

Receiver off to Luxembourg

THE RECEIVER appointed by the High Court to seize control of the NUM's funds flew to Luxembourg last night to grab £4.3m deposited there.

Derbyshire solicitor Herbert Brewer left Heathrow as the NUM executive was still meeting in emergency session in London to discuss the latest attempt by the Tory judiciary to cripple the union.

Brewer had earlier declared that he intended to take money from the union's funds to give every striking miner's family a present. But last night he admitted that such a proposal would have to receive the NUM executive's approval and added: 'It was just an idea and, of course, anything is possible.'

He said he would be keeping a close watch on developments between

the NUM and the courts, but said that his task of getting hold of the money in Luxembourg would not be hindered.

The money was originally frozen by the sequestrators Price Waterhouse but was then freed by a Luxembourg judge last Thursday.

This prompted 16 scabs to ask the High Court on Friday to appoint a receiver.

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ORGANISE THE GENERAL STRIKE

All trade unions must strike with the miners

STATEMENT BY THE ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

THATCHER'S Tory regime has now taken unprecedented judicial powers to smash the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM). State receivers and sequestrators have been placed in charge of the union's assets, funds and all its property.

NUM president Arthur Scargill, vice president Mick McGahey, general secretary Peter Heathfield and other elected NUM officers have been replaced by a High Court-appointed receiver — Derbyshire solicitor Herbert Brewer.

When the NUM went to the Appeal Court on Saturday to stop the official receiver's appointment, three lord justices unanimously turned it down.

The judiciary's verdict was the clearest demonstration of the class-war objective of Thatcher's Bonapartist regime. It will not be satisfied with anything less than the complete destruction of the

NUM or its complete surrender.

The High Court's decision is already being exploited by the Tory press. The line of the Fleet Street sewer is that now that the union's cash has been sequestered, the strike will automatically crumble. Let us remind these toadying ink-slingers that the trade unions were not built by fabulous treasures or property investments or big portfolios of shares.

The working class built the trade unions in Britain, the first country in the world to have trade unions, from nothing. The pioneers of the trade union movement did not begin with big bank accounts but with a burning hatred of the exploiting capitalist system, the Tory ruling class and the ruthless employers.

Because the trade unions were built in fierce and bitter class struggle against the Tory ruling

class, that is the only way they are going to be defended today.

The seizure of the NUM's money and property is an act of Tory banditry. But it doesn't mean the end of the NUM, as the Tory press is predicting. The union lives in the strike, in the picket lines, in the struggle each day in the coalfield communities.

Arthur Scargill remains president of the NUM and not Mr Herbert Brewer.

The scabs will, of course, welcome Mr Brewer as their new 'leader', but these are individuals who have sold their class, their union and their souls to the Tory enemy.

The latest Tory onslaught on the NUM sharply underlines what the All Trades Unions Alliance, industrial department of the Workers Revolutionary Party, has said since the beginning of the strike.

We repeat it now: The miners cannot fight this orchestrated state attack on their own. They cannot withstand the High Courts, the magistrates courts, the anti-union laws, the police, the sequestrators, the receivers, the DHSS and the torrent of lies from the Tory press on their own.

They must get the support of the whole working class!

By support we don't mean tea and sympathy. Nor do we mean fake solidarity in the form of conscience money which comes with a do-nothing policy towards the NUM.

We call on all those trade unions who say they support the miners to come out on immediate indefinite strike with the NUM.

There must be the biggest campaign throughout the length and breadth of the labour and trade

union movement for an indefinite General Strike against the Tory regime and the Bonapartist police state.

As part of that campaign the All Trades Unions Alliance is calling a national conference in Sheffield on February 4 to unify the struggles of the miners, other sections of the trade union movement and those involved in defending jobs and services in local government from centralised Tory dictatorship.

The campaign for this ATUA conference will be based on the central proposition that the organisation of the General Strike is inseparable from the organisation of the struggle for workers' power.

There can be no turning back. The struggle for power is here. The ATUA pledges to be in the forefront of the fight alongside the NUM while putting its own revolutionary socialist programme for a Workers Revolutionary Government.

December 2, 1984

NUM CALLS A SPECIAL CONFERENCE

MINERS' leaders yesterday defiantly refused to bow to court demands for total surrender and reaffirmed the nine-month strike against pit closures.

A special delegates' conference will be held this afternoon at Congress House in London. It will discuss the High Court appointment of an official Receiver over the union's entire assets.

The NUM executive issued a statement describing the appointment of the Receiver as 'posing the most fundamental threat to every trade union in the country'.

BY BEN RUDDER, Our Industrial Correspondent

The statement added that the court ruling put 'at immediate risk the very existence of the National Union of Mineworkers'.

Illegal

The six-hour meeting discussed the High Court demand that the NUM abide by all past and future rulings — including one declaring the strike illegal — before a judge would consider restoring control of the funds to the NUM's trustees.

To comply with this demand, the national executive would have to abandon and publicly repudiate the strike.

Last night's executive statement continued: 'It is hardly surprising that the High Court have selected for this job a person who is a Conservative Party official, an official of the Institute of Directors and a former Tory councillor.'

'The decision to appoint a Receiver for the first time in the history of the British trade union movement threatens us with a situation in which it could become almost impossible for the national union to carry out its day to day operations to service its membership, including the provision of common law claims, social welfare and a whole host of other vital

services upon which the membership depends.'

'The trustees and other officers of the union have at all times acted in accordance with the policy and instructions given by the national executive and annual and special delegates' conferences.'

Position

'Following advice by our lawyers the national executive committee, who have also at all times acted in accordance with the instructions of the annual and special delegates' conferences, have agreed to recall a special delegates conference on Monday, December 3, at 3p.m., to discuss the position and to determine the union's attitude.'



Miners' union president Arthur Scargill, with vice-president Mick McGahey, reading out the executive's statement last night calling for a special delegates' conference today

SINN FEIN MARCH AGAINST THATCHER

SINN FEIN, the political wing of the IRA, is to hold a 'Thatcher out' parade through Dublin this evening to mark the EEC heads of government conference being held in the city.

The meeting is being held under extremely tight security, with police and troops on special alert for 72 hours.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

A large area of the city centre is being closed to traffic and sophisticated military equipment, including missiles, deployed.

All police and army leave has been cancelled and a special watch is being kept on movements of republican activists.

Dublin Castle, once the power base of British imperialism in Ireland, will be sealed off for the duration of the session. An Irish government spokesman said the security was 'unprecedented even by present-day standards'.

Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe will be flown into Baldonnell military airfield, near Dublin on Monday morning and flown by helicopter directly into the castle yard.

She will stay in rooms specially built for her stay during the last summit five years ago. The other heads of government will be in local hotels.

The summit itself is likely to come badly unstuck over EEC membership for Spain and Portugal.

Irish Premier Garret Fitzgerald had hoped that EEC leaders would only have to rubber-stamp a

deal hatched at negotiations which have been going on for weeks.

But all the talks have failed and negotiations must now continue on wine, fisheries and agriculture.

The EEC leaders will have to hammer out the details if they are to agree Spanish and Portuguese membership of the Common Market on time at the start of 1896.

Two die in border stake-out

AN SAS soldier and a civilian died in an stake-out on the Irish border early yesterday.

A gunfight raged on a lonely road close to the County Fermanagh border when, according to an army spokesman, a military patrol encountered a number of armed men at Drumrush, near Kesh.

The dead soldier was lance corporal Alistair Slater, a 28-year-old single man who had been in the army since 1973.

He was a paratrooper but was part of an SAS unit staking out the border.

A Toyota van at the scene of the shooting was being examined by army bomb disposal experts. The van had been hijacked across the border in County Donegal and is understood to contain a number of beer kegs.

A search for the armed men was mounted by police and troops, but the hunt was hampered by thick fog. There were no reports of any weapons being seized at the scene of the shooting.

The clash followed a considerable increase in security activity in the past month, noticed by local people.

A woman who lives 100 yards from the scene said she was woken by the sound of two single shots. A flare was fired into the

sky, and she heard several more shots and then saw a second flare followed by a burst of rapid fire.

Two men were later detained for questioning after failing to stop at a security checkpoint in County Donegal under the terms of the Irish Republic's Offences Against the State Act.

Escaped

One of the men being questioned was believed to be Seamus Clarke, 28, a Republican who has been on the run since he escaped from Long Kesh with 38 other prisoners in September last year.

Clarke, from Ardoyne, Belfast, was convicted in Belfast in 1976 and sentenced to five terms of life imprisonment and 14 years.

Of the 38 prisoners who escaped, 19 were recaptured within hours. A few others have since been arrested in the Irish Republic.

Councils' debt £46.9 billion

LOCAL councils in Britain now owe £46.9 billion in debts, an increase of £3.4 billion in one year.

Figures published by CIPFA, the local government accountancy body, show that interest paid on these debts amounted to £4.16 billion in 1983/84.

About 18 per cent of the total debt matures either during the current financial year, or the one that follows.

Some Labour councils whose budgets will be 'capped' under Tory laws have threatened to stop debt payments.

Meanwhile, councils faced with abolition are coming under increasing pressure to hand over vital information to the government.

Official requests for details of staffing arrangements have gone to senior officers of the seven Labour-controlled authorities.

The Tories have reserve powers to compel councillors and staff to co-operate. Defiance would be followed by contempt of court proceedings.

Local Government Minister Kenneth Baker has also written to the unions asking for their co-operation with the staff commission set up to carry out the redeployment of the workforce.

Baker wrote to Fred Jarvis, chairman of the TUC local government committee, asking for an

BY PAUL FELDMAN

end to non-cooperation.

NALGO, a key union in the policy of defiance, has reacted strongly to the Baker letter and his proposals to deal with staff.

Local government officer Keith Sonnet said: 'This paper confirms that the minimum number of jobs lost will be 7,100.'

'We have always said this is a gross underestimate and there is nothing in the paper to change our view on that.'

Payments

'In fact, the whole document deals only in minimums. Redundancy payments offered will be the minimum possible within the law.'

He added: 'By the same token that union members at GCHQ were offered a derisory sum to buy off their rights, our members are to be offered a single lump sum payment in compensation for the loss of their true career prospects, drop in pay and worsened conditions of service.'



Francis Pym with Brian Walden on the set of ITV's 'Weekend World' yesterday.

Government is 'obstinate' — Pym

FORMER Foreign Secretary Francis Pym yesterday accused the government of obstinacy and said the Prime Minister was ignoring other opinions in the Tory Party.

He claimed dissent within the Tory ranks would force the government to soften its approach, particularly over unemployment.

Pym said: 'Under the present leadership, they are so sure that their views from their particular point on the spectrum are correct that they tend to think everyone else is

out of step but them.'

'It is clear now in the House of Commons that other people in the party from other points on the spectrum are coming forward and expressing their views more strongly.'

Changes

'This is going to become so effective that I believe it will bring some policy changes.'

Pym said there was 'a growing feeling of anxiety, particularly focussed on unemployment'. The

government had done 'nothing much at all about the tremendous problem of unemployment' which should be tackled by 'energetic measures'.

Asked how the dissenters should press their case, he said: 'I think patience is the watchword. The growing strength of feeling is quite clearly there. It is not organised. It is spontaneous. People have formed their own views about it from the separate wings of the party.'

'The power of that is strong enough to cause adjustments to be made.'

SOGAT vote

A 400-strong meeting of Merseyside SOGAT 82 members voted overwhelmingly on Saturday to remove secretary Arnie Martin and his deputy Bill Morris.

The general members' meeting also voted to remove the entire branch committee and elected a new committee in its place.

The move follows the sacking of office staff for going on strike.

The members decided to withhold subscriptions at national and local level if the national leadership does not back the changes.

Telecom starts trading

ALL APPLICATIONS for 200 or 400 shares in the Britain Telecom 'share-out' have been allocated in full — but applications for 800 and above have been drastically scaled down.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant banking handling the sale of 51 per cent of BT, said yesterday that the offer was heavily over-subscribed with 2,060,000 applications from Britain.

About one million applications were from the small investor wanting 200 or 400 shares.

Everyone who wanted more than 400 shares has

been scaled back, with applications for 800 shares getting 500, 1,200 receiving 600, and applications for between 1,600 and 100,000 receiving 800.

Those who bid for more than 100,000 will get no shares, and no-one will get more than 800.

Shares

British Telecom employees do best of all with 220,000 employees, representing 95 per cent of the workforce, getting shares.

British Telecom-

munications PLC, which starts life in the private sector of the stock exchange today at 3p.m., will dwarf all other companies for spread of shareholders.

Each successful investor, who has completed the form correctly and whose cheque does not bounce, will have their ownership slips sent out on December 10.

When the shares start trading, they are expected to open at around 70p on their part paid value of 50p — about a 40 per cent profit on each share.

Anti-NATO rally

MADRID — About 200,000 people marched in six cities yesterday in a protest against the NATO alliance and to demand the withdrawal of US military bases from Spain.

About 35,000 people formed a two-mile human chain, partly shaped to form the words 'NATO base No! Bases Out! Neutrality!', on a main boulevard in Madrid.

Officials said 70,000 people demonstrated in the capital. Speeches

against NATO and in favour of disarmament were delivered at a rally staged outside the Defence Ministry.

Smaller protests were held in Barcelona, Valencia, Cadiz, Leon and Las Palmas in the Canary Islands.

The protests were called by groups, including anti-arms organisations, the Communist Party and members of the ruling Socialist Party's left-wing faction.

Fighting flares in Beirut

BEIRUT — Fighting flared between Falangist and Druze militia yesterday in growing opposition to the deployment of the Lebanese army in Druze-held areas south of the city.

Sporadic fighting continued at midday yesterday after overnight shelling and shooting in the Kharroub region, between Beirut and the Israeli frontline on the Awali River.

The fighting broke out after Druze leader Walid Jumblatt said he had reservations about the deployment plan.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami's national unity government hopes to deploy the regular troops in the south to prepare the army to take over if he can bring about an acceptable withdrawal of Israeli troops from south Lebanon.

But the proposal has angered key sections of the Druze Progressive Socialist Party who fear it will lead to the loss of strategic control on the coastal highway.

£8,000 Monthly Fund

November Fund — almost there!

ONE last major effort must do it. We have in £7,011.07 to date and we are relying on Monday's post to complete our £8,000 target. Pledges have flooded in all weekend. Make sure those final amounts arrive without fail and send one last extra donation to make sure.

