afford any mistakes when he tries his hand at Sotheby's as an auctioneer

10.20 SPORTSNIGHT *Snooker*: The Coral United Kingdom Championship quarter-finals; *International Boxing*: Mark Kaylor v Tony Sibson, Frank Bruno v Tommy 'Franco' Thomas, last night; *The Swedish Miracle*: John Barrett reports on Sweden's top-ranking place in world tennis; Plus news from the UEFA Cup third round, first leg matches

12.10-12.15 NEWS HEADLINES; Weatherman

BBC WALES: 6.30 PPB by Plaid Cymru. 6.35-6.55 Sportfollia: A midweek look at the Welsh sporting scene with Peter Jackson.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.10-3.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.10 Technical Studies. 9.38 Science Workshop. 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Maths Counts. 10.38 Maths Topics. 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 The Music Arcade. 11.39 General Studies. 12.30 People First. 12.55 L-Driver. 1.21 Rendez-vous France. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 Watch. 2.18 Brazil. 2.40 Zig Zag.

3.00 The Tribal Eye: 3: *Kingdoms of Bronze* by David Attenborough. 3.50 Championship Snooker.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 WILLO THE WISP

5.35 FAST FORWARD

6.00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL *Best Man for the Job*

6.50 THE PHIL SILVERS SHOW *Eating Contest*

7.15 CAMEO Wildlife in the cities and the suburbs

7.25 EBONY

7.55 MY MUSIC

8.20 HARRY FERGUSON: INVENTOR A portrait of Harry Ferguson, 1884-1960, who invented the modern tractor, and was a pioneer of 20th century farming technology

9.00 OXBRIDGE BLUES Some witty and well-told stories by Frederic Raphael. Malcolm Stoddard, Ciaran Madden, Kate Fahy, Julian Curry form the various sides in *Similar Triangles*. Susan Sarandon is Natalie with Barry Dennen as her analyst, Dr Stein in *He'll See You Now*

10.05 OUT OF COURT

10.35 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Conservative Party

10.40 NEWSNIGHT

11.25 TOP GEAR RALLY REPORT News from the Lombard RAC Rally, live from Chester

11.35 BUONGIORNO ITALIA!

12.05 Closedown

BBC 2 WALES: 12.00-12.05a.m. PPB by Plaid Cymru

CHANNEL 4

2.30 ME AND MARLBOROUGH (1935) With Cicely Courtneidge in a comedy set in the 17th century as a woman who dresses up as a man and joins Marlborough's army in order to search for her husband

4.00 A PLUS 4

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 ALICE *Mel's In a Family Way*

5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW *Cover Boy*

6.00 SILENTS PLEASE *Fun Factory*

6.30 THE LIVING BODY *Nerves at Work* The start of a three-part examination of the nervous system

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras; followed by Weather

8.00 SCOTLAND'S STORY *An End to An Auld Sang?* The penultimate episode of the story of Scotland, looks at the economic situation after World War II

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS *Undermining the Industry?* Steve Hewlett and Barbara Evans look at the role of new technology in the Coal Board's plans and argue the NUM is right to oppose a strategy that could destroy coal mining in Britain

9.00 THE PEOPLE SHOW IN 'STAR-WASHED' The popular theatre and cabaret group play a willing but profoundly unsuccessful troupe of vaudevillians touring their act round second-rate venues but dreaming of a brighter future

10.05 BLACK HOLLYWOOD A documentary which tells of the struggle of Hollywood's black writers, producers, directors, technicians, actors and actresses against stereotyping and the lack of opportunity

11.30 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 NAME THAT TUNE

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS

9.00 TRAVELLING MAN *The Watcher* Ex detective Lomax continues his hunt for his missing son. He takes the wrong route and encounters an assassin

10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Tory Party

10.05 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.35 MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL Tonight's bill includes European football and ice-skating. Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United and Dundee United are through to the third-round of the UEFA Cup

12.05 WORLD IN ACTION *Apartheid's Backyard*

12.35 NIGHT THOUGHTS and Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT with Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS

7.00 NAME THAT TUNE Lionel Blair invites contestants to 'Name That Tune' in this musical knowledge show

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS More impressions of well-known personalities from Mike Yarwood

9.00 TRAVELLING MAN *Grasser* In continuing his search for his missing son Lomax falls foul of an assassin

10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Tory Party

10.05 NEWS AT TEN

10.35 MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL A programme of football and figure skating. With three British clubs through to the third round of the UEFA Cup, tonight's programme presents highlights from one of today's first-leg ties

12.05 PORTRAIT OF A LEGEND *Lionel Ritchie*

12.40 Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrandu A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.00 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Lobo's World. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 PPB. 7.05 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Owain Yn Arwain. 8.00 Reslo. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.00 Film: *Wait 'Til Your Mother Gets Home*. 10.45 Snwcer. 11.15 Diverse Reports. 11.45 Here and Now. 12.15 Close.

RADIO

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

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

VHF: 8.00 The Spinners and Friends. 8.30 Frank Chacksfield and his orchestra. 9.15-9.30 Listen to the Band.

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S) (5.02 Cricket scores). 5.30 Ray Moore (S) (6.02 Cricket scores). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin; 9.02 Cricket scores). 10.00 Russell Harty (S) (10.02, 11.02 Cricket scores). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (12.02 Cricket scores; 1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 European Soccer Special. 9.30 Listen to the Band. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Broadway Babes (S). 3.30-4.00 Vernon and

Maryetta Midgley (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Mozart, Paolo Quagliati, Saint-Saens (8.00 News) Bach, Rachmaninov. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Lassus. 10.00 Delius Concertos (S) Grieg, Delius. 10.35 Themes and Variations (S) Violin and piano recital: Mozart, David Barlow. 11.10 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Mendelssohn, Beethoven. 12.15 Concert Hall (S) Schubert, Faure, Granados. 1.00 News. 1.05 Benny Goodman. 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Eric Coates, Wolf, John Addison, Franz Waxman, Geršwin, Bernard Herrmann. 2.30 Scottish Season: Scottish Lieder (S) Schumann, Robert Franz, Loewe, Brahms. 3.30 Brahms and Chopin (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Violin and piano recital: Brahms, Kreisler. 7.00 Scottish Season: 'Macbeth'. 9.10 BBC Singers (S) Kodaly, Szollosy, Ligeti. 9.35 Six Continents. 10.00 Ferdinand Ries (S) Music for harp and two pianos. 10.45 Ladies Lost and Found (S). 11.00 Salomon String Quartet (S) Haydn. 11.57-12.00 News.

MF: 7.05-11.00 Cricket: First Test, India v England.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for

the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55, Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *The Encounter*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; The Seeker in the Desert. 11.48 Mighty Myths. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 No Place to Hide. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Don't Worry About Matilda*. 3.47 Time for Verse. 4.00 News: File on 4. 4.40 Story Time: *Pierre et Jean*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six o'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Top of the Form. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984. 8.15 In Business. 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 A Talent to Amuse. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *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. VHF: 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 Ice Figure Skating. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB. 10.05 News at Ten. 10.35 North East News. 10.37 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Darts Masters. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Shillingbury Tales. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB. 10.05 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

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

Falcon Crest. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB. 10.05 News at Ten. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Three Little Words. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Secrets of the Coast. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB. 10.05 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.39 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune.

