

THE MONEY-GO-ROUND

THE CHASE after the miners' money went as follows:

- MARCH 9 — NUM transfers £8.9 million from the Co-operative Bank to the Midland Bank in Sheffield.
- MARCH 14 — £8.8 million switched to a Midland Bank Trust Corporation account in the Isle of Man.
- DURING MARCH — £8.4 million moved to the Bank of Ireland Finance Company in Dublin.

● AUGUST 9 — £4 million transferred to the European Banking Corporation in New York, while another £1 million which later reappeared, went to a destination still unknown.

● OCTOBER 23 — Two days before the sequestrators were appointed, £4.63 million transferred to Nobis-Finanz International in Luxembourg and £503,000 to the Swiss bank E.B. Schweiz AB.

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COURTS CHASE MINERS' CASH

THE FUNDS of the miners' union will be chased by British High Court sequestrators into a Luxembourg courtroom today.

Judge Justice Nicholls, who has ordered the seizure of all the union's money, was told yesterday that commissioners are to challenge attempts by the NUM to free £4.6 million of their assets held in a Luxembourg bank.

The assets were frozen on November 14 by a Luxembourg judge on a request from accountants Price Waterhouse.

But miners' leaders declared de-

BY BEN RUDDER

fiantly yesterday: 'We will continue to function'.

Details of the new court moves against the miners' funds were given in a report on the progress of sequestration of the union's £8.9 million assets.

The sequestration followed the £200,000 contempt fine stemming from the case brought by Yorkshire scabs Ken Foulstone and Robert Taylor. They won a case ordering the NUM to declare the national strike unofficial.

Counsel for the sequestrators, Howard Page, said the NUM had moved quickly to have the Luxembourg freezing order discharged. The union is to appear in a Luxembourg court today.

The court also heard the background to the incident outside Congress House in London on Tuesday night, when miners' leaders Peter Heathfield and Mick McGahey threw writs served on them out of their car window.

The writs, obtained from Justice Nicholls in a private hearing last Friday, demand that NUM leaders

cease to deal in any money held in accounts in Luxembourg and Zurich, and order them to sign away control over the money to the sequestrators.

The final paragraph on McGahey's order, signed by solicitors Clifford-Turner, read: 'If you, the within-named Michael McGahey disobey or neglect to obey this order you will be liable to process of execution for the purpose of compelling you to obey the same.'

Asked yesterday about the new moves to impound his members' funds, McGahey said the union would continue to function whatever the outcome of the court hearings overseas.

Justice Nicholls himself had told the court that eventually, the court would obtain every penny of the union's money. He said the union was 'only postponing the day of reckoning' by keeping its funds abroad.

Returned

'By one means or another, sooner or later, these funds will have to be returned to this country.' The union must not only pay the £200,000 fine, he said, but also purge its contempt by declaring the strike unofficial.

The sequestrators immediately went into closed session with the judge for further guidance.

The NUM is still fighting a legal battle in Dublin to have £2.7 million of its assets released by the Irish courts.

● The executive council of the T&GWU transport union will meet next week to consider its response to the £200,000 fine imposed by the High Court under the anti-union Trade Union Act.

Little chance for TUC 'peace' plan

THE TUC General Council yesterday agreed to try and force the miners into fresh talks with the Coal Board. But TUC general secretary Norman Willis admitted that he did not see an early resumption of talks.

The Coal Board last week dismissed any idea of fresh talks on the basis of a revised 'Plan for Coal' document, a proposal made by David Bassett, general secretary of the GMBATU general workers' union.

Willis said the Coal Board had taken a public line which did not favour talks. 'It does not look from statements which have been made in public that the Board, at the moment, wants to go into negotiations. I find that regrettable.'

Board

He said the TUC were planning to arrange talks, but the discussions themselves would have to be between the NUM and the Board.

Willis admitted the Coal Board's 'return to work' campaign had been a failure. 'My colleagues and I intend to do everything we can to get a negotiated settlement. But in my view, those people who were relying on a surge, or a flood back to work to



Miners' vice-president Mick McGahey entering the TUC General Council meeting yesterday

solve the situation have some cause for concern because that is not happening,' he said.

Willis would not say when TUC leaders would again meet leaders of the NUM. 'I am not going to tell you what we are going to do. Many of these things require a lot of thought and attention,' he added.

He said he would be in contact with Dutch and Belgian trade unionists following a demand by the miners that the TUC halts the shipment of coal from the two countries.

The meeting had reiterated verbal support for the NUM, and authorised two days for unions to mount a collecting campaign in factories for the

miners on December 13 and 14.

Miners' vice-president Mick McGahey said after the meeting: 'The General Council have unanimously agreed support for the miners' position and the "six wise men" are seeing what steps to take to initiate negotiations.'

Talks

Right-winger Roy Grantham, from the clerical union APEX, said the time had come for 'flexibility' on both the government and union side. But he also admitted that the resumption of talks would take 'a lot of sound-ing out'.



Ford machinists on picket duty outside the Dagenham plant in Essex yesterday

FORD BLACKMAIL

No rise if women don't return

THE Ford car company last night threatened to scrap the entire 1984 pay award for nearly 50,000 workers if 300 striking machinists did not return to work.

The company has refused to agree to an independent arbitrator to assess the machinists' demands for skilled status.

And with both the giant Dagenham and Halewood plants at a standstill because of the strike,

it was clear the management intend to try and intimidate the women back to work.

But shop steward Lil Thompson told News Line last night that her members were determined to stay out until the company granted them the skilled status promised 16 years ago.

'We have been waiting for 16 years, and we do deserve what we are asking because we are skilled machinists.'

'We are sorry for all the other people affected by our dispute, but we would ask them to support us as we have supported them in the past when they have been in dispute.'

If the company go ahead with their threats, and abandon the pay award, it will certainly provoke a major all-out strike, shop stewards in other departments said last night.

REGIONAL AID SLASHED

STERLING came under renewed pressure from falling oil prices yesterday, as a leading economic institute forecast higher inflation, rising unemployment, and a slowdown in economic activity.

The government did its best to lengthen dole queues by announcing a slashing reduction in regional aid programmes. It is being reduced by £300 million to £400 million.

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

The pound showed a fall of 1.4 cents at one point, standing at \$1.960. It closed at \$1.2025, still down 0.6 of a cent overnight.

Gold

On the international markets, the continued strength of the dollar saw gold trading at a 30-month low and five dollars down at \$328.35 an ounce.

Meanwhile, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), a long-time critic of the government's policies, expects inflation to rise to about 6 per cent next year, while unemployment jumps by 100,000.

The forecasts also dispute the government's claim that lower wages will boost employment.

In the Commons, the regional aid cuts announced by Trade Minister Norman Lamont drew an angry response from Labour benches.

Shadow trade spokesman John Smith said: 'This statement announces the end of effective regional assistance in this country.'

Thin

'It is not just a case of cutting the jam but of insisting that the vastly reduced amount is spread as thinly as possible.'

Documents issued at the same time show that parts of the North West, part of Yorkshire, some of the South West and

part of Scotland and Wales will lose their status as 'assisted areas'.

Lamont said the £300 million reduction would 'be a considerable lightening of the public expenditure burden of the policy'.

Govan MP Bruce Mil-lan said the statement would lead to a devastating £100 million cut in regional aid to Scotland.

He told Lamont: 'We find your statement deeply offensive and an insult to the unemployed.'

A TUC spokesman said: 'Virtually all the country's unemployment blackspots will have their aid cut.'

The Wales TUC labelled the changes 'a disastrous body blow'.

Disappointed

Even the CBI was disappointed, with Director General Sir Terence Beckett saying he was concerned that automatic aid was being made dependent on immediate job creation.

Rowntrees Xmas box — sackings

EDINBURGH — Nearly 800 workers are receiving a special Christmas box from Rowntree Mackintosh... closure of the entire factory.

The confectionery giant were keeping it all a big surprise. The shattering news reached the workers yesterday only through a leak to a newspaper.

'Everyone was stunned. We only heard about it when they saw a report in the morning paper,' a GMBATU shop from the factory said yesterday.

But it was not until later in the day that Rowntree's officially confirmed the report. A short statement from management said:

'The company will be announcing to its UK confectionery division tomorrow a three-year plan involving a number of changes in production arrangements in UK factories.'

The statement added: 'These changes will involve the closure of the Edinburgh factory early in 1987, to the directors' great regret.'

Relatively recently, the workforce at the plant in the city's Broughton area — where the factory is known as Duncan's — co-operated in a slimming-down operation to make the confectionery plant more viable.

Less than six years ago, it was still employing 1,280 people.

Among its main products are 'Dairy Box', 'Walnut Whip', 'Polo Fruits', and other lines. Back in 1982, Rowntree's said that during the previous four years, demand for the plant's products had dropped from 12,000 tons down to 6,400 tons.

Production at Edinburgh is being transferred to other parts of the group.

Fraud claims

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

CLAIMS are being made of a theft and fraud racket involving British troops in the Falklands.

An investigation is under way into claims that goods have been stolen from some of the six NAAFI shops and clubs on the islands.

Soldiers returning from the islands have been searched and questioned on board a troop ship off the Ascension Islands.

Searched

The troopship 'Keren', and her 600 passengers, mostly of the 1st Coldstream Guards were searched last week.

The Ministry of Defence said that no charges had been made yet.

A spokesman said: 'An investigation into theft and fraud in the Falklands is under way, it involves both military and NAAFI personnel.'

Arafat takes on PLO leadership again

FROM JOHN SPENCER IN AMMAN

AMMAN — Yassir Arafat re-accepted the chairmanship of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to rapturous applause from delegates attending the Palestine National Council here yesterday.

Admitting that he may have made some mistakes, Arafat told PNC members: 'I have no home. I am a soldier in this revolution, the first to obey and the last to disobey.'

He was carried shoulder high to the rostrum to make his acceptance speech amid deafening applause. 'I will remain in the leadership and stay where I am in order to shoulder my responsibilities because I am needed,' he said.

In an apparent reference to Syrian regime calls for his overthrow, the PLO chairman added: 'It is not the right

of any Arab country to come and say who is to be the leader of this organisation.'

A bomb exploded outside the PLO office in central Amman on Tuesday night as the Syrian pressure against the PNC was stepped up.

The explosion left a crater on a vacant lot close to the PLO office. The noise could be heard clearly in the conference hotels.

It has led to a noticeable tightening of the already intense security around the conference. Roadblocks were strengthened and even in cities far from the capital, cars and travellers were being stopped and searched.

Arafat told yesterday morning's session that a Sukhoi bomber loaded

with explosives had tried to penetrate Jordanian airspace in a bid to blow up the conference hall.

Fortunately the bomber, which took off from the Riak airbase in the Syrian-controlled area of the Bekaa Valley, failed to get past Jordan's air defences.

Chairman

Arafat made the charge in the course of an emotional defence of his actions as chairman of the PLO since the last PNC in Algiers.

He had earlier offered his resignation at a closed session of the political commission of the PNC. It is quite unusual for the officers of the PLO to resign and seek re-election

during the PNC, but in this case Arafat's intention was more firmly spelled out.

He said he had been considered making his resignation at the opening session but had only been dissuaded because his colleagues felt it might be inappropriate to do it in front of King Hussein.

He said he had been obliged instead to defend himself before the political commission apparently over his visit to Cairo after the end of the siege of Tripoli a year ago.

He said he was fully confident that the PNC had shown a high level of courage in coming to the Amman meeting.

The 119 members who could not come, mostly from Syria but some from Lebanon, were in many cases under house arrest.

Their children and in some cases their lives had been threatened.

He said the PLO was not afraid of threats. It had withstood the American and Israeli rockets aimed at Beirut. If the PNC decided he was hampering the revolution, he would stand down.

In an emotional climax to the speech, Arafat was applauded and mobbed by wellwishers as he declared that he could see the spires of Jerusalem and would remain as leader of the PLO.

Last night the final touches were put to the resolutions from the conference commission and the report of the commissions covering political, military and financial affairs were being submitted to the conference.

Bus strike

BUSMEN yesterday brought Norwich city centre to a standstill when they struck for two hours over Tory plans to privatise the city's services.

Two hundred busmen marched through the city and handed out leaflets.

At a rally held at Norwich Labour Club, Ray Ford,

branch secretary of Norwich T&GWU said Transport Secretary Norman Ridley had 'no idea how millions of people go about their lives, how they get to work or go shopping.'

'He is only interested in privatising the service and reviewing subsidies to old age pensioners.'

NEC wants 'clear-up' talks

LABOUR'S executive last night called for an urgent meeting between Neil Kinnock and NUM president Arthur Scargill to 'clear up differences' and 'develop' support for the miners.

The call for talks between the two men came only 48 hours before they are due to share a Labour Party platform in Stoke-on-Trent tomorrow night.

They last met at the beginning of November, and Kinnock refused to attend any of the five major NUM rallies held over the last fortnight.

At the meeting, Scottish NUM secretary Eric Clark said the union was 'disappointed but not critical' of Kinnock's absence, but wanted to see misunderstandings cleared up.

Labour will be represented in the talks with the NUM by Kinnock, his deputy Roy Hattersley, chairman Alan Hadden, vice-chairman Neville Hough and treasurer Sam McCluskie. They will be joined by Dennis Skinner, Audrey Wise, Eric Clark, Eric Hefter, and Tom Sawyer

Liverpool in the red

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

LIVERPOOL Council is running a deficit of nearly £100 million on its current budget, just a few months after claiming a 'massive victory' against the Tory government.

The news was revealed yesterday as Labour Group leaders accused the government of reneging on a deal claimed to have been reached in July.

Next year's budget has been projected at £278 million, which would require a rate rise of 220 per

cent or 6,000 sackings to balance the books.

Tony Byrne, chairman of the Finance Committee, declared that when the council made their budget in July they based it on an understanding with Environment Secretary Jenkin.

'An important part of that agreement had to do with the housing investment programme. We

had agreed to capitalise to the tune of £13.6 million.

'At that time we said we were prepared to capitalise on the understanding that those capital resources would be given back to the city in the following financial year.

'We made it quite clear we were not prepared to put the housing programme in jeopardy as a result of a capitalisation.

'The Secretary of State has now indicated that he



TONY BYRNE

does not intend to honour that agreement.'

Byrne said that if Jenkin was prepared to break his word on this aspect of the agreement then he would be prepared to break the whole agreement.

The Tories have denied such a promise was made. Jenkin said yesterday the £130 million figure was 'totally false' and that it 'belongs in cloud cuckoo land'.

Deficit

The city treasurer has estimated that the implications of the refusal of such resources could be a deficit of £96.1 million on the operation of the current year and could lead to a rate increase of 'something over 220 per cent'.

Deputy council leader Derek Hatton declared that the Labour council was going into 'round two' of the struggle and it was obviously going to be 'hotter' than round one.