The News Line stands firm in the middle of the miners' fight. We say the battle must urgently be joined by the rest of the working class. The General Strike must be organised now and the full strength of the trade

union movement mobilised to defeat the Tories. This means all-out war with the right-wing TUC leaders who leave the miners to fight alone on the one hand and on the other accept the Tory anti-union laws.

Use our paper to build the revolutionary leadership. Put all your support behind it in this period. Make sure with one last major effort to complete our Fund. Rush your donations to:

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

EURO-TANKIES

DISCIPLINE

'HARDLINERS'

BY ALEX MITCHELL

THE SPLIT in the Communist Party has claimed its first victims — 22 members of the London district committee have been suspended from membership.

The suspensions were carried out last Friday night by an emergency meeting of the executive committee.

A statement released by the executive gave notice that the suspensions might soon be expulsions when it said: 'The suspensions will apply until the January executive committee meeting, when the question of further disciplinary action will be considered.'

Warfare

It called for warfare against what it described as the 'factionalists' saying: 'The executive committee, as the custodian of congress policy and decisions, will not allow them to be subverted by factional activity. Factionalism, if tolerated, will destroy the party.'

The next purge will be directed against members of the Peoples Press Printing Society management committee which runs the 'Morning Star'. The PPPS management committee is the base of operations of 'Morning Star' editor Tony Chater and a clique of so-called 'hardliners' who have hijacked the Stalinist daily from party control.

The executive is planning to expel all members of the PPPS management committee who refuse to fight for the restoration of the previous relationship between the party and its paper.

The next scheduled meeting of the Communist Party executive in January is expected to call for a special national congress to oust the 'factionalists'. This would prevent a long-running battle throughout next year in the run up to the



Left to right: Mick Costello, Mike Hicks and Tony Chater on the platform at the 38th congress of the Communist Party in November 1983

39th congress planned for November 1985.

The 22 London leaders were suspended because they refused to follow party general secretary Gordon McLennan when he closed down the London district congress on November 24 and staged a walk out.

Decision

'The members who refused to accept the decision, by holding a meeting purporting to speak as the "1984 London district congress", and declaring it "adjourned for a maximum of three months" in the resolution passed at the meeting, were in clear breach of party rules and were operating as a faction.'

Those suspended are: Dave Baldwin, NALGO officer Ivan Beavis, solicitor John Bowden, the party's national women's

officer Maggie Bowden, Paul Bonython, assistant London organiser Tony Brown, North London 'Morning Star' organiser Mary Davis, London School of Printing lecturer Megan Dobney, Brent Trades Council chairman Tom Durkin, North London Polytechnic lecturer Kevin Fitzgerald, Transport and General Workers Union national committee member Pete Fuzzey, veteran Hackney Stalinist Monty Goldman, anti-apartheid activist Christabel Gurney, SOGAT official Mike Hicks, UCATT activist Tom Lannon, Angela Mason (Weir), Marjorie Mayo, Tower Hamlets trades councillor Roy Mincoff, black trade unionist Winston Pinder, London organiser Roger Trask, London industrial organiser George Wake and retired civil servant Margaret Witham.

Three of those sus-

pended are executive committee members — Hicks, Pinder and Mrs Bowden. Three fulltime workers in the London district — Trask, Wake and Brown — 'will no longer function in that capacity', the statement added.

Paper

A few hours after he was suspended from the Communist Party, Hicks appeared on the front page of Saturday's 'Morning Star'. Under the headline, 'Mike Hicks wins union award', the paper said:

'Mike Hicks, union activist and Communist, has been awarded the silver badge of his union, SOGAT 82. The honour is for "meritorious services to the union".'

In a piece of thinly-disguised organised lob-

bying against his suspension Hicks told the 'Morning Star': 'It is well known that I'm a Communist, my politics have never been a secret. As a member of the party's national executive committee and chairman of its London district this award is high praise for the work of Communists in the trade union movement.' ('Morning Star', December 1, 1984)

Last Friday night's executive also voted to 'censure all delegates who attended the post-congress factional meeting' which followed McLennan's walk-out.

Voted

It voted to keep national organiser Ian McKay as acting London district secretary and added: 'The executive committee will decide at a future meeting the steps that need to be taken to ensure that a further London district congress takes place in conditions of the fullest democratic functioning of the branches and protection of the democratic rights of the members.'

Party officials are now conducting a wide-ranging inquiry into 'factional activity' which will be presented to the January executive.

It will lead to more suspensions and expulsions. The aim is to hold the emergency congress in March or April while the anti-party factional elements are outside the party and cannot take part in its proceedings.

It is not only the so-called 'hardliners' who are 'tankies'. Now we have the arrival of the 'Euro-tankies'.

EEC cuts hit dairy farmers

DAIRY farmers have lost up to £44 million in the last six months because of enforced EEC cuts in milk production, a survey claimed yesterday.

The problem has arisen because dairy farmers have cut production by more than the quota set by Brussels.

Common Market, Farm Ministers decided earlier this year to order Europe's dairy farmers to cut production in a bid to curb the runaway cost of EEC agriculture spending.

Britain's 40,000 dairy farmers were told to cut production by 6 percent, or one million tonnes a year, but latest figures show the cutback is almost 10 percent.

'If dairy farmers fail to react to falling produc-

tion levels the industry will be close to £100 million poorer by the end of the milk year in April 1985, and the UK negotiating position in the next round of our EEC quota debate could be seriously weakened,' said Don Phillips, marketing manager of Dalgety Agriculture.

'The long-term stability of the milk producing industry will be undermined and its infrastructure affected if dairy farmers fail to meet their annual production quotas.'

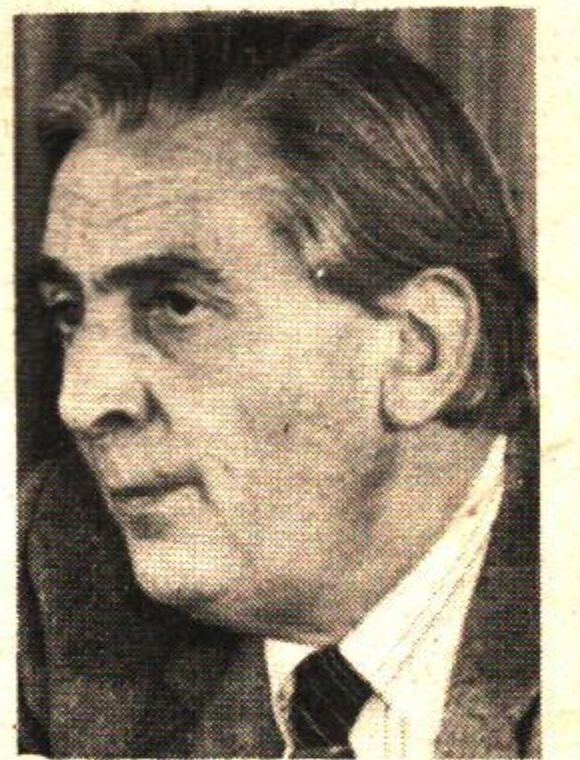
'With two thirds of the milk year already gone, dairy farmers are 298 million litres below target and nationally need to increase production by 6.7 percent a month for the rest of the year if they are not to be below the annual quota.'

Murray leaves hospital

LEN MURRAY, former TUC general secretary, was discharged from the National Heart Hospital yesterday, ten days after having a heart by-pass operation.

Murray, 63, said he felt 'healthy, and excited about going home,' and he also made a plea for more funds to be given to the National Health Service to fight heart disease.

Magdi Yacoub carried out a quadruple coronary artery by-pass on Murray at the hospital in London on November 24.



MURRAY

Abolition moves in Commons

THE Thatcher government begins its moves today to abolish the Greater London Council and six metropolitan councils in the House of Commons.

The government plans to impose Whitehall dictatorship over the authorities start with the two-day second reading debate.

Labour's Shadow Environment Secretary Jack Cunningham has refused to give a pledge that he will fight to defend the met counties.

Some Tory MPs have voiced criticism of the way the Abolition Bill has been drafted. Tory MP for Selly Oak Anthony Beaumont-Dark said: 'This bill gives him (Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin) more powers than any Roman Emperor had. It is swapping a daft dictatorship for a daft dictatorship. There have got to be changes.'

Author of 'Belgrano' diary retires

A BRITISH navy lieutenant who wrote a diary about the sinking of the Argentine cruiser 'General Belgrano' has since retired, his solicitors said at the weekend.

They disclosed that the author of the diary, published in 'The Observer' last week, was Lieutenant Nyenra Sethia, 28.

Scotland Yard refused to confirm reports that police investigating the disappearance of the 'Belgrano's' log books questioned Sethia about the diary.

According to Sethia's lawyers, Sethia says categorically that he had no connection with the disappearance of the log book.

Sethia served in the nuclear submarine 'Conqueror' during the Malvinas (Falklands) War. His diary recorded what happened on May 2, 1982 when the British imperialist forces sank the 'Belgrano'.

He wrote: 'I am still overwhelmed by the enormity of what we have done. We can't go back and apologise now — it's too late.'

'I wonder how many died? I wonder even more what the reaction will be. The lads have taken it very well. A couple were frightened outwardly and the rest of us made do with being frightened inwardly.'

Sethia left the navy later in 1982 and now lives

on the Caribbean island of St Lucia.

Servicemen are allowed to keep a diary but if it contains classified information it must be recorded and treated as a classified document.

It is not known if Sethia's diary was registered as a classified book.

Scotland Yard is investigating the disappearance of the 'Conqueror's' control room log books, which carry secret information.

Tory Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine called in police after a naval board of inquiry failed to find them.

The Defence Ministry has said it is anxious to study Sethia's diary. Last Wednesday the Permanent Secretary Sir Clive Whitmore and the head of personnel, Richard Hastie-Smith, called the editor of the 'Observer' Donald Treford to the Ministry.

Grenada goes to polls

ST GEORGE'S, Grenada — Grenada goes to the poll today, 13 months after the US imperialist invasion of the island state.

The election is being fought by the Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement (MBPM), named after the

late Prime Minister, killed in a coup attempt two days before the invasion in October last year.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

Grand Christmas Bazaars

LONDON Saturday December 15 Doors open 12 noon Morpeth School, Morpeth Road off Roman Road, E3 Dance at 7.30p.m. Vernon Hall, Roman Road, (near Prestos)	
LEEDS Saturday December 15 12 noon The Corn Exchange	COVENTRY Saturday December 22 12 noon Sydney Stringer School Vine Street
PETERBOROUGH Saturday December 15 12 noon Taynells Community Centre Orton Goldhay	GLASGOW Saturday December 22 12 noon Rutherglen Burgh Halls King Street
BRISTOL Saturday December 15 12 noon St Pauls Parish Centre Ashley Road St Pauls	MANCHESTER Saturday December 22 12 noon Edgehill Community Centre Salford Precinct
LEICESTER Saturday December 15 12 noon Stockingfarm Community Centre Marwood Road	LIVERPOOL Saturday December 22 12 noon St Finbars Club Dingle Mount
IPSWICH Saturday December 15 1p.m. Stone Lodge Community Centre Hawthorn Drive Chantry	

WORLD
SUMMARYUstinov's
greetings
in print

MOSCOW — The Soviet armed forces daily 'Krasnaya Zvezda' (Red Star) yesterday printed two telegrams of greetings to the Cuban and Laotian armed forces signed by Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov, not seen in public for two months and said by Soviet spokesmen to be seriously ill.

Surrender

PARIS — An officer who deserted from France's strategic nuclear missile base three weeks ago has surrendered to police in Paris after telling reporters he could no longer bear the thought of having to fire the weapons.

Shooting

DACCA — Police shot at demonstrators protesting against evictions at the weekend, killing two people and injuring more than 40.

Charges

LAGOS — Two British engineers, Kenneth Clark and Angus Patterson, are being tried on charges of conspiring to steal an aircraft from Nigeria.

Uprising

OSLO — Six prisoners were still at large at the weekend after an uprising by about 50 inmates in Norway's largest prison.

Build-up

SEOUL — South Korea will spend about a third of its national budget on defence next year in a military build-up against North Korea.

World News Line

KANAKS DEFY
FRENCH RULEBY A FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT

NOUMEA, New Caledonia — President Mitterrand's Socialist Party government has been thrown into crisis in its Pacific colony following a Kanak declaration of independence.

The Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) at the weekend swore in a provisional government of Kanaky (Land of the People) at a village a few miles from Noumea.

The unilateral declaration of independence was in retaliation to the appointment by French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius of Common Market commissioner Edgard Pisani as High Commissioner to New Caledonia.

Authority

Fabius said after an emergency Cabinet meeting that Pisani had been appointed with special authority to implement 'the means under which the right to self-determination will be exercised'.

Hours after the announcement on Saturday, the FLNKS raised the blue, red and green flag of Kanaky — it has a distinctive golden orb at the centre of the tri-coloured stripes — and swore in the provisional



A mass march by Kanaks demanding independence. Inset: MITTERRAND

government under Jean-Marie Tjibaou.

The FLNKS provisional government, which has laid siege to most of the northern region of New Caledonia, issued a counter-demand for the release of all political prisoners held by French authorities.

The unilateral declaration of independence follows two weeks of bitter fighting provoked by French paratroop regiments specially flown in from Paris to police elections last month.

Kanaks boycotted the polls and successfully dis-

rupted the election process in several parts of the islands. Polling booths were set ablaze and ballot boxes axed open by angry opponents of the Paris regime.

A general strike by the white settlers to protest against Mitterrand's inaction has only fuelled Kanak determination to fight the fraudulent administration.

Kanak resistance has raged in defiance of the troops, unaccustomed to the terrain and shocked by the extent of the outrage.

The islands have been

overrun in recent years by heavy white immigration and 65 per cent of the territory — all the cultivable land — is under white control. Kanaks are outnumbered in their homeland.

A clearly cynical exercise promising a referendum for independence in 1989 has been rejected by the FLNKS, which has pointed out that their people have been reduced to only 43 per cent of the population of 145,000.

Mitterrand faces a crisis also with the white colonialist settlers.

The colonialists have demanded a form of autonomy from France and violently oppose any suggestion that the islands may be returned to its rightful owners.

