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THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

MINERS' leaders have told the TUC that they must organise industrial action throughout the whole trade union movement and end their mealy-mouthed resolutions, NUM president Arthur Scargill told a packed rally in Goldthorpe, South Yorkshire, yesterday.

Addressing over 1,000 in the mining village, he said the appointment of a Receiver over the union's funds was a new dimension requiring TUC action.

'The NUM have been to see the TUC general secretary and his colleagues and said this:

● **THE TIME for mealy-mouthed resolutions in unions is at an end.**

● **THE TIME of inactivity must come to a stop.**

● **THE TIME when this movement must react is now.**

'We are not asking for moral support or resolutions. We are asking now for practical assistance, and we have asked the General Council to be convened to mobilise industrial action in support of this union.'

In the previous 24 hours, messages of support had been coming from all over the world. 'There is a growing recognition that the fight of this union is not only for jobs and pits and communities, it is also a fight to save the union itself and a fight to preserve part of our democracy and freedom.'

'The same media who smear us were only a short while ago singing the praises of Solidarity in Poland when they could not accept the law because they knew it to be unjust.'

'This trade union movement was not born because people complied with law that was unjust. It was born because they couldn't accept a law that was unjust and they fought against both an unjust law and an unjust system of society.'

'People were transported to Australia for their beliefs. They have suffered in jail, and suffered indignities beyond understanding in order that the trade union movement could come into existence.'

'We are the inheritors of

Scargill tells Yorkshire pit village rally

FROM BEN RUDDER

what they built. And we have an obligation and a responsibility.'

Scargill said the reason for the appointment of a Receiver to control the union's funds was to stop day-to-day organisation of the fight against pit closures.

The attack was unprecedented, he said, and it could not be wondered at that NUM delegates at Monday's meeting refused to accept the imposition of a former Tory councillor to run the union.

'Our conference yesterday decided that we couldn't accept that we should pay the £200,000 fine. The delegates said this union has done nothing wrong. The union has only fought for the policy that has been put forward by the National Union of Mineworkers and its members — nothing more and nothing less.'

'Conference said we could not agree to go and purge our contempt. Purge our contempt for what? If we go and purge our contempt, we stand in contempt of our members, who have told us exactly what

we have got to do.

'Our members have given us marching orders, as a delegate conference and as an executive. And we have an obligation under the rule book to abide by those decisions.'

'The reason we are not forcing the Coal Board to the negotiating table is because we are not yet getting the kind of unswerving support to our union that the Coal Board are getting for their cause from the Tory government, the Institute of Directors, the CBI, Fleet Street, the judiciary, and the police.'

'It's time the TUC said now we've had enough, we're going to back you.'

'We are going on to victory. It hasn't yet sunk into the thick skulls of those in Fleet Street, and into the hides of those who pull the strings of power that they are not going to cow this union and this movement into submission.'

Scargill said police methods in the coalfield now compared to pass laws under apartheid in South Africa.

'And I'm warning the British people that what is taking place with the miners today will take place with you tomorrow unless you stand up and say stop it, we are not prepared to accept these jackboot tactics any longer.'

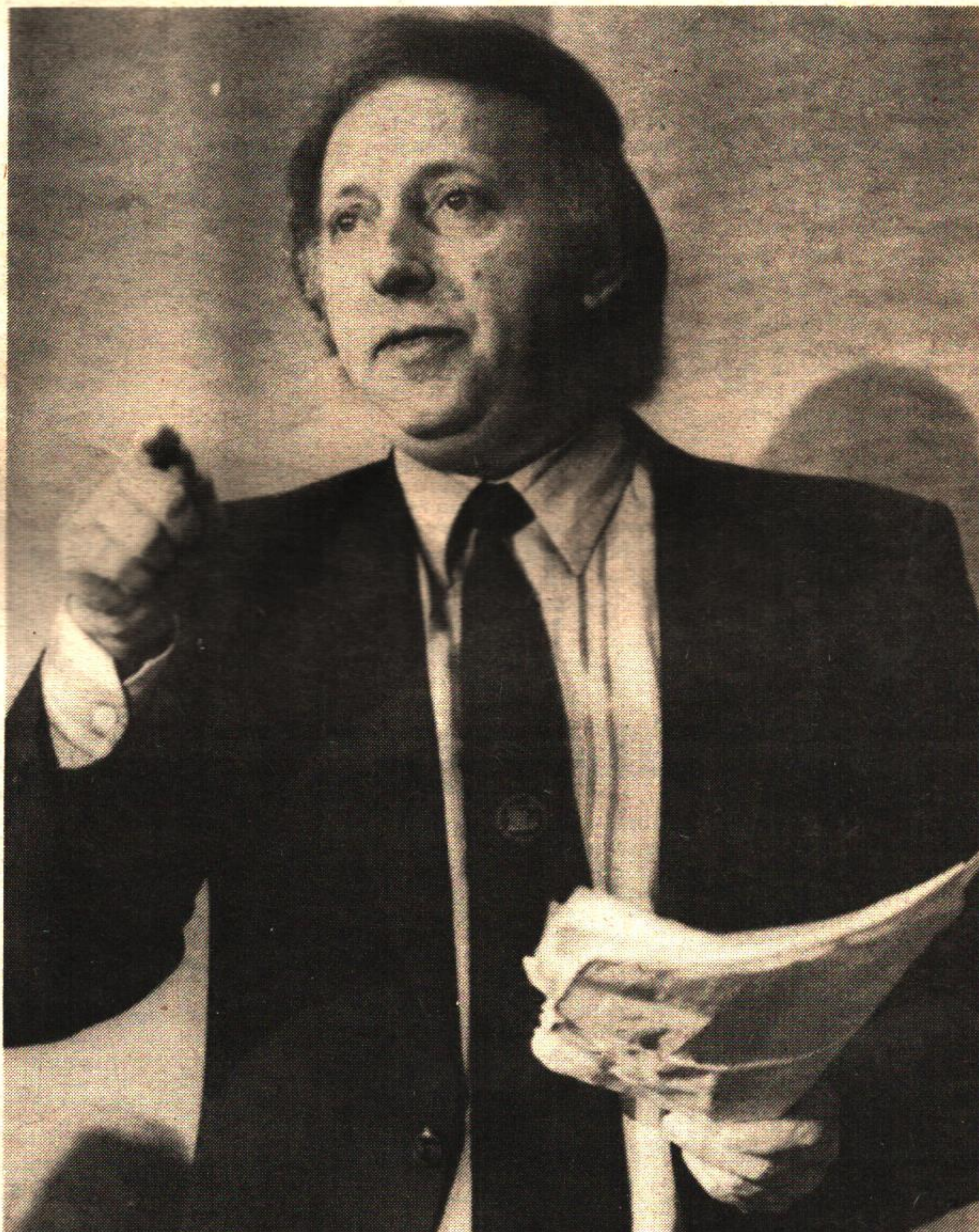
Describing the state operation against mining communities as a threat to their very existence, Scargill said: 'It is time that our colleagues in the trade union movement woke up to what is taking place.'

Referring to Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor, Scargill added: 'This man came into this country with an objective, to wipe away pits and steelworkers.'

'He talks about the investment policy of the mining industry. But we are talking about human beings, about people who have made the greatest investment.'

'They have invested their very lives in this community. And neither MacGregor nor anyone else is going to destroy it without a hell of a fight from this union and those that work here.'

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HOME TERRITORY . . . Arthur Scargill gave a rousing call to action by the whole trade union movement when he spoke at Goldthorpe in South Yorkshire yesterday. MORE PICTURES — See centre pages

T&G to defy courts

THE TRANSPORT and General Workers' Union has joined the miners in defying the court, it was learned last night. T&GWU national executive officials met in London yesterday to decide whether to pay a £200,000 contempt fine.

Although no statement about the meeting's outcome was made by the union, it was understood the executive had decided not to pay the fine. Tory anti-trade union laws give courts the power to seize the T&GWU's £55-million assets next Monday, when the deadline for payment expires.

The fine was imposed by Justice

Hodgson for defying court order to call off the Austin-Rover strike. He described the union's attitude as 'one of the worst cases of disobedience of an order of this court that there can ever have been'.

It is understood yesterday's executive meeting was reminded by T&GWU general secretary Moss Evans that under its policy the union cannot voluntarily hand over the money.

It was learned also that the union might be represented in the High Court next Monday in the hope that only the £200,000 and costs will be seized and total sequestration avoided.

TUC TO MEET NUM

TUC leaders are to hold talks with the NUM tomorrow to discuss the miners' request for industrial action to defeat the state attack on the union.

After a three-hour meeting at Congress House yesterday, the TUC's liaison committee issued a short statement, but gave no indication whether a full meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

tee or the General Council would be convened.

Apart from TUC general secretary Norman Willis and chairman Jack Eccles the meeting was attended by GMBATU leader David Basnett, AUEW executive

member Gerry Russell, ASLEF leader Ray Buckton and print union leader Bill Keys.

Transport union general secretary Moss Evans was absent because of a meeting of his executive.

As the union leaders left Congress House, they refused to make any comment about the meeting or their attitude to the NUM's request.

BREAKDOWN WILL REST WITH THATCHER

THE Tories must take full responsibility for any break-down in the inner cities when councils defy spending cuts, the leader of a rate-capped authority said last night.

Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington Council, was speaking after a meeting of 40 authorities and 24 unions at the TUC headquarters.

They had come together to discuss the implications of non-compliance with Tory laws.

Despite interventions from Labour spokesman Dr Jack Cunningham and

TUC general secretary Norman Willis, the council leaders remained determined to defy the laws.

On Tuesday the government will announce by how much 16 Labour councils have to cut spending.

Defiance

But defiance is building up. This week the ruling Labour Group at Newham, considered a right-wing council, voted 37-1 not to make a rate in solidarity with authorities ordered to cut spending.

Hodge said: 'This is a real fight and a real struggle. Local author-

BY PAUL FELDMAN

ities and the unions mean business. We intend to make the Rates Act inoperable.'

She said Mrs Thatcher had created an unprecedented unity between councils, the unions and the communities.

'This is not an issue of whether we are going to break the law. We are striving to protect services and jobs, and protect democracy against Mrs Thatcher who, in the name of democracy, is destroying democracy.'

She said the rate-capped councils were 'determined to fight this through to the end'.

Hodge said that if the government did not concede and councils were unable to make a rate or a budget, authorities would quickly run out of cash and there would be a total collapse of services in the community.

'The government has got a problem if that happens,' she added.

Light

'It just needs a match to light great disruption in our streets. There is enormous despair, particularly among young people and blacks in our urban areas.'

Peter Soulsby, leader of Leicester Council, said he

was being told to make a 20 per cent budget cut.

'We can't comply with that. Non-compliance is the only alternative left to us.'

Ron Keating, NUPE assistant general secretary, warned that rate-capping would put some 15,000 jobs at risk.

'So far the government has been snipping away at local services with Whitehall scissors. Rate-capping gives them a Treasury chainsaw to massacre community life.'

He added: 'The certain outcome of compliance would mean waving goodbye to the principles of local democracy.'

BT sale was 'rip-off of the century'

THE SALE of British Telecom has proved to be the plundering of public assets on an unprecedented scale, Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, said last night.

The privatisation was the triumph of political dogma over the needs and the interests of the community.

'As we claimed from the outset, the sale of BT has been the rip-off of the century. The government, so desperate to sell the shares, has cost the British taxpayer hundreds of millions of pounds,' Stanley said in a statement.

'It is little comfort for the British taxpayer or for BT staff, having made BT a successful business,

to see 14 per cent of their shares, at knock-down prices, going abroad.

'Overseas investors have been handed on a plate tens of millions of pounds by the British government,' said Stanley.

Many of these shares had immediately been sold back in London with foreign speculators doubling their money.

'It's no wonder foreigners think we are such an odd nation.'

The relatively large number of small shareholders were, in fact, very small in total. They represented less than a 20th of the entire UK adult population, said the union leader.

Before privatisation, BT was, as a public corporation, owned by everybody.

Women refused equal pay

WOMEN workers at a Stoke-on-Trent factory were refused equal pay by their employer after an industrial consultant said the men's work was more tiring!

The thirty-four women, who machine stitch upholstery material have been denied equal pay for three years by Frayling Furniture Ltd, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent.

The consultant's report claimed that the work of male upholsterers was more tiring because they worked standing while the women were sitting.

He also told the firm that women generally spend more time in the toilet than men which has nothing to do with the equal pay laws!

An industrial tribunal in

Birmingham yesterday ordered a report on the work done by both men and women in the factory so that it could adjudicate on the women's claim for equal pay.

David Pannick, for the women, told the tribunal that the consultant's report was discriminating because it did not take into account the skill and effort which the women had to put into their work.

He said the consultant's report that women spent more time on personal needs than men came from a report by the International Industrial Organisation.

The company withdrew its objection to a report by a tribunal-appointed expert after Pannick opened the women's case.



TUC go back to Neddy

TUC leaders will hold talks with Tory ministers today when they crawl back to their first meeting of the corporatist National Economic Development Council (NEDC) for ten months.

The TUC decided to boycott the NEDC last February following the Tory decree banning unions at GCHQ Cheltenham.

There has been no meeting of the council since June but in a series of meetings TUC leaders and the CBI have been discussing the future of 'Neddy'.

A joint TUC-CBI report on Neddy is the main item on the agenda of the December council meeting.

It calls for improved council agendas, more input to Neddy from the unions and employers, more policies to encourage economic growth, fewer council meetings and more in-depth follow-ups to council decisions.

Ministers expected to attend today's meeting include Chancellor Nigel Lawson, Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Energy Secretary Peter Walker and Employment Secretary Tom King.

Burden on primary schools

TORY financial policies have imposed severe burdens on primary schools while they face new and more complex demands, says the National Union of Teachers.

The NUT yesterday presented evidence to the Commons Select Committee on Education and Science.

The union says that teacher numbers and resources have been cut making it difficult for schools to provide a proper curriculum.

Redeployment of teachers is likely to make a proper match between teachers' qualifications and their role in the

school more difficult.

Not enough classroom training has been made available to cope with this problem which is made more severe by the need to place children in mixed age classes.

Primary headteachers are increasingly expected to act as first time supply teachers. They spend so much time teaching clas-

ses or remedial groups that they cannot fulfil their management role or give leadership to their staff in developing the curriculum.

Urgent action is needed, says the NUT, to improve the in-service provision available to school teachers to help them provide the varied curriculum which pupils and parents demand.

SEVERAL hundred Royal Ordnance Factories workers held a rally against privatisation in London yesterday before lobbying their MPs. The lobby coincided with a one-day strike by about 13,000 workers at Britain's 13 factories.

The lobbyists were also demanding that the government step in to prevent the 1,800 redundancies announced last month, and that the government honour its pledges over pension rights and redundancy payments. It was the fourth strike by the government industrial workers this year against the privatisation proposals.

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government or be driven out of the labour movement.

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MP drafts Bill on Ireland

LABOUR MP Ernie Roberts is proposing legislation to end British rule in northern Ireland.

Roberts, MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, said yesterday that he was drafting a 'Northern Ireland (Termination Of Jurisdiction) Bill'.

Roberts stepped forward in the draw among MPs to introduce a private members Bill. His legislation has practically no chance of becoming law. Because he is so far down the draw order there is a doubt on whether his legislation will receive a second reading.

But Roberts said yesterday: 'My bill is an attempt to show how serious this issue is and that the time has arrived for decisive action.'

'I have a number of Irish people in my constituency who are interested in the subject. But before I made my decision I consulted my general management committee on the nature of legislation I should introduce. This is the result.'

'My proposal is simply that Britain would leave northern Ireland before the end of this decade.'

Former Labour minister Tony Benn is helping Roberts draft his Bill.

EEC summit collapse

A TWO-DAY crisis summit of the Common Market collapsed in Dublin yesterday over terms of entry for Spain and Portugal and a cash row with Greece.

While officially the EEC communique said they had agreed on entry conditions, Greek officials warned they were unsatisfied and would veto the admission, scheduled for January 1986.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu said he opposed the terms because the EEC had failed to agree a comprehensive programme to assist his tottering economy.

He singled out British Prime Minister Thatch-

er's attitudes and blamed other EEC leaders for the state of the Greek economy, expected to worsen immeasurably in the next five years.

Papandreu's tactics were, ironically, reminiscent of those adopted by Thatcher in 1979, also in Dublin, in her long-running battle over Britain's EEC contributions.

It is understood he walked out of the talks at one stage, returning after 15 minutes to lay down his ultimatum.

According to EEC officials, Papandreu wanted £3 billion of EEC aid over the next five years, principally for its underdeveloped and tech-

nically backward agricultural industry, but was offered £60 million for next year.

Even before the EEC heads of state and their officials entered Dublin Castle for the final session, diplomats were predicting worse crisis. 'The whole summit could collapse,' one diplomat said.

A much-publicised wine agreement that would have paved the way for massive cuts to wine subsidies has been dashed by the row over agricultural aid to Greece.

Italy, France, and West Germany, had together demanded drastic cuts in subsidies to the olive oil industries of Greece and the Iberian peninsula.

Students march to Pentonville

ABOUT 2,000 students joined a demonstration to Pentonville prison to demand the release of anti-fascists John Letham and Steve Tasane.

The two were jailed by a High Court judge last Wednesday for contempt of court instructions to stop picketing National Front organiser Patrick Harrington to stop him attending lectures at the Polytechnic of North London.

Miners from several areas were the main speakers at a rally at the Kentish town site, which has been under occupation for two weeks.

The demonstration then proceeded to the National Union of Students headquarters in Holloway Road.

Campaign

The marchers chanted: 'NUS off your fence', 'Off your knees' and 'Woolas out'. The Labour-controlled NUS leaders, including president Phil Woolas, have refused to back the students' anti-racist campaign and have made no condemnation of the jailings.

A delegation of three students knocked on the front door of the headquarters while the rest stood chanting.

But there was no reply and not a single representative came out to greet, address or join the march.

The marchers proceeded undeterred down Holloway Road. On the way they passed two other sites of the polytechnic where more students came out.

They then held a picket outside Pentonville prison.

Miner Albert Nugent from Seaham colliery in Durham at the earlier rally thanked the students for their support.

Defiance

The student union last week donated £1,000 to the Seaham miners in defiance of the 'ultra vires' laws banning students from giving union funds for political purposes.

In Seaham the miners had seen more police since the miners' strike began than at any other time, Nugent said.

Condemning the jailing of Letham and Tasane, he said: 'What happened to these two lads is what's been happening to miners for nine months. They've used their right to demonstrate and because they won't knuckle down to Thatcherism they've locked them up.'

BY PENNY BLOOR

Nugent said that the full blame for the death of the South Wales taxi-driver at the weekend had to be placed on the Thatcher government. 'She could have finished this strike months ago and then these two lads wouldn't be in prison,' he said.