7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB. 10.05 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 That's Hollywood. 12.35 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Benson. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 The Protectors. 2.00 That's My Dog. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB. 10.05 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Comedy Tonight. 12.35 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WEST: 6.00 Wales at Six. 6.30-6.35 PPB by Plaid Cymru.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Three Little Words. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 Travelling Man. 10.00 PPB. 10.05 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.35 Midweek Sports Special. 12.05 Danger — Wolves on the Set. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Cresun - A winning debut

CRESUN (3.00) can make his venture into handicap company a winning one in the Sir Alfred McAlpine Homes Chase at PLUMPTON today.

From the bang-in-form Chichester stable of Syd Woodman, Cresun was in his element over the Windsor fences earlier in the month, strolling home in a novice chase there by seven lengths.

Woodman seems to have found the easiest possible follow-up for Cresun, whose inexperience will be less exposed in such a small field. Being a son of Sunyboy out of

that grand mare Credo's Daughter, Cresun should be quick to learn his new trade and this tight circuit will also suit him.

Sign

Owner Barney Curley breathed a sigh of relief when his strapping hurdler The Hacienderos scored at Newbury on Saturday, and the Irishman's Noble Jack (1.00) should give him further pleasure by winning the First Division of The November 3-Year-Old Novice Hurdle.

Curley, a former trainer and fearless gambler, has been a marked man by the English stewards since sending a string of horses to David Thom at the start of the season.

But his Noble Jack, a winner at Tralee and Navan in October, acquitted himself well on his English bow, running into second behind the very impressive Wing And A Prayer at Kempton. He will start at cramped odds to open his account.

Alf Duffield's Grand National hope Tacroy may find the concession of 17lb to

Round The Twist (2.00) beyond him in the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Trophy Handicap Chase.

Round The Twist, a course and distance winner, held-off Doubleagain by threequarters of a length at Windsor last week and has a great chance to defy a 5lb penalty.

Double

Tim Forster and his jockey Hywel Davies can complete a LUDLOW double through Misty Fort (1.45) (Ludlow Handicap Chase) and Treyford (2.15) (Maiden

Timber Hurdle Qualifier).

Misty Fort, a decisive Newbury winner from her stablemate Midnight Song earlier in the month, had enough in hand on that occasion to defy a 7lb penalty, while Treyford made an eye-catching debut when third to It's Tough at Fontwell and should strip a fitter horse here.

Michael Oliver hopes that Bashful Lad (2.45) will be a National horse and the nine-year-old could give away weight all round in the Court Of Hill Amateur Riders Handicap Chase.

SELECTIONS

PLUMPTON

1.00 Noble Jack (n.b.), 1.30 Swift Royale, 2.00 Round The Twist, 2.30 Sock Dennis, 3.00 Cresun (nap), 3.30 Wassem

LUDLOW

12.45 Dame Peggy, 1.15 Rostara, 1.45 Misty Fort, 2.15 Treyford, 2.45 Bashful Lad, 3.15 Castle Cor

Bashful Lad always runs well here and can put behind him a slightly disappointing effort at Ascot last time out. That defeat by Musso and Ballyross is best overlooked and more attention paid to his bold show in the 'Mackeson' and narrow defeat by King Or Country at Chesham.

PLUMPTON

1.00 NOVEMBER 3-Y-O NOVICE HURDLE (DIV I) £800 2m (13 runners)

1	112	NOBLE JACK (D) M T Thom	11.6	Mr D Murphy (4)
6		BEAU FILS P Mitchell	10.10	A Wright (7)
9	OOP	EWELL PLACE A P Ingham	10.10	Steve Knight
11		HASTY THIEF (USA) D J Murray-Jones	10.10	R Dunwoody
12	00	IL SARACENO J R Bosley	10.10	Mr M Bosley (7)
13		LETHWORTH C A Horgan	10.10	L Mancini (7)
14	U22	RUSSBOROUGH B J Wise	10.10	R Rowell
15		THE REEDCUTTER Mrs N Smith	10.10	R Rowe
16		TREACY'S CHOICE J T Bridger	10.10	A Jones (7)
17	0	WOODWAY D J Wintle	10.10	R Hyett
18		CARADO M C Pipe	10.5	P Leach
19	P	MY DITTY D E Weedon	10.5	K Townsend (7)
20		RAINBOW LADY M C Pipe	10.5	R Atkins
BLINKERS: 9				

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Noble Jack, 9-4 Russborough, 5-1 Lethworth, 7-1 Hasty Thief, 8-1 The Reedcutter, 12-1 Rainbow Lady, 14-1 others.

1.30 N.C.P. BARRIER NOVICE CHASE £2,500 2m 4f (9 runners)

1	000-112	SWIFT ROYALE (C-D) D A Oughton	6.11.13	P Double
2	40124B	CITY MARATHON J Fitch-Heyes	6.11.18	Penny Fitch-Heyes (7)
4	000-000	ARMATRIST N J Wheeler	5.11.3	Mr N Wheeler
7		BRAMBLE WALK R W Parker	7.11.3	Mr T Grantham (7)
9	000-	HOW ABOUT THAT E Wills	6.11.3	C Mann
11	000003	NOTRE CHEVAL S Mellor	5.11.3	M Perrett
12	F3F/OP0	STREAMLINER J T Gifford	8.11.3	R Rowe
13	002/04P	KALE BRIG P A Bowden	9.10.12	R Linley
14	P/4P00	SPARTAN QUICK J M Castle	7.10.12	Mr R Mann (4)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Swift Royale, 3-1 Notre Cheval, 4-1 City Marathon, 6-1 Streamliner, 8-1 Kale Brig, 12-1 Bramble Walk, 16-1 others.

LUDLOW

12.45 CRAVEN ARMS SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £600 2m (10 runners)

3	00021	CANDAULES C James	5.11.9	
5	003020	PAMPERED GIPSY J H Baker	5.11.2	G Newman
6	3-00200	ERIC'S WISH Mrs J Evans	4.10.13	R Crank
7	0-03102	HAND MAID D McCain	4.10.12	K Doolan
8	00/0-3F0	RUSTY BOY R L Brown	5.10.9	J Brown (7)
9	133042	SEVERN SOUND (D) J M Bradley	6.10.9	Sharron James (7)
11	0-2F2P0	BOLD RODERICK D Burchell	5.10.5	C Seward
12	00-2	DAME PEGGY (BF) J A Old	4.10.4	Mr C Llewellyn (7)
15	0000-00	TENNIS TRACK M Stephens	6.10.0	Phillip Hobbs
16	000033	ARRAS GIRL O O'Neill	5.10.0	W Hayes (7)
BLINKERS: 16				

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Hand Maid, 3-1 Severn Sound, 9-2 Arras Girl, 7-1 Bold Roderick, 8-1 Pampered Gipsy, 10-1 Eric's Wish, 14-1 others.