£8,000 Monthly Fund

November Fund — Only two days to go!

DON'T hold back. Urgent action is needed as we have almost run out of time for November's Fund. There is £1512.76 in. Please raise extra amounts immediately and rush them in.

The right-wing TUC leaders beat a rapid retreat on the fight against the anti-union laws. They are ready to conciliate with Thatcher at a time when she is waging all-out class war against the trade unions.

But the working class, like the miners, will stand and fight. They are not going to accept the Tories' plans to destroy their jobs, their livelihoods and their future.

The time to fight is now and the News Line speaks out loud and clear. Organise the General Strike and bring the government to its knees. Mobilise the full strength of the working class against the capitalist system.

Put your fullest support behind us. Join us immediately in a major effort to complete November's Fund. There's no time to waste. These last two days need our biggest effort yet. Rush all donations to:

The News Line November Appeal Fund

21B Old Town, Clapham, SW4 0JT

30,000 join cuts protest

POLICE last night blocked 30,000 students trying to cross Westminster and Waterloo bridges to hand in letters to parliament protesting at Tory cuts.

About 100 were arrested as the police tried to stop the students, who had joined a mass rally called by the National Union of Students against the recently-announced Tory cuts in grants.

Anger at the state attack on students was heightened by news that two students at the Polytechnic of North London had been jailed by a High Court judge.

The two, Steve Tasane and John Letham, had refused to comply with an injunction not to picket the Polytechnic to prevent National Front member Patrick Harrington from attending lectures.

The thousands who had travelled from all over the country for the the grants protest were furious to find that the main rally organised by the Labour-dominated National Union of Students executive was being held in a hall catering for only 1,600 people on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Those who could not get into the Queen Elizabeth Hall were made to wait for a second repeat rally an hour later.

Speakers at both rallies included National Union of Teachers leader Fred Jarvis, Association of University Teachers leader Diane Warwick, the leader of the Inner London Education Authority Frances Morrell,

BY PENNY BLOOR

NUPE general secretary Rodney Bickerstaffe and an OAP parent of two students.

Also billed was NUS president Phil Woolas, but he did not speak at Queen Elizabeth Hall or even appear at the Jubilee Gardens.

North London Polytechnic students stormed the stage at the start of the indoor rally demanding the right to speak on the jailings and stating that the organisers had refused them.

Eventually they were allowed five minutes.

Pete Redman, PNL vice president, said to applause that since the nine-month campaign against Harrington began, 31 students had been arrested, 30 faced expulsion from

college and several had been injured by police brutality. Now two had been jailed.

Outside in Jubilee Gardens students became impatient with waiting. The PNL students jumped on the platform and urged them to join a march to Pentonville jail.

Before the speakers had finished, thousands had begun to move away, some to join the PNL march, and the vast body to march towards parliament to hand in their letters.

The march surged alongside the River Thames towards Westminster Bridge.

But police had blocked all the routes over the bridge and were turning everyone back.



Thousands of students mass outside the Department of Education and Science last night, blocking the road outside Waterloo station, after they had broken through the police lines



Students of dancing shouting slogans against the cuts yesterday

Students jailed

TWO STUDENTS from North London Polytechnic were jailed yesterday by a High Court judge continuing their campaign against National Front student organiser Patrick Harrington.

Second-year philosophy student Steve Tasane and third-year student John Letham were committed to prison until December 14 — the end of college term.

Mr Justice Drake said: 'I think I am left with absolutely no alternative whatsoever.'

Both students readily admitted that they have joined picket lines aimed at barring Harrington from his lectures.

Harrington has obtained a High Court order to the effect that any attempt at preventing his attendance at lectures is illegal.

The two students were jailed after refusing in court to promise to abide by the order in future.

Letham told the judge: 'What we say is that we don't want Harrington educated with us. Students generally have a right to free association away from the odious beliefs of this man Harrington.'

'I am not prepared to give any undertaking to stop picketing Harrington now or in the future. And I will be on the picket line again this Friday.'

Tasane said that Harrington was not the innocent party he made himself out to be.

Harrington had failed his first-year exams by skipping lectures, Tasane said, and had not even bothered to join the college library.

Harrington had been praised in a National Front bulletin for 'working hard' to build up the organisation's student membership and returned regularly to attend college.

Tasane also claimed he had personally been threatened by Harrington, who had told him that if he failed in his legal fight he might have to resort to 'nasty' methods.

Tasane said: 'The National Front is a brutal organisation and Harrington typifies its worst aspects.'

The National Front

magazine 'Bulldog' contained a 'hit list' of left-wing students and teachers,' Tasane added.

Students who packed the courtroom loudly applauded Tasane and Letham.

'How long will it be before North London Polytechnic lecturers and students are on the hit list and find fascist thugs waiting for them outside?'

Nigel Tasane, brother of Steve, said afterwards: 'Steve did the only moral thing he could do. I believe the fight against fascism and racism must go on.'

Tory abolition lies exposed

THERE is a £1 billion 'credibility gap' between the savings promised by the Tories and the real cost of abolition, the spokesman for the six threatened metropolitan counties said yesterday.

John Gunnell, West Yorkshire leader, was commenting on an independent study into costs by the top management consultants firm, Coopers and Lybrand.

Their study showed that abolition could mean spending an extra £690 million over a ten-year period.

When the Abolition Bill was published last week, the Local Government Minister Kenneth Baker claimed the operation would produce annual savings of £50 million, or £500 million over a decade.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

Gunnell said: 'That's a big credibility gap — over a billion in the next ten years.'

'But Coopers' figures are independent, costed out in detail, and the basis for their calculations are fully revealed.'

'The government's figures are produced by themselves and no details are given.'

Gunnell said the met counties — to be scrapped in April 1986, and their functions handed over to quangos and committees — were prepared to submit their costings to the Audit Commission, if Baker would do the same.

The GLC estimates that abolition will cost Londoners £225 million. It means the scrapping of all seven authorities will cost, in cash alone, around £1,000 million.

'And all for a more con-

fusing less democratic system and poorer services,' said Gunnell.

Two new reports were published yesterday by Coopers and Lybrand, together with updated analysis of costs to take account of the proposals made in the Abolition Bill.

On costs, the government's claim cannot be supported by evidence.

On the most favourable assumptions, implying uniformly co-operation between the MDCs, the costs of change will be minimal, in a range of £2 million saving to £14 million per annum extra.

But on the basis of much more limited co-operation, the cost of change would be much higher, ranging from an extra £38 million to £69 million a year.

These estimates imply higher costs — about another £22 million a year



JOHN GUNNELL

— than those published by the consultants earlier this year.

The main reasons are the requirement for each district council to publish structure plans, the likelihood that no one council — as at present — will provide support services like computers and the creation of 'residuary bodies' to take charge of debt payments and other matters.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

Grand Christmas Bazaar

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

LEEDS
Saturday December 15
12 noon
The Corn Exchange

PETERBOROUGH
Saturday December 15
12 noon
Taynells Community Centre
Orton Goldhay

LEICESTER
Saturday December 15
12 noon
Stockingfarm Community Centre
Marwood Road

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

COVENTRY
Saturday December 22
12 noon
Sydney Stringer School
Vine Street

GLASGOW
Saturday December 22
12 noon
Rutherglen Burgh Halls
King Street

MANCHESTER
Saturday December 22
12 noon
Edgehill Community Centre
Salford Precinct

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

WORLD SUMMARY

Thatcher for Peking

PEKING — British Prime Minister Thatcher would visit Peking on December 18 to sign the Sino-British agreement for the return of Hong Kong to Chinese rule, a Chinese Foreign Minister spokesman said yesterday.

IBM

MEXICO CITY — International Business Machines (IBM) is to be allowed whole ownership of a proposed micro-computer plant in Mexico, according to a senior government official.

Heart

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — Doctors have started speeding up William Schroeder's mechanical heart, saying the fist-sized device is working perfectly.

Order

QUITO — The Ecuadorian government has accused two Italian Roman Catholic priests of subversive activities and ordered them to leave the country.

March

PANAMA CITY — More than 20,000 people marched through the streets of Panama City on Tuesday to protest against corruption and new tax measures aimed at reducing a spiralling budget deficit.

Trade

PEKING — Trade between Czechoslovakia and China, actively promoting its relations with East Europe, is set to rise sharply this year to the equivalent of \$400 million.

World News Line

PINOCHET ORDERS NEW PRESS CURBS

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

SANTIAGO — President Augusto Pinochet yesterday cancelled the accreditation of all resident foreign journalists as the military and police cracked down on two days of defiant protests.

The head of the junta's information office, Osvaldo Rivera, said letters had been sent to the homes and offices of all the foreign correspondents in Santiago, ordering them to re-apply for credentials.

As the orders went out to the journalists, police used water cannon to disperse demonstrators in the centre of Santiago,

while troops in battle gear deployed in force to counter repeated attempts to rally by trade unionists, students and office workers.

Six bombs exploded in the city centre on Monday and the city resounded to the tinkle of glass as the shards were swept on to the streets.

One of the bombs exploded on Monday about 50 yards from the presidential palace.

Students barricaded behind campus iron fences continued to protest and run skirmishes with the police and troops. They were joined by hundreds

of white and blue-collar workers.

Hundreds are believed to have been injured because both armed forces made random use of truncheons, teargas and rubber bullet guns and charges against the protesters.

Police also attacked for the first time in recent months journalists reporting the violent suppression.

The junta's action against the press corps is the latest of a series of repressive measures the US-sponsored dictator has ordered to silence mass defiance of a state

of siege imposed last month.

The deputy government secretary general, Colonel Carlos Krumm, made it clear journalists filing stories critical of the junta would be refused renewal of their credentials.

Krumm said: 'We have observed with some concern some stories sent by foreign agencies; so the government secretary general is observing with great care all the stories which the agencies are sending.'

The statement was an order to the news agencies to either exercise 'self-censorship' or accept censorship by the military authorities.

'We are confident, as we always have been, of the good judgement and goodwill of the agencies in the country,' he said.

'We are not saying that we are going to take any restrictive measures; only that we want to be sure that the news which goes out is, as it always has been, in accordance with what is happening.'

Asked about the protests, Krumm responded: 'Protest? That's not allowed. There's no protest here. Chile is working and not protesting.'

Truckloads of troops who had taken up positions overnight yesterday fired shots and soldiers searched vehicles at major intersections.

Bolivia strike call

LA PAZ — Bolivian trade unions, rejecting austerity measures imposed by President Hernan Siles Zuazo, called a new general strike yesterday to press for price controls and regular wage rises.

The strike follows a nine-day national stoppage called off last Thursday when the government devalued the peso and increased fuel and food prices to try to stave off economic collapse.

The Bolivian Workers' Confederation, which called the strike, accused the left-wing government of being 'anti-worker and in favour of the privileged classes'.

It called for a fair minimum salary with regular increases, price controls and guaranteed supplies of essential foods.

Workers in the mining centre of Oruro struck on Tuesday in protest against the austerity measures.

Anger over austerity measures

LIMA — Peru's biggest unions were scheduled to strike today against government austerity policies and human rights abuses in a state campaign against the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrilla movement.

The strike is the sixth under the conservative government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry.

Striking unions represent most factory workers and bus drivers and nearly all organised miners and peasants: more than 3 million people.

Belaunde Terry appealed to the unions to cancel the strike, saying only hard work would cure Peru's severe recession but the trade unionists were expected to ignore the president.

The recession has pushed down economic output by more than 15 per cent since 1982 and cut workers' buying power to barely two-thirds of its 1980 level.

Peruvian workers have demanded a freeze on exorbitant petrol prices and the reinstatement of food subsidies to help them cope with 101 per cent annual inflation.



Peruvian miners

Ministers accuse Nkomo

HARARE — Two Zimbabwean government ministers have accused opposition leader Joshua Nkomo of involvement in the murder of a senior official of the ruling ZANU party.

The two ministers made their accusations in the House of Assembly, covered by parliamentary immunity.

National Supplies Minister Enos Nkala alleged the guns used in the killing of Senator Moven Ndlovu in the southern border town of Beitbridge, near the South African border, on November 9 were taken from Nkomo's Bulawayo home, the semi-official ZIANA News agency quoted him as saying.

Minister of State for Security Emmerson Munangagwa told the House some arrests had

been made in connection with the killing. Others were being sought but allegedly had left the country.

'When the facts come about who killed Comrade Ndlovu, then some of the colleagues here will regret it, in particular Joshua Nkomo himself,' he said.

Unrest

The death of Ndlovu, a central committee member of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ZANU party, sparked civil unrest in Beitbridge, in which two people were killed, 184 injured and the ZAPU offices in the town burned down.

Fighting erupts in South Lebanon

BEIRUT — Heavy artillery exchanges erupted between rival militia in Lebanon yesterday following a deadlock in negotiations aimed at ending Israel's 29-month occupation of the south of the country.

The fighting near the Israeli front line north of the port of Sidon broke out on Tuesday and raged for several hours.

Falangist radio reported at least one person killed and four wounded.

The exchanges came as Israeli warplanes, breaking an 11-week truce, bombed Palestinian guerrilla bases about 10 miles

(15 kilometres) northeast of the Israeli line.

Bombs levelled two bases and two Palestinian guerrillas were killed. Four other people were wounded.

An Israeli army spokesman said the bases served as launching pads for attacks on about 12,000 Israeli troops who occupy south Lebanon. The troops have remained there since the 1982 Israeli invasion aimed at crushing the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The factional fighting was in Iklm al-Kharoub,

where the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party militia are poised against Falangist militia.

The fifth round of UN-hosted troop withdrawal talks with Israel in the Lebanese border village of Naqoura ended on Monday with continued disagreement on the future role of UN troops.

Commenting on the talks, Shi'ite leader and Cabinet Minister Nabih Berri said in Beirut: 'We do not expect results from the Naqoura talks... we rely on the national resistance in the south to force an Israeli withdrawal.'

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U.S. SPARKS EEC, GATT TRADE WAR

BRUSSELS — The Common Market and the US government yesterday headed for full-scale trade war over steel trade quotas in the wake of President Reagan's announcement of new curbs.

Reagan's unilateral plan to limit imports of steel pipe and tube from the EEC to 5.9 per cent of the US market sparked bitter accusations in Brussels and threats to retaliate.

The rejection of an EEC offer to voluntarily cut steel sales to the US follows US threats at the Geneva GATT talks this week to withhold contributions to the world trade body unless the 90-member grouping agreed to wideranging concessions in Washington's favour.

EEC Industry Commissioner Etienne Davignon informed the trading bloc he had been warned by US Special Trade Representative William Brock that the Reagan government was going ahead with its policies from today.

EEC sales in the US are running at about 14 per

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

cent of the market and Davignon and his officials have offered to cut the figure to 7.6 per cent.