Striking Nottinghamshire miner John Bannister linked the miners' fight to the PNL students, saying: 'Your lads have been let down by the law because they feel a natural justice against fascism. We feel a natural justice against pit closures. It's a fight against Thatcher and it's all part of the same fight.'

'If we let Thatcher and her machine grind us into dust freedom goes out of the window.'

Pete Redman, vice president of the Kentish

Town site, said that Harrington will be taking the polytechnic to court on Thursday to attempt to sequester all its funds on the grounds that it is giving him private tuition.

'It is ironic that the director's Nazi protege is now biting the hand that's been feeding him for nine months,' said Redman.

Role

He condemned the role of the NUS leadership, comparing it to the role of the TUC leaders in the miners' strike.

Other speakers included more Notts miners, miners from South Wales and Doncaster, Sean Doherty of the Islington Teachers' Association, Bernie Grant of the Black Trade Union Solidarity Movement, and Paul Foot, 'Daily Mirror' journalist.



Demonstrators standing outside the NUS headquarters in Holloway Road yesterday — the NUS executive refused to answer the door to them



The marchers on their way to Pentonville jail

Joseph comes under fire

EDUCATION Secretary Sir Keith Joseph came under fire in the Commons yesterday for his plan to make parents pay more towards their children's higher education.

Joseph admitted that his plan had 'come as a shock to many if not all of

the households affected' but he refused to budge even under pressure from Tory backbenchers who are threatening revolt on the issue.

Joseph claimed that his proposals would release money for scientific research for which there was 'an urgent need'. Only a minority of students would be affected, he said.

'Though it is quite true that to some extent higher education can be an investment for this country, the fact is there are more students in higher and further education than ever before, despite what is consistently said to be discouraging economic circumstances,' he said.

Senior Tory backben-

cher Sir William Van Straubenzee (Wokingham) had told Joseph: 'What is placing a great strain on the loyalty of many of those behind you is to discover in an essentially financial regulation, a change which in the views of many will have fundamental consequences for entry into higher education in future.'

Joseph refused to reveal whether the decision had been taken in Cabinet or by the 'star chamber' of ministers which considers spending plans.

Labour's Giles Radice said the scheme to increase tuition charges broke a principle, and added that student grant levels had fallen 14 per cent since 1979.

He said Joseph was making students and parents pay for scientific research the whole country needed.

Cuts will hit elderly and disabled

FREE travel for the elderly and transport for the disabled will be among the first things hit by Tory rate capping plans says the GLC. A report to the council's transport committee shows that cuts of £20.4 million would be needed in transport expenditure to stay within Tory limits for 1985-1986.

The four main areas the report says cuts would be

needed are:

- £9 million savings by cutting back on free travel for pensioners.
- £10 million cut from the road surfacing budget.
- £1 million cut in the dial a ride service for the disabled.
- £500,000 clawed back by cutting staff to the bone.

Dave Wetzel, who chairs

the committee, said:

'These cuts are just the latest in a continuous Whitehall attack. This government will not be satisfied until it has destroyed every area of GLC spending and services.'

He added: 'I am sure Londoners do not want to see pensioners and the disabled hit by these Tory cuts.'

Wetzel went on to say: 'If abolition plans for the GLC go ahead, it will represent the biggest step back in democracy for 100 years.'

'Londoners will find their democratic voice gagged, but they will still have to pay the bills. Billions of pounds of their money will be switched to Tory quangos and other unelected bodies.'

BA revamped

BRITISH Airways are spending a staggering £42 million to revamp their aircraft in preparation for privatisation next March.

The money is being spent on repainting and refurbishing its fleet of 150 aircraft.

The company spared no expense in showing off its

new image for the first time yesterday.

An entire hanger at BA's Heathrow base was converted for the show at a cost of tens of thousands of pounds.

The whole show will be repeated for invited guests over the coming days.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

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

WORLD
SUMMARYBuhari
lashes
Britain

LAGOS — Nigerian head of state Major-General Muhamonadu Buhari attacked the British government yesterday for 'sitting on the fence' over fugitive Nigerians wanted by his government.

Adjourned

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives Ethics Committee met yesterday to discuss its investigation into Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro's finances but adjourned without announcing any action.

Expelled

SANTIAGO — Chile's military junta has expelled a Dutch student arrested during opposition protests last week and sent 26 more people into internal exile.

Contract

WASHINGTON — General Electric and Pratt and Whitney have been awarded contracts to build 247 F-15 and F-16 fighter engines worth a total of \$821.3 million.

Cuts

NEW YORK — The Reagan government will sharply reduce government price subsidies for farmers, Agriculture Secretary John Block has told the 'New York Times'.

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AMERICAN STOOGE WINS
GRENADA ELECTIONS

ST GEORGE'S — The pro-American New National Party (NNP) of Herbert Blaize has won a landslide in Grenada's general election.

Electoral officials said the NNP had won 10 of the 15 constituencies as the counting of Monday's poll continued.

Preliminary results showed a turn-out of over 80 per cent from the islands's 48,000 electorate.

Blaize is expected to be sworn in as prime minister today and he will announce his Cabinet later this week.

The elections were held under the guns, the presence, the propaganda and the dollars of US imperialism.

In a feeble attempt to give the electoral process some legitimacy the Organisation of American States (OAS) sent Donald Reid Cabral as an observer.

Cabral is the former foreign minister of the Dominican Republic, one of Washington's most pliable allies in Central America.

Cabral said: 'The election took place in good order, with the electorate showing great enthusiasm and in conditions of complete freedom.'

'I believe that whatever the result of the election, it is a sincere reflection of the will of the people of Grenada.'

On Sunday, Cuban journalist Godefroid Tchamlesso, of the Prensa news agency, was expelled on the same plane on which he flew in.

The election was rigged against the Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement, which groups the

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supporters of the late prime minister who was killed six days before the US imperialist invasion on October 25, 1983.

The MBPM polled less than 10 per cent of the vote in most constituencies. Party leader Kendrick Radix was not immediately available for comment, but a party official said: 'Win or lose, that doesn't break our will to continue the struggle.'

Blaize, 66, supported the US invasion of the islands. Now he wants a phased withdrawal of US troops, perhaps over several years. In other words, he wants a permanent American presence to protect his new government and to police the left and the trade unions.

Minister

The new premier is a right winger who served as chief minister under British colonial rule from 1960 to 1961 and again from 1962 to 1967.

After working in the Dutch-governed island of Aruba he returned to Grenada in 1952. He founded the Grenada National Party (GNP) in 1955 to counter the influence of Eric Gairy's Grenada United Labour Party (GULP).

He studied law by correspondence and passed the Law Society's examinations in the 1960s. In 1976, two years after independence, Blaize's GNP entered an alliance with Maurice Bishop's New Jewel Movement to try to defeat Prime Minister Gairy's increasingly authoritarian regime.

Gairy won the election amid widespread allegations of fraud and was overthrown by Bishop three years later. After the New Jewel coup Blaize returned to his home on the island of Carriacou but returned to politics after the US invasion.



The writing on the wall tells a different tale from that of Blaize's landslide

Italy awaits
Sindona trial

MILAN — Sicilian financier Michele Sindona's trial on fraud charges has been adjourned until December 12, in one of the most eagerly-awaited cases awaiting trial in Italy.

Sindona's appearance in court was the first time he has been seen in public in Italy since the collapse of his business empire 10 years ago.

He was driven to court in an armoured van from a maximum security jail for women south of Milan, where he has been held as the only male prisoner for the past two months, and led into a defendant's cage in a crowded court room.

Sindona is accused of falsifying balance sheets and ransacking shareholder funds and client deposits to finance foreign currency speculation.

Sindona, 64, who rose from modest origins to become a high financier and

Vatican adviser who carried out large-scale financial swindles says he intends to turn the trial into a 'circus' with revelations of corruption in high places.

There is keen expectation to see whether Sindona will reveal a list of 500 prominent Italians who he says illegally exported currency through his banks in the 1970s.

The event is also notable as the first time in recent history that the prime suspect in a major Italian scandal has been brought to trial.

Sindona also faces a separate trial on charges of ordering the murder of Milan lawyer, Giorgio Ambrosoli in 1979.

Sindona was extradited from the United States where he was serving a 25-year prison sentence after being convicted of fraud, perjury and simulating his own kidnapping.

CIA file complaint against ABC

WASHINGTON — ABC Television and its news programme 'World News Tonight' have been hit with a complaint filed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) with the Federal Communications Commission.

The complaint filed under the 'fairness doctrine' was signed by CIA director William Casey and has the backing of the Justice Department and the White House.

The CIA action against ABC comes on the heels of the libel suits by two other leading agents of

US and world imperialism, General William Westmoreland and former Zionist Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, against CBS and 'Time' magazine respectively.

Two of the three leading US television networks are under attack for exposing aspects of the workings of the agents and agencies of imperialism.

The CIA is charging that ABC 'World News Tonight' falsely and without foundation charged that the CIA had conspired to assassinate US

citizens and had committed other unauthorised and illegal acts.

The CIA is demanding a full retraction from ABC and is urging the FCC not to renew the broadcasting licenses of stations owned by ABC.

The CIA charges stem from 'World News Tonight' programmes of September 19 and 20 which reported that a man told ABC news that the CIA had approached him to carry out the assassination of a Honolulu investment counsellor Ronald Rewald.

As a government agency, the CIA is barred from filing a libel suit but its complaint to the FCC is a first by a government agency using the FCC 'fairness doctrine'.

Floyd Abrams, a lawyer who has represented ABC and others in related types of cases, said the complaint was designed 'to circumvent the well-established legal principle that no government agency can constitutionally bring a libel action' and to 'control the content of news reporting which is critical of it'.

Jordanian
diplomat
shot dead

AMMAN — A senior Jordanian diplomat was shot dead in Bucharest yesterday while taking his child to school, Jordanian Prime Minister Ahmed Obeidat said.

Obeidat, who gave the news to parliament, identified the diplomat as Azmi Al-Mufti.

A Foreign Ministry statement published by the official news agency Petra said he was a counsellor at the embassy.

Middle East diplomats in Bucharest described Al-Mufti as the counsellor and said he was shot dead by a foreigner as he left the Hotel Bucharest, where he was living.

They said the killer, whose nationality was not identified, was arrested on the spot.

In Amman, Obeidat told parliament: 'It grieves me to announce that a wicked hand today killed... Azmi Al-Mufti in Bucharest... while he was taking his child to school.'

'According to initial information available to us, the Rumanian authorities arrested the killer,' he said. He did not give further details.

Al-Mufti, ranked No.2 at the embassy, had taken up his post in August.

Earlier, a Bucharest-based East European journalist quoted eyewitnesses as saying two men were shot and a third arrested in the incident that occurred just after 8a.m. (6a.m. GMT).

Rumanian authorities did not immediately confirm the shooting.

Security in Bucharest is usually strict, with surveillance of individuals at most times.

The Hotel Bucharest, the city's most luxurious, is located in specially well-patrolled area of the centre.

The hotel is close to the Rumanian Communist Party Central Committee headquarters and the Palace of State, constitutionally the highest state body presided over by President and party leader Nicolae Ceausescu.

War talks

BRUSSELS — NATO defence ministers met yesterday to conclude agreements on improving the 'basics' of conventional warfare purportedly to lessen the imperialist alliance's dependence on early use of nuclear weapons.

The warmongering meeting follows the accord reached by President Reagan and visiting West German Chancellor Kohl in Washington last week to continue the nuclear arms build-up, while arrangements go ahead for the Shultz-Gromyko meeting in Geneva next January.

Yesterday's meeting agreed to upgrade military ground facilities and raise ammunition stocks under a US threat that unless the West European partners spent more money on the anti-Soviet body, Reagan would pull out 326,000 American troops from the Continent.

World News Line

TOLL STILL MOUNTING IN BHOPAL GAS HORROR

NEW DELHI — The death toll in the gas leak at the Madhya Pradesh city of Bhopal has soared to at least 1,000 and has been acknowledged by Indian authorities as the world's worst industrial disaster.

City authorities have estimated that 20,000 people, about a quarter of the 700,000 population, inhaled the clouds of deadly methyl isocyanate gas.

Rescue workers and police searching through thousands of deserted homes in the city's poor working class suburbs admitted yesterday they expected to recover many more bodies.

Badly gassed victims, mainly young children and elderly people, were still dying in hospitals, government spokesmen said.

The Indian government faces a growing wave of anger that persistent complaints by residents since the plant was started seven years ago were ignored.

The suburb where the gas leaked is one of the most densely populated industrial suburbs of Madhya Pradesh.

Reuters correspondent Moses Manoharan, one of

BY OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

the first reporters from an international news agency to arrive at Bhopal railway station before a ban on aircraft, trains and all vehicular traffic to the city became effective, reported a deserted town.

The station is close to the factory owned by the Indian subsidiary of the US corporation Union Carbide.

Doctors on duty at the town's two main hospitals when the first rush of victims arrived were also overcome by fumes, 'The Times of India' newspaper reported.

Victims

At least 4,000 people are reported to be among the badly gassed victims and more than 10,000 people were treated at the city's two main hospitals.

Off duty doctors, paramedical workers and final year medical students from the city's university were called in to help.

Chemists were swamped by police ordered by hospital authorities to obtain badly-needed drugs for the hospitals, which ran out of supplies.

Hospital mortuaries were littered with corpses

and on lawns outside, it was difficult to tell the dead from the survivors, Manoharan said.

'The Times' said: 'Scores of children brought to hospital by hapless parents who did not realise they were dead, were sent back for cremation without post mortem examinations.'

Bhopal's crematoriums had run out of wood for cremations by Monday night, the 'Indian Express' newspaper reported.

All-India Radio reported yesterday that Central Bureau of Investigation detectives had been flown to the city from New Delhi to find out what caused the accident.

The tragedy struck in the early hours of Monday morning, when gas from a giant underground tank began leaking in the suburb about 10 miles from the city.

At least 20,000 people, choking and blinded by the fumes, fled on foot, bicycle, rickshaw and car.

People blinded by the gas stumbled into each other and fell. Hundreds of dead dogs, cats, cows, buffaloes and birds littered the streets.

The 'Express's' Bhopal correspondent said he saw several bodies lying in the streets.

Traffic accidents, compounded by the panic and the effects of the gas, added to the death toll.

Schools, offices and shops in the city have been ordered closed. Police said six managers and supervisors had been arrested for questioning on the disaster.

Disaster

Union Carbide said in a statement issued at its headquarters in Connecticut that it was sending a technical team to help investigate the cause of the disaster.

The company used the methyl isocyanate with other chemicals to produce a pesticide at the seven-year-old plant.

Union Carbide regional manager S. Kumaraswamy said pressure had built up inside the tank and ruptured a valve. He said the chemical was stored in liquid form but vapourised into a gas when it reached 21 Celsius (70 degrees Fahrenheit).

Equipment purportedly aimed at neutralising escaping gas with caustic soda failed as a result of the rapid build-up in pressure.



The plant at Three Mile Island

Record of catastrophes

A CHEMICAL plant explosion at Oppau, Germany, in 1921, when 561 people died, is the worst known industrial catastrophe apart from the Mexico City horror of November 19.

Thousands of working class Mexicans in the shanty town suburb of San Juanico are reported to have been instantly incinerated when the city's main gas depot exploded.

Reports from Bhopal yesterday indicated the gas leak may claim many more victims than the 1921 explosion.

The Bhopal gas leak has superseded every other known industrial disaster, excepting the San Juanico horror, where allegations have been made of a state cover-up of the death toll, and the unmeasured effects of nuclear radiation from the 1979 accident at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania.

In 1976, a factory explosion in Seveso, northern Italy, released a cloud of dioxin gas that caused acute skin afflictions, killed small animals and forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes. No death was reported.

In March 1979, in the worst nuclear accident reported, hundreds of thousands of people were evacuated when radiation escaped from a power plant at Three Mile Island. No death was reported.

In October 1979, there were Western press reports of hundreds killed by anthrax after an accident at a biological and chemical warfare plant in Novosibirsk, Siberia, that April.

The Soviet press reported in the Journal of Microbiology, Immunology and Epidemiology in May 1981 that tainted meat caused the outbreak and there were 'a number of victims'.

Anger simmers over Mexico's 'day of blood'

MEXICO CITY — Anger is smouldering here, weeks after a gas depot fire that killed hundreds on November 19 in the shanty suburb of San Juanico.

November 19 has gone down as 'the day of blood' in graffiti covering walls in the chronically poor working class shanty town.

Survivors queuing for food and blankets whip up brown dust which stings the nostrils, and small children wander aimlessly under a polluted sky the colour of dirty linen.

Area

Since the fire, bulldozers have levelled an area the size of four football fields.

They removed all trace of more than 300 houses burned as 80,000 barrels of gas exploded at the main city gas depot of the state oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex).

The official death toll is below 400 but the people who suffered the horror believe hundreds unaccounted for are dead, their ashes now mixed with the remains of their homes.

'The bulldozers buried

many, many,' said Leon Ramirez Avila, a resident there for 20 years. 'Many were just blackened bones, or nothing at all.'

Any possible evidence, along with dozens of workers who were in the gas plants burned to cinders or were blown to bits.

Many Mexicans doubt whether the country's most important company will be made responsible by the official inquiry, but Pemex is being blamed by all.

Relatives have come to the blast area to search for members of their family who had lived there, as the official listings failed to mention them.

Family

One man of 62 said he had come to look for 23 relatives out of 30 family members who lived in the area.

Asked why he did not consult the official regis-

ters of dead or wounded, he said quietly: 'So that they don't lie to me.'

The disaster has drawn a government promise to study relocating dangerous factories from Mexico City, where unchecked growth has thrown together 17 million people and 30,000 industries.

Already living in one of the most polluted cities in the world, Mexico City residents now realise their homes could be what the 'Ovaciones' newspaper called 'a death trap'.

Envoy's crisis mission

NOUMEA — French special envoy Edgard Pisani arrived in New Caledonia as bitter confrontation between Kanaks and the white French settler community mounted yesterday.

The Socialist Party government of President Mitterrand has given Pisani two months to come up with a formula to resolve the French colonialist crisis in the Pacific islands.

The indigenous Kanaks — Melanesians — have declared their own inde-

pendent state less than five miles from the capital, raised their own distinctive national flag and appointed a leader, Jean-Marie Tjibaou.