1.15 ST JOHN & RED CROSS NOVICE CHASE £1,200 (5-Y-O) 2m (9 runners)

1	F130-10	QUICK REPLY (C-D) D R Gandolfo	11.0	R Earnshaw
2	B2P-PFP	BRIGADIER ROSE M Stephens	10.12	Phillip Hobbs
3	130F0F	CHIEF BLACKFOOT J A Old	10.12	G Bradley
4	3240-04	FARE LOVE E E Evans	10.12	P Warner
6	F00-0	FLUID Mrs M Rimmell	10.12	S Norshead
7	013-PP	HURRY UP HENRY T A Forster	10.12	H Davies
8	0000-00	ICE LAD D Nicholson	10.12	P Scudamore
9	031-000	MARINA STAR (D) O O'Neill	10.12	J Suthern
12	02444-0	ROSTRA R C Armytage	5.10.7	A Webber

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Fare Love, 7-2 Fluid, 9-2 Hurry Up Henry, 6-1 Ice Lad, 8-1 Rostara, Marina Star and Quick Reply, 12-1 others.

1.45 LUDFORD HANDICAP CHASE £1,600 2m 4f (10 runners)

2	F013-01	MISTY FORT T A Forster	6.12.0	H Davies
7	F3P0-22	WINGETTS Mrs M Rimmell	8.11.4	S Morshead
9	2-12130	NETHERBRIDGE (D)(BF) D R Gandolfo	6.11.3	R Earnshaw
10	230-23F	GREEN DOLPHIN Mrs C Black	10.11.1	R Crank
11	P4033-0	LUMPARITA (C-D) A R Aylett	9.11.0	G Jones
12	33-40PP	THE FLOORLAYER (D) J H Baker	6.10.12	G Newman
13	30/2130	CITADEL ROC J M Bradley	9.10.12	B Powell (4)
15	U0300-3	SHOTANG (D) T Bill	9.10.6	G Williams (7)
17	P34400	LITTLE TROUBLE C J Hitchings	8.10.5	R Kingston
19	P3-32B0	OLART HILL M Oliver	8.10.0	S J O'Neill

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Misty Fort, 3-1 Wingetts, 5-1 Netherbridge, 7-1 Shotang, 10-1 Green Dolphin and Lumparta, 16-1 others.

2.15 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) £1,000 2m (15 runners)

1	P-12	NEW KAYBER D R Gandolfo	5.11.5	R Earnshaw
5	000-000	GOLD ACE W R Whiston	4.11.0	S J O'Neill
6		GOLDEN RIDER D Nicholson	4.11.0	P Scudamore
8	0	HIGHWOOD B A McMahon	4.11.0	R Crank
11	04-0	MR McGEE N J Henderson	4.11.0	J White
12	00	STEVASA (NZ) D H Barons	5.11.0	J Frost
14	P0-P0	TOOLEY STREET C S Watts	5.11.0	A Webber
15	3	TREYFORD T A Forster	4.11.0	H Davies
16	0	APRIL GEM D Burchell	4.10.9	
17	4P	BASSINET G Thorne	4.10.9	P Barton
18	000	BLACK DELIGHT D Burchell	4.10.9	C Seward
19	00F0-0P	GRAY ROSE-BAY E H Owen	4.10.9	S Youlden (4)
21	0	MADAM SHAKIRA M A Cousins	5.10.9	
23	0	ROSEZEL Mrs E Kennard	5.10.9	G McCourt
24	22	SPARTAN NATIVE A W Jones	4.10.9	J D Davies (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 on Treyford, 4-1 New Kayber, 6-1 Mr McGee, 8-1 Spartan Native, 10-1 Stevasa, 16-1 Highwood and Golden Raider, 25-1 others.

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Swift Royale, 3-1 Notre Cheval, 4-1 City Marathon, 6-1 Streamliner, 8-1 Kale Brig, 12-1 Bramble Walk, 16-1 others.

2.00 P. CAZALET MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (H'CAP CHASE) £2,500 3m 1f (9 runners)

1	30440P	TACROY M Masson	10.12.2	A Stringer
3	100/PP-F	DONJILL D R Greig	10.11.7	
4	1-1-3341	ROUND THE TWIST (C-D) D A Oughton	8.10.13 (5 ex)	P Double
6	21213-0	SAUNDERS (C-D) T Clay	10.10.6	J Lovejoy
7	1PP-042	MASTER NIBBLE C Holmes	9.10.1	A Webb
8	P0/004P	GUN METAL (C-D) E Wills	9.10.0	C Mann
10	310/F-B0	REVOLVER S Woodman	7.10.0	R Dunwoody
12	000-F00	DONAGHMOYNE Miss L Bower	7.10.0	R Rowell
13	31F-FP4	KASHILL (C) A Moore	6.10.0	G Moore

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Round the Twist, 100-30 Master Nibble, 9-2 Saunders, 6-1 Kashill, 8-1 Revolver, 12-1 Tacroy, 14-1 others.

2.30 STANMER CONDIT'L JOCKEYS SELLING H'CAP HDLE £800 2m (9 runners)

2	01F000	BROKEN FLIGHT (D) J D Davies	7.11.13	A Jones
3	1002/0-P	CAPTAIN FANTASTIC A R Davison	6.11.11	
6	00/4F30	SOCK DENNIS R J Hodges	8.10.10	S Earle
7	000F4-0	STAR OF SALFORD J E Long	6.10.9	P Howe (5)
8	000-0	AMBERARIES J H Baker	9.10.9	C Evans
9	000-400	RED AMBION (C-D) J E Long	12.10.9	Leesa Long (5)
12	0P00-0	MULLENAN (D) J Perrett	9.10.2	C Cox (5)
15	03/PP-P0	AIRBORNE DEAL A Moore	5.10.0	C Warren
16	000-0P	MOUNTCOOT H R Beasley	5.10.0	G Charles-Jones

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Sock Dennis, 3-1 Red Ambion, 4-1 Star of Salford, 6-1 Airborne Deal, 8-1 Captain Fantastic, 10-1 Amberaries, 12-1 others.

2.45 COURT OF HILL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE £1,500 3m (5 runners)

1	31-U203	BASHFUL LAD (C-D) M Oliver	9.12.0	Mr J Weston
3	U1P4-F-P	TENS OR BETTER (D) R B Francis	10.11.0	Mr R J Beggan
6	4F034/1	BEE ORCHID K C Bailey	8.10.7	Mr M Armytage (7)
7	044-OPP	OAKPRIME (D) D F Pitcher	9.10.3	Mr D Pitcher (7)
8	4000-U	DUTCH CHALLENGER A Hollingsworth	7.10.0	Mr A Denson (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 on Bashful Lad, 5-2 Bee Orchid, 10-1 Tens or Better, 12-1 Oakprime, 20-1 Dutch Challenger.