But Reagan has rejected the offer as inadequate. Brock was conveying a message directly from the White House when he told Davignon that the US would 'strictly enforce' its unilateral decision.

Sales

The EEC has warned Washington that they will push GATT for compensation for the lost steel sales if Reagan fails to satisfy their demands.

US officials said Reagan had imposed the 5.9 per cent limit, the 1979-81 average, after months of talks to resolve what they allege is EEC breach of agreed speciality steel exports to the US.

Davignon said he had instructed the EEC Commission to prepare retaliatory proposals to fight the 'unprecedented and unacceptable development in Community-US relations'.

He accused the Reagan government of showing 'tremendous indifference' to the problems of its West European trading partners by bowing to the protectionist demands of the US steel lobby.

He said the EEC would choose sectors for trade retaliation that would be 'unpleasant for the Americans'.

The trade war tremors in Brussels were being felt in Geneva, where the meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade entered its third day.

The GATT conference received a call from Brock yesterday, demanding new negotiations for rules to bar trade practices that the US considers unfair.

Dragging Washington's row with the EEC into the conference, he told the assembly the US was getting impatient and prepared to withhold funds if the organisation did not comply.

He said: 'You can expect a change in tone ... a good deal of less patience with unfair trade practices and a good deal more aggressive posturing (by the US government).'

Brock's call is a demand for the abolition of West Europe's heavy subsidies to both its manufacturing and farming sectors and for a crack-down on manufactured goods from the semi-colonial countries.

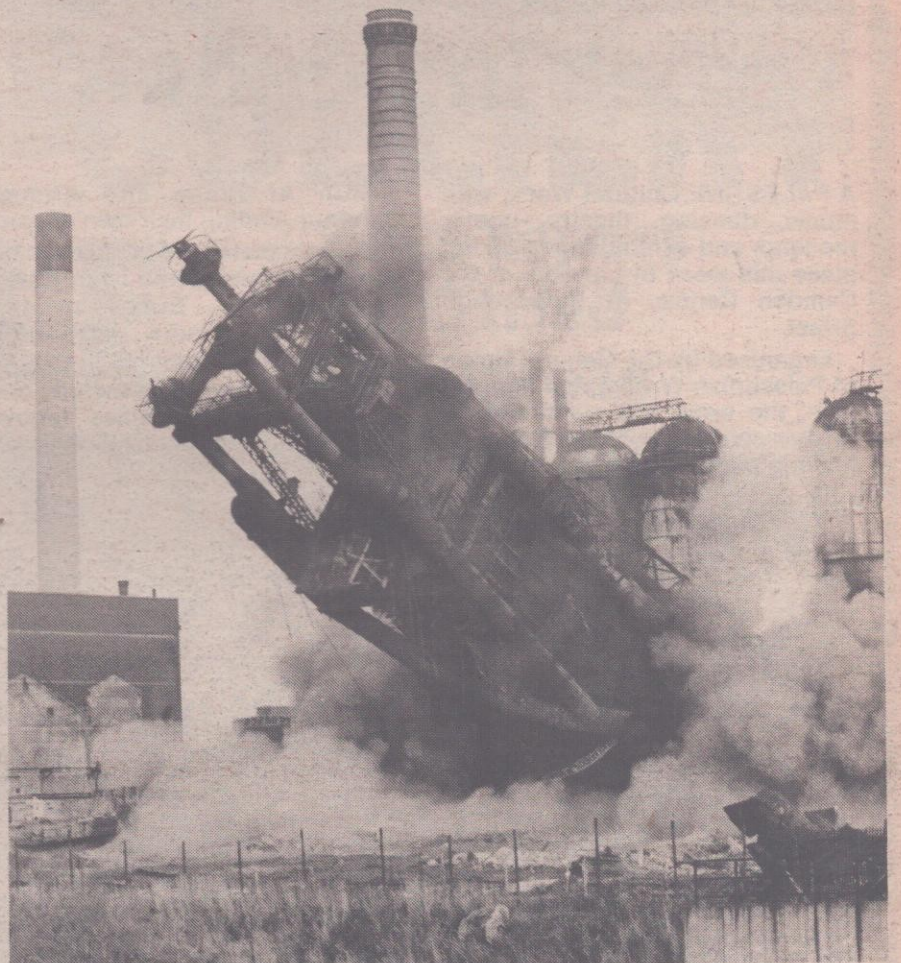
The US has long protested that cheaply-manufactured goods from the semi-colonial countries are being sold on the US market under a series of trade deals designed to avoid tax.

Access

Brock went further and suggested that the EEC should open up its finance, banking and insurance sectors to free access by US finance monopolies.

Japan backs the US demands on GATT but the overwhelming majority of semi-colonial countries have refused to place on the agenda such US issues as 'counterfeit goods and services'.

At the end of Tuesday's GATT session, US trade representative Mike Smith said: 'We are blocking discussion on the budget and it could be we will not pay our 14.2 per cent unless we can unblock other issues.'



Reagan's unilateral regulations threaten the crisis-ridden European steel industry

CIA cover blown

WASHINGTON — A former Central Intelligence Agency employee has been arrested on charges of providing the Czechoslovakian government with US intelligence and the names of CIA agents.

The CIA said Karl Koecher, 50, a US citizen born in Czechoslovakia and alleged to have been trained by the Czechoslovakian intelligence service, was arrested at his New York City home as he and his wife, Hannah, were about to leave the country.

Hannah Koecher, 40, was charged as a material witness. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner said the case was the

first in which a foreign spy successfully penetrated the CIA.

Koecher was a CIA contract employee with security clearance and access to national security information from February 1973 through to August 1975.

According to papers filed with the Federal Court in New York on Tuesday, Koecher 'passed to the Czechoslovak intelligence service virtually any classified or other material information, assessments and CIA personal identification which he obtained or learned during his CIA employment'.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) says Koecher was trained as a Czechoslovakian intelligence officer from 1963 until 1965 and then dispatched to the US specifically to get a job at the CIA or any other US intelligence agency.

FBI officers say the Koecher's arrest stemmed from an extensive investigation that was continuing.

The CIA is investigating the possibility that its entire programme of subversive activities in Czechoslovakia and the identities of its agents in that country have been blown apart.



SHARON

Sharon's 'mistake' with the Falangists

NEW YORK — Israel's former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon admitted in the New York district court that his decision to send Falangist troops into Muslim West Beirut in 1982 was a mistake.

Sharon was speaking as he ended seven days of testimony in a \$50 million libel suit he brought against 'Time' magazine

for what he says was an allegation that he instigated the massacre of hundreds of civilians at two Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut, Sabra and Shatilla.

Answering his lawyer, Sharon said of the decision to send the Falangist forces into the camps:

'In retrospect, it happened we were wrong. I

said I don't know how to explain it. I don't know if we can ever explain it ... It is clear we made a mistake and the civilian population suffered casualties in a tragic event. And I was punished for that and I paid the price for it.'

Sharon said the decision to use Falangists loyal to assassinated Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel was made because the Israelis ruled out blanket bombing Muslim West Beirut as a means of attacking 2,000 Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) fighters they believed were hiding there.

He said the decision was taken at a meeting of Israeli military commanders.

Sharon also defended his decision not to inform Prime Minister Menachem Begin or US special envoy Morris Draper of the decision to use the Falangists.



GADDAFI

that it is true and I challenge them now to prove that in front of the public opinion.'

Gaddafi's challenge

NEW YORK — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi told a television interviewer that President Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres were the real 'terrorists and war criminals'.

He said he had no knowledge of a plan revealed in Rome on Tuesday to bomb the US embassy there, maintaining he opposed 'any hostile action

... against embassies anywhere and against innocent people.'

In his interview with ABC television the Libyan leader also challenged those who accused him of supporting guerrilla attacks around the world to produce proof.

'We are against terrorism,' he said. 'But those who accuse me, they have no evidence at all. They can't prove



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Palestine cultural week in London

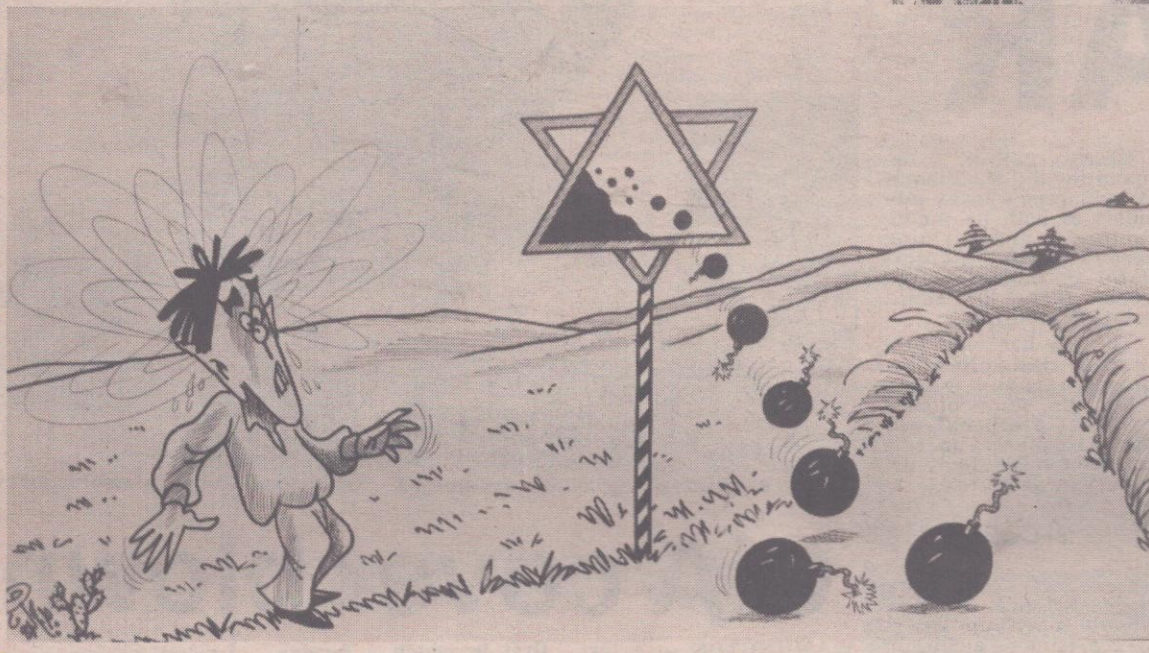
A PALESTINE Cultural Week, with music, dancing, theatre, poetry readings and exhibitions is taking place this week in London, at the Camden Centre, in Bidborough Street.

Organised by the General Union of Palestinian Writers and Journalists, the week will culminate on Friday with the internationally famous poets, Mahmoud Darwish,

Samih Al-Qasim and Ahmed Dahbour reading their own poems.

Tonight there is to be an evening of entertainment, with Latin American, African, European and Palestinian groups performing dances and songs.

Exhibitions on show include one of Palestinian costumes (above right) and one of political cartoons (below).



Father forced to leave family for job

A FATHER who found a job after being unemployed for five years is threatening to go back on the dole if a housing tangle is not sorted out.

He understood a government scheme guaranteed him a council house if he took a job away from his native Liverpool.

But after eight months, Mr David McDonough, 25, is still separated from his wife and two children.

They were promised a council house in Watford, Herts, under the national

mobility scheme — designed to allow tenants to move easily.

But since he started work he has discovered that Liverpool city council has pulled out of the scheme.

Now Mr McDonough spends most of his £95-a-week pay packet on bed and breakfast digs, evening meals and weekend trips to Liverpool to see his family.

If the problem has not been resolved by January he intends to go on the dole.

Wife Christine, 25, still

at the family's council flat in Netherley, Liverpool, with daughters Joanne, one, and Kim, four, said: 'When we heard that Liverpool had pulled out of this scheme we felt badly let down.'

The mobility scheme was introduced in 1981 to encourage workers to move more freely around the country in search of jobs.

Under it workers living in council houses can move into council accommodation in other areas without having to go through the usual lengthy re-housing procedures.

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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)

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

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)

WEST MIDLANDS

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

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

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); Cliff Teresa Shanaghan (in personal capacity)

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

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

Breakthrough for back pain — Doctors announce

DOCTORS have announced a major breakthrough in the treatment of severe back pain, responsible for the loss of up to 19 million working days every year.

The treatment, which involves drugs in tablet form, could be readily available in a year or two if further trials are successful.

The discovery follows two years' research at the university of Manchester.

The doctors discovered the vast majority of chronic back pain sufferers shared a common defect in the spine.

When back tissues are damaged a substance called fibrin is deposited. This can be responsible for chronic inflammation and scarring.

As the tissues heal, the fibrin is removed by the enzyme system so that the inflammation gradually dies away.

The Manchester medical team discovered that most of their chronic sufferers were not producing the enzymes to clear the problem and believe they have found the way to correct this with the new drugs.

EMERGENCY CALLS IGNORED

EMERGENCY calls from a guard trapped with passengers in a smoke-filled tunnel during the Oxford Circus underground fire went unanswered for 90 minutes.

It is claimed that there was no response from the regional control to numerous attempts by the guard to make contact on the emergency phone.

John Fowler, one of the 300 trapped passengers said: 'During the whole of

the 90 minutes in which the train's occupants were trapped, not once did the London Regional Transport "control" respond.'

He pointed out that the lack of response had done nothing to boost the confidence of the victims of the frightening ordeal.

Fowler, from North West London, has demanded an explanation from LRT for what he describes as their 'terrifying inefficiency'.

Timekeeper jailed for 30p bribe

TWO CAMELL Laird shipyard timekeepers were jailed yesterday for taking 30p bribes to let cleaners go home early.

William Thompson, 48, and Raymond Morris, 51, denied conspiring to obtain money by deception, but were convicted after a week-long trial at Liverpool Crown Court.

Morris of Greasby, Wirral, and Thompson of Birkenhead, were sentenced to six weeks in jail with a further 4½ months suspended.

Cleared

Seven cleaners at the Birkenhead yard accused of chipping in 30p each to bribe the timekeepers were cleared of conspiracy, but an eighth man, 39-year-old Edwin Burns of Ford, Wirral, was found guilty.

Cleaner John Diable, 52, of Birkenhead, pleaded guilty and was given a three-month suspended jail sentence.

Ritual execution

'PETE MARSH', the Iron Age man found preserved in peat, was probably the victim of a ritual execution, according to a Home Office pathologist's report.

His skull was crushed with an axe, then he was garroted and had his throat cut, said Dr Iain West, of Guy's hospital,

London, after an examination of the corpse at the British Museum.

'We think we have got all the signs of a ritual execution,' said a museum spokesman.

The body, thought to be about 2,500 years old, was found by workmen in a field near Wilmslow, Cheshire, in August.