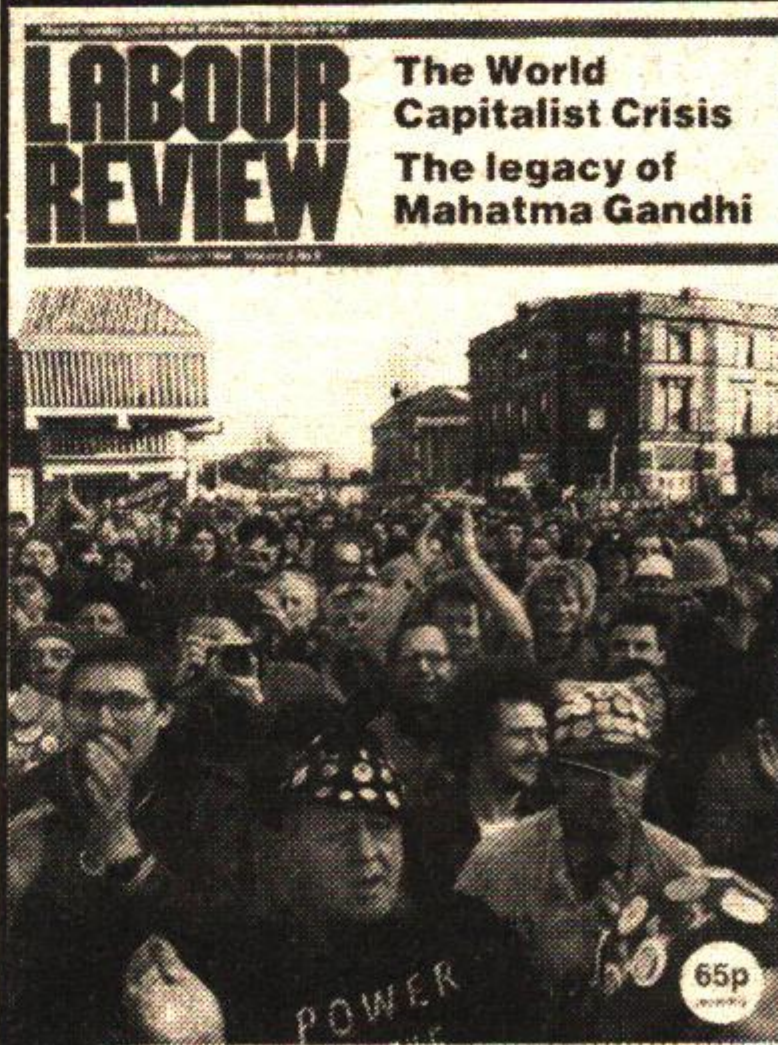
A Kanak and French settler were killed last week when shooting broke out at one of the roadblocks set up by Kanaks who have besieged most of the northern reaches of the islands.

A French journalist and his companion were shot and wounded at a barricade on Monday, when

they approached without warning.

The rugged north of the main island, 1,000 miles from Australia is virtually cut off and white women and children have been evacuated from the area.

Decades-long demands for independence broke out in confrontation when the Mitterrand government ordered elections on November 18 to install a new Assembly to entrench colonialist rule through the white settlers.



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WEATHER

NORTHERN Ireland will have a day of sunny intervals and showers. Eastern Scotland will have some rain at first, but brighter weather with showers, heavy in places, especially in the west, will soon spread to all parts rather windy. Much of England and Wales will be rather cloudy with occasional mainly light rain in places but more general rain may spread to western parts during the afternoon or evening. Temperatures will be near or a little above normal.

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

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

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

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

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

Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee); **Joe Keegan** (GBATU, 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.

Speakers: **Nigel Gilder** (Stoke YS); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Brian King** (AUEW convenor WMPTE); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

NORTH WEST

LIVERPOOL: Thursday December 13, 7.30p.m. Liverpool Youth Training Centre, 100 Gloucester Place, off Kensington Street.

Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

CREWE: Wednesday December 19, 8p.m. Room 04, Oakley Centre.

Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **D. Anderson** (Wolstanton NUM, in personal capacity)

SUSSEX

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

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

HERTS

WELWYN: Monday December 10, 7.30p.m. Woodhall Community Centre, Mill Green Road.

Speakers: **Gary Young** (Stevenage YS); **Paul Stickley** (Watford WRP)

LONDON

HACKNEY: Tuesday December 18, 7.30p.m. Hackney Town Hall, Reading Lane.

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

WILLESDEN: Wednesday December 19, 8p.m. The Rising Sun, 25 Harlesden Road.

Speakers: **Gerry Murphy** (Willesden YS); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

BRIXTON: Thursday December 20, 8p.m. Room 119, Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.

Speakers: **Gary Hughes** (Brixton YS); **Ben Rudder** (WRP Central Committee); **Ida Turner** (Brixton WRP); Speaker from South Wales NUM

Euro CP 'Tankies' plan counter attack on Merseyside

BY ALEX MITCHELL

THE NORTH-West district of the Communist Party will be purged and reorganised by the party's national executive committee at its January meeting.

It is one of the areas where the split between the majority 'Euro-communists' and the so-called 'hardliners' has reached breaking point.

Yorkshire district secretary Dave Priscott and Gerry Pocock, full-time head of the international department, have been put in charge of investigating the area and recommending the drastic changes.

Pocock paid a three-day visit to Liverpool last week to start an on-the-spot inquiry into 'malpractices' alleged to have taken place at the area's congress on the weekend of November 17 and 18.

Failure

The leadership's alarm followed the failure of four leading 'Euros' to get re-elected to the district committee. They were district secretary Arthur Adlen and David Heywood, both members of the national executive committee, Manchester area secretary Ralph Simons and Pat Devine, an ardent 'Marxism Today' supporter.

The so-called 'hardliners' at the 'Morning Star' were delighted with the ousting of two 'Euro' executive committee members and gave it dramatic prominence under the headline: 'North-West Communists elect new leaders.' ('Morning Star', November 20, 1984)

Reporter Jim Arnison wrote: 'In speeches during the congress, delegates expressed concern with regard to the position taken up by the retiring district leadership on a number of important issues, and this was reflected in the election results announced at the end of the congress on Sunday night.'

Lack

'Commenting on the Cammell Laird dispute he complained of a lack of assistance from the district and national leadership to Communist Party members involved.'

This was confirmed by Billy Albertina, one of the 37 Cammell Laird workers imprisoned in October for defying the High Court and defend-

ing the right to work.

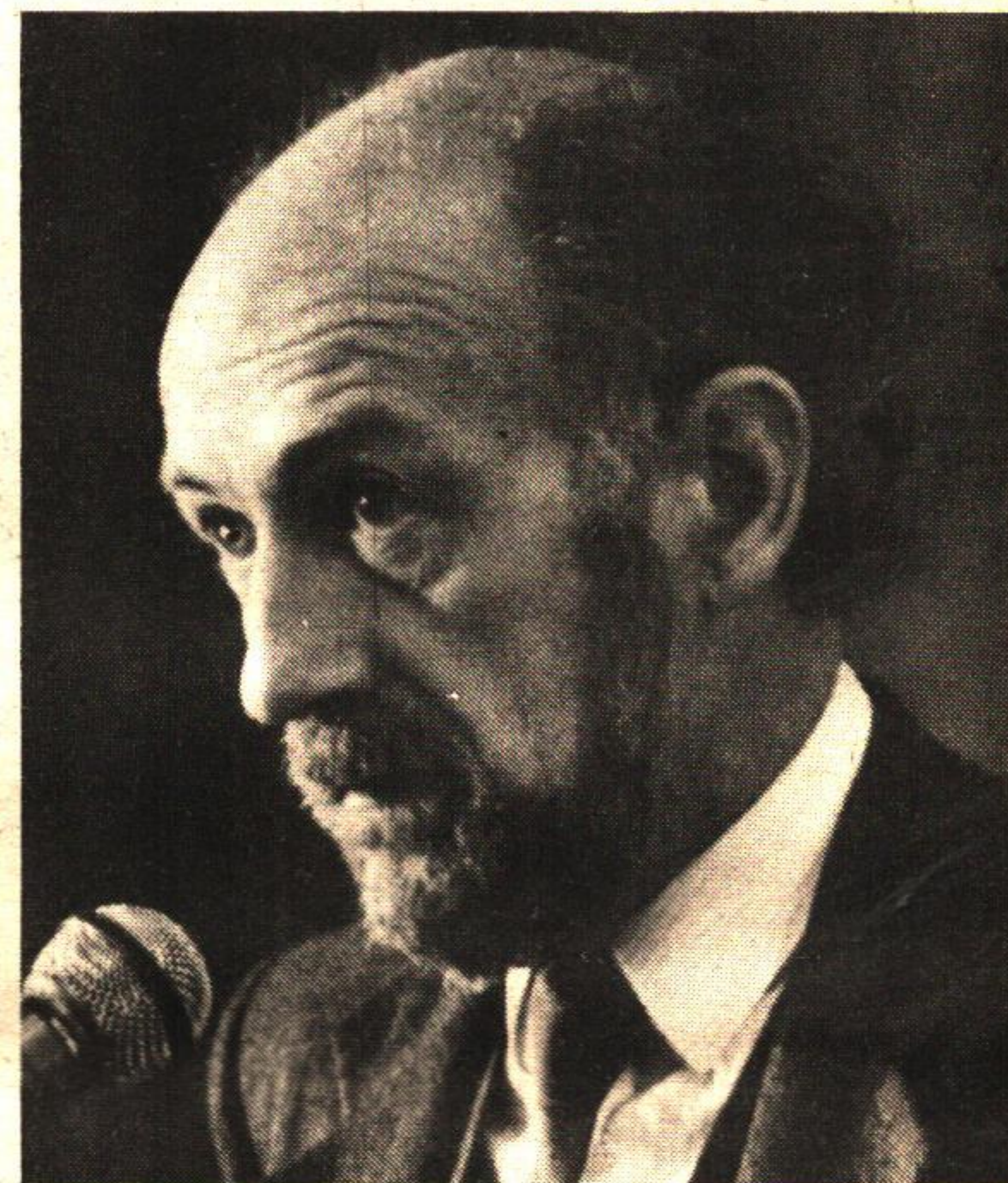
He complained to delegates about the 'lack of assistance at the national level of the party for the struggle at Cammell Laird'.

Communist Party general secretary Gordon McLennan and the executive committee have now moved to block any meeting of the newly-elected North-West district committee until the New Year.

This prevents the election of new officers and is aimed at stalling a political coup by the so-called 'hardliners' who have taken charge.

Veteran Manchester Stalinist Jack Askins has written to the 'Morning Star' bitterly protesting against the executive's actions:

'Now we learn that the recommendation of the political committee, endorsed by the special executive on November 30, was that no meeting of the new district committee shall take place be-



Dave Priscott (left) and Gerry Pocock — sent to Merseyside by the executive on a 'snooping operation'

fore the January executive meeting, and that two EC members, Gerry Pocock and Dave Priscott, are to be sent to the North West to 'investigate' alleged 'malpractices' based on letters they claim to have received.

Snooping

'Shades of Hackney and the London congress!'

'Comrades Priscott and Pocock are apparently to be sent here in order to conduct a snooping operation in an attempt to dredge up "evidence" to enable them to do a repeat of London.' ('Morning Star', December 3, 1984)

Askins concludes with a scathing political attack on the 'Euros' who have dominated the North-West leadership in the past few years. They have been 'inept, incompetent and debilitating', he said.

As a result there had

been 'a consequent continued fall in membership, weak organisation and finance and a chronic undermining of the party's position and influence in the labour movement'.

And the arch-Stalinist added: 'All Communist Party members should be alerted to the danger to the party from these dangerous bureaucratic manoeuvres.'

If the London experience is anything to go by, the 'justice' meted out by the 'Euros' will be swift. Last Friday night the executive committee suspended from membership 22 members of the London district committee for 'factionalism' and sacked three London fulltime officials, George Wake, Roger Trask and Tony Brown.

At the January executive in just over a month's time, many of the London suspensions will be upgraded to expulsions.

Tories refuse acid rain cash

THE environment group Friends of the Earth have condemned the Tories' rejection of plans to curb acid rain pollution.

The Tory government had made it clear that Britain would not join those countries who have pledged to cut sulphur dioxide emissions by 30 per cent.

'This is a tragic failure of government environmental policy,' said FoE. 'Acid rain is the major pollution problem of our time.'

Junior Environment Minister William Walde-

rave claims the £1,500 million plan is too expensive. Modification to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions could cost £150 million for each coal-fired power station, he said.

Friends of the Earth warned: 'Conservationists will be very bitter about the government's complacency. It is a black day for the countryside, and very bad news for Britain's wildlife, lakes and ancient buildings.'

The announcement is

certain to lead to a storm of protest from other environmental groups and EEC governments who have already joined the '30-per-cent club'.

Common Market Environment Ministers are due to meet in Brussels tomorrow to discuss the issue.

The Environment Department decision flies in the face of some of the key recommendations of last September's report on acid rain by a Commons select committee.

Lorry hours a safety hazard

PLANNED new EEC rules on the hours worked by lorry drivers would be harmful to road safety, the Commons was told yesterday.

Labour Transport spokesman, Roger Stott said that the changes would increase the risk of driver fatigue.

The EEC have issued general guidelines saying there should be increased flexibility on driving.

They say it should be within a reduced average working week and with an increase in weekly rest.

Although the proposals were very complicated, Stott said: 'What they really boil down to is an extension of hours and a reduction in rest periods.'

He added: 'The implicit promise of extra rest hours at a later stage does not reduce driver fatigue on the day in question.'

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

'Bring the country to a standstill' – say Ayrshire wives

SCOTTISH TUC leaders must call workers out on strike with the miners, say Ayrshire striking miners' wives dissatisfied with the lack of action being mobilised.

'It is not so much the financial support and donations of food that we need,' said Anna Frew, an Auchinleck mother of two children aged 15 and nine.

'We do appreciate that kind of help, but the plain fact of the situation now is that other unions must come out in support, as should have happened nine months ago.'

'We are saying: Bring the country to halt, bring it to a standstill.'

Mrs Frew was among two dozen striking miners' wives who attended a Scottish TUC conference on the NUM struggle. Speakers at the conference, held in Glasgow, was limited almost entirely to leading bureaucrats who called only for a deputation to Downing Street to plead for negotiations.

The adamancy of Mrs Frew that action is more vital than cash or food was not a conclusion arrived at lightly.

Beans

'In Ayrshire, NUM families are living on beans and spaghetti and soup,' she said. 'No fresh meat, or very little, and not much tinned meat either.'

New Cumnock striker's wife Mary Hastie added: 'A couple are getting £6.45 a week to live on. Tell me

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

what you can get for that. What can you buy for £6.45?

'If it had not been for the strike centres serving meals we would be in a queer state. We're spending all our time raising funds, selling raffle tickets organising discos, collecting things.'

Shake

'The NUM cannot be allowed to fight on their own. The STUC should be organising something that's going to shake things up.'

Christine Cunningham, also a New Cumnock striker's wife, with a boy and a girl, said: 'My husband, myself and our 12-year-old son get £13.65 to live on.'

'We've had toast with everything. Children are fed up with that. They'll ask their parents, "What's for tea?" When you tell them, they'll often say: "Well I don't want it."

'We're not ungrateful for the help, but the support has got to help the miners to win, not just struggle on like this.'



Some of the Ayrshire striking miners' wives outside the Scottish TUC conference in Glasgow

Coal Board to recruit jobless

THE Coal Board is to step up its recruitment of youth off the dole to try and break the miners' strike.

The NCB yesterday announced a 'New Year recruitment drive' in its western area, which covers the Lancashire coalfield.

NCB Western area industrial relations officer Alec Jeavons said: 'We intend to recruit 235 young men and juveniles between January and

March and we anticipate further recruitment involving several hundred men in the New Year.'

Claimed

He claimed that the new recruits would replace 'normal voluntary wastage' and denied that they would be doing the work of strikers.

But significantly he did admit that they would all be working under ground.

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St. Luke's backs miners

HOSPITAL workers at St Luke's, in Muswell Hill, London, are collecting food provisions for the miners because 'we are all in the same fight'.

NUPE shop steward, John Parker, said there had been a great response from local shops and supermarkets and high street shoppers.

Speaking on behalf of NUPE members working at the hospital, he said: 'Numerous donations have been made since day one of the miners'

strike by the domestic catering, nursing, building and administration workers of this hospital.

'The response has been absolutely tremendous. These workers clearly identify with the miners' struggle because it is a working class struggle.'

'I would like to add that among our members are some of the lowest-paid workers throughout the

country.'

Parker added: 'As a member of the Labour Party, I can only feel shame when the leaders of my party do not identify and support the class they claim to represent.'

'NUPE members are struggling themselves with cuts in hours and loss of jobs and this is why we identify with the miners' struggle.'

'After Christmas we'll be on a winner'

NEW YORK — IF the miners and their families can endure hardship at Christmas then they can go on to secure victory in their fight to defend jobs and pits, a Scottish NUM executive member said on his arrival in the United States.

'If we get through the Christmas period, then we'll be on a winner,' said

Peter Hogg, from Monktonhall colliery near Edinburgh, told a news conference.

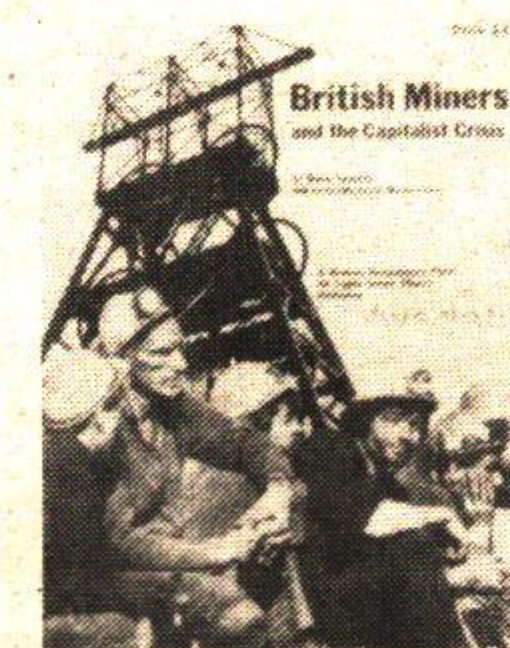
Hogg, who is touring the US to raise funds for the miners, said the Christmas period would pose a serious drain on supplies of coal and oil.

He denied that support for the nine-month strike

was crumbling and said that the same percentage of miners were on strike now as there were at the start in March.

Daniel Kane, a local Teamster's union leader who is acting as host during Hogg's visit, said the union hoped 'to raise as much money as we can' for the strikers.

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TUC must stand up and be counted

THE WORKERS Revolutionary Party and the News Line welcome, applaud and fully endorse the fighting speech given by National Union of Mineworkers president Arthur Scargill at Goldthorpe in Yorkshire yesterday.

Here, for the first time in decades, is a trade union leader prepared to stand up and fight for the interests of his own members and for the working class as a whole.

How different from the Murrays, the Duffys, the Hammonds, the Basnetts and the other 'boom-time' trade union leaders. And what a refreshing contrast from Stalinist bureaucrats like Ken Gill who talk 'left' and then slide into the High Court to accept the Tory anti-union laws!

Like the members of his union, Scargill is prepared to go to the limit in this battle with the Thatcher government. He was absolutely right when he told his Goldthorpe audience:

'This trade union movement was not born because people complied with law that was unjust. It was born because they couldn't accept a law that was unjust and they fought against both an unjust law and unjust system of society.'