3.15 HALFORD NOVICE HURDLE £700 2m (18 runners)

1	4/	ANNESLEY N A Gaselee	5.10.10	S Smith Eccles
4	4	CELTIC BOB O O'Neill	4.10.10	M Caswell (4)
5	344034	COOMBE SPIRIT J H Baker	4.10.10	G Newman
6	P-40304	DAWN'S LAD G Price	8.10.10	W Morris (4)
7	000003	FOUNTAIN VALLEY Miss A King	5.10.10	J Burke
8	04-P040	FULVIO (USA) J R Jenkins	5.10.10	
9		GUN-CARRIAGE A W Jones	4.10.10	Miss D Jones (7)
10	002130	HAVEN'S PRIDE (USA)(D) M Castell	5.10.10	M Bowlby (7)
14	0P-	KENSWICK Mrs S Tainton	4.10.10	C Smith
15	00-	MERCHANT FRUITERER B A McMahon	4.10.10	Mr E McMahon (7)
16		RUSTSTONE R L Brown	4.10.10	J Brown (7)
17	0-00000	SOME JET R E Peacock	6.10.10	
18	00000-0	THE DROVER (NZ) D H Barons	7.10.10	H Davies
19	200-433	TIN BOY D S Ringer	5.10.10	S J O'Neill
22	000/000	CASTLE COR M Oliver	7.10.5	R Crank
23	00/3	CRISP AND KEEN K B White	6.10.5	P Finch (7)
26	0	MERRY CHERRY Mrs W Sykes	5.10.5	S Morshead
27	0P0-	REGENT'S NIECE E H Owen	4.10.5	R Stronge

BLINKERS: 8
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Celtic Bob, 5-1 Fulvio, 6-1 Haven's Pride, 8-1 Coombe Spirit and Dawn's Lad, 10-1 Annesley and Tin Boy, 12-1 Castle Cor and Crisp and Keen, 16-1 others.

RESULTS

WETHERBY

12.45 (2m): THE BEGINNING C Grant (6-1); Rampant (16-1); Leawell (16-1); Not Easy (5-4 on fav); 9 ran, 10, 2 1/2. (Mr T Bowker) T: £5.90; £1.30, £8, £3.60. CSF: £84.14. NR: No Fluke and Generous Heart, 1.15 (2m 4f): SWIFT ALBANY Mandy Harrison (8-1); Victory Prize (9-4); Spring Chancellor (9-4); Poyntz Pass (7-4 fav); 4 ran, 4, 12. (R Robinson) T: £9.50. CSF: £22.82.
1.45 (3m): JOCKAMBEL T G Dun (3-1 fav); Zamandra (9-2); Inking (14-1); Cornering (7-2); 16 ran, 7, 1 1/2. (D M Thomson) T: £4.20; £1.80, £2, £5. CSF: £17.33. NR: Ballywell.
2.20 (2m): LANYDROCK R Forsyth (7-2 fav); Worling-Pearl (9-2); River Linnet (7-1); Pentland Beauty (20-1); 24 ran, 4, 20. (M J Camacho) T: £4.70; £2.10, £1.80, £2.80. CSF: £23.45. NR: Fast Forward.
2.50 (2m): TIERNEE M P J Dun (11-4); Starlight Lad (6-1); Fair Babu (11-4); Tom Sawyer (8-1); 14 ran, 2, £2.50; £1.40, £3. CSF: £17.46. NR: Orp Baltic.
3.25 (2m): GREEN GORSE C Hawkins (10-1); Don't Annoy Me (16-1); Pallas Prince (11-8 fav); Verbarium (14-1); 25 ran, 1 1/2, 1. (N Crump) T: £8.60; £1.70, £3.80, £1.50. CSF: £168.71.

HUNTINGDON

1.00 (2m): WARNER FOR LEISURE R Earnshaw (9-4); Stray Shot (7-4 fav); 2; St William (50-1); Tony Owen (9-1); 12 ran, 12, 15. (D Gandolfo) T: £3.30; £1.70, £1.00, .90.
1.30 (2m): HALL'S PRINCE (9-4 fav); Gold Hunter (13-2); Soixante Quinze (7-1); 3; at On the Back (5-1); 12 ran, 3, 15. (G Baiding) T: £4.00; £1.70, £3.80, £3.70. CSF: £19.45.
2.00 (3m): LEANDER BLUE P Scudamore (7-4); W Six Times (6-5 on fav); Sonny May (13-2); Ebony Bill (9-1); 4 ran, 25, 7. (D Nicholson) T: £2.50; £1.90. CSF: £3.67.
2.30 (2m 4f): FAST LADY S Smith Eccles (7-2); Rueful Lady (50-1); La Marguerite (12-1); My Name Is Nobody (50-1); 22 ran, 6, 2. (N Henderson) T: £4.70; £1.80, £3.70, £2.00. CSF: £182.32.
3.00 (2m 4f): CARVED OPAL J Francombe (5-1); Kathies Lad (7-4 j fav); The Tsarevich (7-4 j fav); Iden Green (9-1); 5 ran, 2 1/2, hd. (F Winter) T: £4.10; £1.10, £1.0. CSF: £13.21.
3.30 (2m 4f): AIRWAIR (11-4); Paulatim (6-4 fav); Lochrun (5-1); Milore (11-1); 12 ran, Nk, 8. (R Hodges) T: £3.70; £1.10, £1.40, £2.50. CSF: £7.94.

NEWTON ABBOT

1.00 (2m): PANTO PRINCE B Powell (3-1); Crimson Sol (5-2 fav); G W Supermare (11-4); Invisible Ring (16-1); 15 ran, 4, 1. (L Kennard) T: £3.20; £1.10, £2, £1.10. CSF: £10.41. NR: Mr Bennington.
1.30 (3m 2f): ROYSCAR R Millman (16-1); Royal Norman (9-4 j fav); Master Smudge (14-1); Cheadle Green (9-4 j fav); 7 ran, 6, 10. (J Channin) T: £12.40; £2.20, £2.40. CSF: £49.62.
2.00 (2m): CATS EYES P Leach (6-1); Meldon Lady (4-1); Celtic Bob (10-1); Joscilla (20-1); 16 ran, 12, 1 1/2. (M C Pipe) T: £7.70; £1.40, £2.50, £3.20. CSF: £28.68.
2.30 (2m): MOPSY LOVEJOY R Muggerside (15-8 fav); Red Report (8-1); Getting Plenty (3-1); Inspired (25-1); 14 ran, 10, sh hd. (B Stevens) T: £3.30; £1.10, £2.20, £2. CSF: £16.74.
3.00 (2m 5f): GROCKLE P Barton (6-1); Perhaps Lucky (100-30 j fav); Fer-Kil (6-1); Ivacop (100-30 j fav); 14 ran, 1 1/2, 5. (D Barons) T: £5.30; £1.60, £1.60, £2. CSF: £25.65.
3.30 (2m): KILSYTH P Croucher (14-1); Saratino (7-2); French Polly (14-1); Buffoon (3-1); 14 ran, 6, 8. (D Burchell) T: £15.10; £5.40, £2.30, £2.70. CSF: £61.50.

North draft in Williams

PETER WILLIAMS, the Orrell full back, has been drafted into the North's team to play Australia at Blundellands this afternoon.

Williams replaces Derek Boyd, who failed a fitness test on his hamstring injury yesterday.

This latest change does not alter the North's style quite as much as the earlier switch which brought in evergreen Steve Smith as captain and scrum-half for Nigel Melville.

Smith is the only back survivor — in every sense —

from the famous North team that defeated New Zealand five years ago. He finds himself — at 48 hours notice — in charge of a team geared to run the ball.

Smith had absolutely no influence on the selection of the team that he leads, but said: 'The selectors have done a marvellous job. It's an exciting, young side with plenty of runners.

Bridge

'I am having to get used to playing without some of my old mates and it would be nice to be part of the bridge that leads to great new days for the north.