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CORTONWOOD COLLIERY IS PROFITABLE

— Says report NBC tried to suppress

CORTONWOOD colliery, the pit whose closure announcement sparked the miners' strike, is profitable, and the Coal Board's accounts 'do not form a sensible basis for decision making', according to professional accountants.

The report, which the Coal Board attempted to suppress, is to be published in the journal 'Accountancy' early next year. The Board had claimed that the authors used confidential information to compile the report — an accusation denied in the report itself.

The authors, led by the Price Waterhouse Professor of Accounting and Finance at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, David Cooper, argue that the Coal Board's accounting practices are unorthodox to the point of being 'misleading'.

They say the Board measure 'uneconomic' pits against unrealistic prices for foreign coal and against inaccurate figures for annual output and sales from the British coalfield.

'The suggestion that "market prices" represent an objective solution to these problems ignores the contrived and volatile nature of the market for coal,' the report says.

While British coal prices are compared with those abroad, no account is taken of the impossibility of importing large amounts without major investment in new ports, or the changeable nature of these prices due to short-term political policies taken by governments abroad.

The report goes on to point out that because pits are measured along the NCB scale of profitability by the amount of coal they produce, not the amount sold, there is overproduction of grades of coal which cannot be sold.

In order to adjust this, the NCB introduced a system of counting production additional to planned quotas at a reduced prospective selling price of £18 a tonne.

The profitability of a pit then depends on the level of quotas, set, according to the report, by 'informal assessments' of colliery managers. If a pit has a low quota, even an increase in production will not save it from being considered an unprofitable pit without prospects. Not only is it already considered a low producer, but any increase in production above that level is credited at a mere £18 a tonne, even if it sells at £38 a tonne.

'Assessments of colliery performance thus run the considerable risk of becoming self-fulfilling prophecies: alleged high performance yielding high investment and output allocations, both of which contribute to low costs. The opposite con-

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

sequences occur for so called low performing pits,' the report says.

The report goes on to say that the current pit by pit accounting methods, on which the five so-called uneconomic pits are due to be shut by the NCB, 'do not form a sensible basis for decision making and planning'.

The report concludes by taking the example of the threatened Yorkshire pit Cortonwood. Contrary to the 'loss-making' description it earned under the Coal Board accounting techniques, it actually contributed £5.5 per tonne in profit to the NCB operating performance.

The final two sentences state that the Cortonwood example 'does indicate the difficulty of informed public debate about pit closures on "uneconomic grounds". The question remains about how "uneconomic" is defined, from whose perspective and over what time period.'



Pickets inside the 'Alamo', the picket hut at Cortonwood, the pit whose threatened closure sparked the miners' strike in March this year



Riot police surround the 'Alamo' earlier this month after escorting a scab into work.

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Essence of Tory Bonapartism

PRIME Minister Thatcher has identified herself as the embodiment of 'democracy'. As such she has also become the self-appointed custodian of 'democracy'.

Anyone who opposes her is therefore 'against democracy'. If they go further and give information to the press about the inner-workings of her Bonapartist regime they are branded 'criminals' and likely to be jailed (Sarah Tisdall).

If they hold strikes, demonstrations and put up picket lines in defence of their own basic democratic rights, then they are 'using violence'. As a result, they are accused of being like the IRA and called 'terrorists'.

When Thatcher talks this way, she is not playing with words. She is reorganising the state in her own Bonapartist dictatorial likeness and putting it on to a civil war footing to fight the working class and destroy its trade unions.

Speaking at the Carlton Club on Monday night Thatcher said that 'democracy' was facing a new danger, namely 'minority groups' who 'conspire to defy and subvert the law'.

She pinpointed these 'subversives' as the NUM leaders, armed terrorists, the 'hard left' in the trade unions and those in local government who are fighting abolition and rate-capping. And she added: 'I will never negotiate with people who use coercion and violence to achieve their objectives.'

In this and other well-planned speeches, Thatcher is merely juggling with abstractions. When she uses the word 'democracy' she in fact means her own Tory regime. And when she talks about 'violence' it is always to obscure the fulltime professional violence of the capitalist state — its truncheon-wielding police, magistrates, courts, judges, Special Branch and prisons.

Thus the miners' pickets are 'men of violence' while the police are 'upholding the law'. Similarly, a striking miner is a 'thug' and 'bully-boy' while a scab is a Tory 'hero' and a 'man of principle'.

Everything is turned upside down. Thatcher and MacGregor are 'reasonable' while Arthur Scargill is 'intransigent'; the Tories want a prosperous coal industry while the NUM wants to destroy it; miners are alleged to be swarming back to work when the fact is the strike grows more determined.

The Tory campaign of falsification, disinformation and distortion only gets off the ground because Thatcher has the unswerving loyalty of the Tory mass media — press, radio and television. They pump it out 24 hours a day.

This propaganda campaign is known as 'psyops' or psychological operations. In World War II it was developed to a high technical degree in what was known as the Political Warfare Executive (PWE). Today it is conducted by Thatcher's Civil Contingencies Unit (CCU) under the command of Colonel Tony Budd.

There IS violence in Britain today, and the Thatcher Bonapartist regime is responsible. It is real violence to condemn 5 million workers and youth to the dole, plunging them into poverty and despair. It is real violence to make the elderly frightened of the winter. There is violence in closing hospitals and schools and taking public transport off the roads in city and rural areas.

The Thatcher regime is the organiser of mass violence. That is because it is an imperialist government defending the historically outmoded capitalist system which is inherently violent. Its claims to being 'democratic' are a sick joke.

How is it possible to defeat this wall of ideological sludge seeping out of Fleet Street and the television? By organising every section of the working class to join the miners' fight! It also means building the readership for News Line, the revolutionary socialist daily newspaper which tells the truth to the working class.

The answer to the Tory lie machine is class action in support of the eight-month NUM strike. We say organise the General Strike and forward to the struggle for workers' power.

ORGANISE A GENERAL S

Public service unions are in same struggle

LOCAL authority unions must follow the example set by the NUM and strike to defend jobs and services, says South Yorkshire County Councilor and striking miner Mick Porter.

'There is no other way at the end of the day. This government isn't for talking. The only way for workers to respond is with their feet,' he told News Line.

BY SIMON VEVERS

Action

Porter said workers in public service unions are in the same struggle as the miners — and must take action to fight the Tory government's plans for rate-capping and the abolition of the GLC and metropolitan councils.

'I get the impression that anybody and anything which conflicts with this government's policies has to be got out of the way. Destroy, abolish, remove — that's Thatcher's philosophy.'

'This is the most right-wing government we've seen in this country and it's about time everybody woke up to the fact,' he said.

Porter said that abolition of South Yorkshire County Council would have disastrous repercussions for every working-class family.

The authority's highly-popular cheap fares policy would be wrecked, the bus service privatised and thousands of jobs axed in the Tories' drive for profit and centralised control.

Porter, who represents Askern, and has worked at the local pit for ten years, said that it currently cost just 12p to travel by bus from his home into Doncaster. 'If the Tories get their way, it would cost £1 each way,' he said.

Power

'To me it's frightening that so much power is in the hands of the Secretary of

State. The government's argument is that abolition will save, but that's nonsense. The only saving that will be made is in terms of jobs.'



MICK PORTER

unless you are prepared to earn less money. 'The miners' strike is really about privatisation too because that's what MacGregor and Thatcher are after.'

Porter said that other unions would ignore the miners' fight at their peril. 'They will get the GCHQ treatment. We're the last bastion as far as the working class is concerned and if we fall to this government then others will be wiped out.'

Ounce

'What amazes me is when union leaders don't give us support. If they had an ounce of intelligence they could see what is facing us all.'

'They might as well abolish the TUC if we are defeated, because it would be just a toothless bulldog. It's definitely time we had more physical support for the miners' This is just the start of an explosion to come.'



Pickets at the Askern colliery



Picket barricade at Allerton Bywater workshops in September

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



in south Yorkshire yesterday

'We want the jobs for the young 'uns'

NINE days locked up in Armley jail in Leeds reinforced Wath NUM branch president Bernard Jackson's conviction that the miners must at all costs win the fight for jobs.

'Many of the lads in there were just 17 or 18 years of age. They were up for petty thieving and other small offences. That's what Thatcher's dole queues have created,' he told News Line.

'It brought home vividly to me that a lot of the lads would finish up like that if we don't carry on and win this fight.'

Right

'We aren't against men retiring when they reach a certain age, but we want their jobs to be filled by young 'uns. They have a right to those jobs.'

The 700 miners at Wath pit, along with the men at Manvers colliery, were the first in Yorkshire to take strike action.

They walked out on February 21 when the management tried to arbitrarily change shift patterns. Nearly ten months — and many bruising confrontations with the police — later they are as determined as ever to stay out, said Jackson.

He has experienced at first hand the police state measures being introduced by the Thatcher government. This interview had to be conducted well away from Wath colliery because under strict bail conditions Jackson is not even allowed to picket his own pit.

He and several other miners from Wath were arrested ten days ago after police ambushed pickets on a coal tip.



BERNARD JACKSON

Northern Ireland situation on her hands here.

'People won't put up with it. They are not prepared to see their towns and villages become like Liverpool. It has a beautiful city centre, but go out a few miles and then you hit the slums.'

'But,' he added 'this isn't Jarrow 1926 and the hunger marches. There will never be another 1984. This is the be all and end all. If we don't win this then it will be the end of the trade union movement in this country.'

Jackson said that everything had been done to keep the NUM isolated, with support from other unions limited to food and financial donations.

'That's not enough,' he said emphatically. 'Support should have been forthcoming from the TUC before now in terms of a general strike. The whole country should be brought to a standstill to sort this government out once and for all.'

'Union leaders put their hands up at the TUC Congress and said they would support us. But really they should have put their hands on their hearts at the same time and said openly whether they were going to carry out their promises.'

Jackson said that Labour leader Neil Kinnock was too preoccupied with his opinion poll rat-

ings and was haunted by the fear that supporting the miners 'would give him a bad name'.

He added: 'If the conferences of the Labour Party and the TUC are to mean anything then they should carry out the decisions the delegates vote for. That's what we've done in the NUM.'

'We've been attacked for not holding a national ballot. But here in Yorkshire we acted on an 86 per cent vote for strike action which was passed way back in 1981.'

Plain

'You don't need a ballot on pit closures in any case. It's as plain as the nose on your face that they are going to take your job from you when they close the pit and that you have to fight it.'

'There are no pits to keep running to. Look what happened in the steel industry. They sacked so many men in plants so that one worker could do all their work.'

'Now that one man is getting the sack because they're closing the factories down.'

'We must win this for the sake of our communities or they will be destroyed and the young 'uns will be destined for the scrap heap. We can't let that happen.'

Eye-opening visit for London stewards

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

THREE young workers travelled from London to Kellingley in Yorkshire last week to see for themselves the miners' struggle on the picket line.

Tony Page, a NUPE shop steward from Crystal Palace Park, told News Line: 'Last week I was on a course at Northern College. We were meeting with shop stewards from Sheffield and Liverpool to discuss new ideas about the fight against abolition of the GLC and metropolitan counties.'

'There were nine GLC stewards, six from Sheffield and two from Liverpool.'

'Whilst we were at Northern College we were invited to a women's support group meeting in Pontefract. We went on the picket line at Prince of Wales, Kellingley

and Allerton Bywater workshops.'

He continued: 'We saw what was happening on the picket line, and when I got back to London I decided to come back up north to find out more about the strike, and to give them support.'

Dole

'The miners are fighting for the common man. If Thatcher succeeds in abolishing the GLC we'll all be on the dole. So our fight is the same as the miners.'

Geoff Shaw is a NALGO shop steward in housing in Lambeth. He said: 'In Lambeth we are twinned with South Wales.'

'I decided to come up with Tony to see what's going on for myself. I've never been on a picket line

before. But every day I'm going round doing collections for the miners.'

'Some old women have told me that I don't know what's going on. Now I can tell them because I've seen it for myself. When we arrived at Prince of Wales pit at 4.30a.m. the police were already lined up.'

'I work in Brixton and I know what the police are capable of. I think the police have learned tactics from coming to places like Lambeth when they had the troubles.'

'The key to success in the miners' strike is the power stations. We are trying to mobilise to provide support on the picket lines at the London power stations — to help stop the coal getting through.'

'While we've been up

here I've been very impressed with the organisation of the strike.'

'At Prince of Wales colliery there were well over 100 pickets at five o'clock in the morning.'

'The kitchens are well organised too. There is no question that the strike is solid and is here to stay.'

Learn

'We have to learn as much as we can from the miners.'

The third member of the group was Tony Fletcher who had travelled to Yorkshire on behalf of 'Jamming', a London pop magazine.

It was very important for young people to understand the miners' struggle because it concerned them, he said.

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.



Police on horseback charge down a village main street. The Dinnington community has condemned police provocations.

Dinnington condemns police provocations

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

MORE than 200 miners, their wives and other residents angrily condemned police provocations against their community at a public meeting in Dinnington, South Yorkshire, on Tuesday night.

NUM branch delegate at the local pit Ken Moulds asked deputy Chief Constable Frank Gutsell to justify the brutal treatment of pickets arrested during clashes in the village earlier this month.

Branch committee member Bob Mitchell said that he and another committee member had been threatened by scabs brandishing pick-axe handles and that no action had been taken by the police.

He pointed out that if the roles had been reversed and he as a striking miner had been found with such a weapon, he would have been sent to prison.

Wall

Mitchell also took up the case of a miners' wife who was forced up against the wall of a public convenience in broad daylight and was told by the police to 'get out of the village'.

NUM branch president Dave Smith said that the deployment of a large force of riot police in Dinnington would not deter the miners and their families from fighting to win the strike.

The violent clashes in Dinnington were provoked when hundreds of riot police poured into the village to protect a small number of scabs.

Police batoned miners to the ground and abused their wives and children as they placed a virtual curfew on the community.

The harassment and intimidation has not stopped in the last two weeks. Several miners' homes have been raided by police allegedly looking for petrol bombs and pickets have been ambushed at night and savagely beaten.

Gutsell clashed sharply at the meeting with solicitor Mark Foley over the rights of pickets.

Harsh

The police chief made it abundantly clear that he did not believe that pickets had any! Foley said that police were inflaming tension in mining communities by driving strike-breakers into work in high-speed convoys.

He said arrested miners were being singled out for harsh treatment by the 'flying' magistrates sent in from other parts of the country to deal with cases.

Foley cited the case of a young miner who was given six weeks' detention by a stipendiary magistrate at Rotherham, who had specifically asked to handle the case only hours before.

Fife striker attacked

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

AN active young striker has been beaten up as part of a growing campaign by police and scabs in Fife pit villages.

Tommy Hutton, of Valleyfield, was brutally attacked — and threatened with being run over — while walking along the street with his girlfriend on Monday night.