He was a thousand times correct when he turned on the TUC leaders and said: 'We are not asking for moral support or resolutions. We are asking now for practical assistance, and we have asked the General Council to be convened to mobilise industrial action in support of this union.'

How different from 12 months ago! On December 16, 1983, the National Graphical Association (NGA) asked the TUC General Council for support in its fight against the anti-union laws and High Court sequestration initiated by Mr Eddie Shah's 'Stockport Messenger' group. They were turned down by 29 votes to 21.

Since then, the Tories have abolished trade unionism at GCHQ and launched the most violent and ruthless attack seen on any section of the working class since the 1926 General Strike.

The NUM's funds have been seized by state sequestrators, an official receiver has been placed in charge of the union's assets and property, the High Court has ruled the nine-month strike illegal and outlawed the union's rule book.

Eight thousand miners have been arrested, more than 6,000 charged while five NUM members have died on picket lines or travelling to them. Whole mining communities are living under conditions of police siege.

Every day that Scargill leads the miners in opposition to this Tory state onslaught, the working-class opposition to Thatcher's Bonapartist state grows, deepens and broadens out.

Yesterday the national committee of the country's largest union, the Transport and General Workers Union, decided not to pay the £200,000 fine imposed by the High Court following the Austin Rover strike. This means that the transport union's £50 million funds may be sequestered next Monday when the deadline for payment runs out.

Some transport union leaders are talking about sending lawyers to Mr Justice Hodgson's court next Monday to plead for only £200,000 plus costs being seized and therefore avoiding total sequestration. To make this concession to the capitalist state would be a treacherous breach of ranks with the embattled NUM.

Arthur Scargill's rallying call must be answered. The fight of the NUM is the fight of the whole labour and trade union movement for the survival of trade unionism and basic democratic rights.

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Collins calls for maximum support

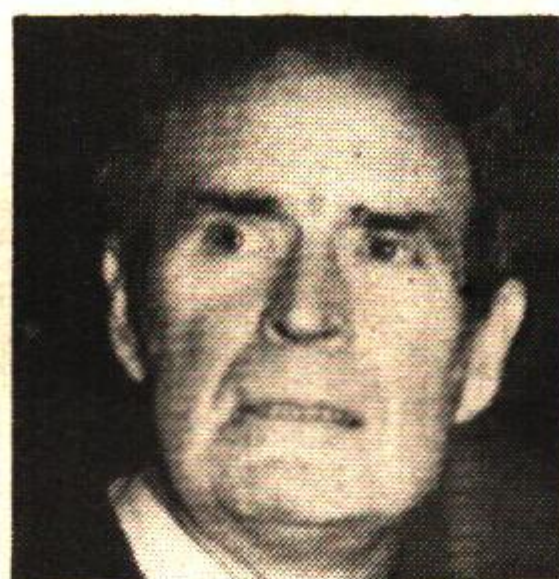
BY SIMON VEVERS

TUC LEADERS must call the maximum possible strike action in support of the miners, Kent NUM secretary Jack Collins said yesterday.

'It's a struggle between us and them and people have got to decide which side they are on,' he told News Line.

In a direct message to labour and trade union leaders he added: 'If you don't support the miners then you're on the side of those who will eventually grind everybody down if we are beaten.'

Collins moved the successful amendment at Monday's special NUM delegates conference in London which ensured that the union defied the



JACK COLLINS

court-appointed Receiver and kept £4.3 million of its funds in a Luxembourg bank.

The NUM national executive had decided by 11 votes to 6 — with the Yorkshire delegates abstaining — to recommend to the conference that the union co-operate with the Receiver.

The Kent amendment was passed on a card vote by 139,000 to 80,000.

Among those voting for co-operation with the Receiver was the Scottish delegation, which included area NUM vice-president George Bolton, who is also chairman of the Communist Party.

Bolton and others voted against the Kent amendment but then switched their vote to back the substantive motion.

Collins said: 'Obviously to agree to bring the money back would be accepting the bosses' laws and we're convinced that the bosses and the judges will not be satisfied until they have broken the miners' union and seen the miners crawling back to work like rats.'

'That's the only thing that will satisfy them. They've got an insatiable appetite for money, property and above all an in-

satiable appetite to smash the working class.

'I'm convinced that if we'd gone any other way then the morale of the miners would have been weakened.'

'I'm for the General Council calling as many workers out on strike as possible in support of the miners. Anything else is just looking for ways of betraying the miners. Let's see where they stand,' he said.

Peter Thomas, lodge chairman at the Nantgarw coke ovens in South Wales, said: 'The unions haven't given us a lot of support in the past. The TUC should call for a General Strike.'

He welcomed the conference decision to defy the courts, saying: 'If you are going to oppose this then you have to oppose it thoroughly, all the way.'

Scottish miners angry with Bolton's action

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

ANGER and amazement greeted reports in Scotland yesterday that the NUM area leadership had opposed the vote at Monday's special delegate conference refusing to pay the £200,000 fine.

Officials at a number of strike centres in the Scottish coalfield were trying to check out the reports last night, but in the main they were being told they would have to wait for report-back meetings later in the week.

'Surely they would not have done that, would they?' was the response of Willie Hodge, secretary of the Netherthird strike centre in Cumnock, Ayrshire.

'It was a great decision



GEORGE BOLTON

by the conference. Why should we pay the fine? We have to go all the way.'

The 'Glasgow Herald's' industrial correspondent, Roy Rogers, reported: 'The argument, as put to the conference by the Scottish area vice president, Mr George Bolton, was to allow the £200,000 contempt fine to be seized in the English courts in the hope that this would take much of the heat out

of the legal confrontation and allow the nine-month strike to continue.'

The 'Glasgow Herald' report continued: 'However, the Kent miners' leader, Mr Jack Collins argued very forcibly in favour of his hard-line amendment which carried the day by card vote of 139 to 80.'

The report added: 'In the vote at the delegate conference, the Scottish miners and the Scottish craftsmen joined various moderate sections of the NUM, including Nottinghamshire, North Wales, and the clerical section, COSA, in opposing the defiant attitude.'

In the 'Scotsman' newspaper, Labour correspondent David Gow reported: 'But the Scottish area and the Scottish engine men were among the sizeable minority which voted in favour of an executive recommendation

to allow the official Receiver, Mr Herbert Brewer, to repatriate the union's funds so that the fine could be paid.'

'Their stance was explained by Mr George Bolton, vice president, who said if the £8.9 million of union funds abroad in Luxembourg, Ireland and Switzerland were brought back home it would "take the heat off the union".'

Gow's report added: 'Apart from the surprising inclusion of the Scottish miners and engine men in the minority those voting against the motion were said to include Nottinghamshire, COSA, the coke men, North Wales, and the Midlands power group, while Leicestershire and Derbyshire stayed away.'

Debate

'The Guardian' said: 'There was a brief debate on this issue (to assist the official receiver), in which several speakers, notably Mr George Bolton, the Scottish miners' vice president, argued that there would be no harm in offering assistance.'

Bolton is chairman of the Communist Party of Great Britain. His area president is Mick McGahey, a member of the Communist Party's national executive committee.

Earlier in the strike Bolton played a key role in stopping a march across Scotland by miners who wanted to build up the campaign for the strike in the working class and trade union movement.

Determined to defend union

MINERS at the Fryston pit in north Yorkshire are doubly determined to defend their union and its funds following the appointment of the Tory Receiver.

Paul Mountain on the picket line accused the Tories of manipulating the law to get their hands on money which rightfully belonged to striking miners.

'The sooner we have a General Strike to support the miners the better. The Tories are appointing their own men to run the union

and will do anything to beat the NUM.'

'At this pit, we have a 24-hour police presence for the benefit of five scabs. We can't enter the pit without the permission of the police. We can't use the union offices or distribute the food that's kept there while the scabs are at work.'

'As far as I'm concerned, we have a police state in this village.'

We've been told there are now 150 miners in Armley jail in Leeds and our own branch president, Roy Wright, and four other members are in police custody.

'Following publicity in the local press, some of the lads and Roy's wife have received threats on their lives.'

'Thatcher talks about murder, but she's the one who murdered 300 on the "Belgrano"'. She'll not defeat us, but we must have the support of the rest of the working class.'

Platform (above) and audience



STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Time for other unions to strike

A GENERAL STRIKE is required to ensure victory for the miners, Alan Gascoyne, NUM branch secretary at Shirebrook colliery in North Derbyshire told News Line.

'The General Strike is now what is required. And we have to tell the railmen and seamen, who have given us the only real industrial support so far, that it is time for them to come out on strike.'

'Some people are looking to power cuts to win. But Thatcher is too firmly fixed in her ideas to back down for that. The only way we can win is if everyone sticks together and fights together.'

'The appointment of the Receiver over the union's funds only shows the extent they can go. In Derbyshire, where I serve on the executive council, we are forbidden to use any of our funds in support of the strike. Even for notepaper we have to obtain permission.'

'And now, there is a court case which may make ten of us liable to the costs of the strike from the area funds, which runs to £1.7 million. I could end up paying off £170,000 for the rest of my life, and the money will be taken from my wages before I even see them.'

'Now I wonder if there is anything that they can't do. No matter what kind of case we have had, and we have had leading barristers tell us our case is unbeatable, we have lost every case. Don't think there is a limit to what they can do.'

'They have started with our funds, but the next thing they will do is start imprisoning leading people for campaigning for the strike.'

'With the whole future of the National Union of Mineworkers at stake, we have got to get support from the rank and file members in the power and electricity industry.'

'We are not getting any leadership from



ALAN GASCOYNE

those at the top of the other unions, so we should be asking local shop stewards to demand action from their leaders or remove them from office if they won't do what they are asked.'

Gascoyne has nothing but praise for the support given to the miners by rank and file workers in other unions, and he stressed that hardship was now increasing severely in the North Derbyshire area.

that's why those going back into work don't realise what they are throwing away.'

'It is hard for those not actively involved to understand what is happening. Most people consider the union as a place to go in times of trouble.'

'But they don't realise that if the union is going to resolve that problem, it has got to have power. They will get nothing if the union has no power.'

Gascoyne believes there is support for industrial action to back the miners at the level of the shopfloor. He cites the principled position of power workers at some of the Thames power stations.

'And remember that at Shirebrook, because of firm leadership, there are still less than 20 per cent of coal trains going through, even though we are on the Nottinghamshire border.'

'The Hammonds and Duffys are only interested in themselves and not making waves. But society isn't like that. For the working class it has always been a struggle from birth to the grave.'

Principles

'But while it is true that if we don't have financial support the strike will fold up, we need more than financial support if we are going to win it.'

'This strike is not a matter of uneconomic pits or power cuts, it is a question of the existence of trade unions, trade union rights and trade union principles.'

'My message to other trade unionists is that if we lose this strike, we can all lock up our union offices and throw the keys away. But the only protection for a working man is his union, and



(below) at the 1000 strong rally in Goldthorpe yesterday. See story page 1



Alan Gascoyne, second from right, at a strike committee meeting at Shirebrook

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.

RECEIVER HEADS BACK BUT NO CASH IN HAND

HERBERT BREWER, the former Tory councillor and receiver of the NUM, was due back in Britain last night after failing to get his hands on £4.63 million of the union's assets, held in a Luxembourg finance house.

The 68-year-old Derbyshire solicitor is trying to have the fund, held by Nobis

Finanz International, transferred back to Britain.

He said yesterday: 'We have had amicable discussions with Nobis and their advisers and decisions will be taken later. I am returning to London tonight.'

It is understood that the NUM trustees, Arthur

Scargill, Peter Heathfield and Mick McGahey, have been in touch with Nobis in the past 24 hours, to instruct them not to release the money.

Brewer is applying to the High Court in London tomorrow to reconfirm his appointment as Receiver of the union's funds.

Before leaving Luxembourg, he deposited a specimen signature with the bank, which means he will not have to return in person to authorise the transfer of the funds to Britain should the bank release them.

The money, believed to be in dollar bearer bonds, is estimated to be earning interest of about £1,250 a day, at a rate of between 10 per cent and 12 per cent.

Nobis is reported to have undertaken not to move the money, even on NUM instructions, until a legal decision is made.

Scabs in move to outlaw South Wales strike action

TWO SCABS took the first steps in new legal moves aimed at outlawing the pit strike in South Wales and at coke plants throughout the country.

The two, a South Wales miner and a member of the cokemen's section of the union, want to examine the minutes of their area unions to see if the strike has been validly called.

Mr Justice Vinelott was told at the High Court in London that the South Wales area union had agreed to open its books that morning to Ieuan Thomas, from Llanelli, who says he was beaten up last time he tried to see the minutes.

The judge went on to order the cokemen's section, based in Barnsley, Yorks, to open its books to cokeman Paul Watson, from Aberdare, in Wales.

Richard Slowe, counsel for both men, told the judge that they wanted to see if the strike calls in their area were valid as a first step to seeking court rulings that the strikes were unlawful and unofficial.

When his solicitor, Gareth Jones, went to his aid, he was headbutted and needed medical treatment, alleged Slowe.

Offices

It had now been agreed that Thomas and Jones could look at the minutes at the offices of the union's own solicitors today.

His action for an order to compel the South Wales area to open its books to him was formally adjourned until Monday.

Minutes

Requests from Watson, who works in the NCB's Phurnacite plant at Abercwmboi, to see the cokemen's section minutes had gone unanswered.

Counsel said that when Thomas, an underground worker at Cynheidre colliery, went to his area headquarters at Pontypridd to inspect minutes with his solicitor, he was met by 60 striking miners inside the building.

He alleges they blocked his way and physically and verbally assaulted him. When he tried to leave, five or ten chased him and set about him outside, counsel claimed.

POLICE CLAIM £1.5m INJURIES

COMPENSATION paid to police injured while facing miners' picket lines could total more than £1½ million, it was disclosed yesterday.

So far, more than 1,200 officers have been hurt during the strike and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board expects applications from many of them.



South Wales miners have occupied their union headquarters on several occasions against the threat of sequestration. Now scabs are out to make the whole strike illegal

West German unions send miners clothes

HAMBURG — The Federation of West German Trade Unions' (DGB) Hamburg section is sending clothes

and money to striking British miners in time for Christmas, a DGB spokesman, Elke Laier, said yesterday.

She said 184 containers packed with winter clothes and shoes would be sent to Britain, probably to Sheffield.

During the past three weeks, 20,000 marks (\$6,600) had been donated by union and non-union supporters, she said.

Laier said the DGB had set aside 6,000 marks (\$2,000) for the transport of the donations from Hamburg but truck drivers belonging to the DGB had volunteered to take the parcels in their free time one weekend.

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Last Night's TV

Stars of the Roller State Disco by Michael Hastings; with Perry Benson as Carly, Cathy Murphy as Paulette, and Christina Greatrex as Voicespeak. Directed by Alan Clarke. BBC1 last night.

Harsh reality behind the disco fun facade

'DOLE KILLS' — this is the message behind Michael Hastings' play on BBC1 last night, which spelled out the sinister implications of mass youth unemployment and government cheap labour schemes.

The play is set in a Roller State Disco — a residential leisure skating rink where the lives of teenagers are controlled by a female computer Voicespeak.

Behind the disco fun facade is a major operation to force youth out into low-paid 'no-tech' jobs. Carly, one of them, resists... and pays the price.

The filming is rough and ready. 'It is a curious deliberate point I was trying to make,' says Hastings.

The whole thing was filmed in one large studio in three-and-a-half days, directed by Alan Clarke, who also made the much-acclaimed 'Scum'.

At the Roller State Disco, it's all provided. You can keep up your skills, play 'Space Invader' machines, doss for the night and the skates are for free — while you wait for a job. You get vouchers and you can keep going in between meals from the vending machines.

Disco music blasts and disco lights flash, as dozens of teenagers skate round and round all day long — an atmosphere of using so-called 'leisure' to intimidate is very powerfully conveyed.

Carly has been there the longest because he has a skill as a carpenter and he refuses to do an unskilled job.

He wants to be a cabinet maker — nothing less. His girlfriend Paulette has left but she comes back — just to get him out; to get him to face up to the reality that there is no such perfect job.

The roller disco looks

REVIEW BY PENNY BLOOR

like a big youth club. In the centre of the rink are bunk beds where the boys and girls sleep at night. All around are TV screens, with the pretty face and computerised voice calling out numbers. If you're lucky enough to be called you race over to social-security type counters around the edge of the room and report.

If you accept your job offer, you can leave. If you refuse, you have to stay. At the exit there's a big sign 'Authorised Leavers Only' and a security guard.

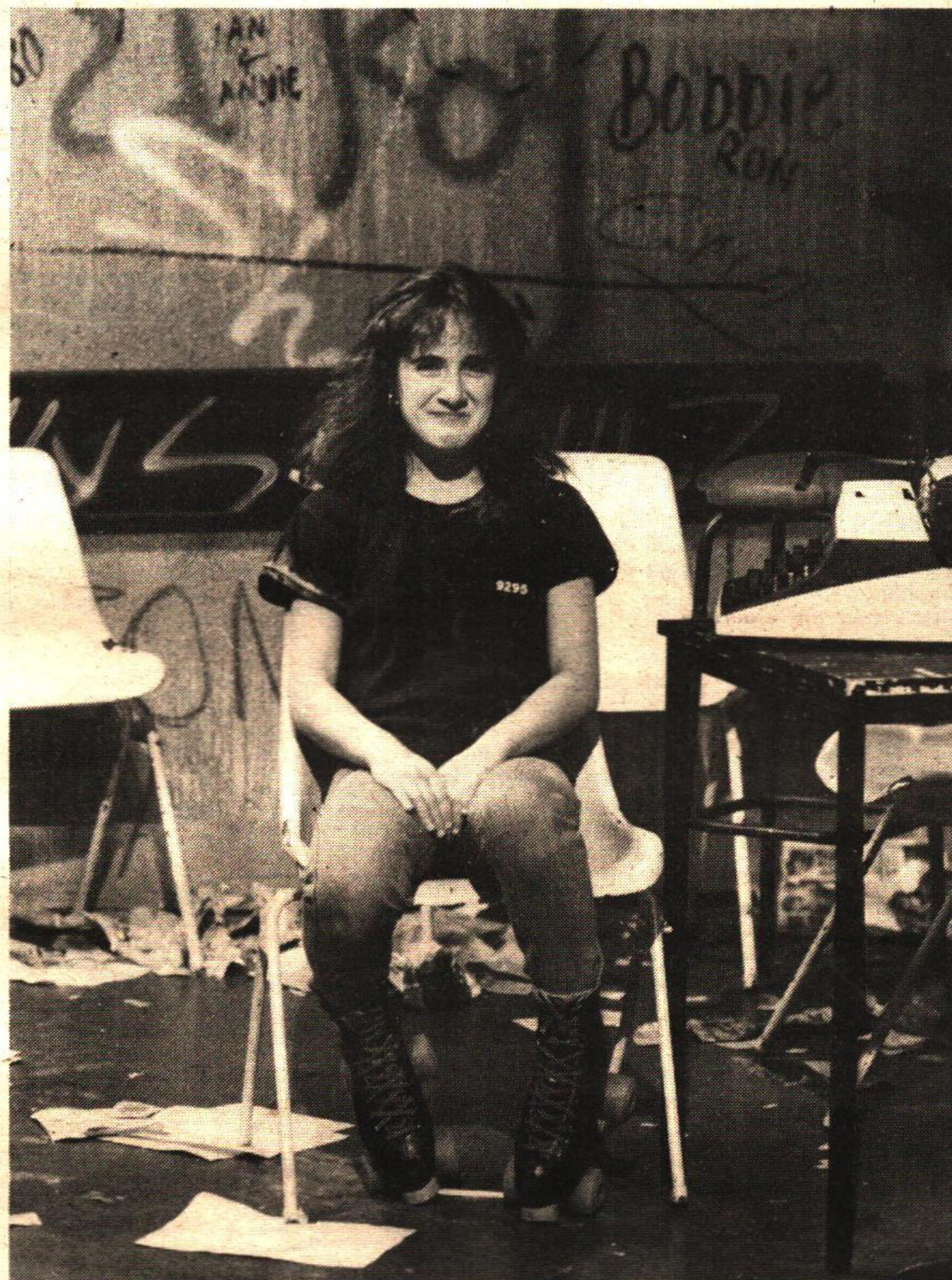
Job

Paulette finds that Carly's been in there too long. Even when he is offered a possibly good job, he can't accept it.