One Kanak fighter and a white settler were shot dead in fighting at the weekend and panicked French authorities airlifted women and children to Noumea.

But the defiant Kanak independence movement has declared Kanaky's headquarters about 5 miles away from the New Caledonian capital.

Malta's
Libyan
treaty

VALLETTA — Malta's parliament today starts debating ratification of a far-reaching security and economic treaty that pledges Libyan military support if the Mediterranean island is threatened.

The five-year treaty, in which Malta undertakes not to allow foreign military bases on the island, marks a reconciliation between the two countries after a period of strained relations.

Under the agreement, signed here on November 19 during a visit by Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, Libya will help train and supply Malta's tiny defence forces, and economic ties will be tightened.

Each side pledges not to join any military alliance that would endanger the security of the other.

In a speech in Valletta last month, Colonel Gaddafi described President Reagan as 'mad' and said the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) wanted to suck independent Malta into the Western military camp.

Libya and Malta's socialist government of Prime Minister Dom Mintoff want all foreign forces out of the Mediterranean region.

The treaty brings relations between Malta and Libya, 200 miles to the south, back to their previous warmth.

In the 1970s Libya sold Malta oil at concessional prices, helped finance the national soccer stadium, donated arms and ambulances and poured millions of dollars into Maltese industry. A mosque was built with Libyan money in the dockyard town of Casal Paola.

Philippine resistance
rocks Marcos regimeBY A FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT

MANILA — New People's Army guerrillas have launched a counter-attack that has stretched Philippine troop resources to the limit on Mindanao Island.

NPA guerrillas on the western coastline have retaliated against troop reinforcements by opening a new front near Davao, on the east coast.

Battle

Twenty guerrillas and 10 soldiers, including a lieutenant, died in a battle 90 miles north east of Zamboanga City yesterday.

Resistance to the Marcos regime's forces has been bitter since the killing earlier this month of Zamboanga City Mayor Cesar Climaco.

The Manila 'Daily Express' newspaper said the

army pounded the guerrillas with artillery.

In Davao, 155 miles east of Manila, NPA guerrillas shot dead four men near a chapel and wounded eight women and children late last night, police said.

Southern Military Command chief Major-General Delfin Castro has ordered all roads to the area sealed.

In Zamboanga City, a civilian was killed and 14 others wounded on Saturday in a grenade attack

on the local headquarters of the civilian Home Defence Force.

Clashes

Five guerrillas and six soldiers have died in clashes in Davao del Norte province, north of Davao City, and in Samar in central Philippines since Thursday, according to military statements.

NPA units have struck frequently at police, military and other targets in Mindanao and other parts of the country and have killed nearly 800 troops and police this year.

● ACCORDING to a special report by army psychiatrists the badly paid, poorly led and inadequately trained Philippine army are becoming psychotic and neurotic.

Pakistanis
discuss
boycott

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's opposition parties met yesterday to discuss a boycott of a plebiscite called by President Zia ul-Haq.

The US-sponsored military dictator has ordered the plebiscite for December 19 on his Islamisation policies.

The main opposition alliance has denounced as a fraud the surprise move, announced at the weekend in a broadcast on national radio and television.

Zia claimed the vote would remove uncertainty about a smooth transfer of power after dubious election pledges he has made for next March.

He said the referendum would pose only one question: whether voters approved his programme to enforce an Islamic order in Pakistan and transfer power to elected representatives after the March poll.

Majority approval for the sinister exercise will automatically extend legalisation of his dictatorship.

Spy plans for Zia

PRESIDENT REAGAN is planning to sell early-warning reconnaissance aircraft to military ruler Zia ul-Haq in a new provocation against Soviet forces in Afghanistan.

Pakistani officials said they had discussed the proposal in a series of meetings with the US officials since August.

The pretext being used is the death of more than 50 people in cross-border air raids and artillery that month.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said Washington was sympathetic to Pakistan's requests.

Reagan would probably send one aircraft early next year for tests along the mountainous 1,300-mile (2,100-kilometre) frontier, they said.

Senator Sam Nunn of the US Senate Armed Services Committee concluded a three-day visit to Pakistan last week.

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HAWKE'S MAJORITY CLIPPED AT POLLS

SYDNEY — Labour Prime Minister Bob Hawke has been re-elected, but with a loss of nearly seven seats in a near-2 per cent swing to the Liberal (Tory) Party at Saturday's general election.

Labour also failed to gain control of the Senate (Upper House), where the Australian Democrats, the bourgeois rump party of former Tory minister Senator Don Chip, is likely to continue to hold the balance.

When counting closed late on Saturday night, election officials said

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Hawke could end up with a parliamentary majority of about 18 seats, from a previous majority of 25.

The results have shattered the jaunty predictions by the capitalist press barons of Australia, who predicted a landslide and unanimously, for the first time in their history, called for a Labour vote.

Their call was an expression of the desperate hope that Hawke would win a mandate for his International Monetary Fund-sponsored austerity measures to pay a foreign debt of about \$40 billion.

The second Hawke gov-

ernment will be a discredited, crisis-ridden regime which faces the immense strength of an undefeated working class who have overwhelmingly rejected his pro-US policies on the economy and nuclear armaments.

Labour Party ranks who have become increasingly disillusioned with his subservience to US imperialist interests will have also been strengthened by the vote.

Saturday's poll has deflated a hoary fiction of Hawke created by the hacks of the capitalist press as a 'winner' and a

trade union 'Mr Fixit'.

The government is wracked by scandals implicating the Prime Minister and senior Labour figures and Labour appointees in the judiciary with a vast network of crime and underworld figures in the country.

The working class has rejected Hawke's economic recipe to 'make Australia great again' and the growing strike movements signal a period of major confrontations.

On Saturday, also the 'swinging' conservative vote of the middle class deserted Hawke, alarmed by threats of increased

taxation and new charges on health, services and consumer goods.

Hawke's threats to impose means tests on pensioners' incomes, slash public spending and curb wage rises also took their toll.

He was forced to lead the party to the polls a full 16 months before they were due because growing hostility to his anti-union policies.

Workers in the building, mining, meatworks, dockyard and manufacturing industries across the country have occupied pits and workshops to protest and to call for a national strike.

Hawke's much-vaunted ALP-ACTU (Australian Labour Party-Australian Council of Trade Unions) accord will take a punishing in his next round of austerity measures.

Sackings are also expected to take off in the steel industry and much of the medium-size metals and consumer goods manufacturing industries in Sydney and Melbourne.

The usually pompous former leader of the ACTU, his confidence deflated by the crushing blow at the ballot box, yesterday pledged his second government would go its full three-year term.

Bank directors told to resign

NEW YORK — Federal authorities have demanded the resignation of ten directors of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, 'The New York Times', reported.

It said the resignation calls came from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), one of several government agencies regulating banks, which became involved in Continental Illinois' affairs after a \$4.5 billion rescue operation in the summer.

A run on Continental's deposits and a series of troubled loans totalling almost \$3 billion led last spring to the biggest bank rescue in American history.



Arafat votes at the PNC in Amman

Amman PNC angers Israel

ISRAELI Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has threatened military action against Jordan because of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's return to Amman.

Rabin warned King Hussein that more and more PLO leaders were settling in the Jordanian capital. He claimed they were directing 'anti-Israeli terrorist attacks' in Lebanon, Europe and Israel itself.

Israeli government sources warned that the king's rapprochement with the PLO could lead to termination of present arrangements by which produce from the occu-

BY JOHN SPENCER

pied West Bank is shipped to Jordan.

At a closing press conference to mark the end of the council meeting on Thursday night, PLO chairman Yassir Arafat said the organisation agreed with Hussein on the holding of an international peace conference under UN auspices and with the participation of all parties involved in the Middle East conflict.

Arafat said that when he met Hussein during the PNC session, they had agreed that resolutions adopted by most Arab countries at the Fez summit in Morocco provided the most feasible formula.

Hussein is presently in Cairo for three days of

talks with President Hosni Mubarak. There was speculation around the PNC that Arafat might join them there.

However, at his press conference, he said: 'My problem is that I am a democrat. I can't give you an answer (about a possible trip to Cairo) unless I go back to my colleagues.'

Some of the strongest criticism of Arafat during the PNC concerned his decision to meet Mubarak after the evacuation of Tripoli at the end of 1983.

But the meeting concluded by re-electing him almost unanimously as chairman, and he was also endorsed in a separate vote by the newly-elected executive committee.

Visit

Asked at his press conference whether he considered his visit to Cairo a sufficient step towards reinforcement of bilateral relations with Egypt, Arafat replied:

'Definitely not when one knows that Egypt has offered 86,000 martyrs and wounded to Palestine — 22 people for every Egyptian village. It is my intimate conviction that the Egyptian people which has made so many sacrifices for Palestine will take more steps in this direction.'

'The relationship we have with the Egyptian people and their leadership is not measured by steps.'

Clearly, the Israeli government has cause to fear not merely the new Jordanian-Palestinian relationship, but also a change in relations between Egypt and the PLO.

Rabin's remarks are an indication that the Zionist regime plans violent action to try and sabotage these gains of the PNC.

Desert test

EDWARDS Air Base, California — A remote-controlled airliner carrying 75 dummy passengers was enveloped in flames when it was sent crashing into California's Mojave desert on Saturday to test a British fuel additive developed to reduce fire danger.

US aviation officials had expected some flames from the crash, but James Woodall, a special assistant to the Federal Aviation Administration, said early indications were that there would have been no survivors.

ICI has spent £10 million over the past 17 years developing Avgard, an anti-misting kerosene additive, designed to reduce the risk of fires in accidents, and is currently spending a million a year.

Cardinal bans Solidarity priest

WARSAW — The primate of Poland, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, has banned a militant pro-Solidarity priest from preaching in the country's Roman Catholic pulpits.

He issued the order at the weekend, in the wake of a government autopsy that officially confirmed murdered priest Jerzy Popieluszko's death of suffocation and was beaten before his death.

Father Stanislaw Malkowski, a close friend of Popieluszko's, has led pilgrimages to the spot where the dead priest's body was found.

Glemp ordered a ban on political activity by all priests and singled out Malkowski.

In a letter to the Roman Catholic churches, Glemp said he had taken the ac-

tion because 'the word preached by (Malkowski) was alien to the spirit of the gospel'.

'I command all administrators of churches not to permit the Rev. Stanislaw Malkowski to preach the word of God in their premises.'

Glemp's order is closely linked to his visit to the Vatican last week, where he met Pope John Paul II.

PAP, the official news agency, said three security police officers who had confessed to the murder would be charged this month.

Popieluszko was beaten on the upper body with a 'hard, blunt instrument, most probably a baton or a hand wrapped in a rag' but this did not kill him. There was no evidence that the priest drowned.

Curfew spreads in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO — Security forces extended a curfew in five northern Sri Lanka provinces yesterday after Tamil liberation organisations renewed attacks on government resettlement villages.

The attacks were provoked by a Sri Lankan air force raid on Saturday on Tamil fishing vessels in Palk Strait, the narrow waterway that separates the island from the Indian subcontinent.

Yesterday's raid on the villages, part of the racist Sinhala regime's scheme to seize traditional Tamil land, marked an escalation of the civil war in the north.

The villages are about 30 miles from two 'rehabilitation' farms for con-

victed criminals in the central north, which the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam raided last Friday.

Yesterday's raid was on the 'rehabilitation' village of Nyaru, ten miles along the east coast from Trincomalee port.

A government statement said at least 27 bodies were found lying on the road and 30 bodies had been spotted from the air near the village of Kokkila, about 30 miles from Trincomalee.

Colombo has mounted an unscrupulous disinformation campaign and casualty figures are distorted to give an impression of Tamil guerrilla atrocities and cover up

wanton killings by the army.

The big lie campaign coincides with the appointment of Wickrema Weerasooria, a senior civil service bureaucrat, as official spokesman on the civil war.

Weerasooria claimed the air force had opened fire on the Palk Strait boats because they allegedly contained 180 Tamil guerrillas.

An Indian External Affairs Ministry statement yesterday routinely dismissed the charge. 'There is no question of any kind of invasion of Sri Lanka being organised from any part of India,' a spokesman said in New Delhi.

WEATHER

THICK cloud and rain over northern Ireland, Wales and southwest England will spread eastwards into Scotland and the rest of England reaching eastern parts of England by evening. The rain in western areas will turn showery later. North-east Scotland and the northern isles will remain cloudy with outbreaks of rain throughout. Temperatures will be generally near normal. **Outlook for Tuesday and Wednesday:** Showers or longer outbreaks of rain, also drier and brighter interludes, temperatures near or rather above normal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTH EAST

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

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

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY: Sunday December 16, 3p.m. Lecture Room, Sidney Stringer School, Vine Street.

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ACID RAIN DECEPTION

**Wrong
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say the
Friends
of the
Earth**

THE GOVERNMENT and the state-owned electricity industry have been accused of deception over the costs of reducing acid rain pollution, environmentalists Friends of the Earth said yesterday.

The group claimed that while several hundreds of millions of pounds of damage is being done to crops, forests, waterways and buildings, the Central Electricity Generating Board are deliberately over-estimating the cost of installing 'scrubbers' in power stations to reduce pollution.

They also charge the CEGB with falsely proposing nuclear power as an alternative to a clean-up of traditional coal-fired stations, ignoring a cost ten times that of installing the purifying equipment in current stations.

The latest attack on the government over its inactivity comes alongside the latest information on damage to the environment by acid rain.

In Wales, over 120 rivers have now suffered acid rain damage, though the greatest fears for the future of fish stocks involve the waters of Galloway and Cumbria. Fish populations are now extinct in Loch Enoch and Loch Fleet.

Victims amongst other wildlife include the Natterjack toad, rare lichens, the otter, and the char. An estimated £200 million is lost annually through damage to agricultural crops, the report says, quoting figures from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology.

'Soil acidity in Scotland and Wales is now concerning agriculturalists because there is evidence of reduced yields of cereals and root crops, grass and possibly, sheep, on acidified pastures,' the report says.

In addition, the report gives the first findings of surveys of forests in Scotland.

PAPER ROW PUT OFF A WEEK

THE THREAT of suspension over 14 sub-editors who refused to use new technology at Portsmouth's evening newspaper 'The News' has been deferred for seven days.