Then miners and unemployed youth were arrested at their homes in a police clampdown following a flare-up after the incident.

The son of a scab carried out the attack. Local miners are doubly angry because, when Hutton was

beaten up the media publicity was zero — whereas an attack on a scab's daughter a few days earlier was given national TV and Press coverage.

Hutton (20), told News Line he was walking up Burn Street when a car stopped about 10 feet away and a man who he had never seen before got out.

'He asked, "Are you Tommy Hutton," and when I said "Yes", he ran down and punched me on the jaw.

'I was down on my knees, trying to get up; he kept punching and kicking me. I was trying to cover my face, and he dragged me over to the other side of the road and I was up against the fence. He dragged me back and threw me over a guy's car, and then down on the ground again.

'He couldn't get a good punch at me then, so he poked his finger in my eye.'

The man then dragged Hutton into the middle of the road and stepped back. The car, driven by a woman, then drove towards him. Hutton's girlfriend, Karen, jumped in front of the vehicle and it stopped only inches short of her.

The woman driver got out, punched Karen and tried to choke her with her scarf.

At that moment, other striking miners came running over from the local miners' welfare club and tried unsuccessfully to stop the car.

Hutton, who has been made more determined than ever by the attack, said: 'This was unpro-

voked. These scabs are made out to be decent, honest hard-working men. But this attack is the proof. All kinds of big firms and businessmen are paying them money, encouraging them.

'The media, the police and the National Coal Board are working hand in hand to support them.

'If I had done to a scab what has been done to me I would be lying in jail for a long time.

'For all the publicity that's been given to scabs who have been attacked, nothing has been said about the five miners who have died and five more now on life support machines.

'I will fight this through to the end, so will all the Valleyfield miners.'

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Film review

Kemira: Diary of a Strike directed by Tom Zubrycki — 1984 Australia — Showing at Rio cinema, Dalston, from tonight



Kemira miners march on the parliament building in Canberra

Diary of a strike

'KEMIRA: Diary of a Strike' is a dramatic day-to-day account of a sit-in protest by 31 underground miners on the New South Wales coast of Australia in 1982.

It is, like the miners' strike in Britain today, about the courageous and desperate fight for jobs.

Set in the South Australian town of Wollongong, the film demonstrates the way a whole community responds to the news that the men are to lose their jobs in the mines because

REVIEW BY
PENNY BLOOR

of redundancies by Australian Iron and Steel.

Jobs

The director, Tom Zubrycki, said: 'The idea came about from my interest in following through what happens when workers adopt a strong course of action in an effort to save their own jobs.'

'We were right in the middle of an economic re-

cession — in a period when workers would think twice about going on strike — unless, that is, their own particular livelihoods were being threatened.

'In October 1982, in one of the collieries supplying the giant BHP steelworks, just such a strike occurred.'

Filming began six days into the occupation. It shows the total solidarity which existed between the miners underground, their families and the local community.

The role of the miners' wives, especially, in organising collections and food for the men underground and in leading demonstrations through the town, has a powerful echo in the British miners' strike today.

Food

When filming began there was no sign of the men coming up. The film shows how some of them come to the top each day to greet their wives and children and collect food.

Each statement by the men is uncompromising: 'We are making the most of it for as long as it takes to reach our goal', asked 'What do you miss most?' The answer comes back 'our jobs'.

The famous storming of parliament is shown, when hundreds of miners, their wives and children went to Canberra to demand the Liberal (Tory) Fraser government save the pit.

Outside the building a 'push and shove' starts, very similar to the scenes of the picket lines in South Yorkshire today. They get past the door and refuse to leave without



A Kemira miner with his family during the strike

guarantees — the only guarantee they get is a postponement of the closure for a week and discussion of better retrenchment (redundancy) terms.

But the corporatist Coal Industry Tribunal hearing the case between the Miners' Federation union and the company refuses to instruct the employers to comply.

Interviews on the train on the way to Canberra and back show the angry and bitter mood.

Flashes of news reports of the progress in the Coal Industry Tribunal talks between the Miners' Federation leaders and management are interspersed with the scenes at the pithead, contrasting the struggle of real people with this state body and its callous conclusions.

The men eventually come up on the advice of the Miners' Federation leaders. The film shows

clearly that despite all the determination of the miners they could go no further without support from their national union.

The film traces what happens to the men afterwards. They were scattered all over Australia and the 31 who held the sit-in were victimised, never to get another job.

Benefit

Tonight's showing of 'Kemira' is a special Christmas benefit for the children of striking Welsh miners. Also in the programme is 'The Proud Valley' with Paul Robeson (1939). A black stoker helps unemployed Welsh miners re-open their pits.

From tomorrow 'Kemira' runs in a double feature with Richard Lowenstein's 'Strikebound' about an Australian sit-in strike at Korumburra, Victoria, in 1936, until December 5.

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Reading: Lenin 'The State', 'State and Revolution', 'What is to be Done?'; 'State Within the State', a News Line investigation; Political letters of the WRP Political Committee 1-6; British Perspectives and International Perspectives, documents of the Seventh Congress of the WRP

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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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Reading: Trotsky 'Revolution Betrayed', 'The Class Nature of the Soviet State', 'Germany 1931-1932', 'Whither France?'; Alex Mitchell 'Behind the Crisis in British Stalinism'; Robert Shaw — 'Fighter for Trotskyism' by Mickie Shaw.

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Reading: Lenin 'Left Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder'; Trotsky 'Transitional Programme'; Programme for a Workers Revolutionary Government; Letter of the WRP Political Committee No.7.

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Priscilla Lane, Gale Page, Rosemary Lane, Lola Lane and Donald Crisp in 'Daughters Courageous' on 4 at 5



Jonathan King introduces 'Entertainment USA' on BBC2 at 9

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.05 Taking Sides. 10.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE: Financial Report, News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Fingerbobs. 2.00 The Afternoon Show. 2.40 Championship Snooker. 3.48 Regional News for England (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Thursday. 4.10 Superted. 4.15 A Little Princess. 4.30 Laurel and Hardy. 4.35 Screen Test. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. 5.30 Henry's Cat. 5.35 Grange Hill. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 DO THEY KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS? The Band Aid video

7.00 TOMORROW'S WORLD

7.25 TOP OF THE POPS Introduced by Peter Powell and Janice Long

8.00 CHAMPIONSHIP SNOOKER The Coral United Kingdom Championship quarter-finals continue at the Guild Hall, Preston

8.30 ZOO 2000 Jeremy Cherfas looks at the expensive business of conserving endangered species in *Better Bred than Dead*

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 MORGAN'S BOY With Gareth Thomas as Morgan

10.20 QUESTION TIME With Robin Day

11.20 CHAMPIONSHIP SNOOKER The final frames of tonight's matches in the Coral United Kingdom Championship

12.10 News Headlines; Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30 Star Trek. 7.20-7.25 Do They Know It's Christmas? 8.30-9.00 Week In Week Out. 11.20 Zoo 2000. 11.50 Join Championship Snooker.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

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

3.00 The Tribal Eye. 3.50 Championship Snooker.

5.30 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.35 THREE FOR ALL (1974) With Adrienne Posta, Cheryl Hall, Lesley North. A pop group heads for Spain's Costa Brava, hotly pursued by their girlfriends. Hattie Jacques, Diana Dors and John Mesurier provide back-up in this lightweight comedy

7.00 OPEN SPACE Kids' TV — Just Like the Real Thing? Children at the Sunnyside school in Nottingham air their views about children's television

7.30 TOP GEAR RALLY REPORT Reporting on the final day

8.00 COMMERCIAL BREAKS *Flight of Fancy* The British government has poured £50 million into a new aircraft called the Learfan for production in the north of Ireland

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

9.00 ENTERTAINMENT USA Jonathan King visits Palm Springs

9.30 FORTY MINUTES *On the Throne* Lucinda Lambton celebrates the centenary year of the water closet and takes you on a pilgrimage of Britain's loveliest lavatories

10.10 KAREN KAY with special guest Guy Mitchell

10.40 NEWSNIGHT

11.25 BUONGIORNO ITALIA!

11.55 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 THE BRITISH AT WAR Leslie Halliwell with more World War II documentary and propaganda films. *Tunisian Victory* (1943) and *The Silent Village* (1942) about Nazi reprisals in Czechoslovakia

4.30 COUNTDOWN The word and number game hosted by Richard Whiteley

5.00 DAUGHTERS COURAGEOUS (1939) With Claude Rains, John Garfield, Fay Bainter, Priscilla Lane, Rosemary Lane, Lola Lane and Donald Crisp. A man returns to his ex-wife and four daughters and sorts out their problems

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by barrister John Mylonas; Weather

8.00 SCOTLAND'S STORY *Yet Still the Blood is Strong* Isobel Black continues the story of Scotland, looking back over the issues and institutions that have been covered in the series as well as the present day problems and the arguments for political devolution

8.30 BASKETBALL

9.30 FILM ON FOUR — TAKE 2 *The Draughtman's Contract* (1982) Peter Greenaway's film, set in 17th century England, is about a contract signed between a draughtsman and the wife of a wealthy landowner for 12 drawings of the house and gardens. With Anthony Higgins, Janet Suzman and Anne Louise Lambert

11.30 THE WINE PROGRAMME *Wine Bug* Jancis Robinson meets some wine enthusiasts

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

12.25 Close

THAMES

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

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.20 THAMES SPORT Presented by Steve Rider

6.40 CROSSROADS

7.00 KNIGHT RIDER *Knights of the Fast Lane*

8.00 NEVER THE TWAIN *No Flame Like An Old Flame* When Simon's childhood sweetheart reappears on the scene, the fires of young love are re-kindled

8.30 HOTEL Fantasies

9.30 TV EYE

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 THE MASTER Lee Van Cleef in *Hostages*

11.30 JOBS LIMITED Tonight's programme asks is enough being done? and is the government YTS schemes working?

12.00 PORTRAIT OF A LEGEND *Merle Haggard* Merle talks to James Darren

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS; followed by *Closedown*

GRANADA

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

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

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

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 KNIGHT RIDER

8.30 NEVER THE TWAIN Comedy series about two feuding antique dealers, Simon Peel and Oliver Smallbridge, well practised in the dirty tricks trade to do each other down

9.00 THE BOUNDER *Love Me, Love My Dog* Comedy with suave, sophisticated con-man Howard, who is smitten with the next door neighbour, a young, wealthy and attractive widow

9.30 TV EYE

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 THE SWEENEY *Golden Fleece* With John Thaw and Dennis Waterman

11.30 FIGHT NIGHT Introduced by Gary Newbon

12.30 Closedown

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrandu A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.55 Six Centuries of Verse. 3.25 4 What It's Worth. 3.55 Black and White and Read All Over. 4.20 Scotland's Story. 4.50 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.05 Y Gwylt. 5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Teulu-Ffôn. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Teulu-Ffôn. 8.05 Coleg. 8.35 Hapnod; News Headlines. 9.05 Performance. 10.15 Snwcer. 10.45 Black Hollywood. 12.15 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half-hour from 6.00a.m. until 9.30p.m. and at 12 mid-night.

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

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S) (5.02 Cricket Desk). 5.30 Ray Moore (S) (6.02 Cricket Desk). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin; 9.02 Cricket Scores). 10.00 Russell Harty (S) (10.02, 11.02 Cricket Desk). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (12.02 Cricket Scores; 1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga; 6.45 Sport and classified results). 8.00 Wally Whyton (S) (9.55 Sports Desk). 10.00 The News Huddines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Renells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Wild Bill Davison (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Jeronimo Gimenez, Ruperto Chapí, Aguado, Granados, Rodrigo (8.00 News) Puccini, Bellini, Ponchielli Verdi; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Lassus; records. 10.00 Delius Concertos (S) Records of Sorabji and the Delius Cello Concerto. 10.50 Songs and Arias (S) John Blow, Monteverdi, Cavalli, Alessandro, Scarlatti. 11.15 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Concert: Debussy, Chopin (12.00-12.20 Six Continents) Stravinsky. 1.00 News. 1.05 Colin Parr and Frank Wibaut (S) Clarinet and piano recital from the Concert Hall; Stravinsky, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Horowitz. 2.00 Tosca (S) Puccini's opera (2.45-2.50, 3.35-3.40 Interval Readings). 4.15 Bax and Sphor (S) Chamber music. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Scottish Season: Bandstand (S). 7.00 The Poets' War. 7.30 Scottish Season (S) Scottish National Orchestra: Prokofiev, Mozart (8.35-8.45 Sylvanus, a Monk of Eynhallow) Franck. 9.35 Scottish Season: *My Lady Binnis* Lill Music from 17th-century Scottish collections. 10.00 Scottish Season: Music in Our Time (S) Per Norgaard, Lyell Cresswell, Elliott Carter. 11.20 Schubert and Britten (S) Song recital by Fischer-Dieskau with Benjamin Britten. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Taking Sides. 10.00 News; Medicine Now. 10.30 Morning Show: *Making Arrangements*. 10.45 An Act of Worship (S). 11.00 News; Travel; This Thing Called Love. 11.28 The Case Against God. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Son of Cliché (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *From a Great Height*. 4.00 News; Enquire Within. 4.10 Bookshelf. 4.40 Story Time: *Pierre et Jean*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Yes Minister (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Any Answers? 7.40 The State of the Nation. 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Angus McDermaid. 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.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 The Champions. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 4.00 East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bounder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Briefing Special. 11.00 Darts Masters. 11.30 Moviemakers. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.25 European Folk Tales. 12.40 Contact. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 The Champions. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bounder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Central Lobby. 11.00 The Protectors. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Bus-

kers. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 Calendar Thursday. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 The Love Boat. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bounder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 QED. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 That's My Dog. 7.00 Knight Rider. 8.00 Never the Twain. 8.30 TJ Hooker. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 The Yellow Rose. 11.30 London Calling. 12.30 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.12 TVS News Headlines. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads.

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

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00 The Bounder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 You're the Boss 1984. 11.45 The Sweeney. 12.00 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30 Wales this Week. 11.15 The Sweeney. 12.15 Closedown.

ANGLIA

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

Winning Post

Very Promising—Wincanton's best

SELECTIONS

WINCANTON: 12.30 Rockfield Boy, 1.00 Brollin, 1.30 King's Jug, 2.00 Very Promising (nap), 2.30 Musso, 3.00 Play The Knave, 3.30 Oryx Minor.

WARWICK: 12.45 Corn Street, 1.15 Nieka, 1.45 Ardent Spy, 2.15 Pebble Island (n.b.), 2.45 Lord Merlin, 3.15 Rheinford.