An example of jobs on offer: 'Receptionist, trainee, private hospital, Twickenham. Full board offered, three months' training, no salary, then the offer of a full-time job.' The girl offered this one refuses.

The resilience of the youth is also shown, the fact that it is not their lack of initiative or ingenuity, but the situation they are forced into.

At the Roller State Disco you can 'keep up your skills', like the boy who ironically spends all day quietly knocking a hole in the wall to dig his way out — 'demolition can be a



Cathy Murphy as Paulette... goes back to the disco to try to rescue boyfriend Carly

skill, you know'.

The doctor wanders around dishing out tranquilisers and asking people why they do what they do.

The skill in Hastings' play is to show the real nature of the facade created by the Tory government's state training agency, the Manpower

Services Commission — although the MSC is never named it is clear what the Roller State Disco is about.

Underneath the double-speak talk of 'opportunities', 'skills', 'training' etc is a sinister plan to force youth on to cheap labour. The Roller State symbolises this — the glossy, glamorous front concealing its sordid opposite.

It is about state control of youth — and a powerful warning of the implications.

Tragedy

Hastings says: 'It is a tragedy that children who are being educated to step into a wider society are being led up the garden path because there is nothing for them. I think it is a tragedy one should show without cynicism.'

He draws out the metaphor of Job Centres: 'It would be wrong to call it futuristic. It has been announced they are to put Job Centres into supermarkets and the next thing will be to put them in an entire complex where you can keep the kids quiet.'

'We now have a society of 4 million political economic prisoners.'

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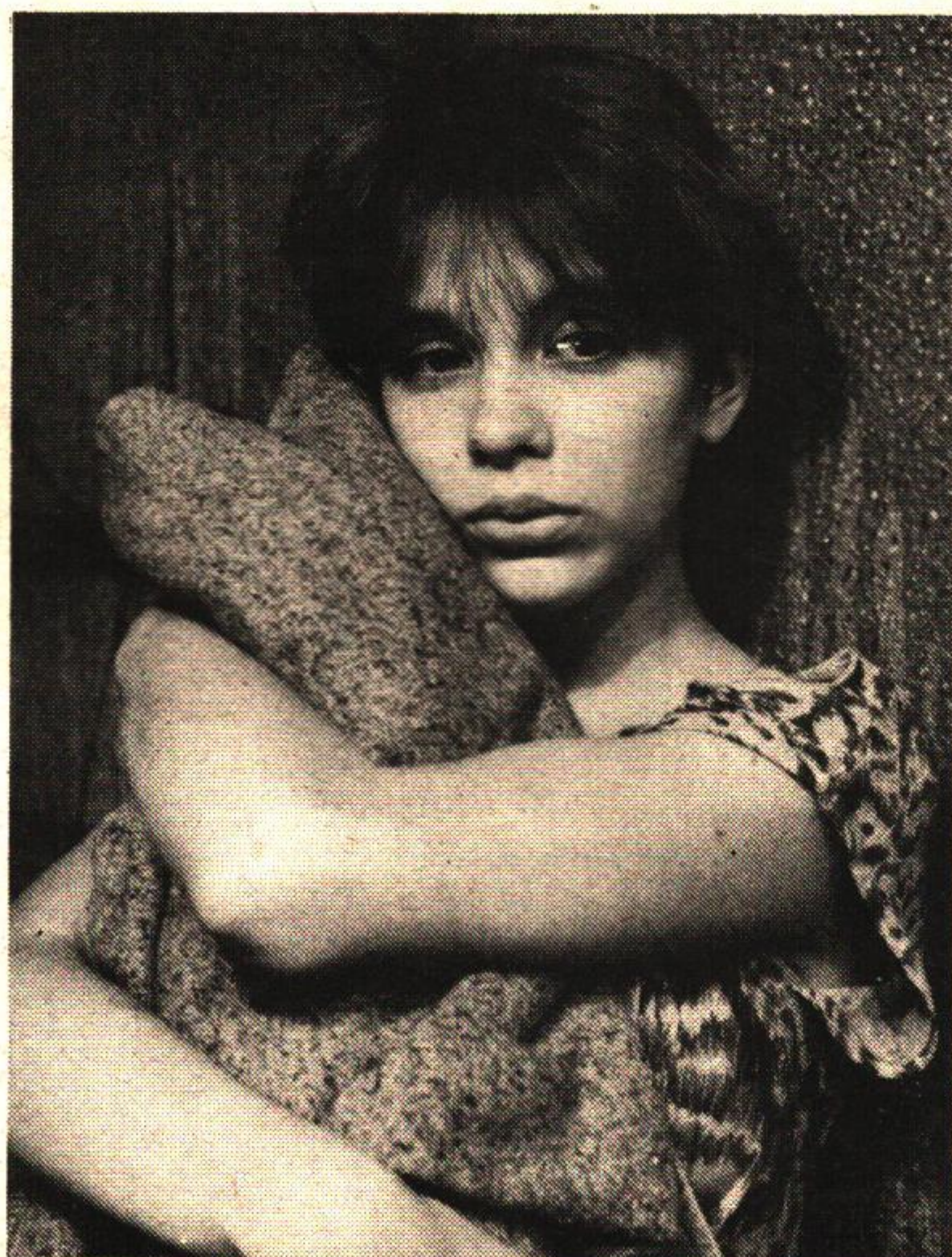
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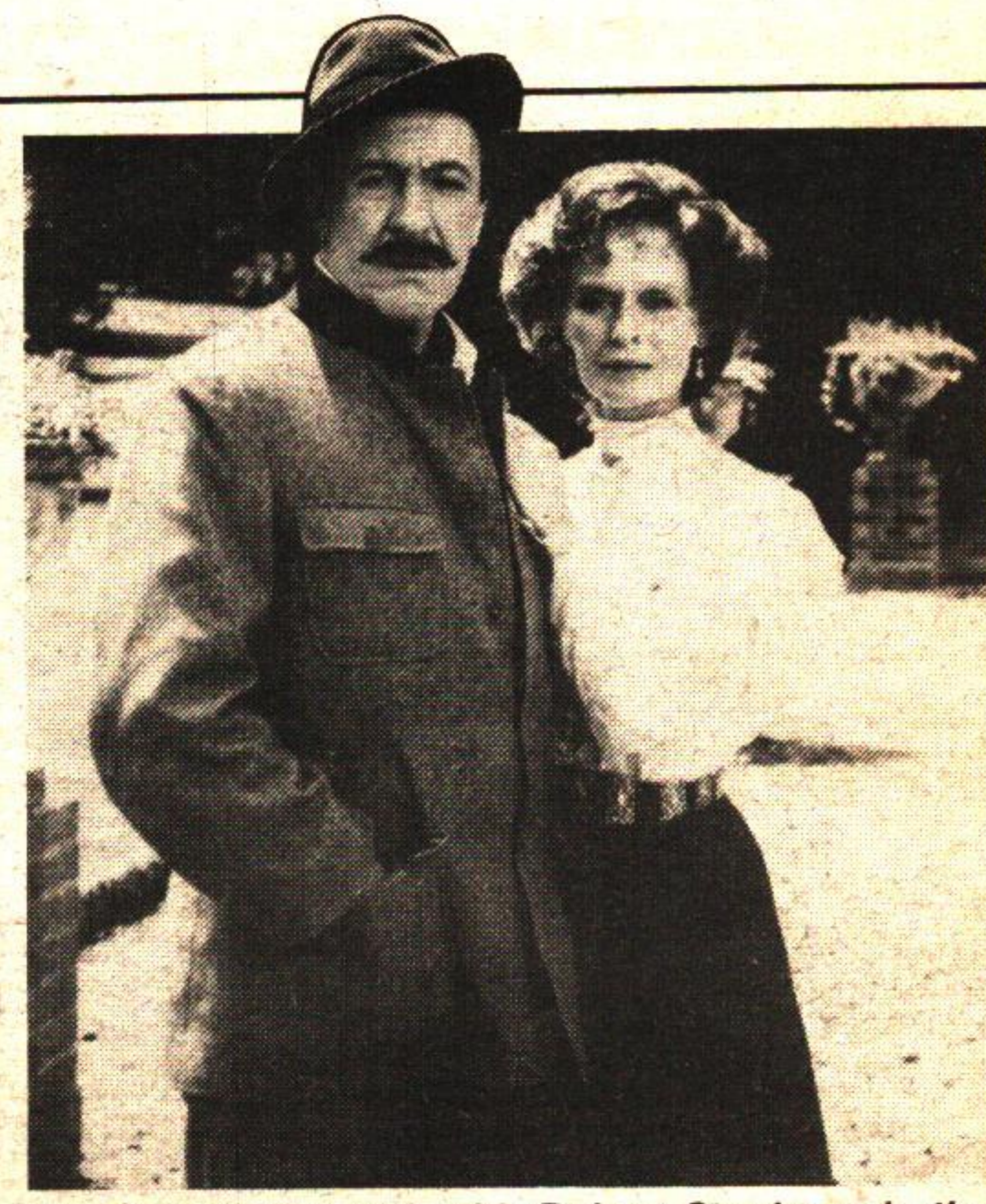
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9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.50 George White's *Scandals* With Joan Davis, Jack Haley, Gene Krupa, Ethel Smith (1945). **5.25 NEWS SUMMARY** with subtitles; Weather **5.30 WILLO THE WISP The Hot Hot Day** **5.35 FAST FORWARD** with Floella Benjamin, Joanna Munro, Andrew Secombe and Nick Wilton **6.00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL A Quiet Day in Tucson** Billy, Buck and Manolito lose guns and money on a trip to Tucson for supplies **6.50 THE PHIL SILVERS SHOW** With Phil Silvers as the irrepressible Master Sergeant Ernest G. Bilko in *Kids in a Trailer* **7.15 EBONY** **7.45 MY MUSIC** **8.10 TIMEWATCH** Nelson looks at how Horatio Nelson's image has been distorted. *The Tories and the Workers* compares Thatcher's election victory with those of her 19th century predecessors. *Wycliffe* John Wycliffe, whose body was dug up in 1428, burnt and scattered to the winds was regarded as one of the inspirers of the Peasants' Revolt **9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST** By the SDP **9.10 OXBRIDGE BLUES** Some witty and well-told stories by Frederic Raphael. Tonight's story is *The Muse* with David Suchet as Colin, a well-known satirist, whose world is both the world of satire and his family life. His troubles begin when he meets his greatest admirer. Also with Frances Tomelty and Carol Ryle **10.10 OUT OF COURT** **10.40 NEWSNIGHT** **11.30 Closedown**

CHANNEL 4

2.35 HELTER SKELTER (1949) Comedy about an heiress who develops a chronic case of hiccups and tries all sorts of desperate remedies. With Carol Marsh, David Tomlinson, Terry Thomas, Wilfrid Hyde White **4.00 A PLUS 4** **4.30 COUNTDOWN** **5.00 ALICE A Slight Case of ESP** **5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW** *Didn't You Used to Be ... Wait ... Don't Tell Me* **6.00 SILENTS PLEASE** An anthology of damsels in distress — from cave woman Mae Marsh to the helpless Gloria Swanson tied to the railtracks **6.30 THE LIVING BODY** *Decision* Continuing a look at the human nervous system, concentrating on the brain **7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS** **7.50 COMMENT** by an SDP politician; followed by Weather **8.00 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE** presents *Get This Shown* Miners and their families from the pit community of Kiveton Park, South Yorkshire, talk about their experiences in the strike. The programme also includes film of the battles at Orgreave and from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire **8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS** *What a Difference a Gay Makes* **9.00 PUCCINI** In 1908 a servant girl wrongly accused by Puccini's wife of having an affair with the composer committed suicide. Tony Palmer's film explores the effect of this tragedy on Puccini's life and juxtaposes the biographical story to excerpts from his last, unfinished, opera, 'Turandot'. With Robert Stephens and Virginia McKenna **11.10 A CHURCH FOR ENGLAND?** **12.10 Close**

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 All In a Day's Walk. 11.25 Cartoon Time. 11.30 Crown Court. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. **6.00 THAMES NEWS** **6.25 HELP!** **6.35 CROSSROADS** **7.00 NAME THAT TUNE** More than £1,200 to be won in this musical quiz show hosted by Lionel Blair **7.30 CORONATION STREET** **8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE** **8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS** **9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST** By the SDP **9.10 TRAVELLING MAN** *Moving On* Ex-detective Lomax follows a new lead on his missing son **10.10 NEWS AT TEN** followed by *Thames News Headlines* **10.40 INTERNATIONAL BOXING SPECIAL** Heavyweight, Funso Banjo, takes on Marvis Frazier at the Alexandria Pavilion. With commentary by Reg Gutteridge, Jim Rosenthal and Jim Watt, the former world lightweight champion **11.40 AFGHANISTAN Allah Against the Gunships** **12.40 NIGHT THOUGHTS** and **Closedown**

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. **6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT** with Michael Winstanley **6.05 CROSSROADS** **6.30 GRANADA REPORTS** Bringing the latest news and reports from around the North West **7.00 NAME THAT TUNE** **7.30 CORONATION STREET** **8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE** **8.30 MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS** More impressions of well-known personalities from Mike Yarwood **9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST** By the SDP **9.10 TRAVELLING MAN** *Moving On* Following a new lead on his missing son ex-policeman Lomax sails into unwelcoming waters **10.10 NEWS AT TEN** **10.40 PROFESSIONAL BOXING** Funso Banjo of Gt Britain v Marvis Frazier of America The match is heavyweight Banjo's chance to break into the world rankings against Marvis Frazier, who fought unsuccessfully for the world title against Larry Holmes a year ago **11.40 THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO** *Police Buff* **12.40 Closedown**

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00-2.15 Ffalabalam. 3.00 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Lubo's World. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Owain Yn Arwain. 8.00 Reslo. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. News Headlines. 9.00 Film: *The Two Worlds of Jenny Logan*. 10.45 Diverse Reports. 11.15 Notts Women Strike Back. 11.45 Here and Now on 4. 12.40 Close.

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 (except 9 p.m.). Headlines 5.30 a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Colin Berry (S) (5.02 Cricket scores). 5.30 Ray Moore (S) (6.02 Cricket scores). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin; 9.02 Cricket scores). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S) (10.02, 11.02 Cricket scores). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (12.02 Cricket scores; 1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 The Spinners and Friends. 8.30 Robert Mandell. 9.15 Listen to the Band. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Broadway Babes (S). 3.30-4.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley (S). **3** 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Schubert, Jan Antonin Kozeluh, Stravinsky (8.00 News) Liszt, arr. Canteloube, Copland arr. Bernstein, Ibert. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Haydn. 10.00 Swedish Orchestral Music (S) Wren, Stenhammar, Rangstrom. 10.50 Song Recital (S) Dvorak, Berg, Artur Gelbrun. 11.30 Mozart (S) Divertimento in B flat. 12.15 Concert Hall (S) Messiaen, Debussy. 1.00 News. 1.05 Benny Goodman. 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Johann Strauss, Astor Piazzolla, Vaughan Williams orch Jacob. Lyadov, Leo Brouwer, Alan Langford. 2.30 Music Group of London (S) Chamber music by Arnold Cooke and Khachaturian. 3.15 Miklos Rozsa's Orchestral Music (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Piano recital: C.P.E. Bach, Ravel, Schumann. 7.00 Vivaldi (S) Chamber music. 7.15 The Other Lake (S) Play. 8.30 Delius: A Mass of Life (S) (9.00-9.20 Six Continents). 10.45 Ladies Lost and Found (S). 11.00 Sheila Armstrong and Roger Vignoles (S) Song recital: Haydn, Schumann, Britten. 11.57-12.00 News. **4** 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *The Scissor Man*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury. 11.48 Mighty Myths. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Father Brown Stories. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.35 PPB. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Thanksgiving*. 3.47 Time for Verse. 4.00 News; File on 4. 4.40 Story Time: *The Love Nest*. 5.00 PM: News. (5.00-6.30 VHF only: Commons Foreign Affairs Committee hears evidence about sinking of 'Belgrano') 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six o'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Top of the Form. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984. 8.15 In Business. 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 A Talent to Amuse. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Mr Facey Romford's Hounds*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4.

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 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar. Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 Travelling Man. 10.10 News at Ten. 10.40 North East News. 10.42 Boxing. 11.40 Shelley. 12.10 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 World of James Michener. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Hollywood. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Shillingbury Tales. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 Travelling Man. 10.10 News at Ten; Central News. 10.40 Boxing. 11.40 Kolchak: The Night Stalker. 12.40 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 The Russian Dance Festival. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy.

12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 One Woman. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar. Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 Travelling Man. 10.10 News at Ten. 10.40 Boxing. 11.40 Darts. 12.25 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Island Wildlife. 11.50 Flying Light. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Three Little Words. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Secrets of the Coast. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 Travelling Man. 10.10 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.44 Boxing. 11.40 Portrait of a Legend. 12.05 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.28 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 That's My Dog. 2.02 Afternoon Club. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.12 TVS

News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 Travelling Man. 10.10 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.40 Boxing. 11.40 Vietnam Requiem. 12.40 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Benson. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 The Protectors. 2.00 That's My Dog. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 Travelling Man. 10.10 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.40 Boxing. 11.40 Darts. 12.25 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WEST: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Three Little Words. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Emu's World. 4.45 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name that Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 Travelling Man. 10.10 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.40 Boxing. 11.40 All Star Jazz. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Santango is Hexham's best bet

SANTANGO, (1.15) a ten-length winner of a Carlisle seller last season, is a confident choice for The Battle Hill Conditional Jockeys' Selling Handicap Hurdle at Hexham today.