'The Australians have done the right thing and presumably paid us a compliment by fielding some of their first team.'

Australian coach Alan Jones, share Smith's regard for the North's backs.

European soccer extra

KARL-HEINZ RETURNS



LIAM BRADY . . . Inter's midfield dynamo

THE RETURN of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge to West Germany for the first time since his transfer to Italy will add a touch of romance to tonight's UEFA Cup tie between Hamburg and Inter Milan.

All 61,000 tickets were sold out last week as fans clamoured for another glimpse of West Germany's top soccer idol, who cost Inter a European record fee of 11.4 million marks (\$3.8 million) from Bayern Munich.

Rummenigge believes Hamburg, despite losing some of the alluring form that made them European Cup winners 18 months ago, will be a tough nut to crack at the Volksparkstadion.

'A draw would be the ideal result to take back to Milan, as long as it is not goalless,' the blond striker told reporters.

Inter's heavy summer spending — they also signed a second foreign star in Irish midfielders Liam Brady — was aimed to secure a return to the heady days of the 1960s

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

when they twice won the European Cup.

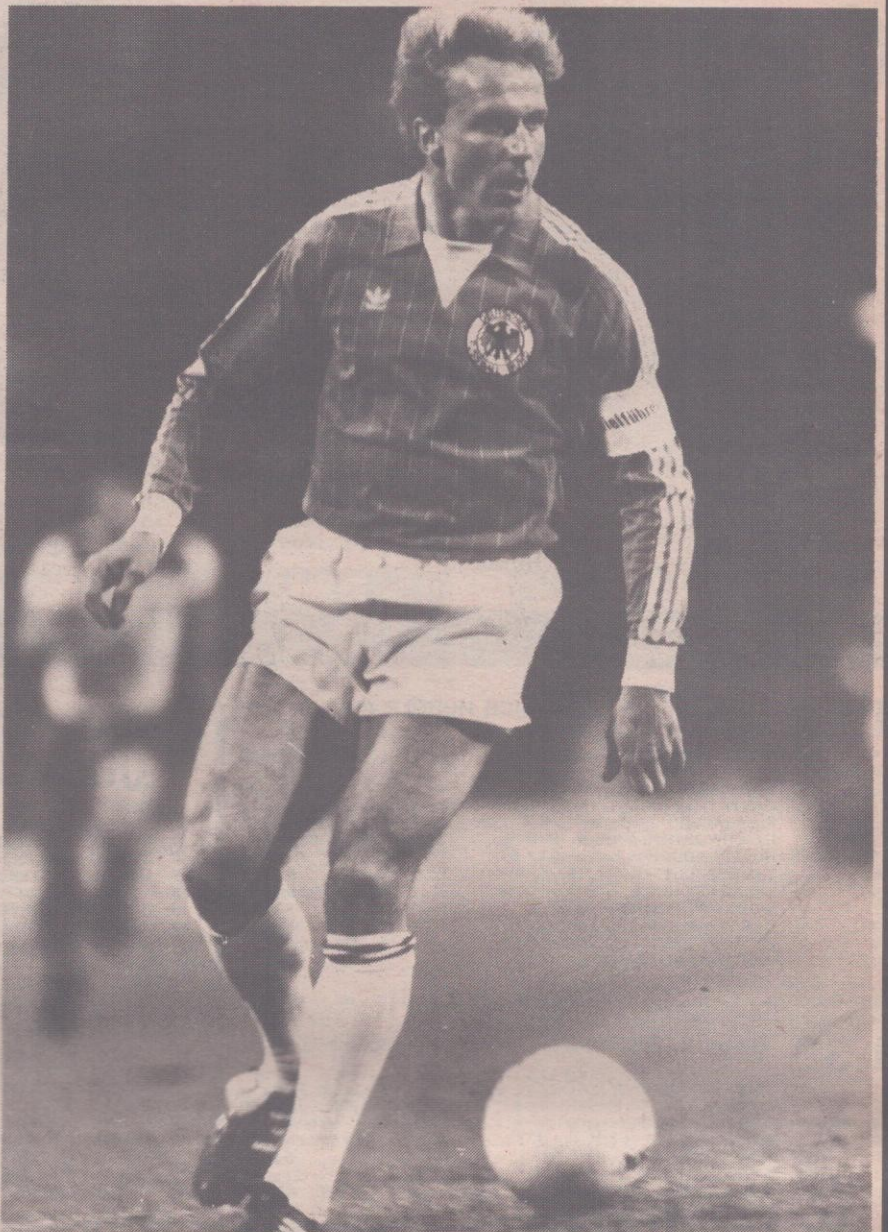
The Milan club picked up a useful 1-1 draw at Fiorentina on Sunday, but their league title challenge to leaders Verona is waning and the UEFA Cup may be their best chance of glory.

Injury

Brady missed the Fiorentina game through injury but should be fit to play, though Inter will be without goalkeeper Walter Zenga who has a cartilage problem and will be replaced by Angelo Recchi.

Hamburg, who threw away a 2-0 half-time lead and lost 4-2 in Düsseldorf on Saturday, have slipped to fifth in the table and will also be concentrating on the UEFA Cup.

Midfield general Felix



KARL HEINZ RUMMENIGGE . . . A chance to show his skills once again in Germany

Magath, scorer of Hamburg's winning goal in the 1983 European Cup final against Juventus, is expected to play after missing the Düsseldorf game

with a thigh injury.

His battle with Brady for midfield control could be the key to the tie. Magath needs to revitalise a Hamburg attack in

which Scottish striker Mark McGhee is not scoring as freely as the club hoped when they signed him from Aberdeen last summer.

Taylor falls back to earth



DENNIS TAYLOR . . . Down and out in Preston

DENNIS Taylor's heady start to the snooker season collapsed in ruins on Monday, when he was thrashed 9-2 by world No.12 Tony Knowles, in the Coral United Kingdom Championship second round at Preston.

Irishman Taylor had to withdraw from his Jameson Whiskey quarterfinal following the death of his mother, but then won the Rothmans Grand Prix last month, his first major victory in 13 years of trying. Up to Monday, he was unbeaten in nine major tournament matches this year.

He began the match with a break of 33 but then lost position and Bolton's Knowles stepped in with a break of 76 before racing 5-0 ahead.

Taylor stopped the rot when breaks of 47 and 54 gave him the last two frames before the interval, but Knowles reeled off four frames in a row in the evening session to take his place in the last eight, against Canada's Kirk Stevens.

Taylor snookered himself on the green in the evening's first frame when looking set to clear-up, and it was all downhill for him from there as Knowles rolled in breaks of 47, 70, 51, 30 and 51, Taylor conceding the last frame with two reds left.

And Knowles hardly

helped to repair Taylor's punctured ego afterwards by saying: 'I thought I'd played badly really. I missed a lot of shots and Dennis had chances in every frame.'

'I would not say I crushed him, every frame was hard work. My game is normally based on fluency, but I was struggling. Mind you, I thought it would be that way as Dennis was previously unbeaten this season.'

Taylor, normally the joker in snooker's pack, was in no laughing mood and fled the Preston Guildhall without attending the customary after-match press conference.

Spectacles

Manchester's David Taylor found that even his new outsized pair of spectacles — Dennis Taylor-style — could not save him as the struggling world No.16 was swept out 9-4 by six-times former World champion, Ray Reardon.