A management spokesman said on Saturday that after talks with the National Union of Journalists, it was extending the deadline for the suspensions by one week - until December 10.

The NUJ is refusing to use the new equipment, which enables stories to be converted directly into type and in some cases edited on VDU screens, because it wants to negotiate an agreement about its introduction.

It says it is unhappy with certain aspects of the technology, including health and safety matters. It is also unhappy about plans to give special bargaining rights to three members of the National Graphical Association who are to train as sub-editors.

BY A SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

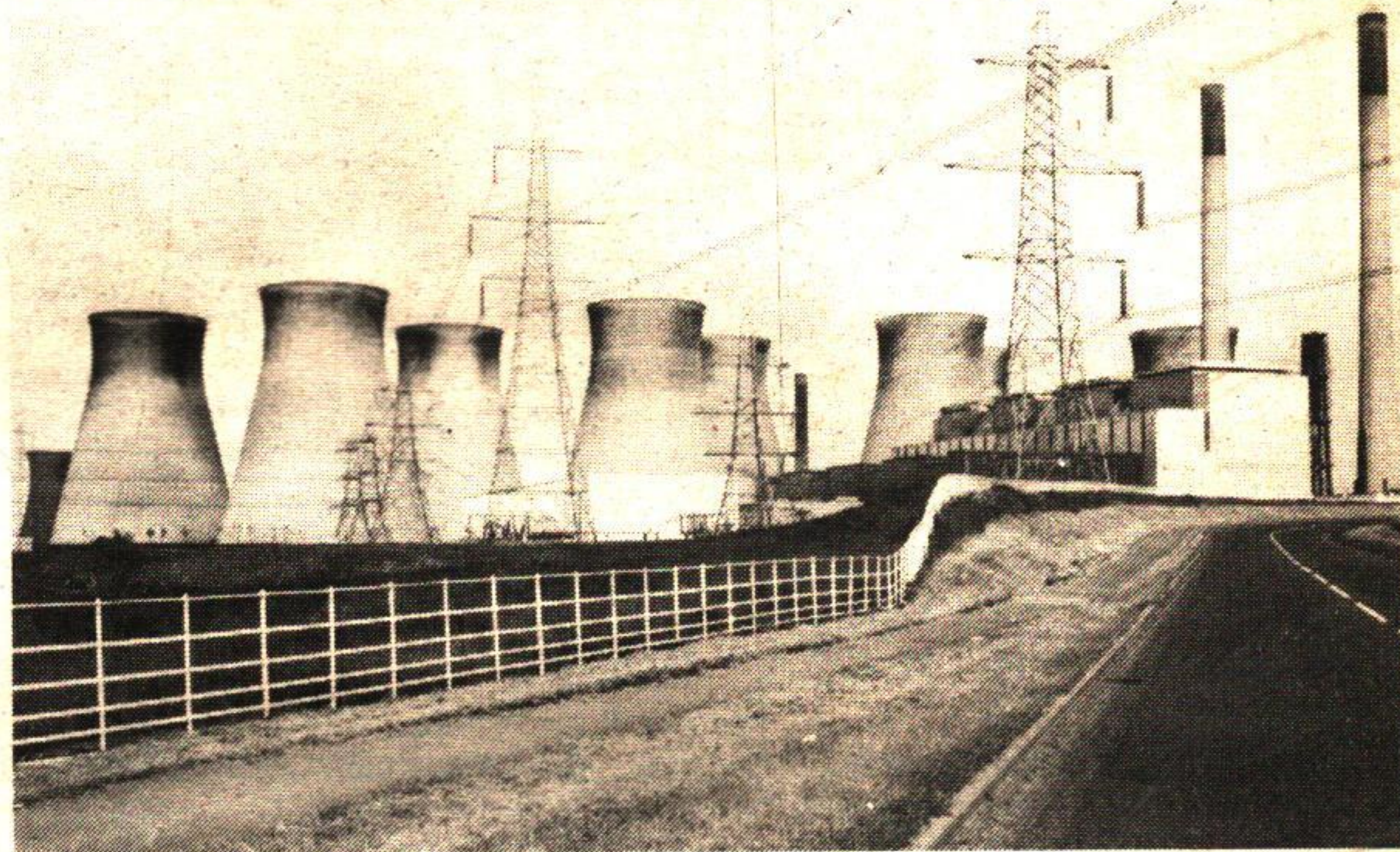
land which, contrary to official government claims, are showing the first signs of the damage to foliage now widespread in West Germany.

Buildings, cars and machinery are also damaged by acid rain, though the amount of financial cost due to corrosion is difficult to calculate.

Costs

However, the environmental group are convinced that the running annual costs due to acid rain would rapidly recoup the £1.4 billion once-only cost of installing cleaning devices in coal-fired stations.

While the government have claimed that the cost of cleaning up the air would put up electricity prices by up to 15 per cent, the real figure is closer to 5 per cent - even if the entire cost is borne by the electricity consumer, Friends of the Earth say.



The Electricity Board is deliberately inflating estimates of the cost of reducing power station pollution, says FoE

Linda's 26-year power-bill

JOBLESS Linda Munro has received an electricity bill of £1,337 - for just 12 weeks supply to a one-bedroomed flat she shares with her sister.

Linda's local electricity board insists there is no mistake. But trading standards experts say she couldn't have run up such a bill even if she had left every appliance on 24 hours a day for the past two years.

And she uses gas for heating and cooking.

Linda, 21, of Kirkby, near Liverpool, has £4 taken off her weekly DHSS money to pay for electricity. She reckons it could take 25 years to pay off the £1,337.

She said: 'I feel like I'm supplying the whole

block. They must have made a mistake.'

But Manweb, which supplies electricity to Linda's flat, says it has double checked and the bill is right.

A spokesman said: 'There is definitely nothing wrong with the meters, but we are still investigating. We want to come up with a responsible agreement between both parties.'

Film shows RUC murderers lied

Evidence on TV tomorrow

A FILM which shows the plastic bullet killing of a young mother on a Belfast street is to be screened by ITV tomorrow night.

The film, which investigates the death of Mrs Norah McCabe, 33 - killed on July 8, 1981 - is 'an indictment of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's handling of the case and of the continued use of plastic bullets,' says Yorkshire Television.

RUC officers said at the inquest on Mrs McCabe that they did not fire at her.

Eye-witnesses at the scene claimed that a shot was fired from a police Land Rover, and a post-mortem examination found that her

injuries were consistent with those caused by a plastic baton round.

What the RUC didn't know was that Canadian cameraman Jean-Pierre Plouffe captured the whole incident. His footage will be shown for

the first time in 'First Tuesday' at 10.30p.m.

Norah's husband Jim, now looking after his three children, says: 'Without that video another miscarriage of justice would have gone unseen.'

• The McCabe family received undisclosed damages from the RUC in an out-of-court settlement last Thursday.

The not so golden age of pedal power

BRITISH RAIL has reversed its policy towards cyclists and is imposing more and more restrictions to keep them off trains, a leading cycle campaigner said yesterday.

'In the heady days of the late 1970s, British Rail became one of the finest friends to the cyclist. However, some seven years on, things are very different,' said Peter Lumley, editor

of 'Bicycle Times'.

One problem has been the spread of the 125 trains, which have limited luggage space.

'At the very time when British Rail were encouraging cyclists back on to the rail network, they found themselves lumbered with rolling stock which could not cope with the demand they themselves had created,' Lumley said.

• Meanwhile, British Rail chairman Bob Reid promises today that rail travellers can look forward to trains that are better, faster and arrive on time.

Reid speaks of 'an improving quality of rail service despite the lower subsidies from government' in 'The Director' magazine.

A £2.2 billion investment programme over the next five years is the biggest for

BR in 20 years, he writes.

The BR chairman forecasts Inter-City services will be fully commercial and making a profit of £34 million by 1989.

And he speaks of 'a golden age of the train' for the year 2000, with better average train speeds and shorter journey times matched by improved punctuality and reliability.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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Merthyr families' voucher lobby

MINERS and their wives from the four pits in the Merthyr area of South Wales — Deep Navigation, Merthyr Vale, Taff Merthyr and Trelewis Drift — lobbied councillors at Merthyr Town Hall last Thursday to demand a £10 voucher to help sustain them over Christmas.

Rhymney Valley council has already given £10 vouchers and Merthyr miners want the same support from their council — even if, as it claims, the council would be unable to balance its books.

News Line spoke to a retired miner Terry Sargent and his daughter Rosemary Nash, who attended the lobby.

'The council should give the £10, a lot of us are on the breadline,' said Terry. 'I get £3 from Social Security with my hardship and family allowance, and this will drop to £1.60 next week because of a small rise in my hardship and a 70p rise in family allowance for two of my children.'

'We had a grant off the council in September for

the children to start school, for clothes and shoes etc, but the shoes are gone now. They should give something coming up to Christmas.'

'Mrs Thatcher has one thing on her mind — the destruction of the unions, not only the miners', but all unions.'

Butcher

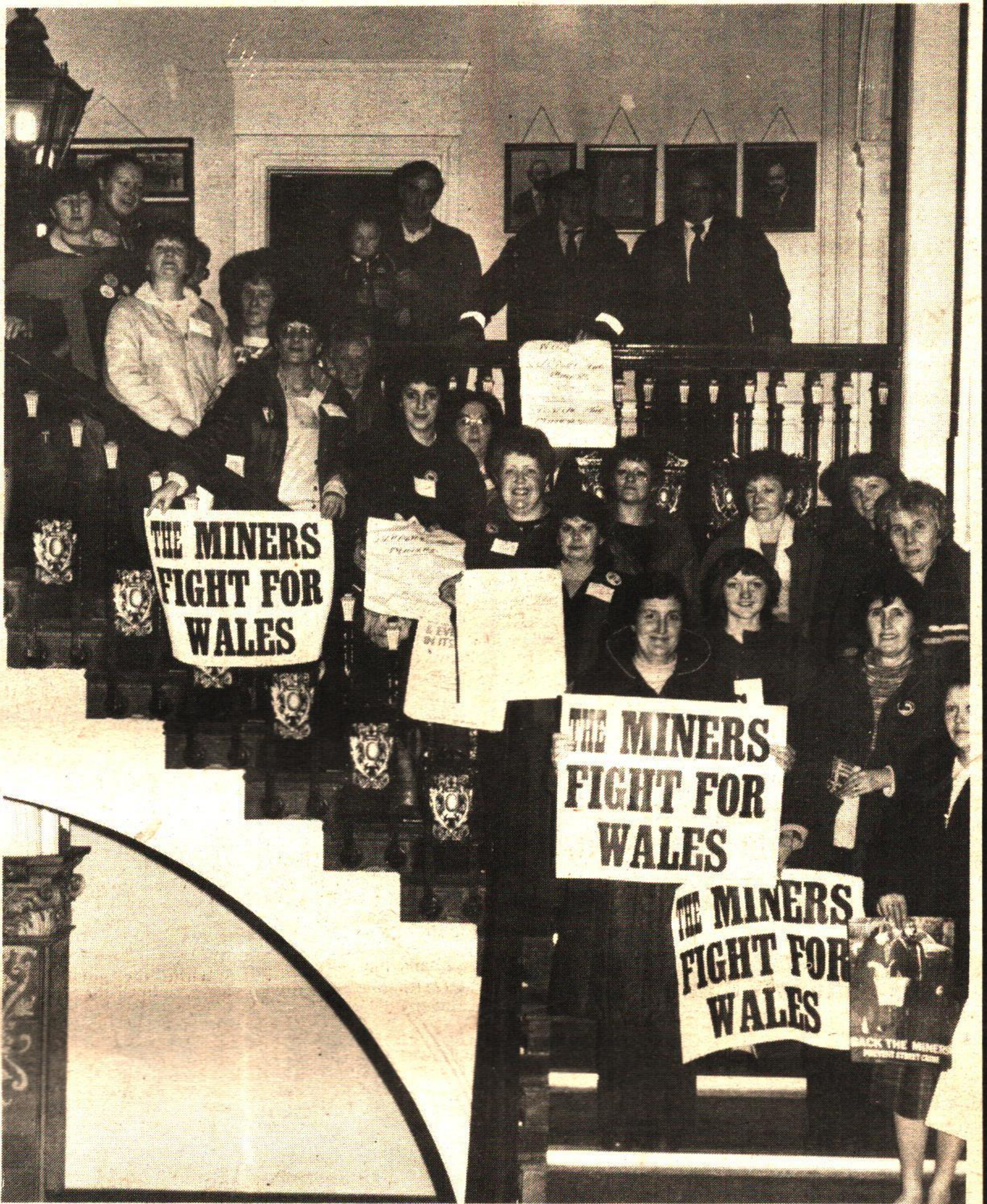
'She appointed MacGregor purely to butcher our industry. When she's got something in her head she'll never change it.'

'The whole TUC and labour movement should have a General Strike. As I said before it's not only miners under attack, it's all unions. After the miners, if we are defeated, she'll butcher the lot.'

'Kinnock in a way is going a bit like Thatcher. He's blaming the miners for the strike and the violence. He mentions the police in passing, but by his statements he blames the miners. He ought to realise the miners form the biggest support of the Labour Party of anyone.'

Rosemary, whose husband is also a miner, said: 'We need support over Christmas. We don't get anything for the men and for me and Arron we get £12.50 a week, which keeps three of us.'

'We support the men 100 per cent. Every woman should stand with them. It's for the kids' future as well. If we are defeated then there won't be any jobs left for anyone.'



Miners' wives lobbied councillors at Merthyr Town Hall last week demanding a £10 Christmas voucher



Retired miner Terry Sargent with his daughter Rosemary Nash and grandchild Arron. . Thatcher is out to destroy all the unions

Dig deaths were an accident

INQUEST JURY

VERDICTS of accidental death were returned by an inquest jury late on Friday on two teenage brothers buried under tons of earth while digging for coal.