Although he has failed to make the frame in his five subsequent starts, he has been asked to tackle much stiffer opposition, notably the Coral Golden Hurdle final at the Cheltenham Festival on his last start last season.

With testing ground in prospect Santango's two greatest assets — his love of soft ground and abundant stamina — will be brought fully into play and he can outstay his rivals.

Troiana will be fancied for The Priestpopple Handicap Chase, but he is penalised 8lb for a hard-fought, three-lengths-win at Sedgfield last week and may not hold Press Gang.

John Wilson's nine-year-old made an encouraging seasonal debut when third to Arctic Menelek here last

month and may have been racing beyond his best trip when falling in the closing stages over three miles at Ayr.

Back to the minimum on a track he likes he should give us a run for our money.

Arctic Menelek (1.45) can complete a hat-trick in the Hencotes Handicap Chase. After his win here he was a three-quarters of a length scorer from Brunton Park at Nottingham and despite 4lb extra has little more to do here.

Crammond Brig (3.15), a course-and-distance winner last season, may beat Mark Edelson in the Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle.

Although two miles is a bit sharp for her these days she could exploit her stamina in this heavy going on a demanding track.

Dessie Hughes' vastly-improved Bruges (2.00) can complete a four-timer in the Newbridge Hurdle at NAAS.

The seven-year-old was an easy winner at Dundalk back in May

SELECTIONS

HEXHAM

12.45 Press Gang
1.15 Santago (NAP)
1.45 Arctic Menelek
2.15 Saucepot
2.45 Roman Dusk
3.15 Crammond Brig.

NAAS

12.30 Sheeky Run
1.00 Miss Nikki
1.30 Tabriz Gold
2.00 Bruges
2.30 Monanore
3.00 Major Glen
3.30 Hearn's Hotel

HEXHAM

12.45 PRIESTPOPPLE H'CAP CHASE £1,200 2m (5 runners)

2 321/P-3F PRESS GANG (C) (D) J S Wilson 9 11 7..... T G Dun
3 043101 TROILENA (C-D) R F Fisher 8 11 7..... J D Doyle (4)
5 0-014FU THELMAS SECRET (C-D) T A Barnes 7 10 11..... M Barnes
7 03F034 ANOTHER FLAME V Thompson 7 10 0..... Mr M Thompson (7)
8 000-304 SOMERLED R McDonald 5 10 0..... K Jones

BLINKERS: 7

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Troilena, 11-4 Thelmas Secret, 5-1 Press Gang, 7-1 Somerled, 9-1 Another Flame.

1.15 BATTLE HILL CONDIT'L JOCKEYS SELLING H'CAP HDLE £500 3m (8 runners)

1 1000-00 SANTAGO F Watson 10 12 0..... J O Gorman
2 PP-3004 NORTHERN KNIGHT Ron Thompson 7 11 12..... Jayne Thompson
3 002-331 ARTSUM (D) R W Jeffrey 9 11 8..... J Brough
4 00300P- OTTERDEN R T Jukes 10 11 0..... G Williams
5 F-300PU GRADWOOD E J Alston 9 10 13..... M Alston
8 4-40030 CARLINGFORD BAY R Gray 5 10 4..... P A Farrell
9 0040-00 MOSQUITO RIVER B Richmond 7 10 4..... P Corrigan
10 0F00U3- BOSTON BOY R D Woodhouse 7 10 4..... W Goodwin

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Artsum, 7-2 Northern Knight, 5-1 Santago, 8-1 Gradwood, 10-1 Mosquito River, 14-1 others.

1.45 HENCOTES HANDICAP CHASE £2,000 3m (11 runners)

2 P00/013- SOLO SAM R Brewis 12 11 8..... P A Farrell (7)

NAAS

12.30 KILCULLEN MARES MAIDEN HURDLE DIV I £1,035 2m (23 runners)

1 010 ALTO MIRA D T Hughes 5 12 0..... T Morgan
2 030 CHEEKY RUN M A O'Toole 5 12 0..... T Carmody
3 000 DEEP HANSEL M Cunningham 5 12 0..... K Morgan
4 000 DENYS EYRE J Bove 5 12 0..... Mr M J Bove (7)
5 000 FRENCH AUBURN F Ennis 5 12 0..... R O'Donovan
6 000 GEMMA'S FRIDGE B Malone 5 12 0..... T McGivern
7 110 SHEERGRAUSTARK M Neville 5 12 0..... J Brassill
8 002 CORBALLY BESS M J Ryan 4 11 9..... T Kinane
9 010 MISS BRETA VI M Mulligan 4 11 9..... M Mulligan
10 000 BALLYBRACK GIRL R Donoghue 5 11 6.....
11 020 CANTA LAIR Miss G O'Brien 5 11 6..... A Powell
12 000 CUMIN GAZETTE T O'Callaghan 6 11 6..... Mr T O'Callaghan
13 300 LA SPORTE M J P O'Brien 5 11 6..... J P Byrne
14 443 LOVELEK W Treacy 5 11 6..... M J Byrne
15 00U RISQUET R H Lator 9 11 6..... A J O'Brien
16 000 STAR PIE I R Ferguson 5 11 6..... M Lynch
17 340 TRY ANOTHER J Travers 6 11 6.....
18 000 AQUALON T Casey 4 11 4..... E Buckley (5)
19 000 DEVON RUN P D McCreery 4 11 4..... M Flynn
20 000 FINDRUM LASS J W Boyers 4 11 4.....
21 000 LADY MEARLANE T O'Neill 4 11 4..... T O'Neill (3)
22 030 TEMPESTUOUS GIRL M Connolly 4 11 4.....
23 03 WINTER MUSIC J P Harty 4 11 4..... P McCormack (3)

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Cheeky Run, 7-2 Sheergraustark, 5-1 Corbally Bess, 6-1 Alto Mira, 8-1 Gemma's Fridge and Miss Breta VI, 10-1 Lovelek, 12-1 Canta Lair, 14-1 others.

1.00 KILCULLEN MARES MAIDEN HURDLE DIV II £1,035 2m (22 runners)

1 00P COOLREAGH PRINCESS P J Madden 5 11 0..... M Madden
2 000 FIERY ROSE V Kennedy 7 12 0..... R O'Donovan
3 000 MISS NIKKI P Carey 5 12 0..... J Quinn
4 000 AVRA BAY C C Ryan 4 11 9.....
5 410 BAVARD'S SONG Miss J V Morgan 4 11 9..... T McGivern
6 100 MILLE GOLDEN T Carberry 4 11 9..... A Murphy (7)
7 100 SHE'S A MODEL P A McCartan 4 11 9..... T Carmody
8 10 BETSY GARTH L T Reilly 6 11 6..... S Reilly
9 000 CEYLON TARQUE T O'Callaghan 5 11 6..... Mr T O'Callaghan
10 000 GYPSY MAJOR A Kennedy 5 11 6..... T J Ryan
11 00F LENEY CHARACTER W E Rooney 6 11 6..... Mrs R Stewart
12 000 MOONDUSTER C B Harty 5 11 6..... E Tyrrell
13 000 SNO-SLEIGH R Oakes 7 11 6..... M Sleator
14 000 TAR SLAVE F M O'Brien 8 11 6..... A J O'Brien
15 000 WALTZ AROUND B T A Rothwell 5 11 6..... Mr B Rothwell (7)
16 004 CELTIC HONEY M Cunningham 4 11 4..... K Morgan
17 000 DARANDER R J Butler 4 11 4..... A Dunne (7)
18 000 EUROVILLE LADY T V O'Connell 4 11 4..... T V O'Connell
19 000 JUANQUELE P Mooney 4 11 4..... P Mooney
20 000 OUR CANDY M Hoggan 4 11 4..... M J Byrne
21 030 SAMMY'S MONEY BOX F Ennis 4 11 4..... M Mackin (3)
22 000 WINTER CHERRY D T Hughes 4 11 4..... T Morgan

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Bavard's Song, 9-2 Fiery Rose, 5-1 Miss Nikki, 7-1 She's A Model, 8-1 Celtic Honey and Coolreagh Princess, 10-1 Winter Cherry, 12-1 Mille Golden, 14-1 others.

1.30 TOWN C&G MAIDEN HURDLE £1,035 2m (23 runners)

1 00F ANOTHER BROWNE M J McGrath 5 12 0..... A Powell
2 F BRENNANS GLEN Mrs B W McKeever 9 12 0..... H Rogers
3 000 DEEP SOUTH F Flood 5 12 0..... F Berry
4 000 ODINS RAVEN O Finnegan 6 12 0..... A Frick (7)
5 1P3 SOVEREIGN BUG B T A Boyers 5 12 0..... T Carmody
6 000 AUCTION FOLLY E O'Grady 4 11 9..... T J Ryan
7 100 DUHOLLOW BOY T Casey 4 11 9..... E Buckley (5)
8 000 AQUITION LEASE J R Bryce-Smith 6 11 6..... M Cummins
9 000 ARLAN'S RATH T McBride 8 11 6..... Mr J R Banahan (7)
10 000 DERRYRONAN P Mooney 6 11 6..... M Mackin (3)
11 030 KNIGHT OF DOON W Treacy 5 11 6..... S Treacy
12 000 MARLEY WOOD J M Kennedy 8 11 6..... Ben Nolan (7)
13 220 TABRIZ GOLD A L T Moore 5 11 6..... T J Taaffe
14 200 WHATEVER WILL BE P Mullins 6 11 6..... A Mullins
15 000 YANKEE FAIR W Durkan 5 11 6..... N Madden
16 000 JAMES COOK S Shields 4 11 4.....
17 0F3 JOINT SOVEREIGNTY J Cullen 4 11 4.....

3 113030- LITTLE FRENCHMAN (D) E H Robson 11 11 8..... R O'Leary
5 0220-11 ARCTIC MENELEK (C) (D) J G FitzGerald 9 11 3 (4 ex)..... T G Dun
6 22P/22-F MR SHUGG K M Oliver 9 11 2..... R Lamb
7 21-00P0 UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (C-D) W A Stephenson 7 11 0..... Mr C Storey (7)
9 2142-20 WEEWUMPAWUD (C-D) J Storey 9 10 12..... J K Kinane
11 3/2P01-2 PREBEN FUR G Richards 7 10 6..... M Barnes
12 3F4224 HAZY GLEN T A Barnes 6 10 4..... K Doonan (4)
13 120-223 STRAWHILL E J Alston 9 10 3..... G W Gray
14 0FP0-04 MISS WOOD (C) R Robinson 9 10 2..... D Browne
15 2033-04 GREEN MENELEK J I Charlton 8 10 0.....

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Arctic Menelek, 7-2 Preben Fur, 9-2 Mr Shugg, 6-1 Strawhill, 9-1 Hazy Glen, 11-1 Solo Sam, 14-1 others.

2.15 GILESGATE NOVICE CHASE £1,200 2m (7 runners)

2 0000-41 SAUCEPOT G Richards 6 11 10..... N Doughty
5 300/0-F0 DUSTY ISLES F Jestin 6 11 0..... J L Goulding
9 00P0-P IMPAGE R Robinson 6 11 0..... Mandy Harrison
10 P/P MARMALITE Miss J Salkeld 9 11 0..... P A Farrell (7)
11 00000-4 MOON GAZER V Thompson 6 11 0..... Mr M Thompson (7)
14 P POLOKI G B Fairbairn 7 11 0..... T G Dun
15 00/0-FU0 SHINEY SON W A Stephenson 6 11 0..... R Lamb

BLINKERS: 5
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 on Saucepot, 6-1 Shiney Son, 14-1 Moon Gazer, 16-1 Dusty Isles, 20-1 Impage, 25-1 others.

18 00 MAJOR GEOFFREY D T Hughes 4 11 4..... T Morgan
19 000 MASSABIELLE B V Kelly 4 11 4..... F Golding (7)
20 230 PRINCE OF THE REALM C Magnier 4 11 4..... Mr C P Magnier
21 333 SHANDERRY LAD N Meade 4 11 4..... P Leech
22 000 THE CIDER AND BUN C Kinane 4 11 4..... M J Byrne
23 00 VERBOSITY A L T Moore 4 11 4..... P Hynes (5)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Tabriz Gold, 4-1 Whatever Will Be and Shanderry Lad, 6-1 Auction Folly and Duhalloy Roy, 8-1 Deep South and Sovereign Bug, 12-1 The Cider and Bun and Joint Sovereignty, 16-1 others.

2.00 NEWBRIDGE HURDLE £1,173 2m 3f (10 runners)

1 111 BRUGES D T Hughes 7 11 12..... T Morgan
2 F32 HARVEYSTOWN R Walsh 7 11 7..... F Berry
3 P PRINCE CLAUDIUS W Elliott 6 11 7..... W Elliott (7)
4 000 RACING BOOM F Flood 7 11 7..... C O'Dwyer (7)
5 420 HOLD THE HEAD J S Bolger 4 11 5..... Brian Nolan
6 MICHELL LABIB A L T Moore 7 11 4..... T J Taaffe
7 310 ROAMINOER P B Farrell 10 11 4..... T McGivern
8 020 SKYLANE J P Harty 5 11 4..... Mr G Stack
9 000 LISCARTON P Martin 4 10 9..... P McCormack
10 300 STRATHLINE D K Weld 4 10 9..... T Carmody

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Bruges, 5-1 Strathline, 7-1 Harveystown, 12-1 Hold the Head, 16-1 Skyline and Racing Boom, 20-1 others.

2.30 RATHCOOLE HANDICAP CHASE £1,173- 2m 3f (13 runners)

1 F00 ANNICK B Brindley 10 11 12..... Mr A Brindley (3)
2 030 MORNING BREAKS J R Cox 7 11 12..... Mr J Shortt
3 003 MONANORE W Harty 7 11 9..... M J Byrne
4 001 PAINSTOWN BOY P D McCreery 9 11 5..... P Gill
5 400 POLKATION W T Bourke 7 11 5..... P Sleator
6 4F1 BRIGHTER LONDON P J Dooney 7 11 0..... K F O'Brien
7 030 GIFF'S LANE E P Harty 8 10 12..... P Clarke
8 04B LITTLE FINCH M Conheady 7 10 7..... T V O'Connell
9 000 PEACE WALK D Harty 9 10 5..... T Carmody
10 042 THE BAR RULES M Cunningham 7 10 5..... K Morgan
11 2FP HEREFORD LAD A McLoughlin 8 10 1..... R O'Donovan
12 030 RED CHARLES I R Ferguson 7 9 12..... M Lynch
13 4F0 PRINCE JAMES N Meade 4 9 7..... P Leech

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3.00 KILDARE NOVICE CHASE £2,070 2m 3f (13 runners)

1 00 BEAUFORT BRIDGE J J O'Connor 6 11 7..... Mr D H O'Connor (5)

RACING RESULTS

LEICESTER

12.30 (2m): THUNDER ROCK R Goldstein (8-11); Sedge (5-1); Hardwick Amber (20-1); Shiner's Pal (12-1); 19 ran, 4, 1/2. (A Davison) T: £6.10; £4.20; £5.80, £7.00. CSF: £51.90. NR: Saritamer Lass.
1.00 (3m): GOLDEN KNOLL M Perrett (5-2 fav); Upham Kelly (4-1); Only For Love (11-2); Fennelly (20-1); 19 ran, Nk, 8. (S Mellor) T: £3.60; £2.10, £1.60, £3.60. CSF: £14.27. NR: Blake.
1.30 (3m): SMITH'S MAN B de Haan (11-4 fav); Rib Law (33-1); Meggies Dene (7-1); Staunton (7-2); 9 ran, 5, 5. (Mrs J Pittman) T: 1/4.10; 1.70, £2.80. CSF: £55.36.
2.00 (2m): GOLDEN FRIEND R Linley (6-4 on fav); Suez (6-1); Another Pal (9-1); Jack O'Lantern (5-2); 5 ran, 20, hd. (Mrs M Rimell) T: £1.60; £1.10, £2.50. CSF: £5.17.

2.30 (2m): SCOTSMAN ICE M Dwyer (7-4 on fav); Spanish Bold (9-2); Elusive Spirit (10-1); My Name Is Nobody (20-1); 15 ran, 10, 1. (J Fitzgerald) T: £1.90, £1.30, £1.40, £1.90. CSF: £4.39. NR: Connaught Queen.
3.00 (3m): WINSON BOND Michael Rimmer (7-1); Captain Fantastic (15-2); Gold Measure (8-1); Falkland Conqueror (7-1); 14 ran, 2, 10. (P Cundell) T: £4.30; £1.20; £3.30, £5.40. CSF: £58.68.

HEREFORD

12.45 (2m): SAX W Worthington (13-8 fav); Stormy Haze (13-2); White Nile (6-1); Heather Prince (13-2); 6 ran, 15, 8. (K Bridgwater) T: £2.70; £1.10, £3.20. CSF: £11.69.
1.15 (2m 4f): RUEFUL LADY J Nolan (16-1); Joscilla (9-2); Marazani (11-4); Evening Song (50-1); 16 ran, 2, 10. (Mrs

D Onions) T: £9.70; £2.70; £1.60, £2.80. CSF: £87.04. NR: Louise Jessica.

1.45 (3m 1f): PUCKA FELLA N Coleman (11-8 fav); Ballydonagh (5-2); Dioklis (9-2); 5 ran, only 3 finished. (Mrs D Tucker) T: £2.20; £1.10, £1.30. CSF: £4.95.

2.15 (2m): THE LIQUIDATOR P Leach (8-1); Al Trui (20-1); Mighty Steel (11-4); Private Label (9-2); 16 ran, 8, 2 1/2. (M Pipe) T: £13.40; £3.30, £2.50, £1.20. CSF: £140.88.

2.45 (2m 4f): RUFUS T FIREFLY S Smith Eccles (5-2); Golden Hornet (9-1); Ringabing (20-1); Conn The Cobbler (33-1); 10 ran, 1/2, 30. (N Henderson) T: £5.10; £1.80; £1.70, £3.20. CSF: £25.15.
3.15 (2m): MORNING LINE B Powell (11-4); An-Go-Look (10-1); Fine Prospect (25-1); 13 ran, 15-8 fav; 4, 17 ran, 1, 12. (L Kennard) T: £4.00; £1.10, £1.70, £3.00, £1.50. CSF: £33.68.

Shock defeat

TONY KNOWLES crashed to a shock defeat in the £200,000 Mercantile Credit Classic Snooker Tournament at Warrington yesterday.