WARWICK

12.45 ASKETT NOVICE HURDLE (DIV I) £800

2m (18 runners)			
1	21	AVERON C Wildman 4 11 3	Philip Hobbs
2	400/10	SOVEREIGN ISLAND (D) Mrs A Finch 5 11 3	M Harrington
6	P	CONCHO COUNTY W Mann 4 10 10	P Carvill
7	0/433-	CORN STREET J Bosley 6 10 10	Mr M Bosley (7)
8	0-P0P	COUNTRY SPARK P Pritchard 6 10 10	P Dever
15	2300-0P	GREAT PRETENDER T Hallett 4 10 10	B Wright
17		JOB SHOP J Edwards 5 10 10	P Barton
19	00-	LANGFORD BROOK M Dickinson 5 10 10	J A Harris
20	4-0	LOCH ARD O Sherwood 5 10 10	S Smith Eccles
21	0000-0	MILL BRAE O Brennan 6 10 10	M Brennan
22	0	NATIONAL DEBT Mrs J Pitman 5 10 10	M Pitman (7)
24	000/0-00	PUNTER'S JOY M McCourt 7 10 10	G McCourt
25	00-0	ROBAND C James 4 10 10	
26	0	RONALDS CAROLE R Armitage 4 10 10	A Webber
30	0-	TARTAN TRIUMPH G Richards 5 10 10	N Doughty
31	0	WINTERREISE M Tate 6 10 10	C Smith
32	000/U0	GRACIOUS FOLLY M Eckley 7 10 5	A Hulburd (7)
35	00	STOCKTON SLAVE W G Morris 6 10 5	W Morris (4)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Avern, 11-4 Corn Street, 6-1 Loch Ard, 8-1 Sovereign Island and Tartan Triumph, 12-1 Job Shop and National Debt, 16-1 Ronalds Carole, 20-1 others.

1.15 LONGBRIDGE COND'L JOCKEYS NVCE SELLING HURDLE £700 (3-Y-O) 2m (14 runners)

1	0	BROCHE (FR) K Bishop 11 0	D Mackey
2		DARE YOU J Bowden 11 0	S Fitzgerald (7)
4	00	HIGHVIEW P Bevan 11 0	R Hatfield
5	1	NIEKA (D) J Colston 11 0	W Hayes
6	P4	RIX WOODCOCK G Kindersley 11 0	P Croucher
7		SATCH B Cambridge 11 0	
8	302	SHINER'S PAL Mrs B Waring 11 0	P Stone
9		APHRODISIAC R Morris 10 9	J Duggan
10	00	BASSETT GIRL T Bulgin 10 9	R Arnott
11		ELCIJ Lady S Brooke 10 9	A Hulburd
12	00U	GADDDY P Kearney 10 9	I Raybould
14		GREEN GYPSY M Tate 10 9	G Charles-Jones
15	000B3	SEASONED EMBER J M Bradley 10 9	Sharron James
17	0330	WINGINGIN J Fitch-Hayes 10 9	M Hoad

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Nieka, 5-2 Shiner's Pal, 5-1 Rix Woodcock, 15-2 Seasoned Ember, 12-1 Wingin and Green Gypsy, 16-1 others.

1.45 SHPSTON HANDICAP CHASE £1,600

3m (9 runners)			
1	0/11110-	ARDENT SPY R Armitage 7 11 10	A Webber
3	00-3343	SOLID ROCK (NZ) D Barons 8 10 10	G Newman
4	01013-1	NICKLE MOPPET J Webber 7 10 6 (6 ex)	G McCourt
6	4240P-F	JACKO (D) D Nicholson 12 10 3	M Pitman (7)
7	0PP/0PP-	DRUMCONDR (D) Mrs S Tainton 9 10 0	C Smith
12	11101-P	RODNEY PARADE Mrs B Waring 9 10 0	M Harrington
14	0232-P4	ROYSCRIPT J Chugg 7 10 0	P Warner
15	004-04P	OAKPRIME (D) D Pitcher 9 10 0	Mr D Pitcher
16	30P400	POOR EXCUSE O Henley 9 10 0	W Worthington (7)

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Ardent Spy, 3-1 Nickle Moppet, 4-1 Solid Rock, 10-1 Rodney Parade and Jacko, 14-1 Royscript and Oakprime, 20-1 Poor Excuse, 25-1 Drumcondra.

2.15 SHIRLEY NOVICE CHASE £1,500

2m (10 runners)			
1	2F21-F1	PEBBLE ISLAND (D) G Richards 5 11 1	N Doughty
2	00F/320-	AUSTRIAN CORPORAL J Bowden 6 10 10	R Linley
3	0F00-0	AYLE HERO J Webber 5 10 10	G McCourt
6	P20000	DAN DARE O Henley 9 10 10	W Worthington (7)
7	0000P-F	FUNKY ANGEL Mrs E Harden 8 10 10	Mr R Treloar
9	01000-4	HARFORD (C) R Francis 7 10 10	R Crank
15	F04103-	MOUNT HARVARD N Henderson 8 10 10	S Smith Eccles
18	0310-	ROMAN SON N Gaselee 6 10 10	D Browne
20	4-0-0	SOME SHOT R Armitage 5 10 10	A Webber
22	00-	MORE FUN D Nicholson 7 10 5	G Newman

PROBABLE SP: 1-10 Pebble Island, 11-8 Mount Harvard, 10-1 Roman Son, 14-1 Austrian Corporal and Harfor, 16-1 Some Shot, 20-1 others.

2.45 ASKETT NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £800

2m (15 runners)			
1	2-12	LORD MERLIN (BF) J Old 4 11 3	G Bradley
2	00P-0	ASTROSYN C James 6 10 10	A Webber
6	003P/F0-	JAGATEK M Lawrence 8 10 10	A O'Hagen
8	P00F/	KAMACHOW C Bridgett 8 10 10	Mr C Bridgett
10	0	KILMORE QUAY R Brazington 6 10 10	C Jones
12	F40	NONSTOP P O'Connor 5 10 10	G Newman
13	00/	OYSTONS WINDMILL P Oliver 5 10 10	R Crank
14	0	POTADORE Mrs E Kennard 4 10 10	G McCourt
17	00-0	SPOT THE PATCH (USA) B McMahon 4 10 10	
19	000/300-	TERRYASH Mrs J Pitman 5 10 10	M Pitman (7)
20	00000-0	THE DROVER (NZ) D Barons 7 10 10	
21	30-34	TORMORE GREEN J Webber 5 10 10	G Mernagh
23		TROOP LEADER F Walwyn 5 10 10	K Mooney
24	00-	TWO MINUTES J Spearing 5 10 10	R Dickinson
26	00	LADY SHOT M Oliver 5 10 5	

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Lord Merlin, 9-2 Tormore Green and Troop Leader, 10-1 Spot the Patch, 14-1 Two Minutes, 16-1 Terryash, 20-1 others.

3.15 CHERINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

2m 5f (22 runners)			
1	23P0-00	INISH GLORA (C-D) G Thorne 8 11 13	R Kingston
2	0000-00	ANIECE R Champion 6 11 2	G McCourt
3	10300/P	LE GRAN BRUN (USA) S Cole 6 10 13	R Stronge
4	0U201-F	VENTURER T Caldwell 7 10 13	P Caldwell (7)
5	312P-04	REBEG T Forster 7 10 12	A Webber
6	0103-4F	PELION (FR) J King 4 10 11	S Smith Eccles
7	P0000F-P	BROOKS LAW D Bloomfield 9 10 10	L Bloomfield (4)
9	PPF0-P0	MORICE P Bailey 6 10 6	C Gwilliam
10	1200-40	SACRED PATH O Sherwood 4 10 3	C Cox (7)
11	00344-P	LINTON B Stevens 10 10 3	R Muggeridge (7)
13	011200	BEAU WYNN B Key 11 10 1	Miss D Key (7)
15	4P/P00	HOPEFUL SHOT Mrs J Pitman 7 10 1	M Pitman (7)
16	030U0-4	REPUBLICAN F Walwyn 6 10 1	R Chapman (4)
17	1PF0-04	RHEINFORD J Old 8 10 0	
18	0P0214	TOMMY TUDOR R Hodges 4 10 0	R Linley
19	3100-00	POLISH J Spearing 6 10 0	P Warner
20	000PP0	GOLD FLOOR J M Bradley 7 10 0	Sharron James (7)
23	32F/0P-0	ORCHID BAY Mrs J Pitman 7 10 0	G Bradley
24	0213-	PELHAM LINE W Musson 4 10 0	C Smith
28	0P-4020	DUSTY FARLOW R Morris 5 10 0	W Morris (4)
29	000-300	KAMAG DH Jones 6 10 0	P Christopher (7)
32	000/40U-	KILLOSSERA BELLE K Bridgwater 6 10 0	R Crank

BLINKERS: 13, 23
PROBABLE SP: 5-1 Rheinford, 13-2 Rebeg and Republican, 8-1 Sacred Path, Pelion and Inish Glora, 10-1 Beau Wynn and Tommy Tudor, 14-1 Pelham Line and Venturer, 16-1 Dusty Farlow, 20-1 others.

VERY PROMISING (2.00), has a golden opportunity to win his first race for David Nicholson in the Wessex Hurdle at WINCANTON today.

The six-year-old, who left Mercy Rimell's yard last season to join Nicholson, can take full advantage of the 10lbs he gets from Fulke Walwyn's fine stayer Crimson Embers in this two mile, six furlongs event.

Reports from Lambourn suggest that Crimson Embers is fit enough to do himself justice, and it should be

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

remembered that the nine-year-old won the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot first time out last season — at the remarkable odds of 14-1.

Crimson Embers will not be that sort of price today, but it will be another marvellous training feat by Walwyn if Stuart Shilston's mount can give Very Promising a race.

Although he never won last season, Very Promising ran

some fine races, notably when third to Dawn Run in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham and second to the same mare in the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle.

Very Promising has run twice this season, finishing fourth to RA Nova in the Captain Quist Hurdle at Kempton, and then going down by eight lengths when second to Gaye Brief in the Fairweather City Ascot Hurdle.

A reproduction of that sort of form ought to be good enough, and now that the Nicholson team has hit form, Very Promising should land the nap.

John Francome, who took a day off on Tuesday, can get back on the winning trail with a double for Fred Winter at Wincanton.

Brollin (1.00), may be a value bet in the First Division of the Young Farmers Novice Hurdle, while Musso (2.30), may win The Lord Stalbridge Memorial Gold Cup Handicap Chase.

WINCANTON

12.30 CERNE ABBAS NOVICE CHASE (DIV I) £1,600 2m 5f (12 runners)

2	0010F1	ROCKFIELD BOY (C) J Jenkins 7 11 10	J Francome
4	02P3-PP	BEACONSIDE J Brooks 7 11 2	P Leach
5	FP-P	BEN LAIR F Walwyn 6 11 2	R Pusey (4)
9	P/P0P-0	CHALFORD HILL M Gibson 7 11 2	A Webb
10	02-U0	CRICKSTOWN Mrs M Rimell 7 11 2	S Morshead
12	00/230-2	DOUBLE BASS T Forster 7 11 2	H Davies
16	0/P004-P	HAYSTACK'S FLYER P Hayward 9 11 2	
17	0/F	JIMMY FLINT R Dunn 8 11 2	P Dever
25	00-0	STREAMER G Prest 6 11 2	R Dunwoody
29	000-0	BARGILL F Winter 5 11 0	B de Haan
33	4000-04	MR CANDY A Moore 5 11 0	G Moore
34	00000-	BEECHES VIEW P Haynes 9 10 11	J Lovejoy

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Double Bass, 3-1 Rockfield Boy, 7-2 Bargill, 5-1 Crickstown, 8-1 Ben Lair, 12-1 Mr Candy, 14-1 others.

1.00 YOUNG FARMERS NOVICE HURDLE (DIV I) £500

2m (21 runners)			
1	0203/31	HYPNOSIS (USA) (C-D) D Elsworth 5 11 1	C Brown
5	00-0	BENMORE Mrs J Pitman 4 10 8	B de Haan
6	FRPP-P	BIDDABLE R Hodges 5 10 8	Peter Hobbs
7	0230-00	BLACK SHEEP I Dudgeon 7 10 8	M Richards
9	0	BROLLIN F Winter 4 10 8	J Francome
13	4/0032-0	INDIAN MAJOR Miss P Barnes 7 10 8	M Bastard
14	0	JIMJAMS A Turnell 4 10 8	Steve Knight
15	0	KEEP IT DARK M Usher 4 10 8	
16	0	LEOPARDO J Gifford 4 10 8	R Rowe
19		POLAR STAR M Pipe 5 10 8	P Leach
20	P	ROYAL BOX A Turnell 5 10 8	E Waite
21		ROYAL VALEUR S Mellor 4 10 8	M Perrett
22	B0004-P	START THE MUSIC A Moore 5 10 8	G Moore
26	PP0	WORDEN PRINCE J D Thomas 4 10 8	M Williams
27	00P-3	WORDSWORTH D Wilson 4 10 8	P Scudamore
28		CANTERBURY BELLS G Balding 4 10 3	B Reilly
29	0P0	GOLDEN MEDINA P Bailey 4 10 3	S Morshead
30	P	LIGONITE P Torg 4 10 3	J Frost
31	0	NEARLY A TANGO D Elsworth 4 10 3	P Holley (7)
32	PP	PRYDE LADY N Mitchell 5 10 3	B Powell (4)
33	0/0040-	TRUE MINSTREL Mrs S Hambrow 8 10 3	N Coleman (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Brollin, 100-30 Hypnosis, 9-2 Canterbury Bells, 6-1 Nearly a Tango, 8-1 Royal Valeur, 10-1 Benmore, 12-1 Leopardo, 14-1 others.

1.30 CHARD HANDICAP CHASE £2,000

2m (8 runners)			
1	01/4333-	RO'S OWEN (D) T Forster 9 11 10	H Davies
2	30F322	LEFRACK CITY (D) T Forster 7 10 4	R Dunwoody
4	023-243	FURY BOY (BF) D Nicholson 11 10 2	P Scudamore
5	0104-22	KING'S JUG (D) (BF) Mrs M Rimell 6 10 1	S Morshead
6	10000/3-	SHANE HILL T Davies 11 10 0	M Hammond
7	141/0P0	ONE ARMED BANDIT (D) J Jenkins 8 10 0	B Powell (4)
8	0P232-1	KINGS SINGER B Forsey 10 10 0	George Knight
10	2-33U40	SIR LESTER J D Thomas 8 10 0	A Griffiths

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 King's Jug, 7-2 Lefrak City, 4-1 Fury Boy, 5-1 Ro's Owen, 8-1 Sir Lester, 10-1 Kings Singer, 14-1 One Armed Bandit, 16-1 Shane Hill.