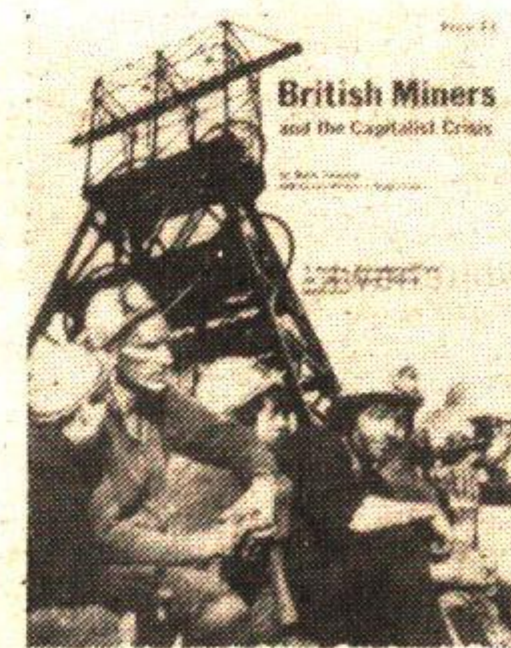
Paul Holmes, 15, and his 14-year-old brother Darren died just 100 yards from their home in the Yorkshire pit village of Goldthorpe, near Barnsley, when part of a railway embankment collapsed.

The Sheffield inquest was told that the two boys joined friends digging into a coal seam in the embankment near Barnsley Road on November 18.

A dangerous overhang collapsed, burying the brothers and trapping another boy up to the waist.

The boys' parents used their bare hands as they joined police and firemen in a vain attempt to dig them free.

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Laird and Gill operate the anti-union laws

WHILE the National Union of Mineworkers is fighting an inspiring battle to defend basic democratic rights, the TUC right wing is selling those selfsame rights hand-over-fist to Thatcher's Tory regime.

For example, Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW), is pressing his membership to comply with the Tory anti-union laws by accepting government cash for conducting ballots.

In a special statement published today Laird says it 'verges on the criminal for us to throw away the opportunity to get £1 million' from the Tories to finance secret postal ballots.

Not only should they jump to the tune of the Tories, they should do it fast. According to the Laird: 'If we do not apply before February 5, 1985, the opportunity of getting in the region of £1 million of our own (taxpayers) money is gone for ever.'

Whichever way you look at it, the cash offered by the Thatcher regime is 'Judas money'. It is the same colour as the money paid to bribe scabs to break the miners' strike.

Throughout their entire history the Tories have never given the trade unions in this country anything for nothing. So what price will unions who collaborate with the anti-union laws have to pay?

They sell part of their independence to the capitalist state and therefore become dependent on the state. It means surrendering basic trade union rights to the ruling class and taking a further step towards the incorporation of the trade unions into the corporatist state.

In today's 'AUEW Journal' Laird recalls that in 1981 the lay member National Committee voted by 55 to 36 to reject an application from the right-wing Executive Council for permission to apply for Tory money under the 1980 Employment Act.

Subsequently the right wing went to court and got a High Court ruling that the National Committee's decision was illegal. Laird now says that the judge's ruling that the composition of the National Committee was illegal should be accepted.

In other words, Laird places the class verdicts of the judiciary higher than the democratic decisions of the union's own bodies and creates conditions where the capitalist state dictates the conduct of union affairs.

The same thing happened in last month's Austin Rover strike. As soon as the company went to court and gained an injunction outlawing the strike, it was the AUEW and electricians' union leaders who rushed into the High Court to declare their complete opposition to the strike.

And when the judge began handing out contempt of court threats, Stalinist Ken Gill, leader of the white collar engineering union TASS, also broke ranks with the miners and went to the High Court.

Normally, Gill only has to sneeze and it's worth half a page in the 'Morning Star'. After all, he is also chairman of the Peoples Press Printing Society management committee, the body that runs the Stalinist daily. But his union's High Court appearances last week only rated footnote coverage in his own paper.

The Tory judiciary relished Mr Gill's servile presence in court alongside Mr Stephen Sedley, QC. That is why Mr Justice Hodgson merely slapped him on the wrist and imposed no fine at all.

By operating the Tory anti-union laws, the right-wing TUC bureaucrats and the fake 'lefts' like Gill are dealing treacherous blows to the nine-month miners' strike and the embattled NUM. It is Corporatism with a capital 'C'. There is no other word for it.

ORGANISE A GENERAL



Kinnock and Scargill on the platform at Friday's meeting



Huge ovation for Scargill



Miners applaud Scargill but gave Kinnock a hostile reception.

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Unite behind the miners—says GLC leader

EVERY struggle pending against the Thatcher government should be advanced to unite the labour and trade union movement behind the miners, Greater London Council leader Ken Livingstone said yesterday.

He was addressing 800 delegates to a conference in solidarity with the NUM organised by the Mineworkers' Defence Committee at Camden Town Hall in London.

Livingstone called on local councils faced with rate-capping to defy the Tories' legislation and stand firm and refuse to make drastic cuts in jobs and services.

To loud applause he said: 'Every council which stands firm will strengthen the NUM in its struggle and every council that gives in will betray the NUM and stab it in the back.'

He attacked labour and TUC leaders who had responded to the Tories and their press by condemning pickets fighting for the right to work.

'We must say firmly that their job is to defend the NUM and not to be drawn across class lines onto grounds set by the Tories.'

He demanded a commitment from Labour MPs that a future Labour government will repay in full to every strikers' family the money stolen from them through Tory cuts in supplementary benefit.

Dave Saunders, a seamen's union representative from Felixstowe, told the conference that his members had taken

strike action when he was recently arrested on an NUM picket line in North Derbyshire.

He said that regular collections had now to be translated into industrial action in support of the miners.

Inky Thompson, Yorkshire NUM executive member, said: 'The miners' strike of 1984 is very significant. It is different to any other industrial dispute that taken place.'

'It's not over some working conditions or over wages. It's a battle against unemployment. It's a battle for the pride and dignity of employment.'

Support

Thompson thanked the trade union movement for its expressions of moral support and financial aid. But he added: 'It's practical support that's needed to bring this struggle to a quick and successful conclusion.'

This call was echoed by another Yorkshire miner who, after hearing speech after speech pledging solidarity and financial support to the NUM, came to the rostrum and said:

'It amazes me that it's taken nine months to organise a conference to tell people we're out on strike. Come out with us now and when they try to move coal from pitheads get out with us to stop it.'

Other unions must take strike action — Scargill tells Stoke rally

ELOQUENT speeches, messages of support and resolutions are not enough, other unions must take strike action to back the miners, NUM president Arthur Scargill told a rally in Stoke-on-Trent on Friday night.

To thunderous applause he said: 'We have a right to

BY SIMON VEVERS

ask for that assistance because this union is under attack from the Thatcher government, the National Coal Board and the judiciary.

'I say to the labour and trade union movement give us some support now with

industrial action, stop the use of scab coal, coke and oil.'

Scargill said: 'It was an act of violence when this government and the National Coal Board decided to axe 20,000 jobs and 20 pits.'

And he added: 'As the T&GWU are beginning to

understand this government is determined not only to destroy the NUM but the trade union movement itself.'

In a message to all striking miners Scargill said: 'Don't think for a second that you are isolated. Besides the tremendous solidarity and support in Britain, workers all over the world as far as Australia have taken action.'

'If the so-called "socialist" government of Poland had shown the same determination as the Australian workers have shown then they'd have stopped every cobbler of coal coming into this country.'

Scargill sat down to a long standing ovation from the 1,600-strong audience, which contrasted with the boos and jeering that greeted Labour leader Neil Kinnock, who spent the first 20 minutes of his speech condemning so-called picket line violence.

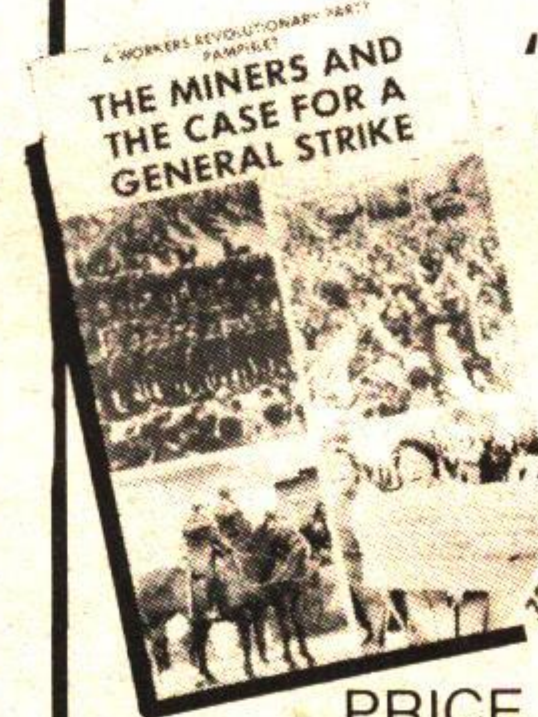
Striking miners, who had managed to get into the Kings Hall despite desperate attempts to keep them out, joined in the hostile reception.



Stan Orme joins with the audience to greet Scargill as he arrives at the rally

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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.



Pickets at the Agecroft colliery near Manchester. Members of the Sherburn Family Support group joined the picket lines here

Family support group plays a crucial role

THE Sherburn Family Support Group has played a crucial role in maintaining the solidarity among striking miners in North Yorkshire.

Pat Thomas is a member of the group whose husband and twin sons work at Selby pit. Her brother is also a miner.

She said: 'I am proud of my sons. They are working in pits where the future is assured, but they are on strike fighting for the rest.'

'Sherburn is not a traditional mining area, so we have had some difficulties.'

'The strike has brought out talents that we didn't know we had. We've organised jumble sales, market stalls, autumn fairs and sponsored bed pushes. We've spoken at dozens of meetings all over the place.'

'At present we are organising a Christmas party and also rehearsing a pantomime for the kids.'

'We do 120 food parcels every week. Any striking miner in Sherburn and South Milford gets a parcel, irrespective of the pit he works at. We've never turned anybody away.'

'I'm disappointed that some men have gone back to work. But I think this is where we women can help to stop it, by working harder, getting more support for our families and lifting the morale of the men. By doing this we can sustain

the strike and bring victory closer.'

'We've been picketing at Agecroft and we are thinking of going on the picket line again. We want to go and give our men support and stop the drift back to work. We all back our husbands and we will carry on the fight for as long as it takes.'

Glenis Krysiak is also a member of the group. She said:

'We've got used to the strike. I don't want the miners to go back until we win. We are more determined than ever to stick it out.'

Decent

'A year ago I wouldn't have believed we could survive. We were used to decent wages and a decent standard of living. Now we are at rock bottom. We have £20.40 plus family allowance to keep my husband, myself and three children.'

'Mark, my four-year-old, needed built-up shoes, but the Social Services said "no way". They more or less told us he would have to go barefoot. They said they personally support the strike, but there was nothing they could do. In the end I got the money from my parents. They have been fantastic.'

'It's hard to remember how things were before

the strike. Recently we went to my mother's for the weekend. She took us to the supermarket. We hadn't been there since the beginning of the strike. I went a bit mad, because I wasn't paying. You get frightened to pick things up. You look at the price and put it back down again.'

'I've always paid my way. I can't pay my electric bill. They wanted £1 a week for the first bill — now they are demanding £7 a week. Everybody wants a piece of the pie.'

'We came to Sherburn from East Ardsley. My husband used to work at Lofthouse pit. We've lived here for three years and I never liked it. We didn't know anybody and we weren't welcome.'

'But we have built a community out of the strike. We've been on a 24-mile bed push to York. We've performed on stage. It's brought us all out. We are not scared to say what we think and we'll venture into anything.'

'I can't repeat to you what I think about the scabs who are going back. They say they are under pressure — but we are all under the same pressure. What they are doing is making things much worse. If the whole union came out the strike would be over much quicker.'

'We're determined to stick it out'

'We are dirt to Thatcher, just cannon fodder. Miners risk their lives every day. A friend of my husband was transferred to Gascoigne Wood three months before we were. He had moved into a new house with his wife and three children. He was killed in his first week at the new pit. My husband still can't believe he is dead. We don't talk about it.'

Accidents

'I don't really like my husband working down the pit. He works in the most modern pit in Europe and there are still accidents. Selby Pit is floating on an artesian water bed. On one occasion, my husband was up to his chest in water. If you haven't worked down the pit, it is impossible to understand. The dangers are there all the time.'

'I don't know how long the strike will go on. It's gone so far for nine months, so another nine months won't make any difference. We will go on for as long as it takes.'

'Nothing lasts for ever. It's going to be a hard Christmas, but there will be plenty more Christmases. This is just one. When the battle is won and the men go back to work, we will have our Christmas and it will last for weeks!'

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Protest to support jailed students

STUDENTS have called for a demonstration tomorrow outside Pentonville prison in London in support of two jailed students.

Steve Tasane and John Letham were jailed for 16 days last Wednesday for defying a High Court in-

junction to prevent them stopping National Front student Patrick Harrington from attending lectures at North London Polytechnic.

A spokesman said: 'We hope to see the biggest demonstration outside Pentonville.'

Grant cuts condemned

THE principal of Aberdeen University, professor George McNichol, yesterday described the Tory government's decision to cut student grants as 'mean and short-sighted'.



MSC makes cuts in skills training

TWO skills training aspects of the Manpower Services Commission are to be drastically cut — Skillcentres and Information Technology Centres.

The MSC announced plans to close 29 out of 87 Skillcentres, with the loss of 1,050 jobs, by 1986.

And government grants for Information Technology Centres, set up by the MSC as an 'emergency measure' after the Brixton and Toxteth riots, are to be axed.

The Skillcentre plans are officially due to be presented to the MSC monthly meeting on December 13.

But a leading civil service union has revealed that moves are already underway to carry out the closures, regardless of what that meeting decides.

At least 300 'industrial grade' staff will be made compulsorily redundant.

The Civil Service Union has produced evidence proving that lies have been told about the MSC plans.

A letter from the Skill Centre Training Agency's western region operation manager's office in Bristol, dated October 30, states: 'The Skillcentre Training Agency intends to close the Yate Annexe at the end of the current financial year. Training will cease on 31 March 1985 and it is anticipated that the premises would be empty around June 1985.'

The letter asks for in-

formation on the state of the local property market, should the government have no alternative use for the building.

Yet a message to Skillcentre staff from MSC chief executive Ron Stephenson stressed that the plans were only 'proposals' and that final decisions belonged to the MSC.

Lies

John Randall, the union's deputy general secretary, said: 'My members were told lies by management. How can these plans be "proposals" only if steps have already been taken to sell off the Skillcentres that Ron Stephenson wants to shut?'