Knowles, seeded No.2, was beaten 5-1 by Joe Johnson of Bradford in the first round and then said: 'I don't like playing early morning. It didn't help me. I couldn't get going.'

The REAL John McEnroe

PART THREE

A YEAR ON 'THE FARM'

WHEN John McEnroe left Wimbledon in July 1977, his name had been noted by the All-England Club's archaic hierarchy as one to watch in years to come.

Like a union organizer working in hostile territory, McEnroe was seen as a possible troublemaker, a threat to their authority.

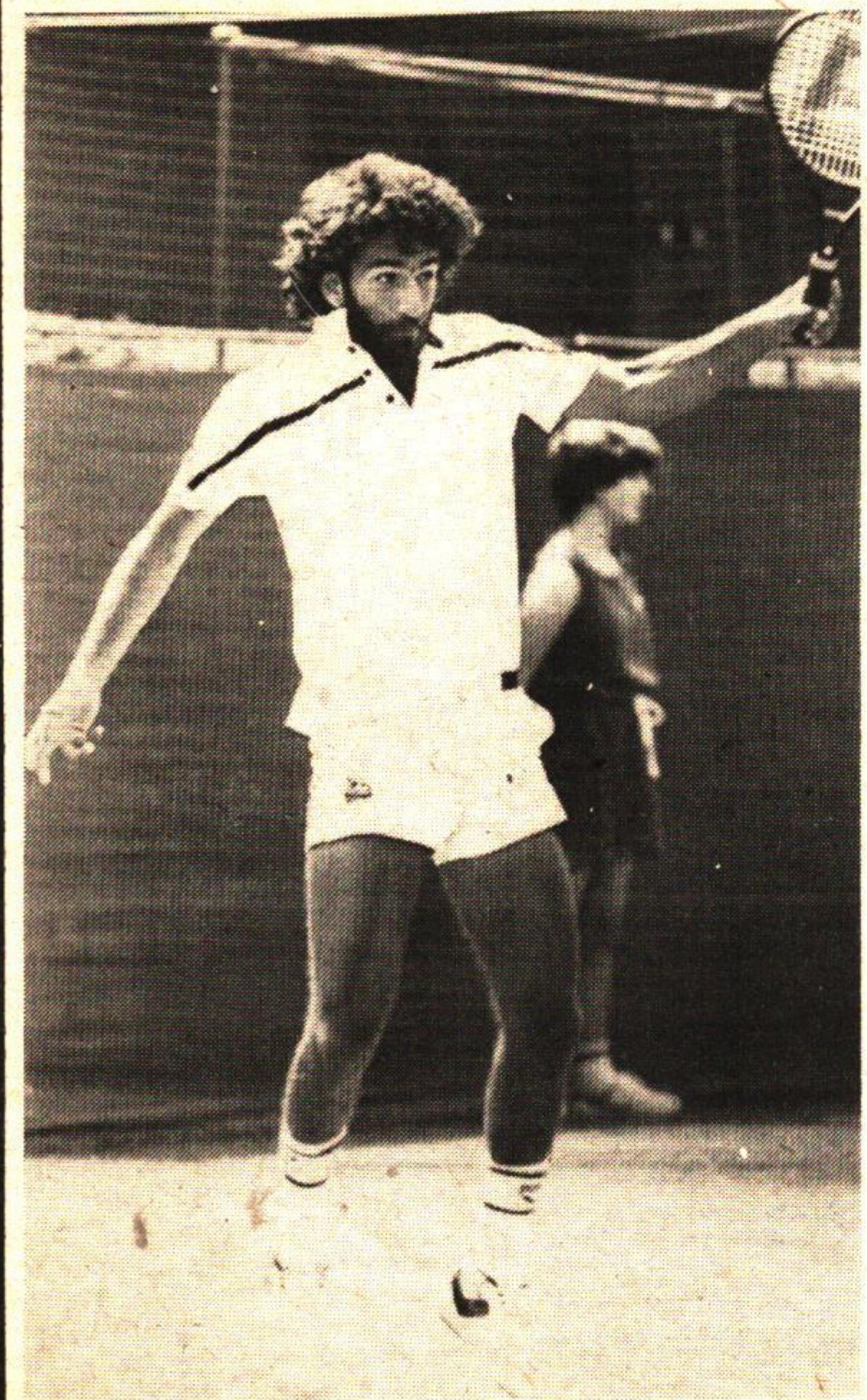
So what was his crime? The 17-year-old youngster from New York simply made the mistake of expressing himself at after-match press conferences!

He shunned the unwritten laws of a newcomer making his debut at Wimbledon. There was nothing cosmetic about the personal views he expressed about the tournament.

For him there wasn't the cliché-ridden monologues of 'how proud he was to play on such hallowed turf' or 'how great the whole Wimbledon fortnight was'. No. Instead he made a big, big 'mistake' in the eyes of the All-England Championship overlords — and a proportion of the British press as well.

McEnroe's 'mistake' was to speak the truth.

'I told it like it was,' he recalls. 'I was happy to be there, but I wasn't getting carried away about it. I suppose, in retrospect, I was a little rash in some of the things I said. But there was nothing scandalous or upsetting. All I did was speak the truth.'



PETER RENNERT . . . McEnroe's friend at Stanford

A WEEK-LONG SERIES COMPILED BY MATTHEW NUGENT

However, now McEnroe admits he couldn't handle the constant attention at the time.

'As soon as I reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon that year all hell broke loose,' he remembers. 'Everybody wanted to be my friend, there were promoters guaranteeing me incredible sums of money to play in their tournaments and sports companies queuing up to get me to endorse their lines.'

Press

The saddest side to Wimbledon '77 for John was the behaviour of a small section of the Fleet Street press. 'I found it hard to handle press interviews because I had never done so many in my life before,' he recalls.

'But it was their intense prying into my private life — for what there was of it at that time — which upset me. They didn't want to talk a lot about tennis at all.'

'When I got back home I was so exhausted that I didn't touch a racket or go near a tennis court for something like six weeks.'

Stanford University was now John's next scheduled port of call after his sensational arrival on the tennis scene in Europe.

His mother wanted him to go there. She saw his future as a possible junior partner in his father's law firm. His father looked at the situation a little differently, however.

'John's mother wanted him to go to Stanford and study for his future,' John McEnroe Sr. recalls.

'I saw it in a different light. I started thinking that if he could afford to throw away the \$50,000 he made — but couldn't accept as an amateur — on his first trip to Europe then there might have been a way to sort some kind of deal out.'

Now firmly established as a partner in one of New York's leading legal firms, McEnroe was in a position to work out how much John could possibly make if he decided not to go to Stanford.

Earnings

The figure — many would agree as being a conservative one — put John's estimated earnings at around an astonishing \$1 million for a reasonably successful season on the international circuit.

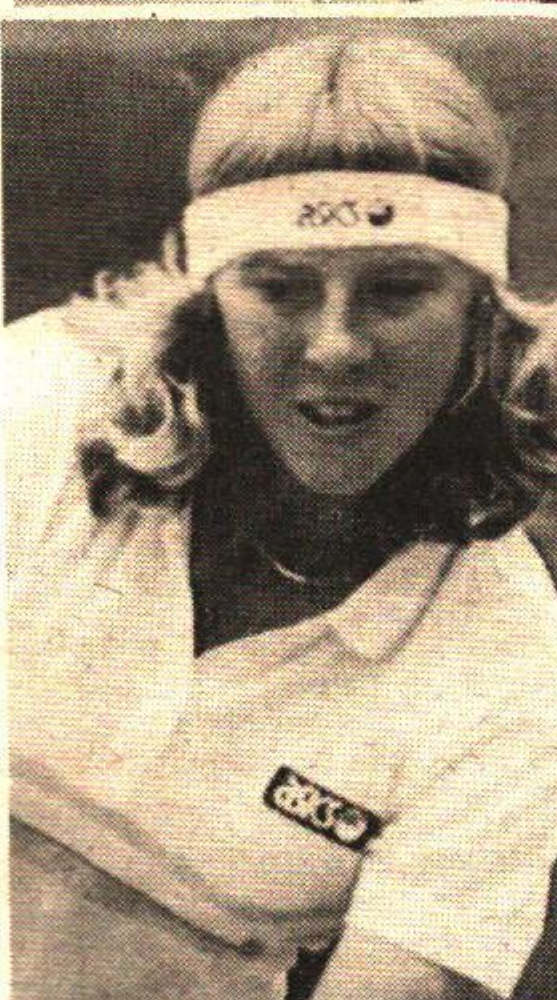
A compromise was finally agreed in the McEnroe household.

John would go to Stanford — but consider his future after the first year or so. A year 'on the farm' just might be what he needed anyway.

It was a decision that pleased John. 'I wanted to do what was best for me without upsetting my parents,' he recalls. 'I desperately wanted to go to university and be a normal student for a while.'

That was a little awkward anyhow. Because of commitments to a tournament in San Francisco John arrived at Stanford a week late. He was already well known for his exploits on the tennis court which had sent him into the world's top 20 as a 17-year-old.

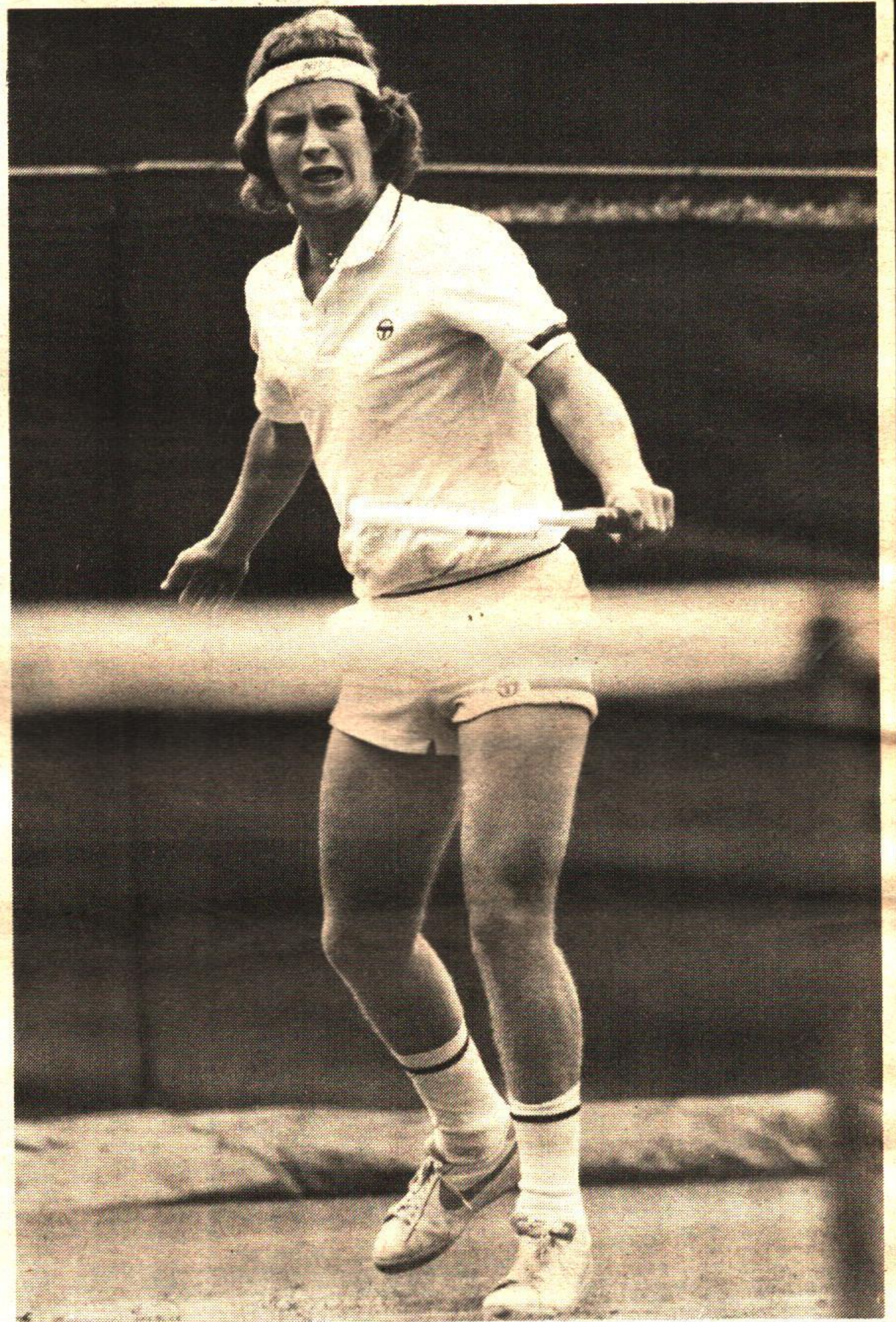
Stanford is one of



TRACY AUSTIN (top), ANDREA JAEGER (middle) and KATHY RINALDI. John believes that they rushed into the game

America's most famous 'seats of learning'. The campus's medical, business and law schools are among the best in the country while in the field of sports they have produced some great names like golfer Tom Watson, Jim Plunkett, one of American football's legends, and now John McEnroe.

Like most freshmen, John took general courses, introductory eco-



JOHN MCENROE . . . 'Going to Stanford was the best decision I've ever made'

nomics, psychology, and maths.

He soon struck up a relationship with Peter Rennert — now also a professional tennis player — and gathered a loyal band of friends around him.

He shared a room with a track and field athlete and John recalls: 'His event was the discus and javelin. He was a big fellow and there were very few arguments between us.'

Prowess

Ironically, McEnroe's sporting prowess on the soccer field didn't go unnoticed at Stanford either. However, several attempts by the university soccer coach to get him to join his squad failed.

McEnroe soon got to know the college tennis team though. Besides Rennert, who had by now become a close friend, there was Bill Maze, Matt Mitchell, John Rast and Jim Hodges.

Being left alone to be just 'one of the lads' brought out the best in McEnroe.

The university tennis coach, Dick Gould recalls: 'John was one of the most outstanding players I've ever had. He would bust his tail for anyone on the team. He'd be the first guy down on the court to console a teammate who lost and the first guy to congratulate a teammate who won. He projected a genuine interest in other people.'

At the close of his first year at Stanford, John won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title, the biggest challenge offered to him on the collegiate circuit.

He was, by now, beginning to yearn for the big time, the chance to prove himself in the world of professional tennis. He finally made up his mind to give it a go — but never regrets the time he spent at Stanford.

'It was the best decision I made in my life,' he says today. 'Okay so I never spent enough time there to get a degree of any sort, but the experiences of my time there developed my character and I matured a lot.'

McEnroe believes that too many youngsters rush into a professional tennis career, particularly on the women's circuit.

'There appears to be too much pressure placed on the youngsters,' he says. 'They find themselves playing tennis, living in hotels and out of suitcases and holdalls for ten or eleven months of the year.'

Problem

'Some very good players have found it hard to cope with. Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger have had the problem and now it may be happening to Kathy Rinaldi as well.'

'They possibly should have spent some time away from home, at college, before deciding to turn pro.'

● IT WAS erroneously reported yesterday that part three of 'The REAL John McEnroe' would take in his first professional win and initial problems with tennis's administrators. His career from the summer of 1978 to 1980 will feature tomorrow.

Sports Line

Gray cheers
Kiwi blues

EVAN GRAY hit a fine 56 and his captain Jeremy Coney an unbeaten 49 as New Zealand reached 191 for two at the close of the first day of the three-day cricket match against a Punjab Governor's XI in Bahawalpur yesterday.

In-form Jeff Crowe was with Coney at stumps, having hit 44 in a third wicket partnership of 62.

New Zealand, after winning the toss on a straw-coloured, grassless pitch, were given a sound start of 52 by Bruce Edgar and Gray, who was promoted to opener as an experiment.

Difficult

The Kiwis found run-making difficult against a keen local side whose attack lacked penetration but kept a good line and length.

Mohsin Khan, the Governor's side captain, tried six bowlers, including himself, in an effort to break through, but he was frustrated by the docile nature of the strip.

The tourists were 48 without loss at lunch, but they lost Edgar in the third over after the interval when pace bowler Tahir Naqqash, the best of the six-man attack, broke through the left-hander's defences and bowled him.

Edgar scored 23 with only two fours in over two hours at the crease.

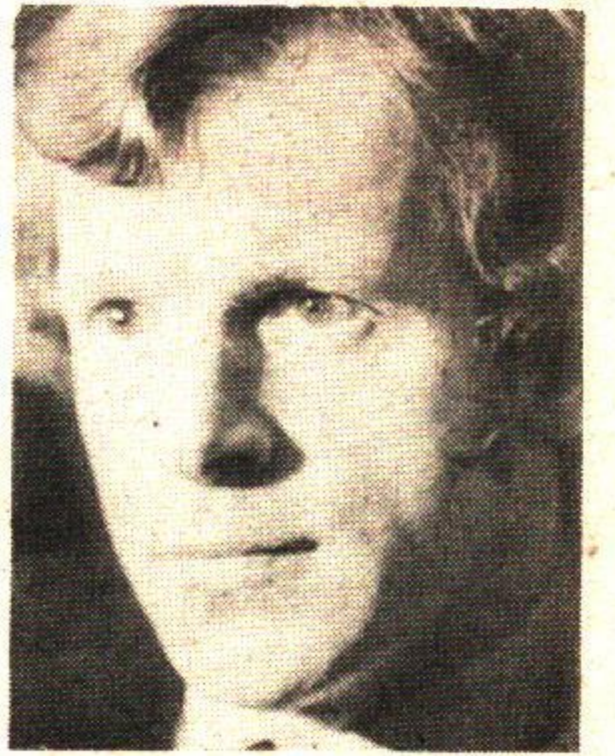
Rate

Coney did little to increase the scoring rate, adding 77 for the second wicket before the home side achieved their second success of a generally unproductive afternoon session.

Tahir Naqqash was again the wicket-taker, shattering Gray's stumps with a delivery which kept low. The Wellington batsman had stayed at the wicket for 254 minutes and hit seven fours.

The New Zealand captain took no advantage of the gentle practice after a series of lean scores on the tour.

His innings, which has taken him 194 minutes, included five fours but Jeff Crowe was more enterprising, hitting spinner Anwar Miandad for a six over long-on and striking five fours.

Continental could sign the best
GOLD RUSH!

GORDON TAYLOR

ENGLISH soccer could lose most of its best players in little more than a year, fears players' union Secretary Gordon Taylor.

He is relieved that the European Economic Community have delayed the time-scale for the abolition of rules restricting movement of players between member countries.

But they still want changes by the 1986-1987 season and Taylor fears that could signal a massive swoop by the big-spending Italians and Spaniards.

'Our biggest worry if the restrictions are lifted is that our best players will be snapped up abroad, and replaced by cheaper, inferior foreign players,' said Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) secretary.

'The Italian clubs would be delighted if the rules are changed and we could be saying goodbye to players like Ian Rush and Bryan Robson.'