Reardon, the 52-year-old Welshman from Stoke who has never won this title, sparkled with breaks of 70 and 80, as he also took an interval lead of 5-2.

Anderlecht to march on

ANDERLECHT'S impressive team of international stars meet Real Madrid in the third round of the UEFA Cup in Brussels tonight confident of continuing their march towards a record third consecutive UEFA Cup final.

After knocking out Werder Bremen in the first round and completing a devastating 7-3 triumph over Italy's Fiorentina in the second round, the Belgian team have proved their continuing formidable form in European soccer.

At home, they are unbeaten after scoring 48 goals in 12 matches and have built a four-point lead at the top of the first division — a position they maintained with a convincing 2-0 win at Beerschot on Saturday.

Confidence

It is little wonder that they are full of confidence for their meeting with a Real Madrid team who, though second in the Spanish league, have had a patchy season, raising doubts about their ability to cope with the Anderlecht attack in their first meeting since 1966 at the sold-out Astrid Park stadium.

Madrid only managed a 1-0 victory over bottom-of-the-league Real Murcia on Sunday, courtesy of a Valdano penalty, and their cur-



ENZO SCIFO

rent form only confirms their fears.

Although missing Rene Vandereycken, out for three weeks with a torn muscle, Anderlecht trainer Paul Van Himst can pick his team from an almost full-strength squad of 16 internationals from five different countries.

Franki Vercauteren, who

missed Saturday's game following the death of his father, will be back to captain a team which will include Italian-born midfielder Rodigy Enzo Scifo, 18, and top striker Alex Czereminski, who has scored 13 goals this season.

Collision

Erwin Vandenbergh, who went off on Saturday with a fractured nose after a mid-air collision with teammate George Grun, is also likely to be in the Anderlecht team.

Real Madrid will pin their hopes on international Jorge Valdano of Argentina, one of Spain's top scorers with six goals in thirteen matches, and West Germany's experienced and uncompromising defender Uli Stielike.

Midfielder Juan Lozano will be making a nostalgic comeback to Astrid Park for the first time since he left Anderlecht for Madrid two years ago.

Anderlecht won the cup in 1983 and only failed to retain it last season when England's Tottenham Hotspur beat them on penalties. If they reach the final they will be the first club to do so three years running.

International cricket extra

BORDER TO CAPTAIN AUSSIES!



JAVED MIANDAD

Kiwi cliffhanger

THE SECOND cricket Test between Pakistan and New Zealand is set for an exciting finish after an absorbing day's play yesterday produced 13 wickets — 11 of them spinners.

New Zealand lead by a modest 195 runs with two second innings wickets intact, but the wicket is taking an increasing amount of spin and the touring team must be hopeful of squaring the three-match series.

Their trump card could be left-arm spinner Stephen Boock, who had career best figures of eight for 87 as Pakistan were bowled out for 230 to trail by 37 on first innings.

When New Zealand batted a second time, six of the eight wickets went to the spin of Iqbal Qasim and Abdul Qadir. The touring team ended the third day on 158 for eight. Boock's bowling — he took four of the five Pakistan wickets to fall yesterday — and Javed Miandad's century were the day's highlights.

Century

Miandad, 73 overnight, posted his 12th Test century and fourth against New Zealand when he lofted Boock for his 12th four.

Boock picked up the first four wickets yesterday after Pakistan had resumed at 159 for five. In the pre-lunch session he dismissed Saleem Malik, Manzoor Elahi, Qadir and finally Miandad at a cost of 30 runs in 15 overs.

When New Zealand replied they found batting an equally difficult proposition and were soon in deep trouble at 80 for five. But a swashbuckling 34 in under half an hour by Ian Smith in a 45-run sixth wicket alliance with Jeff Crowe redressed the balance.

Smith's short but brutal assault on Qadir forced Pakistan skipper Zaheer Abbas to bring back the medium pacers and the change brought immediate dividends. Smith mistimed a hook and lobbed a gentle catch to Mudassar Nazar off Azeem Hafeez.

Crowe, who batted beautifully in the first innings for 39, was again in great touch. He was unbeaten on 35 at the close. Qasim, who took eight wickets in the first Test in Lahore, ended the day with four for 68.

FOSTER FOR LUTON

ASTON VILLA'S former England defender, Steve Foster, was yesterday lined up for a possible move to Luton Town, after just nine months at Villa Park.

Villa appear ready to take half the £200,000 fee Foster cost from Brighton last March, when he was bought by former manager Tony Barton.

Season

Foster, who has made ten appearances this season, has been left out after a series of disputes with manager Graham Turner. He was due to have talks with Luton manager David Pleat last night.

While Turner is looking for a clear out of several players to bring in new faces to boost his struggling side, Luton desperately seek a defender after several injuries in-

cluding a broken leg to England Under-21 centre half Paul Elliott, and a hamstring strain suffered by Mickey Droy in his first game on loan from Chelsea last Saturday.

● ALAN BILEY, Portsmouth's £120,000 signing from Everton, has asked for a transfer. He has been unable to command a regular place since Alan Ball became manager and has put in a written request to leave.

● STRUGGLING Leicester City have extended striker Peter Eastoe's loan spell from West Bromwich Albion for a second month.

Eastoe went to Filbert Street last month for his second loan spell with the club inside 12 months, and has been a first team regular throughout his stay.

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ALLAN BORDER has become the strong favourite to take over the Australian cricket captaincy from Kim Hughes, whose resignation on Monday has shocked the nation.

The Queensland all-rounder is regarded as one of three candidates along with batsmen David Hookes and Dirk Wellham. But no decision will be announced until next Monday when the team for the third Test starting in Adelaide four days later will be named.

A media autopsy was being completed yesterday on Hughes' resignation. There was speculation that Hughes might not even make the team for the third Test, a match Australia must win to stay alive in the



KIM HUGHES

five-match series having lost heavily in the first two Tests.

Hughes, 30, who led Australia to only four victories in 28 Tests, cited constant pressure from the press and commentators as a major reason for standing down.

The knives were out again yesterday, one commentator stating: 'Tactically naive, Hughes was the wrong man for the job.'

Another described him

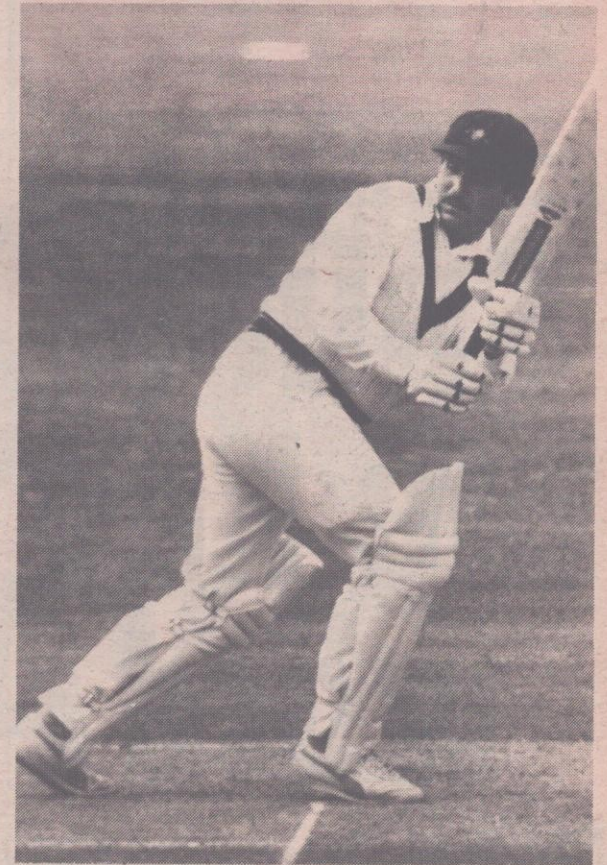
as 'the little boy who cried'.