Randall added: 'It is quite clear that senior management, no doubt with the approval of ministers, are trying to bounce the Commission into taking the closure decisions that they want.'

'I trust that Commissioners will have the independence and integrity to refuse to be manipulated in this way.'

'Industrial training in this country will not be



A Young Socialist demonstration demanding the Tories withdraw support and participation in the MSC

helped in any way by sacking Skillcentre instructors. If anyone is to be sacked it should be Ron Stephenson.'

Information Technology Centres, also run by the Manpower Services Commission, were set up, according to Labour education and training spokesman Barry Sheerman, as a 'crisis measure in response to the Brixton and Toxteth riots'.

'They are funded by the MSC through the Youth Training Scheme, receiving additional 'top-up' grants for equipment and to attract the necessary staff.

These grants were provided by the Department of Trade and Industry, at first for two years, later extended to three.

There are 175 Information Technology Centres with about 6,000 youth involved.

With the grant cut, the centres would be expected to make extra money by trading and making profits, thus threatening what training element they contain.

These latest moves by the MSC expose its real role as the Tory government's cheap labour training agency. Any ves-

tige of skills training within the Tory cheap labour schemes is being removed fast, because it does not make a profit.

The latest announcements confirm clearly that it is impossible to reform the MSC. Once again, the case is clear. The TUC must withdraw at once all support for and participation in the MSC.

By staying inside this corporatist body they are merely assisting the Tory government in its plans to smash wages, trade unionism and turn the unemployed youth against older workers.

Tories back 'work for nothing' schemes

THE GOVERNMENT has endorsed the continuation of a scheme which pays money to finance projects getting young people to work for nothing.

A Department of Health and Social Security document, 'Opportunities for Volunteering — the Future', outlines plans to expand the DHSS scheme, along with grants to the Manpower

Services Commission for similar schemes it runs.

The government has already provided several million pounds for the MSC-run Voluntary Projects Programme as well as the DHSS's Opportunities for Volunteering scheme.

The type of work involves looking after old people, health care and various community projects — without being

paid a penny.

The DHSS scheme says all projects entitled to grants must be of 'assistance' in the fields of health and/or social services.

The government document calls for the specific involvement of young people, whereas in the past it has not been directed at one particular segment of the population of working age.

Tory Employment Minister Tom King is also considering a massive expansion of the MSC's Community Programme, at present limited to 130,000 places, which pays 18-24 year-olds a maximum of about £63 a week on temporary community-type schemes.

All these schemes are designed to undermine existing social services provision

YTS in hostels

THE Youth Hostels Association has reversed its commercial decline because youth on cheap labour schemes are accommodated in its hostels. National vice-chairman Lindsey Porter said the increase was despite falling membership.

His own region, which includes the peak area, has 26 hostels, and the number of meals served in the past year has risen from 229,426 to 251,630. Overnight stays are up more than 6 per cent.

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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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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. 9.10 Food and Drink. 9.40 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 Pigeon Street. 2.00 The World of Cooking. 2.25 See Hear! 2.50 In the Making. 3.10 Songs of Praise. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Monday. 4.10 The Hunter. 4.15 The Prince Who Hiccapped. 4.30 Laurel and Hardy. 4.35 Dungeons and Dragons. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Blue Peter. 5.35 Gloria. 5.58 Weatherman. 6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS. 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES. 6.55 HARTY Russell Harty's line-up includes singer Tony Bennett. 7.40 IT'S MAX BOYCE.

8.10 PANORAMA *Wasting Welfare* A look at the government's proposals for slashing Social Security benefits. 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman. 9.25 THE MONDAY FILM: *Carbon Copy* (1981) Walter Whitney a well-heeled executive with a Rolls Royce, beautiful house and membership of an exclusive golf club is shocked when Roger Porter, a young black teenager, arrives at his office and greets him: 'Hi Dad!'. With George Segal, Susan Saint James and Jack Warden. 10.55 FILM 84 Barry Norman reviews the film scene, including 'Ghostbusters', 'The Killing Fields' and 'Give My Regards to Broad Street'. 11.23 News Headlines. 11.25 16 UP *Happy Loving Couples*. 11.55 Weatherman; Closedown.

BBC WALES: 5.30 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Grange Hill.

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9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.50 The Tribal Eye. 4.40 Spotlight. 5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather. 5.30 HEY LOOK... THAT'S ME! Chris Harris and his pink caravan are in France heading for Bayeux, home of the famous tapestry. 6.00 HOLLYWOOD LADIES Rita Hayworth in *Lady from Shanghai* (1948) Highly complex thriller with the wealthy members of a party on board a yacht each crossing and double-crossing the other. Hayworth's husband Orson Welles directs and co-stars. Also with Everett Sloane. 7.25 CARTOON TWO *Gallery*. 7.35 KEN HOM'S CHINESE COOKERY The last programme in the series looks at classic techniques for cooking *Rice*. 8.00 TO THE MANOR BORN.

8.30 THE NEW STATESMAN The day arrives which George Vance, museum curator, has always looked forward to, when greatness would be thrust upon him. 9.00 LAUGH??? I NEARLY PAID MY LICENCE FEE! Comedy series with Robbie Coltrane, Ron Bain, Louise Gold and John Sessions. 9.25 HORIZON *Ivan* A look at the little-understood illness of Parkinson's disease. Jonathan Miller spends a week with sufferer Ivan Vaughan and watches how he copes, often with humour, with the disease's symptoms. 10.20 FRANK DELANEY Frank Delaney talks to Dannie Abse, Janet Morgan and Edward Blisshen. 10.55 NEWSNIGHT. 11.40 BUONGIORNO ITALIA! Italian for beginners. 12.10 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

2.35 VIETNAM — THE TEN THOUSAND DAY WAR *Westy's War*. 3.00 THE LATE LATE SHOW. 4.00 A PLUS 4. 4.30 COUNTDOWN Richard Whiteley presents another round of the words and numbers game. 5.00 ALICE *The Happy Hoofers*. 5.30 BLACK AND WHITE AND READ ALL OVER Dona Croll and Michael Rosen present this series about children's books. Today actress Josephine Welcome will be reading extracts from *Tales from India*. 6.00 COUNTING ON. 6.30 GALLERY The panel game about art and artists chaired by George Melly. 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS. 7.50 COMMENT By economist Arthur Shenfield; followed by Weather. 8.00 BROOKSIDE. 8.30 IT'S NEVER TO LATE First of four sitcoms from YTV starring Peggy Mount and Pat Coombs as sisters living in the same town. 9.00 THE ALGERIAN WAR *The Suitcase or the Coffin* Tonight's episode chronicles the bloody climax to the war. It deals with the negotiations which led to the ceasefire and the mass exodus of Europeans. 10.00 ST ELSEWHERE *After Dark*. 10.55 THE ELEVENTH HOUR presents *Ledezeza* This Venezuelan documentary begins by investigating a triple murder committed by a policeman in the capital, Caracas, but as the police authorities try to prevent the making of the film it becomes a portrait of police corruption. The film was eventually banned from completion. 12.35 Close.

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Alternatives. 11.25 Cartoon Time. 11.35 Movie Memories. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Film: *Rooney* (1958) With John Gregson and Barry Fitzgerald. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins. 6.25 HELP! 6.35 CROSSROADS. 7.00 AUTOMANIA *Car Versus People* A look at the economic and social cost of cars in Third World countries. 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 RISING DAMP *Stage Struck* Rigsby is the only member of the household who is not stagestruck when an actor arrives at the boarding house. 8.30 WORLD IN ACTION. 9.00 QUINCY. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*. 10.30 HAMMER HOUSE OF MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE *Czech Mate*. 11.55 THE BOUNDER *Love Me, Love My Dog*. 12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS and Closedown.

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00-2.15 Yr Efeiliad. 3.00 The Late, Late Show. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Let's Parlez Franglais. 4.45 Cadwgan. 5.00 Ysgoloriaeth. 5.30 The Human Jungle. 6.30 Annwyl Angharad. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Arolwg. 8.00 Treasure Hunt; News Headlines. 9.00 Torri Gwynn. 9.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 10.00 Rock 'n' America. 10.30 Just Sex. 11.10 Gallery. 11.40 Karen Armstrong. 12.10 Close.

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 We'll Meet Again. 2.30 Scramble! 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Protectors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 SONS AND DAUGHTERS Drama series about two Australian families. 6.30 GRANADA REPORTS The latest news and reports from around the North West. 7.00 AUTOMANIA *Car Versus People* A look at the 'Jeepney' in the Philippines and at cars in Brazil which are mostly run on alcohol. Presented by Julian Pettifer. 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 RISING DAMP *Stage Struck*. 8.30 WORLD IN ACTION. 9.00 QUINCY *The Law is a Fool*. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 BENSON *Love in a Funny Position*. 11.00 THE WEEK TONIGHT Live reports and investigations into stories behind the headlines. 11.45 CASABLANCA *Jenny* An American prostitute stranded in Morocco steals a Nazi agent's code book and is then befriended by Rick. 12.45 Closedown.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 The Electric Theatre Show. 2.00 Film *Emergency*. 3.15 Cartoon. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 The Last Resort. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Briefing. 11.15 Hardcastle and McCormick. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 11.00 Kluane. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Doctor in Distress*. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 The Yellow Rose. 12.05 Contact. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 The Spirit of Malcolm Miller. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10

Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Hear Here. 1.45 Film: *Paper Tiger*. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 The Calendar Fashion Show. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 12.00 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 My World. 11.00 The Dorcas. 11.50 Gate to the Northwest Passage. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Lunchtime Live. 2.00 Film: *Campbell's Kingdom*. 3.45 Cartoon. 3.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens for All. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Late News and Weather. 10.40 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense. 12.00 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.28 Out of School. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 Film: *The Passionate Friends*. 3.15 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.12

TVS News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.40 Airmail. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Film: *The Hunting Party*. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *The Limbo Line*; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Music Showcase. 11.15 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: As HTV except 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-12.15 Film: *The Harrod Experiment*.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Circles of Power. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Run a Crooked Mile*. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30 Different Strokes. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Rising Damp. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Cambridge Folk Festival. 11.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. and at 12 midnight. 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 a.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). 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02 Cricket Desk. 10.00 Jimmy Young (S) (10.02, 11.02 Cricket Desk). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (12.02 Cricket Desk). 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 Alan Dell (S) The Dance Band Days and Big Band Era. 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton (S) The Best of Jazz. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cinema Scrapbook. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Folk On 2 (S).

3 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Mozart, Weber, Beethoven (8.00 Lekeu, Berlioz, Ravel, Hahn; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Haydn; records. 10.00 Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy (S) Piano recital. 10.35 New York Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Bernstein, Copland. 11.25 Quilter and Bliss (S) Song recital. 11.55 BBC Symphony Orchestra (S) Webern, Hindemith, Stravinsky. 1.00 News. 1.05 BBC-Lunchtime Concert (S) String quartets by Haydn and Janacek. 2.00 Music Weekly (S). 2.45 New Records (S) Josquin Desprez, Bach, Handel, Schubert. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Organ (S) Bach, Franck. 7.05 Dartington Trio (S) Piano trios by Mozart and Faure. 7.45 Pity the Planet. 8.45 Das Spielwerk (S) Opera by Franz Schreker. 10.25 Baroque Wind Music (S) Pierre Danican Philidor, Francois-Andre Danican. 11.00 Richter at Aldeburgh (S) Piano recital by Sviatoslav Richter. Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky, Scriabin and Prokofiev. 11.57-12.00 News. MF: 6.40-11.00 Cricket: First Test, India v England.

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

the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.35 The Week on 4. 8.43 John Ebdon. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker (S). 10.00 News; Money Box. 10.30 Morning Story: *Servants Talk About People*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. 11.48 Poetry Please! 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Anything Legal (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *The Yangtze River*. 4.17 Prefaces to Shakespeare. 4.40 Story Time: *Laugh with Lardner*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 The News Quiz (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Science Now. 7.50 A View from the Stage. 8.15 The Monday Play (S) *One Man Killed*. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Mr Facey Romford's Hounds*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 News Headlines. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4.

SELECTIONS

The mare, who won a bum-

Her rider had his hands full on the run-in and that 11-length fourth to easy win-

At Worcester last month
he was beaten by Landing

Kevinsfort had Silent Echo 20 lengths behind him when the pair were third and fourth behind Gragara Lad at Huntingdon in April.