'Some clubs abroad seem to talk in monopoly money — how could our clubs resist some of the phenomenal offers they're bound to get? It would be easy for a trickle to become a flood.'

At present most EEC countries restrict their

clubs to playing two foreign players, contrary to EEC law.

European Commissioner Ivor Richard told a UEFA delegation, including Football League secretary Graham Kelly: 'Change can be gradual, but change there must be.'

The EEC relented on their original insistence that proposals for change must be submitted by April

1 next year, in time for the 1985-1986 season.

And Kelly admitted: 'The Commission are trying to be as helpful as they possibly can, but we now know we can fight only a stonewall action and gradually come into line.'

'Taylor will meet Kelly on his return from Brussels and tell him: 'We must fight to keep the increase as small as possible.'

Both men fear the effect of an 'open door' policy will have, not only on top English players, but also on the international side and the development of younger players.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Shriver ousted, Lendl struggles



PAM SHRIVER . . . Out of the Australian Open at the hands of Helena Sukova

KEVIN CURREN was poised to pull off one of the biggest upsets of the season when rain brought play to a halt at the Australian Open Tennis championships in Melbourne yesterday.

The No.9 seed, who has a habit of keeping his best form for major tournaments, was one set up and about to serve for a 3-1 lead in the second against Ivan Lendl when the players were forced off the centre court.

Only two matches were played to a finish before the rain settled in for the day.

West German Boris Becker beat Guy Forget of France 7-6 6-4 6-3 in an entertaining fourth-round clash between two of Europe's most outstanding teenagers, while Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova up-

set the seedings list with a 6-2 6-7 6-1 win over Pam Shriver of the United States.

Lendl, winner of the French Open earlier this year and hot favourite here, due to the absence of John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, must have been delighted with the change in the weather because his hopes of reaching the quarter-finals looked wafer thin at the time.

Curren is probably the best remembered for his four-set win over Jimmy Connors at Wimbledon in 1983 when he blasted 33 aces past the bewildered American on his way to the semi-finals.

The South African had not beaten Lendl in six previous attempts, but he ripped through the first set 6-1

in just 19 minutes with the help of two service breaks in the fourth and sixth games.

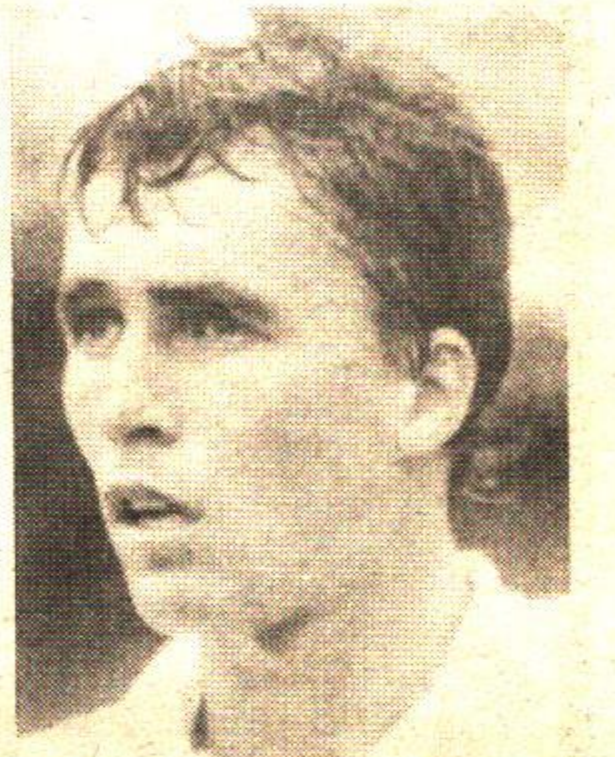
As if to emphasize his superiority on the day, Curren broke Lendl's serve again in the opening game of the second set with a running forehand down the line.

Becker, who turned 17 last month, was playing on grass for only the 10th time.

He reached the third round at Wimbledon this year before he was forced to pull out after tearing ligaments in his right ankle.

The West German admitted grass was already his favourite surface, but said he was surprised at the ease of his win over Forget.

Shriver, although initial-



IVAN LENDL

ly disappointed at her defeat by ninth-seeded Sukova, confessed she felt relieved afterwards and will now take a long break from the game.

BOXING

Sibson title
surrendered

TONY SIBSON is giving up his hard-earned British middleweight title, one week after winning it from Mark Kaylor.

Sibson, 26, retains the European and Commonwealth championships, but relinquishes the British following what he considers to be an unreasonably early demand by the British Boxing Board of Control (BBC) that he should defend against Herol Graham of Sheffield.

Graham, the unbeaten former triple light middleweight champion, was due to be nominated officially at the Board's monthly meeting next Wednesday.

Sibson's decision, which his manager, Sam Burns, had difficulty forcing on him, is for sound business reasons, Burns said yesterday.

Any British title defence — and the Board are saying this one should take place by March — must also in-

volve the two other titles if the champion happens to hold them.

'It is a technical possibility that he could lose all three at one go,' said Burns. 'It just doesn't make good business sense and I have finally made Sibson realise this.'

Belt

'He is upset because he wanted to win a British championship belt outright to give to his mother. I have finally convinced him that this is a business, and he will do better to defend the European and Commonwealth titles separately.'

Burns said that Sibson also resented allegations from the Graham camp that he is afraid of the fight.

'There have been some silly statements,' said Burns. 'Everyone knows that Sibson is afraid of no one and his record proves it.'

BANJO'S BIG
NIGHT OUT

FUNSO BANJO, the London-based Nigerian who has moved almost unnoticed through the ranks to become official No.1 contender for the British heavyweight title, may be on the brink of overreaching himself.

When Banjo and his manager heard that American Marvis Frazier was looking for a fight in London, they immediately started lobbying. The result — Banjo meets Marvin, son of the old world heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, at the Alexandra Pavilion tonight.

It is an imaginative match which will either confirm that Banjo is up and coming, or put him back in the pack.

Either way, he will probably have to fight for his life, just as Joe Bugner had to against Joe Frazier in London 11 years ago.

On that occasion, Bugner

produced the best performance of his career against Frazier's all-out aggression. Banjo may be given the same opportunity, because Marvis fights just like his father. With Joe in his corner, he probably has no alternative.

Frazier's only previous British opponent was Bugner, whom he outpointed earlier this year. His only defeat was in one round when he was unwise enough to mix it with world champion Larry Holmes.

Company

Banjo has never mixed in this sort of company and may find that Frazier, as Marvis promised, will play a tune on him. But he has everything to gain. A good win could make him an international commodity and nobody would have suspected that six months ago.

Athletics cash boost

BRITISH athletics announced its first £1 million sponsorship deal yesterday with Pearl Assurance. Over £250,000 will be pumped into the sport annually for the next five years in a comprehensive package.

Pearl will spend £155,000 on sponsoring the National Indoor Championships at Cosford on January 25-26 and the Great Britain outdoor international at Birmingham on July 6-7.

They will continue to back the successful half-marathon series launched

last season, taking in six venues with the final at Birmingham on August 11.

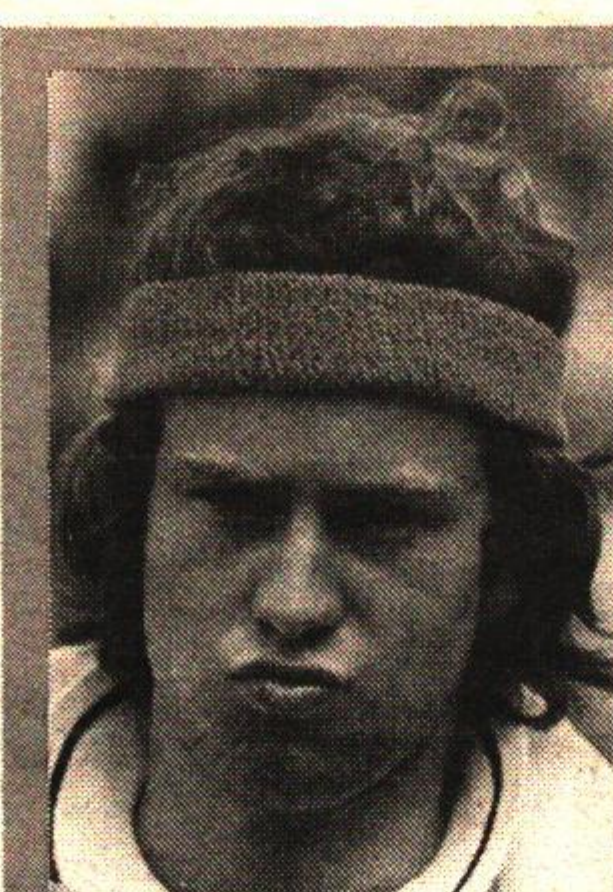
All events will be televised and the indoor championships follow the first world indoor games in Paris and provide a selection platform for the international indoor matches against West Germany, the USA, and the European Indoor championships.

The Birmingham international in July will be one of the highlights of the year when Britain will challenge the mighty East Germans and Japan.

Andy Norman, promo-

tions officer of the newly-formed British Athletics Promotions Committee which brings together all British and England matches under one banner for the first time, said: 'This is a new era of British athletics and this package is the first to incorporate a road series, indoor championships and Great Britain outdoor international.'

He described the half marathons as the 'most successful series of road races ever put on in Britain' and expects over 20,000 athletes to compete in the 1985 series.



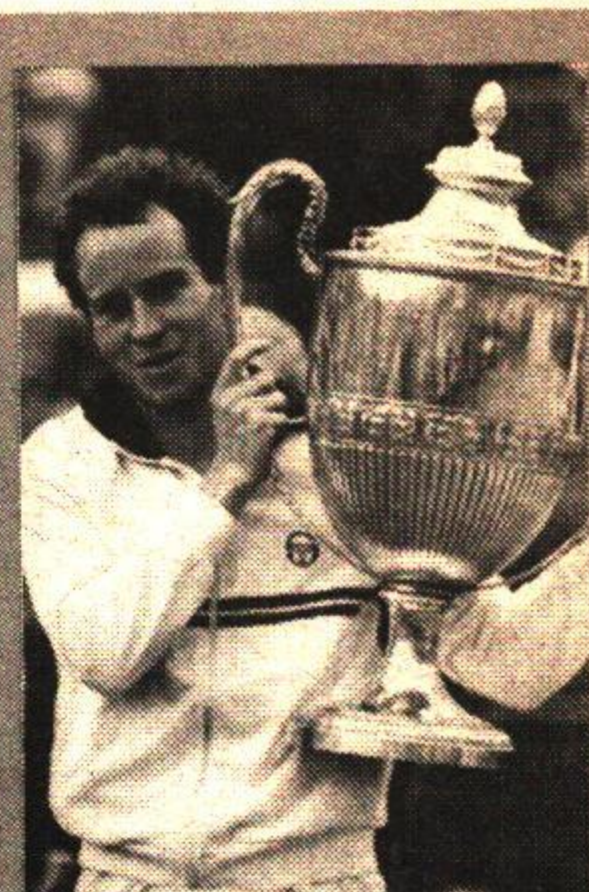
The real John McEnroe

NO OTHER sports personality is as well known as John McEnroe these days. This morning on page 14, News Line continues its in-depth look at the man billed by the world's press as sport's most notorious character.

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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THE TERRIBLE TWINNS!

They must sort things out — Shreeves



MICKEY HAZARD . . . Back in the side tonight

TOTTENHAM manager Peter Shreeves is gambling on Glenn Hoddle and Mike Hazard hitting it off in tonight's Milk Cup fourth round replay against Sunderland at White Hart Lane.

With Republic of Ireland winger Tony Galvin sidelined by a recurrence of hamstring trouble, Shreeves has recalled Wearsider Hazard alongside Hoddle in central midfield.

Shreeves, however, has yet to be fully convinced that the combination can work on a regular basis.

'I've still got an open

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mind about it,' he said. 'I would always hope that if you throw boys of extremely good ability in together they will conjure up something. That's what I'll be looking for tomorrow.'

Skill

There is the worry however, that skill could be stifled in a personal duel for responsibility.

'It's something they have to work out for themselves,' said Shreeves. 'I'd like to see an equal division of labour.'

'The first time they played together, at Ipswich, we won 3-0. They needed a settling-in period of 20 minutes, but after that it worked very well.'

Shreeves, however, has also seen the other side. 'Against Bohemians, they didn't seem to gel correctly. I had to do something about it during the game and we got a good result without playing well.'

Shreeves will be looking for an improvement tonight in the quest for a quarter final trip to Watford.

'It will be very closely contested, and Sunderland are a good defensive side.'



GLENN HODDLE . . . Must learn to share the responsibilities with Hazard

'Our recent home form has not been at its best and we need to show the urgency that was missing against West Bromwich and Chelsea if we are going to secure a result.'

Gary Stevens is switched sideways to fill in for Tony Galvin on the left side of midfield, with Gary Mabbutt substitute.

Available

Shreeves, meanwhile, expects Galvin to be available for Saturday's home game against Newcastle. 'He trained today, but is not 100 per cent fit and I didn't want to risk him,' he said.

The return of captain Shaun Elliott after a

three match suspension will enable Sunderland to revert to a sweeper system in their attempt to improve a poor away record.

With Elliott back in the centre of the defence, manager Len Ashurst is demanding greater determination from his side. 'We have blown hot and cold all season and now it is time to show more resilience away from home,' he said.

'We have to start somewhere and what a great night it would be if it happened against Spurs.'

Mark Proctor, who has missed the last two games with knee trouble, is set to return in midfield

England's 'best'

Moxon is left out again

ENGLAND have decided against giving Martyn Moxon urgently-needed batting practice in the first one-day international against India at Pune today.

The Yorkshire opener, hit first by illness and then by the death of his father, has yet to play a game since the winter tour started on the sub-continent five weeks ago.

Playing in Pune and in Friday's three-day game against North Zone at Bombay would have given Moxon an outside chance of playing in the second Test at Delhi.

But the tour selectors have instead chosen their strongest side against the 1983 World Cup Winners as they seek quick revenge for the first Test defeat at Bombay.

Captain David Gower said: 'There is no way we will treat a one-day international as practice for anyone.'

'We are going out to try and win with the best men we have for the job.'

In reality that means England have made just two changes to the 12 named before the Bombay defeat.

Somerset off spinner Vic Marks, recognised as a one-day specialist, replaces Pat Pocock, and with Paul Allott remaining behind in Bombay yesterday for treatment to his sore back, Neil Foster is brought in as an extra pace bowler.

The Indian selectors, on

the other hand, have ripped apart their jubilant Test side, bringing in three medium-pace bowling all-rounders, Roger Binny, Manoj Prabhakar and Rajinder Singh Ghai in the place of their front-line spinners.

They have also dropped top wicket-keeper Syed Kirmani for the more adventurous batting of Kiram More and recalled dashing opening batsman Krishna Srikanth.

Both Binny and Srikanth played in the 1983 Lord's final against the West Indies when India discovered that teamwork and balance rather than outstanding individual ability



VIC MARKS

can be decisive in limited-overs cricket.

Since that historic victory, however, India's fortunes in one-day cricket have suffered a slump. In recent times they have lost a series to the West Indies 5-0 and to Australia 3-0, while England did achieve a one-day victory over the West Indies at Nottingham last summer.

Teams:

England (from): Gower, Fowler, Robinson, Gatting, Lamb, Marks, Cowdrey, Downton, Ellison, Edmonds, Foster, Cowans.

India (from): Gavaskar, Srikanth, Vengsarkar, Patil, Yashpal Sharma, Shastri, Kapil Dev, Binny, More, Ghai, Prabhakar, Chetan Sharma.

Devonshire fighting back

WEST HAM's injury-hit England midfielder player, will be back in First Division action in the New Year — and spitting in the eye of the 'experts' who have written him off.

Devonshire, who damaged knee ligaments 11 months ago, was continuing his comeback in the reserves at Ipswich yesterday.

And his manager John Lyall hit out at a story which stated that the 28 year old was about to give up the game.

'It made me sick to read that,' said Lyall. 'All that does is put more pressure on the lad when he's making astonishing progress.'

'He's going so well, there are no problems with his knee, but people want to knock him down. I just don't understand it.'

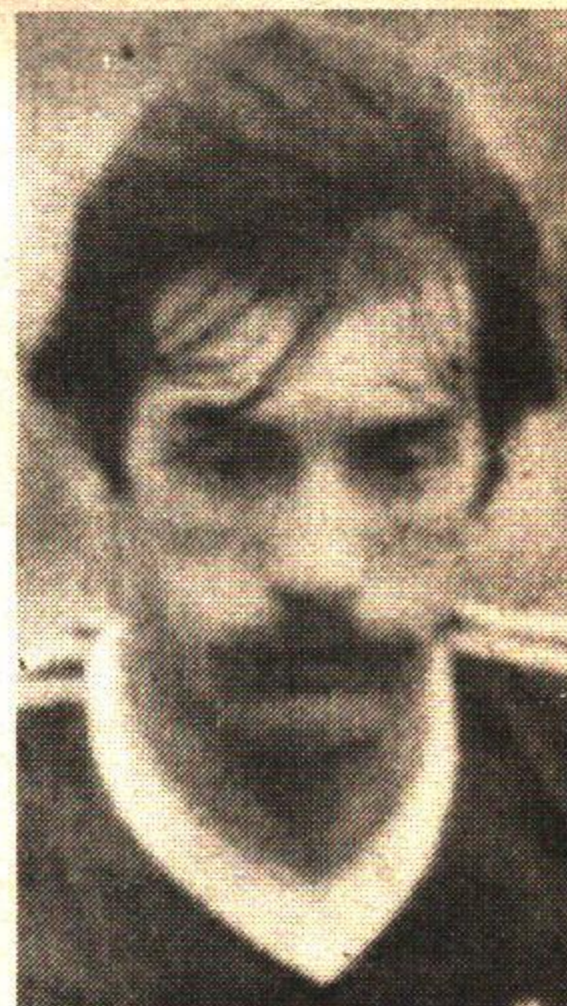
'If anything, he is ahead of schedule in his comeback, and while I

can't predict the future, I expect to have him back in the side soon.'

Devonshire was injured in an FA Cup tie against Wigan, and Lyall said: 'We knew then it was a serious injury which could mean he would be out of action for a year.'

'His progress has been carefully charted by our surgeon and he has made excellent progress. He came through a reserve game a week ago very well indeed — if you had seen him, you wouldn't have known he had been out of action so long.'

'We are delighted with him. He's an outstanding player and we are looking forward to having him back in the team — his sort of player is impossible to replace.'



ALAN DEVONSHIRE . . . 'He'll be back,' says John Lyall

TONIGHT'S GAMES

(7.30 unless stated)

MILK CUP

Fourth round replay

Tottenham v Sunderland (8.00)

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Player Special Trophy
Second round replay

St Helens v Bradford N

RUGBY LEAGUE DIV I

Hull v Leeds