2.00 WESSEX HURDLE £2,000

2m 6f (6 runners)			
1	10U203-	CRIMSON EMBERS F Walwyn 9 11 10	S Shilston
9	3000-13	VIVAUQUE D Elsworth 5 11 3	C Brown
10	4PPP-00	CHARJIM A Moore 6 11 0	G Moore
11	F/0000-0	MR MOONRAKER L Kennard 7 11 0	B Powell
12	F/230UP-	TOULOUSE J Cobden 9 11 0	
13	0332-42	VERY PROMISING D Nicholson 6 11 0	P Scudamore

BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Very Promising, 2-1 Crimson Embers, 4-1 Vivaque, 14-1 Mr Moonraker, 16-1 Toulouse, 25-1 Charjim.

2.30 LORD STALBRIDGE MEMORIAL GOLD CUP (H'CAP CHASE) £3,000 3m 1f (9 runners)

1	24U2/1-4	HENRY BISHOP (NZ) (C-D) Mrs B Dukes 11 11 10	Mr P Dukes (7)
2	024-221	MUSO (D) F Winter 8 11 10 (4 ex)	J Francome
3	1310-20	TRISKA (C) (D) L Kennard 8 11 3	B Powell (4)
4	P34-132	BROADHEATH D Nicholson 7 11 1	P Scudamore
5	4F-0130	EASTER CARNIVAL (C-D) K Bishop 8 11 1	P Richards

RACING RESULTS

PLUMPTON

1.00 (2m): RUSSBOROUGH R Rowell (7-4); Woodway (33-1); Il Saraceno (25-1); Noble Jack (6-4 fav); 13 ran. 12, 10. (B J Wise) T: £2.30; £1, £3.20, £3.30. CSF: £59.01.
1.30 (2m 4f): NOTRE CHEVAL M Perrett (2-1); Streamliner (5-1); Spartique (16-1); Swift Royale (7-4 fav); 9 ran. 2, 15. (S Mellor) T: £3.90; £1.70, £1.60, £2.90. CSF: £12.45.
2.00 (3m 1f): TACROY A Stringer (10-1); Round the Twist (13-8 fav); Master Nibble (7-4); Saunders (5-1); 4 ran. nk, 4. (M Masson) T: £11.30; £1.80, £1.50, £1.90. CSF: £26.96. NR: Revolver.
2.30 (2m): AMBERFARIES C Evans (5-1); Captain Fantastic (3-1); Red Ambion (14-1); 9 ran. 4, 25. (J Baker) T: £9.60; £2.20, £1.10, £2.10. CSF: £19.34.
3.00 (2m): MANSTON MARAUDER S Moore (9-4); Ten Bears (5-2); Hanover Prince (33-1); 5 ran. 3 fshd. (J C Fox) T: £2.80; £1.10, £1.80. CSF: £7.63.
3.30 (2m): OPENING BARS P Double (6-1); Wassem (100-30); Meziara (7-2); Young Buckers (33-1); 14 ran. 1 1/2, 1. (D A Oughton) T: £8.90; £2.40, £1.90, £1.50. CSF: £28.13. NR: Burns Lad.

LUDLOW

12.45 (2m): PAMPERED GYPSY G Newman (14-1); Bold Roderick (6-4 fav); Tennis Track (20-1); Candaules (14-1); 9 ran. 1/2, 12. (J H Baker) T: £22.60; £4.60, £1.30, £3. CSF: £33.70. NR: Hand Maid.
1.15 (2m): MARINA STAR J Suthern (11-2); Fluid (20-1); Quick Reply (7-1); Chief Blackfoot (8-1); 9 ran. 1 1/2, 20. (O'Neill) T: £12.20; £2, £3.50, £1.90. CSF: £84.33.
1.45 (2m 4f): WINGETTS S Morshead (7-4 fav); Netherbridge (10-1); Citadel Rock (33-1); Green Dolphin (12-1); 4 ran. 6, 20. (Mrs M Rimell) T: £3; £1.20, £1.80, £5.80. CSF: £19.12.
2.15 (2m): TREYFORD H Davies (6-4) on fav; Tooley Street (10-1); Mr McGee (12-1); New Kayber (7-2); 13 ran. 2, 2. (T Forster) T: £3.10; £1.50, £5.90, £1.30. CSF: £10.12. NR: Stevass & April Gem.
2.45 (3m): BASHFUL LAD Mr J Weston (9-4) on fav; Oakprime (25-1); Tens or Better (14-1); Dutch Challenger (100-1); 5 ran. 5, dist. (M Oliver) T: £1.60; £1.10, £2.70. CSF: £9.41.
3.15 (2m): CRISP AND KEEN P Finch (6-1); Tin Boy (7-2); 14 ran. 2, 2. (T Forster) T: £3.10; £1.50, £5.90, £1.30. CSF: £26.73. NR: Celtic Bob & The Drover.

Aussies leave it late

AUSTRALIA ended their fixtures in England by scraping to victory against the North at Blundellsands with two scores in the last 11 minutes yesterday afternoon.

The Wallabies twice trailed by six points, but Steve Smith's young side could not extend their advantage after the 41st minute, and Australia's resilience and fitness saw them through.

Ian Williams, called in for the second half of the tour as a replacement wing, scored two tries to peg back the North.

Wallabies coach Alan Jones said: 'Ian certainly earned his ticket. When Brendan Moon was injured, I wanted him because I knew that he was a deadly finisher once given the ball in space, and he proved that today.'

Smith, making yet another come-back to the big time at the age of

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SIBBO'S EURO DATE



TONY SIBSON . . . Next fight on the continent

TONY SIBSON may box abroad as a follow-up to his conclusive points win over Mark Kaylor at a full Wembley arena on Tuesday night.

Sibson, whose solid skill and experience deprived Kaylor of the British and Commonwealth middleweight titles in an uneventful 12-round contest, will now take a rest and is then expected to meet a top American.

Manager Sam Burns said yesterday, however, that the venue will not be in the United States. The fight could take place in one of the European holiday spots like Monte Carlo

or San Remo, where major fights are frequently staged with the benefit of American television money.

A possible opponent is Don Lee, who stopped Sibson in Atlantic City in January and who has been the Leicester man's prime target ever since.

'The ultimate goal is still a return with the world champion Marvin Hagler,' said Burns, 'although Sibson realises that he is still a long way away from that.'

He said he also suspected that the Board of

Control would make an early nomination of a challenger for Sibson's newly-regained British title.

'But I don't believe anyone is really qualified to meet him. They talk about Herol Graham, but he has not yet beaten a real middleweight. They should hold eliminators with Graham, Errol Christie and Kaylor, who certainly deserves another chance.'

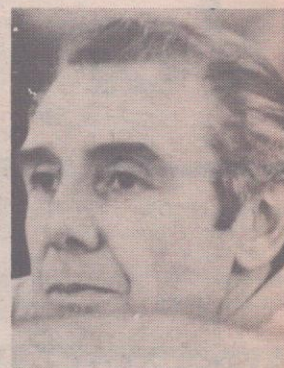
'Sibson has no intention of giving up the British title to concentrate on Europe (he also retained the European title on Tuesday). He definitely wants to go on and win a

Lonsdale Belt outright and that means one more British Championship win.'

Burns said he admired the way Kaylor shut down Tuesday's fight and gave Sibson no opportunity to bring off a spectacular win.

'He has arms like an octopus and he shut up like an oyster,' Burns said, 'but he was sensible and intelligent. If he had stood and fought he would not have been there after four rounds.'

'Sibson needed skill to beat him. People do not always realise what a resourceful boxer he can be.'



TERRY LAWLESS . . . 'Kaylor re-match is Sibson's best bet'

Large profit for LTA

THE LAWN Tennis Association made a pre-tax profit for the year of over £2 million, delegates to their annual meeting will be told in London next week.

Their total income was £4,590,333, but the Wimbledon surplus from last summer's Wimbledon Championships accounted for all but £338,140 of this total, emphasising once again the LTA's reliance on the profit from the world's premier tennis tournament.

The pre-tax profit was £2,106,699.

The taxman has taken £1,319,903 of the money needed to run the game in this country and there was a further setback of £215,705 in respect of losses when two indoor tennis centres in the Midlands ran into financial difficulties earlier this year.

The annual meeting, to be held on December 7, will also hear of a decline in the number of affiliated bodies — down from 4,781 to 4,645.

But on the bright side there is the encouraging news that more clubs are receiving interest free loans for improvements to their premises from LTA funds.

Bruno's not ready — Frazier

FRANK BRUNO still has a long way to go to the top, according to former world heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, who watched his ten rounds points win over Phil Brown at Wembley on Tuesday.

'I am glad I went to the fight, but I saw a lot of mistakes,' said Frazier, who is in London as trainer to his heavyweight son, Marvis, who fights at Alexandra Palace on Monday.

Frazier said that with tuition Bruno would improve. But he did not throw his right hand properly and

was jabbing without first getting the distance, and his trainers should make the adjustments. 'This has to be done in the gym,' he said.

Nights

Frazier had seen Bruno on one of his bad nights but, after watching the Wembley show, he suggested that British training was not as thorough as American, and that this might be the main difference between the success rates of boxers from the two countries.



FRANK BRUNO

PAYAO CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

THAILAND's Payao Pooltarat said yesterday he was confident of regaining his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight title when he meets champion Jiro Watanabe of Japan in Kumamoto tonight.

Watanabe, 29, the former World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-bantamweight champion, outpointed Payao in a WBC title match in Osaka on July 4.

But Japanese boxing experts say the 28-year-old Thai's skilful boxing in

training shows he has a good chance of regaining the title.

'I'm in perfect condition,' Payao told reporters. 'I'm confident of winning back the title.'

Watanabe said he was confident of retaining the title in his first defence.

'I'm in good condition,' he said. 'I will do my best to retain the title.'

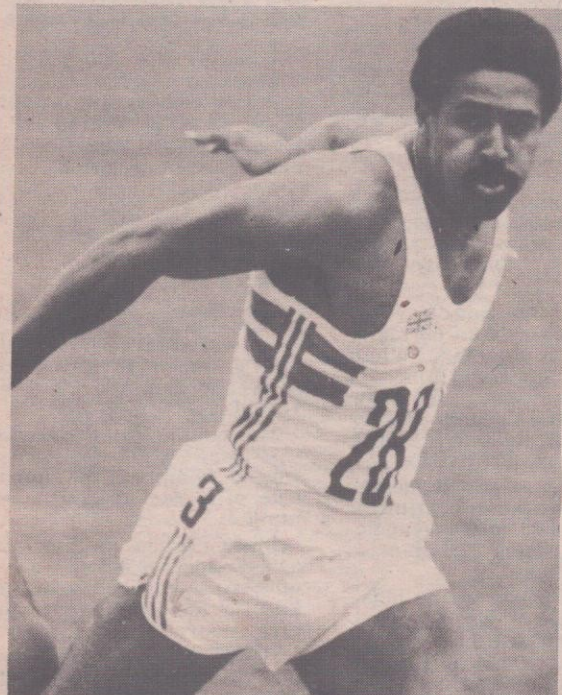
Payao's handlers said the Thai, a speedy boxer with a strong punch, lost to Watanabe last July in his second defence of the title because he was unfit.

Watanabe is also a hard puncher, but is injury prone and has suffered especially from cuts over both eyes in past fights. He enters the ring with a record of 22 wins, including 15 knock-outs, against one defeat.

Payao's 19 fights comprise 17 wins, including ten knock-outs, and two defeats.

THOMPSON WINS AWARD

But football is more important



DALEY THOMPSON . . . Another award yesterday — and a football match this weekend

SOCCER, not athletics, was the major talking point yesterday when Daley Thompson, Steve Cram and Seb Coe gathered in London for an awards ceremony.

Olympic decathlon champion Thompson was named 'Hertz No.1 sports personality of the year' by a panel of sports editors, for which he received free use of a Ford Granada throughout 1985.

Coe, the 1500 metres gold medallist in Los Angeles, was second in the poll, while Cram, who had to settle for the silver behind Coe, was there making the presentations as last year's winner.

Cram, a mad keen Sunderland fan, and Thompson, are taking part in a charity football match against a commentators' XI in Durham on Sunday.

Chelsea supporter Coe would have played as well but for the prior engage-

ment of an 'It's A Knock-Out' competition in Bury.

For both Coe and Cram next year's sporting highlight could be seeing their teams in a Wembley cup final.

'There are no major athletics championships next year, and it will mean a quiet season for me,' said Coe, whose next big target is the 5,000 metres at the European Championships in 1986.

Training

'I'm semi-serious when I say that my training and my appearances will depend on how Chelsea are doing.'

'We're through to the quarter final of the Milk Cup and I've noticed that the FA Cup final is on at the same time as the European club team championship. If

I had to decide, I'd choose Wembley.'

Cram said: 'I've seen every home game this season except last Saturday when we beat Manchester United. I was annoyed at missing that and if we're in the Cup Final, nothing will stop me being there.'

Cram, who hopes to improve his personal best times next year and 'maybe get a world record', did not think he would be collecting an award himself yesterday.

But last year he forgot to take home his trophy and it was there for him again.

Athletics took the first three places in this year's voting. Thompson and Coe were followed by javelin gold medal winner Tessa Sanderson.

REST of the top ten: 4. Barry McGuigan; 5. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean; 6. Ian Rush; 7. Steve Davis; 8. Lester Piggott; 9. Denis Taylor; 10. Steve Jones.



STEVE CRAM . . . Sunderland fan



SEB COE . . . Chelsea fan

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MARTINA MUCH TOO STRONG

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA offered no comfort to her rivals as she beat South Africa's Yvonne Vermaak 6-1, 6-1, her 42nd successive Grand-Slam singles win, in the Australian Open Tennis Championships yesterday.



BILL SCANLON . . . Scraped through

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

41 singles matches.

Vermaak never looked capable of interrupting this sequence as she survived for only 39 minutes and prised just 24 points from the defending champion and top seed.

Afer her one-sided victory, Navratilova was asked about the news that fellow-American Chris Evert Lloyd, seeded to meet her in the final here, had turned to weight training in a bid to end the run of defeats suffered at the hands of her great rival.

She said she had discussed with Lloyd's husband, the British David Cup player John Lloyd, the weight-training programme he had undertaken before this year's US Open and 'he told me it had made a great difference to him so I suppose it will help Chris a lot'.

'When she was beating me I changed my game to fit in and now that I'm winning she's changed to my way,' Navratilova added.

But Navratilova avoided questions about the prospect of playing Lloyd in the final here. 'History proves that I have been making it through to the finals of tournaments I play and so has Chris. But at this stage, I've got more matches to win. You guys always want to talk about the finals.'

Other notable first-round results included an unsuccessful comeback attempt by Australian Peter McNamara, who lost 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to American Tim Gullikson, and New Zealander David Mustard's emergence from the depths of the world rankings to beat highly-regarded American Chip Hooper 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Reward

Mustard's reward is a meeting today with Mats Wilander of Sweden, the defending champion and No. 2 seed.