But fast bowler Dennis Lillee, one of Hughes' fiercest critics, refused to comment and the Hughes family also remained silent. Hughes' father, Stan, who is recovering from a heart attack, said: 'We just don't want to discuss it.'

West Indies travel to Melbourne today for a four-day match against Victoria starting on Friday. The game may be off-spinner Roger Harper's last opportunity to gain a place in the Test side, although the fast bowlers' role in winning the first two Tests means it is unlikely he will succeed.

Victorian captain Ray Bright is the only recognised spinner in the state squad which was announced last night as:

Ray Bright (captain); Dean Jones, Michael Dimattina, Geoff Richardson, Warren Whiteside, David Robinson, Mick Taylor, Jamie Siddons, Simon O'Donnell, Tony Dodemaide, Merv Hughes, Simon Davis.



ALLAN BORDER . . . Favourite for the job

Australian Open

The new-look Lloyd

CHRIS EVERT LLOYD swept through her first-round match at the Australian Open Tennis Championships yesterday giving an early glimpse of a new training regimen aimed at building up her strength.

Lloyd, the second seed, who won the Australian title in 1982, overwhelmed fellow-American Kim Shafer 6-0, 6-2.

Other winners included Pam Shriver, the third seed, who beat Camille Benjamin 6-4, 6-3 in another all-American match, and Britain's Virginia Wade, now in her 40th year, who put out Wendy White of the United States 7-5, 6-4.

For the last week, Lloyd has been working out in the Caulfield gym of Stan Nicholes, the trainer who was responsible for Margaret Court's physical condition when the great Australian player was at the height of her powers.

Nicholes said that Lloyd could be 'exceptionally strong' after four or five months' training. 'On a bodyweight comparison, Chris could have just as much strength as Margaret had,' he said.

In an obvious reference to closing the gap on Martina Navratilova, the top seed in Melbourne whose tremendous strength has helped make her the world's No.1, Lloyd said: 'It's not enough to be a great tennis player any more. You have to be a top athlete also.'

BY A TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

'I don't want to turn into a bodybuilder or anything,' she added. 'But I have been working very hard with weights and doing stretching and jumping exercises.'

'I believe Chris can still improve her strength by at least another 20 per cent without affecting her agility,' Nicholes said.

Another feature of Lloyd's preparation for the Australian Open has been her daily training with husband John and his coach Bob Brett.

Serve

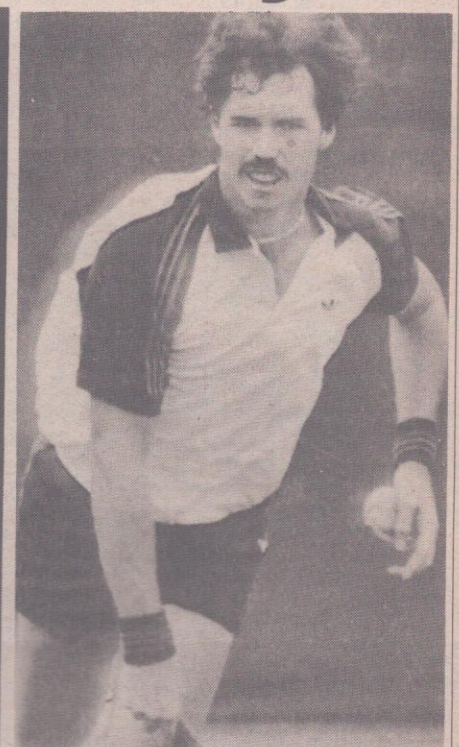
'This is the first time I have practised consistently with men,' she said. 'I want particularly to work on my serve and return of serve. If I don't get my first serve in Martina will come in on my second and the point is over.'

Shriver, who is planning to take a three-month break from tennis at the end of the Open, played several loose shots to enable the left-handed Benjamin to stay with her in the opening set but in the end she prevailed comfortably with her attacking serve-and-volley game.

Shriver said the layoff would not be a total rest. 'The time off isn't just to get away from every-



CHRIS EVERT LLOYD



STEVE DENTON . . . First round exit

thing. It's to build back and get strength so I can come back.' She added that she wanted to let some injuries quieten down 'because the more I play the worse the pain gets'.

In the men's singles, Paul McNamee failed to overcome the effects of injury as he lost to fellow Australian Brad Drewett in a first-round match. McNamee, who had sprained both ankles in the past months, lost 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

'I was struggling,' said

McNamee, who sprained his left ankle playing in Hong Kong four weeks ago and then hurt his right ankle in a Queensland tournament two weeks ago.

Drewett said he had been tentative about playing McNamee on grass. 'I was a little bit scared about the grass. I didn't win a match on grass in England this year. I lost three first rounds.'

Australian juniors Simon Youl and Darren Cahill completed fine wins in matches that

were interrupted on Monday night by rain.

Youl beat West German Rolf Gehring 2-6, 6-3, 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 and Cahill, ranked 320th in the world, fought back to defeat American Rodney Harmon, a US Open quarter-finalist in 1982, 6-7, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-2.

Big-serving Texan Steve Denton, twice a runner-up in the Australian Open, lost yesterday in the first round. Austrian Peter Feigl, who fought through the qualifying rounds, beat him 6-3, 7-6, 6-1.

CRICKET

Spin is the key word

ENGLAND and India have lined up strong spin attacks for the first of the first of the five winter Tests, beginning in Bombay today.

The general consensus in both camps is that the pitch, in the Wankhede Stadium, will turn from the third day, and neither side wishes to be caught out.

India will field three spinners, giving captain Sunil Gavaskar a complete variety of slow bowlers.

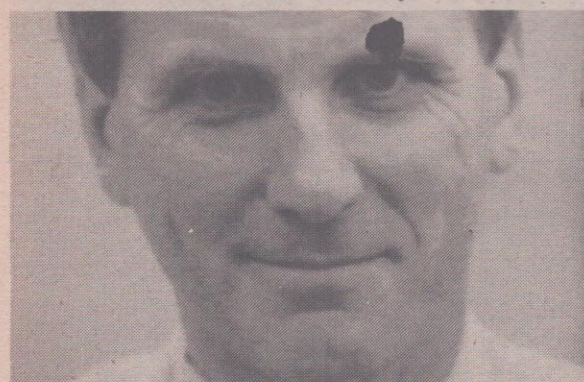
He was Ravi Shastri, who bowls slow left arm, Shivlal Yadav, the orthodox off-spinner, and Laxman Sivaramakrishnan,

To strengthen the middle order, England have taken a gamble by including Chris Cowdrey who, because of illness and injury, has been restricted to one single figure innings since the tour began a month ago.