Monica Dickinson's Novice State Case may be slightly out of his depth here, but the Harewood trainer should come away with a double through **The Welder (2.30)** (Woodborough Novice

12.45 Meadow Maid, 1.15 Teucer, 1.45 Mossy Moore, 2.15 Border Knight, 2.45 Cape Farewell, 3.15 Mehagen.

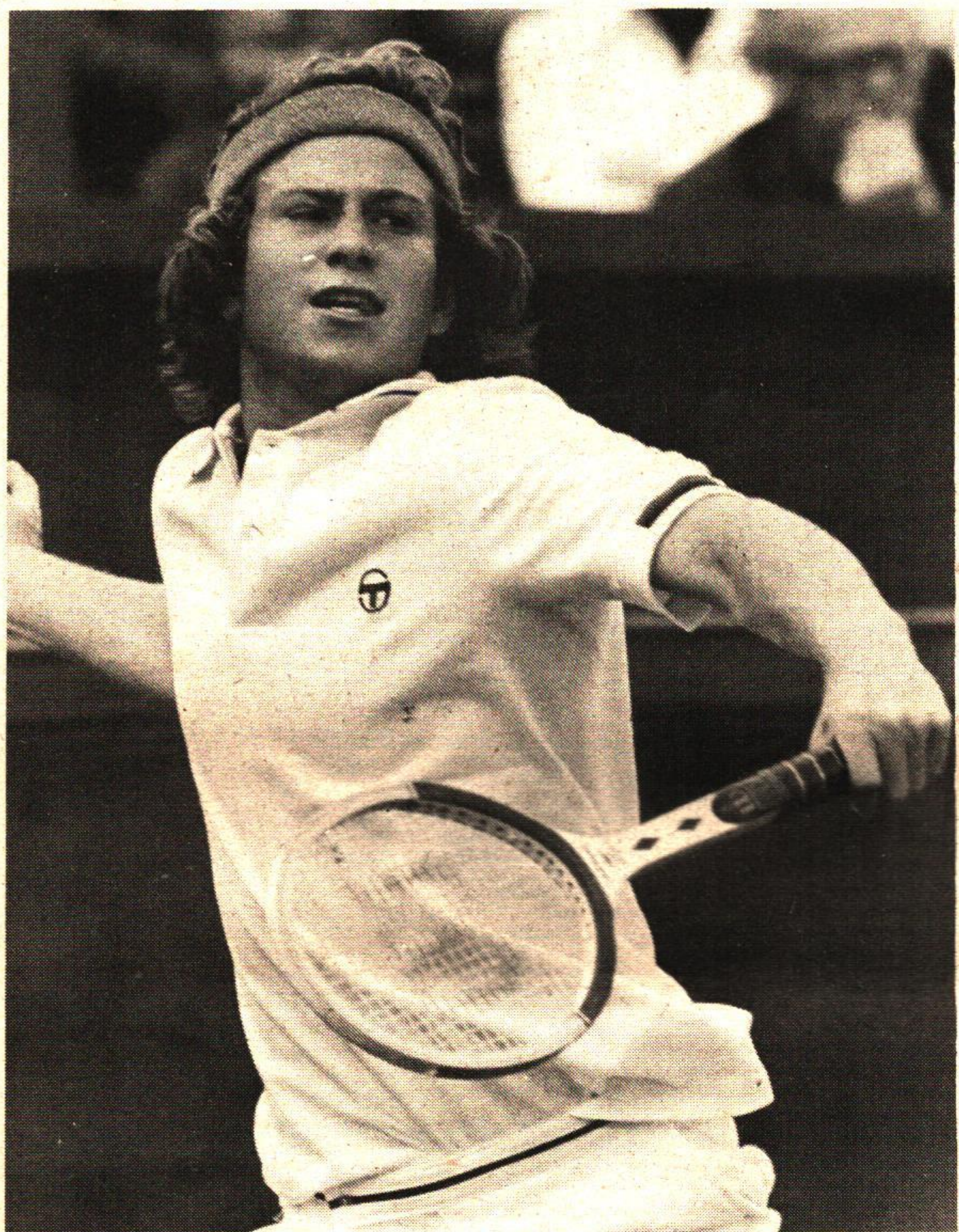
The eight-year-old enjoyed a tremendous run last season, winning six races on the trot.

'But I knew she couldn't keep it up and I'm glad I got off to a good start in the second and third sets.'

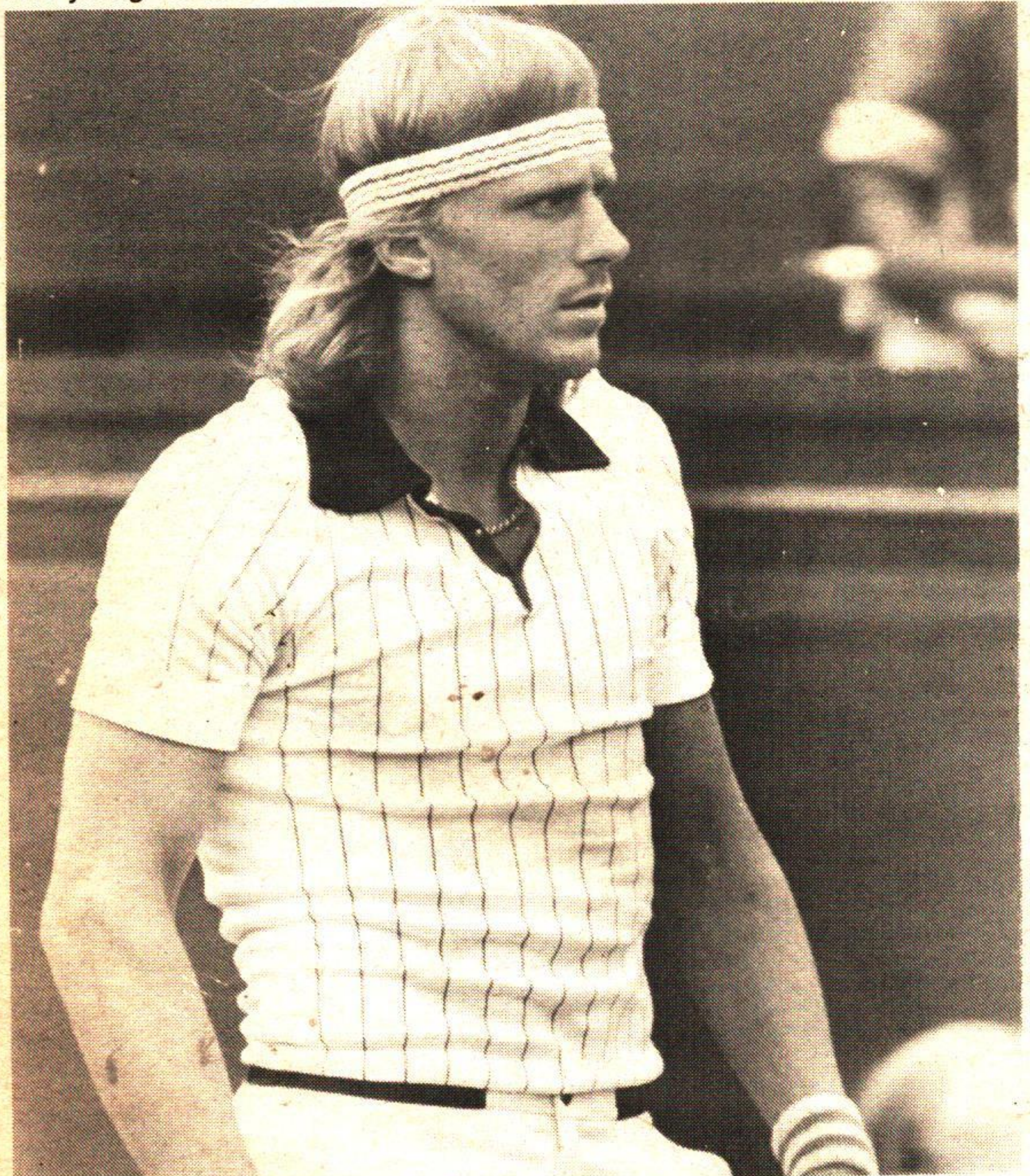
The REAL John McEnroe

PART ONE

HARD ROAD TO THE TOP



THE young McEnroe in action at Queen's Club, London, in 1978



BJORN BORG . . . banned by the Swedish Tennis Federation for bad behaviour when he was a youngster

JOHN McENROE'S rage for perfection is a character trait that runs through the McEnroe clan.

When Patrick McEnroe left the rural area of Westmeath in the Republic of Ireland in the late 1920s, his burning ambition was to make sure that his offspring would be given a chance in the 'land of opportunity' — America.

Around the same time coalminer Paul Reid left Nottingham, disenchanted with the sell-out of the trade unions during the 1926 General Strike. He, too, hoped that America would give him the opportunity to guarantee a future for his children.

Both families grew up in New York.

Patrick McEnroe's second son was christened John Paul McEnroe. Paul Reid's youngest daughter was named Kate.

They met and married in 1956 and a year later John Paul McEnroe was posted to Germany by the American Air Force with his young wife.

On February 16, 1959, whilst working on the US base at Wiesbaden — just outside Frankfurt — their first son, John Patrick McEnroe, was born.

Travel

Just nine months later, John McEnroe began to travel when his parents flew back to US. Shortly afterwards, McEnroe Senior began to build a life for his family.

He was determined to become a lawyer. He worked all day for an advertising agency in New York City and at night worked well into the early hours to gain his degree from Fordham University.

■THINGS were never easy then, for McEnroe Senior never got home until ten o'clock, or later, most evenings and studied until way past midnight.

On February 2, 1962, their second son, Mark, was born, and on July 1, 1966 Patrick completed the family.

While their father worked hard to improve his lot, Kay had her hands full at home bringing up her three sons. However, her job was made that little bit easier by the fact that she had trained to be a nurse before meeting her husband.

Education

Buckley County Day School was where the eldest of the McEnroe boys began his education and from an early stage got good grades.

Then one night, after an evening of discussion, the McEnroes decided to send John to Trinity, a preparatory school in the heart of New York in Manhattan.

■TRINITY is well known

for its education facilities — and just as well established for the fact that the boys were expected to fend for themselves in an atmosphere of competition both inside and outside the class room.

McEnroe junior was a willing learner and strived, like his father, to be the best at whatever he did.

It was a long day for the youngster. 'He would leave the house around 7.30 in the morning and we wouldn't see him again until around 7.30 in the evening,' his mother recalls.

Classes would start at 8.30a.m. and John had to leave the house by no later than 7.30 so he could make the long journey from Douglaston, now the family home in New Jersey, to Manhattan.

Classes broke up just after 4p.m. and the youngster would then spend most his time playing soccer — a game which many at the school felt held a bright future for John back in the early 1960s.

Study

When he got home there would be just time for some dinner before he locked himself away to study before retiring to bed around 10p.m.

It was a tough life, but John seemed to like.

●WHILE the point is still argued about constantly in the McEnroe household, it would appear that John's 'street-wise' personality was honed in the classrooms and playing fields of Trinity.

There he mixed with a veritable melting pot of cultures with youngsters from every ethnic background and class mingling together.

'John grew up knowing that there were people in this world better off — and worse off — than him. It's something he's never forgotten,' his mother says to this day.

Strangely enough, John remembers very little about his childhood.

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'It wasn't until I was about 11 or 12 that it actually dawned on me that I was born in Germany,' John recalled recently.

'My parents never talked much about their time there.

'But later, when I reached the age of 21, I was told that I could, by law, request a German passport. I actually thought about it. For one moment I thought to myself, maybe I'm good enough to play Davis Cup for them.'

Record

Nobody in the German Tennis Federation bothered, however, — and this year John set a new Davis Cup record for the most wins — playing for the United States.

■RECALLING his early life in Douglaston, John insists: 'I've always had a bad memory. I am not one of those people who can remember things that happened to them when they were three years old. I'm not joking when I say my first memories are when I was aged ten.'

'But the only bad memory was when I ran into a tree on my bicycle. That was the worst experience of my life. It happened on Thursday the 12th — not Friday the 13th — and to this day if Thursday falls on the 12th, I try not to go out.'

The McEnroe home is only two blocks away from the Douglaston club on Little Neck Bay. When John was about ten his father decided to join the club, not so much for its sporting facilities, but for the social values it offered his family.

Courts

It wasn't long, however, before McEnroe Senior discovered the tennis courts — and not long after that his sons also joined him on the red clay on most weekends.

■JOHN junior's first racket was a hand-me-down given to him by a family friend, Frank Prior.



JOHN McENROE . . . aged nine

Shortly afterwards, his father went out and bought him one — a discount store model — that he used in the clinics given during his first couple of years at the club.

His talents were so promising that he was taken under the wing of the club's professionals Dan Dwyer and George Seewagen.

However, he soon learnt all they could teach him and he moved on to the Cove Racquet club in Glen Cove on Long Island and came under the guiding eye of Tony Paloflex, a former Mexican Davis Cup player.

There John surprised everyone by reaching the semi-finals of a 12-and-under competition. He lost, but only a month later, at the age of ten, he won his first tournament.

'Even then John would often come off court in tears after losing a match,' Paloflex remembers.

'While other players may have been as talented as him, none of them could come near John for concentration.'

Game

'Every point meant everything to him. If he wasn't playing or serving well, he was unhappy, even if he won.'

And Paloflex believes that many of those connected with the game of tennis these days do not realise just how seriously John takes his game.

'We had arguments when he lost. He couldn't take it at all. It's something he's never learnt to control in some ways, but what people tend to forget is that Bjorn Borg was the very same way as a youngster.'

'He got so carried away one time that the Swedish Tennis Federation banned him.'

●TOMORROW: McEnroe's early professional career; his breathtaking arrival at Wimbledon in 1977 and his first — and only — French Open triumph.

Best of the weekend soccer action

Charlie and Pat will have to wait

PLAYER POWER!



Charlie Nicholas (left) shares a joke with some of his Arsenal teammates on the bench. But how long will Ian Allinson keep him out of the side now?

ARSENAL 3
(Allison, Anderson, Woodcock)
LUTON 1
(Robertson)

BY ROBERT JAMES

ARSENAL'S out-of-favour stars, Charlie Nicholas and Pat Jennings, will have a fight on their hands to regain their places in the Championship-chasing Gunners' side.

'That will be up to the rest of the players — they will convince me what I should do, whether to bring them back or carry on leaving them out,' manager Don Howe stressed after the club's second victory in seven games.

And then to make the point crystal clear to Charlie Nicholas in particular, Howe added: 'There is no way I can play Charlie in front of Ian Allinson any more. Allinson is doing everything — scoring goals, creating penalties, knocking crosses in for headers, pouring the tea out after the match, turning on the bath, he's a cracker.'

The points came just at the right time for Howe after a November in which his side had gained just three and had also been bundled out of the Milk Cup.



VIV ANDERSON (No.2) gets in a header for Arsenal at Highbury. He didn't score on this occasion but did manage to put the ball away shortly afterwards

'It was a good solid performance, with a good attitude today,' Howe said. 'But the result was not that important — what was more important was whether I made the right decisions.'

The Arsenal manager confirmed that he had made a bid for Southampton's Steve Williams and hoped to pursue it today.

And his opposite number on Saturday, Luton's David Pleat, also said he was in the market for new players

— though not Williams. 'We don't believe we are adrift of anybody, but unfortunately we are not quite strong enough, and I mean that physically as well. We're going to have to look for new players because in the end today we were out-powered.'

Certainly Allinson with a superb goal justified Howe's decision to axe Nicholas.

Allinson put the Gunners on their way to victory with a dipping shot in the 17th minute.

He also created the third goal for Viv Anderson in the 57th minute, and earned an 80th minute penalty that Brian Talbot proceeded to miss.

Relegation threatened Luton destroyed their own chances of a comeback when Tim Breacker's suicidal back-pass in the 31st minute gave Tony Woodcock an easy chance, to make it 2-0.

Until then Tony Sealey had defied Arsenal with a string of fine saves.

SCOTSCENE

Fergie's forward planning

ABERDEEN manager Alex Ferguson showed a perfectionist's touch after his table-topping team beat Herts 2-1 to remain three points clear of Celtic.