All the main contenders for the singles titles have survived the first three days of competition at Kooyong. Wendy Turnbull, the Australian fourth seed, won her opening match almost as comfortably as Navratilova, disposing of the Russian Larissa Savchenko 6-2, 6-1.

Since losing in the fourth round of the 1983 French Open in Paris 18 months ago, Navratilova has claimed six successive Grand-Slam titles — Wimbledon (twice), US (twice), French and Australian — and in the process has won

Incidentally, Lloyd's match today against Myriam Schropp provides her with the opportunity to score her 999th singles victory as a professional.

Texan Bill Scanlon and Australian Davis Cup player John Fitzgerald staged what was probably the day's most competitive match. The American called for an extra linesman before winning 3-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-7, 6-2.

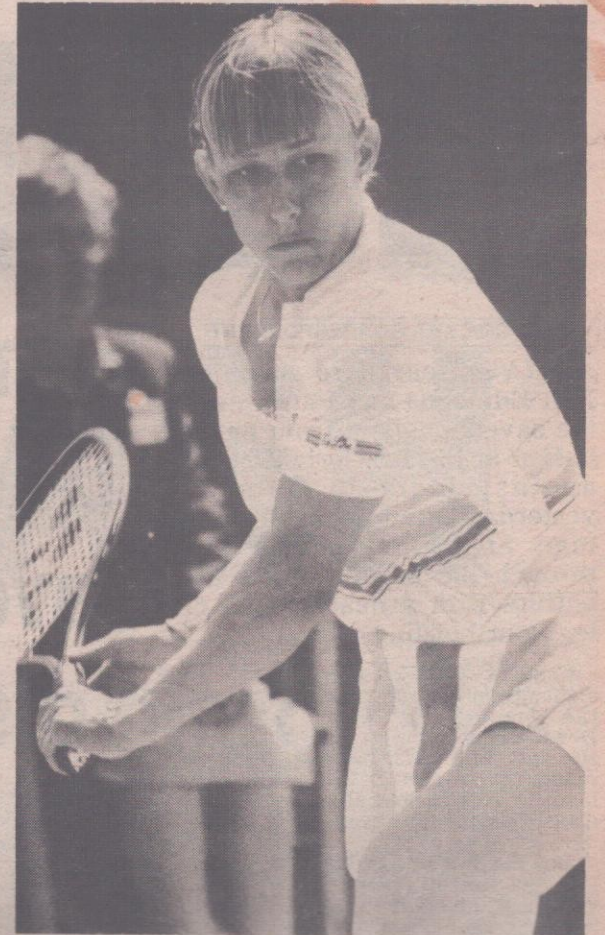
Scanlon summoned tournament referee Peter Bellenger to demand an extra line judge. 'It is too important in a Grand-Slam event to have less than the full number of linesmen,' he said.

Point

'You don't want to have something happen on an important point because there is no linesman there.'

But Bellenger ruled the minimum number of officials — four linesmen and an umpire — were on court.

Another US-Australian encounter ended in victory for the American player when Scott Davis beat Wimbledon and US junior champion Mark Kratzmann 7-5, 7-5, 6-4. Kratzmann, 18, put up his stoutest resistance right at the end, saving five match points.



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA . . . Unbeatable down under

Kiwi bowlers hold the key

PAKISTAN's ability to come to terms with New Zealand spinners Stephen Boock and John Bracewell is likely to be the key factor when the second cricket Test resumes in Hyderabad today.

New Zealand were 158 for eight in their second innings — a lead of 195 — before yesterday's rest day.

With two days left and with the bowlers having enjoyed the greater success so far, a result seems certain.

If New Zealand are to score what would be only their second win over Pakistan, Boock, slow left arm, and off-spinner Bracewell are their likely heroes.

Spin accounted for 24 of the 28 wickets that fell on the first three days with Boock (seven for 87) and Bracewell (three for 44) responsible for dismissing Pakistan for 230 in the first innings.

Pakistan, who won the first Test by six wickets, will be looking to their two most experienced batsmen Javed Miandad and Zaheer Abbas to thwart the touring side. Miandad has already scored 100 in the match while Zaheer is due for a big score.

SCORES: New Zealand 267 and 158 for eight (J.J. Crowe 35 not out), Pakistan 230 (Javed Miandad 104, S.L. Boock seven for 87).

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SNOOKER

Davis is facing 'Whirlwind'

BY A SNOOKER CORRESPONDENT

STEVE DAVIS took on the heir apparent to his world snooker crown, Jimmy White, last night in a potentially explosive Coral United Kingdom Championship quarter-final at Preston.

White, the 22-year-old 'whirlwind' from Wimbledon, has already loudly advertised his longing for another major tournament crack at Davis, who narrowly beat him in last season's nerve jangling world final.

And Davis felt the same way last night after stepping up a whole series of

gears to end Romford stable-mate Tony Meo's dreams of a first major singles victory over the 27-year-old millionaire in eight attempts since Meo turned professional in 1980.

'Yes, you can certainly say I'm looking forward to playing Jimmy,' said Davis.

Campaign

Anglo-Italian 25-year-old Meo has begun an intensive fitness campaign to improve his physical and mental stamina. And it seemed to be working when he fought back from 3-1 down to lead the world champion, 7-4, winning

five frames from well behind.

But Davis, beaten UK finalist by Alex Higgins a year ago, then firmly put his foot down. He won a crucial 12th frame from 48-1 behind and then cut loose to take the next four frames for victory while amassing the total of 474 points to 30.

Davis took the 13th frame with the highest break of the tournament to date, a magnificent 134 total clearance worth a potential extra £2,000.

'I don't care what anyone says, Steve Davis is the best there has ever been and anyone who says different is off their

head,' said Meo, adding: 'He can be beat but not when he's playing like that.'

Crucial

Davis said: 'The 12th frame was crucial. There was no way I was going to come back from 8-4 down, but in the end it was probably my greatest ever comeback. Now I'll have a few beers to try and stop this match spinning around in my head before I take on Jimmy.'

To add even more spice today, Higgins is also in quarter final action, against Leicester's Willie Thorne.



STEVE DAVIS . . . Facing Jimmy White last night



Sibbo is set for Europe

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Martina's winning form

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THE LAST STAND

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A BRAVE rearguard action by Phil Edmonds and Paul Downton saved England from humiliation in the first cricket Test against India in Bombay yesterday after teenager Laxman Sivaramakrishnan ran through the touring side's top batting with a deadly spell of leg spin bowling.

England were 190 for eight at close of play on the opening day with Downton unbeaten on 32. He and Edmonds, who made 48, rescued England from a potentially disastrous 114 for seven.

But the star of the day was 19-year-old Sivaramakrishnan, playing in only his second Test, who mixed his right arm leg breaks with an occasional googly to take four wickets for 62.

Splendid

Sivaramakrishnan struck in his first two overs of the match, first taking a splendid return catch to dismiss Graeme Fowler for 28 and then having Tim Robinson caught behind for 22.

Both teams wore black arm bands following the murder of British deputy

Edmonds, Downton save team from disgrace

High Commissioner Percy Norris and the assassination of Indira Gandhi.

Sivaramakrishnan's accuracy maintained the pressure on England captain David Gower and his deputy, Mike Gatting.

Gower cracked first, playing against the spin when he had scored only two runs. But he was dropped at forward short leg by Mohinder Amarnath.

The two batsmen managed to raise the total to 78 before Gatting, on 15, mis-hit Sivaramakrishnan, who again took a brilliant catch. Then Gower was beaten by an in-swinging from medium pacer Kapil Dev when he had scored 13.

Three more wickets fell quickly. Allan Lamb was caught by Shastri off Kapil Dev to make the score 93 for five, Richard Ellison became Sivaramakrishnan's fourth victim, bowled for one, and Test debutant Chris Cowdrey was caught behind off Yadav for 13.

Legendary

By his selection Cowdrey, son of the legendary Colin Cowdrey, joined the ranks of father-son combinations to play for England. The most recent instance was in 1971 when Richard Hutton, son of Sir Leonard, made his debut — against India — in 1971. On 114 for seven, Eng-

SCORECARD

ENGLAND 1st innings	
Fowler c and b	
Sivaramakrishnan.....	28
Robinson c Kirmani b	
Sivaramakrishnan.....	22
Gatting c and b	
Sivaramakrishnan.....	15
Gower b Kapil Dev.....	13
Lamb c Shastri b Kapil Dev.....	9
Cowdrey c Kirmani b Yadav	13
Ellison b Sivaramakrishnan ..	1
Downton n.o.....	32
Edmonds c Gaekwad b Shastri	48
Pocock n.o.....	8
EXTRAS.....	1

TOTAL (8 wks) 190
FALL: 1-46, 2-51, 3-78, 4-78, 5-93, 6-94, 7-114, 8-175
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 18-6-41-2; Sharma 11-4-28-0; Amarnath 3-2-1-0; Sivaramakrishnan 27-8-62-4; Yadav 12-2-34-1; Shastri 17-8-23-1

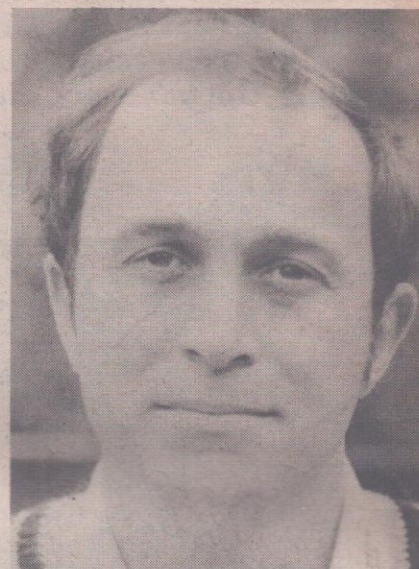
land looked on the way to a record 13th successive Test without a win but in the final session Edmonds and Downton with a stand of 61 gave them a glimmer of hope.

Edmonds, in particular, with three sixes, provided some inspiration and he and his spin partner Pat Pocock, who finished the day not out on eight, will have taken heart from the pitch.

The ball turned significantly after the first 90 minutes and the wicket is not expected to get any easier.



PAUL DOWNTON . . . A battling stand with Edmonds



PHIL EDMONDS . . . His 48 included three sixes

Vatanen cruising to RAC victory

FORMER World Champion Ari Vatanen was pressing relentlessly on last night towards his first Lombard RAC Rally title. Barring an uncharacteristic driving error or serious mechanical problems, the 32-year-old Finn appeared ever more likely to be the first home in his Peugeot 205 Turbo when the leaders return to Chester for the final time trial today.

LOMBARD RALLY

French launch double Olympic case

PARIS yesterday finally announced its formal candidacy for the 1992 summer Olympics and set up a double French bid for the winter and summer Games.

After months of discussions on financing the project, Paris mayor Jacques Chirac declared he was making the official application to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today.

The Savoy region of south-eastern France announced their candidacy for the 1992 winter Games nearly two years ago and called for a twin campaign with Paris when they presented their Olympic plans in the French capital last week.

Bids

France, who staged both winter and summer Games in 1924, have pitched their bids for 1992 to mark the centenary of the speech by French baron Pierre de Coubertin which inspired

the modern Olympic movement.

Paris staged the summer Olympics in 1900 and 1924.

Chirac said the decision to apply for the Games had been taken with the full agreement of the Ile de France, which encompasses Paris, following the conclusion of the three-way negotiations involving the state, the region and the city.

The socialist government has long backed a Paris candidacy, but Chirac wanted financial guarantees from the state before making a bid.

President Francois Mitterand went so far as to announce last June that Paris was a candidate, annoying the neo-Gaullist mayor, a political rival, who said it was up to the city authority, not the President, to make the bid.

Last summer the sports

minister of the time, Edwige Avice, pledged government support and said the state would cover 50 per cent of the costs, up to two billion francs (\$220m), and up to 33 per cent of any deficits.

Profit

The daily 'Le Monde' said yesterday a cost estimate of 10 billion francs (\$1.1b) had been reduced to 8.8 billion francs (\$940m) following the profit made by the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

Roger Belin, head of the Olympic candidacy co-ordination campaign in the mayor's office, told a television interviewer a maximum four billion francs (\$420m) would be drawn from public funds, including one billion francs (\$105m) each from the city and Ile de France region.

HILAIRE MOVES TO PORTSMOUTH

FORMER England-Under 21 striker Vince Hilaire yesterday completed a £95,000 move from Luton to Portsmouth.

Hilaire joined Luton from Crystal Palace five months ago, but failed to hold down a regular place in the side.

Portsmouth — pushing for promotion from the Second Division — also completed the signing of former England skipper Gerry Francis on a free transfer from Third Division Swansea City.

Portsmouth manager Alan Ball said: 'These are players we need to give our squad greater depth as we continue our push for promotion from the Second Division this sea-



VINCE HILAIRE . . . Off to the south coast and Portsmouth

son. Hilaire is a class player while Francis' experience is just the kind we need at Fratton Park.'

Luton, for their part, signed central defender Steve Foster from Aston Villa for £70,000. He had joined Villa from Brighton for £200,000 just eight months ago.

With a lead of four and a half minutes over second-placed Hannu Mikkola, in his Audi Quattro, Vatanen was able to drive with extra caution during the Forest of Dean special stage yesterday made more difficult by recent heavy rainfall.

He said: 'You cannot rely on the surface and it is dangerous to take short cuts across the grassy parts inside the corners.'

Vatanen suffered a puncture during one of the stages but was able to shrug that off as a minor problem.

'I think it was something sharp amongst the leaves that made the puncture, but it cost us very little time because it was only one mile from the end of the stage.'

With the Quattro duo of Michele Mouton and Johnny Buffum retaining third and fourth places, the only change among the leaders after 36 stages featured British driver, Jimmy McRae, moving back into fifth place ahead of Sweden's Per Eklund.

McRae's two-wheel-drive Opel Manta is outclassed by the four-wheel-drive Audis and Peugeots in the slippery conditions, but the 41-year-old Scot is hanging on tenaciously in a bid to repeat his third place finish of last year.

Of the other British survivors, Terry Kaby was ninth in his Nissan and Russell Brookes 10th in another Manta.

Deal over Monaco GP

THE INTERNATIONAL Motor Sports Federation (FISA) last night said it had made new proposals to break the deadlock over the Monaco formula one Grand Prix. It was the second conciliatory signal to the Monaco Automobile Club this week, following an announcement by FISA President Jean-Marie Balestre of a new initiative to end conflict over the Monte Carlo Rally.

Monaco has angered FISA by renewing its TV contract with a US network. This put it out of step with other grand prix organisations who turned over the rights to FISA under the 1981 Concorde Agreements. The new conciliatory proposals remain secret.