It is expected that Cowdrey will be used as the third seamer, giving his Kent colleague Richard Ellison the chance to share the new ball with Paul Allott, leaving Norman Cowans out in the cold as 12th man.

The suspicion that the pitch will turn was confirmed by Judge Kanmadikar, secretary of the Indian Board.

He said: 'I think the third day will show the



TONY BROWN . . . 'We play on'

the leg spinner who destroyed England while playing for India's under-25s a week ago.

Not since the early 1970s, when India fielded the legendary Bedi, Chandrasekhar and Prasanna have India been blessed with such a combination.

The leg-spinner long ago disappeared from English cricket, but captain David Gower has shuffled his resources to give him the strongest spin attack available.

Phil Edmonds will be partnered by Pat Pocock, playing his first Test match overseas for eight years.

To fit him in, Vic Marks, widely expected to play because of his batting, does not figure in the England 12 named last night.

wicket turning, but just because England have only two spinners, do not count them out . . .

'Edmonds and Pocock are far more experienced than our three.'

The match goes ahead despite the assassination earlier yesterday of Deputy High Commissioner Percy Norris. England manager Tony Brown commented: 'We are happy with the assurances given about our security.'

'We have been told that the local authorities will take the fullest precautions to ensure our safety. We feel very sad at the events that have happened, but we were left with two choices, either to play cricket or go home, and we are certainly not going home.'

Atkinson blasts British clubs

WE'RE TOO SELFISH

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER UNITED manager Ron Atkinson made an astonishing attack on some of British football's biggest clubs last night.

Referring to UEFA's decision to force Glasgow Celtic to replay their second round, second leg, Cup Winners' Cup match against Rapid Vienna, the United boss said: 'If we weren't all so selfish, we should have all withdrawn from Europe over that decision. It was scandalous.'

'If we could have afforded to get together and make a stand, it would have been worthwhile,' Atkinson added.

Last Friday UEFA, on an appeal from Rapid, ordered the second leg to be replayed at a venue at least 100 miles away from Glasgow.

'If we weren't all so selfish we should have all withdrawn from Europe over that decision. It was scandalous'



Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson

A week earlier UEFA, soccer's governing body in Europe, had found against Rapid and decided the result of the second leg, Celtic won 3-0 to progress to the quarter-finals 4-3 on aggregate, would stand.

'Their decision to have the match replayed is one of the worst I have ever come across as manager,' Atkinson said last

night after the final arrangements for the replay at Old Trafford had been made.

'If British clubs could see beyond the end of their noses then they would have all pulled out of European competition in solidarity with Celtic. But I'm afraid too many of our clubs are just too selfish.'

European club competition is now a vital part of extra revenue for many top English and Scottish top clubs. Pulling out would mean the loss of thousands of pounds.

Besides United and Celtic, there are another three British clubs left in Europe this season. They are Liverpool (Champions' Cup), Tottenham

and Dundee United (UEFA Cup).

Atkinson's remarks are bound to meet with some criticism from several of these clubs today.

Liverpool secretary Peter Robinson was surprised at the United manager's remarks last night.

'We were never approached by Celtic — or Mr Atkinson — to join a possible boycott of the European competitions,' Robinson said.

'While Liverpool have every sympathy for Celtic, we don't believe this would be in the best interests of the game. To call British clubs selfish is a little premature when nobody has approached us about any kind of action to back Celtic.'

UEFA CUP

Going for goals

TOTTENHAM need a substantial cushion from tonight's UEFA Cup tie against Bohemians of Prague to protect against a possibly heavy fall on the Czech club's frozen pitch in two weeks time.

'The home leg is even more important than usual because we can expect ground conditions to be a big factor out there,' said manager Peter Shreeves. 'We could be playing on a frozen pitch or on snow, with the temperature zero or even ten degrees below.'

'With those sort of problems you need to have given yourself a cushion — to have scored a few goals and even more important, not to have conceded one.'

Line up

Saturday casualties Glenn Hoddle, Clive Allen and Mark Falco seem certain to line up in the third-round tie, but the holders will probably be without winger Tony Galvin.

Galvin faces a late test on a hamstring injury, having missed three games since collecting the injury playing for the Republic of Ireland.

Bohemians come to

White Hart Lane with impressive credentials: ever-present in the UEFA Cup since 1979, semi-finalists in 1983 and currently top of the Czech league.

'It's a quality competition and they have lost just one match out of 12,' added Shreeves. 'I have watched them twice and they are a mature, hard side with players who know their way around. Their average age is around 27 or 28, so the occasion isn't likely to worry them.'

Shreeves has a clear battle plan for what he

sees as a very hard tie. 'You have got to have a go at them in the home leg, see what their game travels like. But always uppermost in your mind must be taking no risks at the back.'

Chance

'I feel we have a fair chance in both legs, providing we get a decent top to play on out there. That is the great uncertainty.'

Second in Division One, with in-form men like Falco and winger John Chidozie to chase those important goals, Tot-

tenham should win and preserve their record, never having lost at home in 41 European ties.

Shreeves expects Hoddle to take another major step along his road back to the top. 'I think we will get a vintage performance from Glenn. What he needs now is more top flight matches.'

'I am giving him the chance of playing him in the first team and I'm sure he will reward me with quality play. He likes the big one and though this will be a tough game, I fancy Glenn to shine through.'

FIXTURES

UEFA CUP THIRD ROUND FIRST LEG	
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Manchester Utd v Dundee Utd . . .	
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DIVISION III	
Bradford v Millwall	
Derby v Doncaster	
Lincoln v Cambridge	
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(2.15, Waterloo)	

McGrath stands by

PAUL McGRATH, the centre back Manchester United tipped to become the best in Britain, is poised to make a dramatic comeback against Dundee United in the UEFA Cup at Old Trafford tonight.

The Ealing-born Irishman made his first appearance of the season in the reserves on Saturday after a cartilage operation in the summer.

Now manager Ron Atkinson is seriously considering throwing him in to the first leg of the third round tie.

McGrath insisted: 'I'll be

fit and eager to go if the manager wants me. I have waited a long time for this.'

With Graeme Hogg definitely out and Kevin Moran struggling with a back injury, McGrath could replace the inexperienced Billy Garton as Gordon McQueen's partner at the heart of the defence.

'We have five recognised central defenders and they all have been injured this season. McGrath would have been my first choice at the start of the season if he had been fit,' Atkinson said last night.

'He is a centre-half who would have developed into the best in the country before he was injured. We have been working with him very hard over the last few days and if there is no reaction, I will give the situation a lot of careful consideration.'

'We threw McGrath in at the deep end last season in midfield against Juventus and he didn't let us down.'

With full-back Arthur Albiston struggling with hamstring trouble, United's defensive dilemma is tempting Dundee United's

manager Jim McLean to throw caution to the wind and attack Old Trafford's unbeaten 40-match European record.

Without the deadly Ralph Milne — their top European scorer with 11 goals — that would ask an awful lot of the highly-rated Paul Sturrock.

McLean, like Atkinson, also delayed his selection last night saying: 'I don't want to give Manchester United any possible edge. It's important for me to use every little bit of advantage I've got.'