No sooner had the final whistle sounded in rain-soaked Tynecastle than Ferguson was busy laying the groundwork for Saturday's showdown with Celtic.

The Aberdeen players, who had slogged through the mud for 90 minutes to secure two precious points, were immediately told by their manager: 'Sorry, no days off this week.'

Ferguson explained: 'This will be a vital match, possibly not decisive in the title race — but certainly significant.'

'It is one we cannot afford to lose, so the preparation must be the best possible and that means no time off for the players all week.'

Steve Cowan and Billy

Stark scored a goal in each half to give Aberdeen their 14th win from 16 league games this season — while in Glasgow Celtic's extraordinary goal glut continued at Dundee's expense.

Celtic took their total to 17 in their last three games with a 5-1 victory and for the third Saturday running a different Celtic player notched a hat-trick.

Two weeks ago it was Brian McClair, last week Frank McGarvey and yesterday £400,000 signing Maurice Johnston hit three goals, with Tommy Burns and McGarvey scoring the others.

Rangers escaped with a share of the points against Dundee United after some controversial refereeing decisions at Tannadice Park.

Twice in the second-half Davie Dodds was ruled offside as first Rangers de-

fender Dave McPherson put through his own goal and then Dave Narey scored with a 25-yard shot five minutes from time.

United felt that both 'goals' were perfectly legitimate, but Stonehouse referee Willie McLeish ruled otherwise and United's midweek hero against Manchester United, goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine, collected a booking after the final whistle for continuing to protest.

Earlier Australian international Dave Mitchell had given Rangers a first-half lead, which was cancelled out by Paul Sturrock, who later had to be taken to hospital with a suspected broken hand.

Morton registered only their fourth win of the season by hammering Hibernians 4-0 with goals from Dougie Robertson, Jim Fleeing, Jim Gillespie and Dom Sullivan.

Over and out

DAVE SPEEDIE started a three-match FA suspension on Saturday night after helping Chelsea emphatically check Liverpool's recent title charge at Stamford Bridge.

Former coal miner Speedie struck after 76 minutes to destroy any threat of a Liverpool comeback. At the same time the aptly-named Speedie must have guaranteed his first team return at the end of his enforced lay-off.

Speedie's non-stop running and aggression posed numerous problems for the champions and he finished up with bruised legs as a result of the constant attention of Mark Lawrenson.

Chelsea were well worth their victory — and they caught Liverpool napping with a quickfire start, Kerry Dixon scoring his 20th goal of the season after ten minutes.

Alan Hansen failed to cut out a long ball from Joe McLaughlin and Dixon ran on unopposed to tuck a shot between Bruce Grobbelaar and his left-hand post.

It was the first goal Liverpool had conceded in four away League games, but they fought back to level in stunning style.

Indecision

Craig Johnston nodded on after a moment's indecision in the Chelsea ranks and Danish international Jan Molby rifled his first goal for the club from 12 yards.

Grobbelaar, however, gave Liverpool the jitters, and after 48 minutes he was caught in no-man's land when Paul Canonville flighted a centre and McLaughlin nodded his first goal for the club.

Liverpool were having to soak up constant pressure, but their luck again ran out after 76 minutes. Doug Rougvie beat the offside trap with a perfectly-timed pass, and Speedie sprinted on to score.

Afterwards Chelsea assistant manager Ian McNeill applauded Speedie for 'controlling his temper' in the 3-1 win over Liverpool. 'Speedie was getting

Speedie sends Liverpool reeling

CHELSEA 3
(Dixon, McLaughlin, Speedie)
LIVERPOOL 1
(Molby)

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

whacked a lot — that's a bit strange for Liverpool — but he kept going,' said McNeill.

'He wanted to go out with a goal,' McNeill added. 'Gordon Davies will get his chance and Speedie is going to hand him his jersey and

say "you've got a lot to live up to".'

Kerry Dixon earlier scored his 20th goal of the season and McNeill added: 'We told the players to harass Liverpool from the start, and Dixon's goal gave us all the confidence we needed.'

STERLING STUFF

WATFORD 2
(Reilly, Sterling)
NOTTM FOREST 0

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

WATFORD continued their recent good form with a 2-0 victory over a hapless Nottingham Forest at Vicarage Road on Saturday.

The Hornets got off to a great start when George Reilly gave them the lead after just four minutes and after that they never lost the edge in a rather dour and disappointing match.

Forest must take most of the blame for the poor football served up to the fans.

Completely outplayed throughout the first-half, Forest's policy of using a five-man back line stifled



John Barnes gets a cross in at Vicarage Road despite Steve Hodge's lunging tackle

the game and they paid the penalty when Worrell Sterling stole in to add to Watford's tally after 29 minutes.

The visitors were unlucky not to fall even further behind before the interval as the Watford strikers let several chances go a begging.

When they opted for a more positive approach af-

ter the break, Forest did manage to give Watford an anxious half-hour, with their Dutch international Johnny Metgod showing his class and Peter Davenport going close on several occasions.

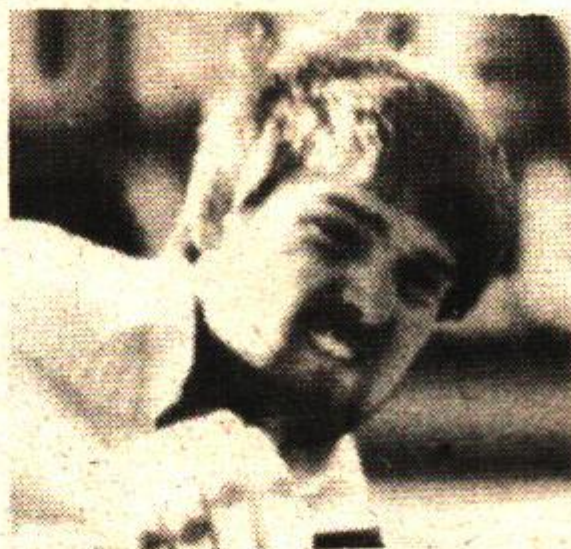
Yet one got the feeling that Watford were always in command and had a little extra in reserve, just in case Forest did score.

Sports Line

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Gatting hits century but team-mates let him down

SPOIL SPORTS



THE BIGGEST day of Mike Gatting's seven-year Test career was spoiled by his England colleagues in Bombay yesterday.

Although the 27-year-old Middlesex batsman at last scored his maiden century for England in his 54th innings, the first Test is firmly in India's hands.

England ended the fourth day at 228, still requiring to score 42 to make India bat a second time and with only three wickets standing.

Gatting and opener Graeme Fowler stretched the match into today's final day.

For over five hours Gatting, who made his debut back in 1977 in Pakistan, withstood a pressure cooker atmosphere that was fuelled by a volatile 35,000 crowd, dramatic Indian appealing and some dubious umpiring.

England manager Tony Brown refused to comment on the actions of umpires Gangui and Swarup Kishen, but the tourists were known to be unhappy about three of yesterday's dismissals.

And they were all crucial.

Fowler had defended stoutly with Gatting, taking England from 37 for one overnight to 138 by mid-afternoon.

He had just survived one more convincing appeal for leg before from tricky leg spinner Laxman Sivaramakrishnan when he was again beaten by a viciously turning delivery and given his marching orders having scored 55.

That sparked off a collapse from which England never recovered.

Umpire Krishen did well to spot Allan Lamb's slightly raised back foot as Syed Kirmani claimed a lightning stumping.

But captain David Gower (2) and Chris Cowdrey (14) were both aggrieved after falling to claimed bat-pad catches at silly point by Dilip Vengsarkar. Neither appeared to strike the ball, but Krishen's finger was raised in India's favour.

From 199 for five there was no way back for England unless Gatting could stage a one-man survival act.

His century had come when Cowdrey kept him company in an hour-long 47 runs stand. And Gatting hammered Sivaramakrishnan through the covers for his 14th four the doubts about his Test quality disappeared in a flash.

Gatting said afterwards: 'There have been times when at the back of my mind I wondered whether I would ever score a Test 100. There was a little tear in the eye when it came.'

His jubilation was marred by England's slide towards defeat — and his own dismissal. With 136 to his name, Gatting lofted Sivaramakrishnan straight to Sandeep Patil at deep mid-off.

'It's nice to have got a century, but it was a bit hurtful that I got out having a swing, having done all the hard work.'

'I should have just kept nudging the ball around

SCORECARD

OVERNIGHT: England 195 (Sivaramakrishnan six for 64) and 37 for one. India 465 for eight dec (Shastri 142, Kirmani 102)

ENGLAND 2nd innings cont:
Fowler lbw Sivaramakrishnan 55

Gatting c Patil b Sivaramakrishnan 136

Gower c Vengsarkar b Shastri 2

Lamb st Kirmani b Sivaramakrishnan 1

Cowdrey c Vengsarkar b Yadav 14

Downton n.o. 9

Ellison c Vengsarkar b Yadav 0

EXTRAS..... 10

TOTAL (7 wkts) 228

FALL: 2-138, 3-145, 4-152, 5-199, 6-222, 7-228

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 16-6-28-1; Sharma 7-2-28-0; Sivaramakrishnan 36-8-85-3; Shastri 26-8-35-1; Gaekwad 1-0-1-0

and it's taken a bit away from my achievement.'

Gatting's reluctance to just enjoy his moment of triumph was understandable, since England know only too well what could happen if the near inevitable defeat comes today.

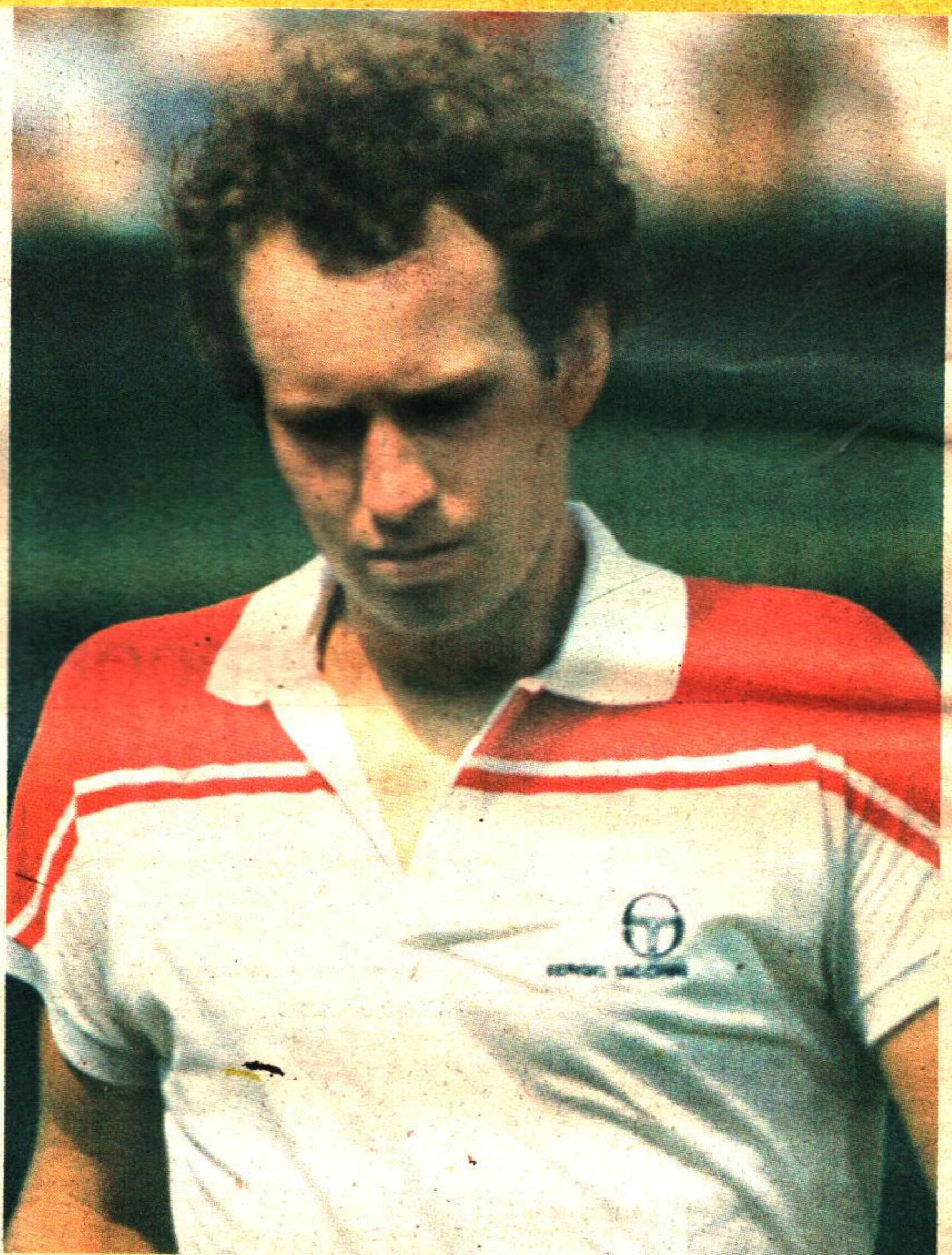
Three years ago England lost the first Test in Bombay and India sat back and shut up shop for the rest of the winter.

Meet the REAL

John McEnroe

THE News Line

A SPECIAL WEEK-LONG FEATURE COMPILED BY MATTHEW NUGENT



NO OTHER sports personality is as well known as John McEnroe these days. Billed by the world's press as sport's most notorious character, News Line begins an in-depth look at the man this morning.

Our insight into the world's No.1 tennis player will smash a few myths, bury many more — and lift the lid to reveal the REAL McEnroe.

For months our sports staff have been compiling this week-long feature on the Wimbledon and US Open champion who has

won an incredible 82 matches this year and lost but two.

We have also talked to Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors, the men who have been involved in some of the most thrilling matches with McEnroe in recent years. This is a series that cannot be missed.

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Singing in the rain

FULHAM'S Brenda Sempare (extreme left) cannot disguise her joy after equalising for her club in their WFA Cup, third round, clash against Millwall yesterday.

In what many regarded as London's very own women's 'cup final', Fulham came from a goal behind to beat Millwall 4-1 and move into the last 16.

The game was played in atrocious conditions, but the large crowd who braved the rain and cold were treated to a magnificent cup tie.

Full results from the third round, the draw for the last 16 and match reports will appear in the News Line later this week.



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