

BY BEN RUDDER

TUC LEADERS yesterday prepared to plead with Prime Minister Thatcher and government ministers over the miners' strike — while openly ignoring NUM calls for industrial action.

Members of the TUC's 'committee of seven' met at Congress House to discuss a direct approach to Downing Street, combined with added pressure on the NUM to bow to Tory demands for pit closures.

TUC officials later confirmed that no special General Council meeting would be called, a deliberate rejection of the call by last Monday's NUM delegates' conference for a meeting to organise industrial action. David Bassett, leader of the GMBATU general workers' union, made it clear that the TUC was concerned only with a resumption of negotiations, not industrial action to back the miners.

'What we have got to do is to open negotiations. There are only 13 negotiating days before Christmas, and everyone wants the miners back to work before then,' he said before the committee met.

While the TUC laid plans to crawl to Thatcher, the National Union of Mineworkers came under further legal assaults in courts in Britain, Ireland and Luxembourg, and the Coal Board ruled out any talks.

Destroy

The Thatcher government underlined its wholehearted support for the legal attempts to destroy the union by offering a full guarantee of £100,000 in costs to High Court sequestrators Price Waterhouse in their attempt to seize every penny of NUM assets.

And to rub home the determination of the Tories to smash the union, Coal Board spokesman Michael Eaton ruled out any negotiations until the NUM agreed to discuss the closure of pits on economic grounds.

In the face of the combined legal, government and Coal Board attack, the TUC decision to approach Thatcher while refusing NUM delegates' conference requests for industrial support is a calculated act to undermine calls for General Strike action to defend the NUM.

The last time the TUC crawled into No. 10 Downing Street, they failed in their miserable attempt to get a negotiated deal on the banning of unions at GCHQ. Though the TUC offered a no-strike agreement, Thatcher sent them packing.

Subversives

Thatcher declared the establishment of her Bonapartist dictatorship by telling the TUC that trade unionists were 'subversives'. She turned the TUC out, ending 136 years of class compromise in Britain.

But yesterday's court cases alone underline the entirely changed situation and sharply intensified state attack on the trade unions since last February.

Scabs in Wales are now asking the courts to rule mass picketing illegal, while Yorkshire scabs are demanding that a receiver is appointed to control all the Yorkshire NUM funds.



Strikers at Rossington in Yorkshire are looking forward to Christmas with a tree already on the picket line . . . and a message for scabs

Scabs in Derbyshire are seeking to make three union officials personally responsible for over £1 million of the area funds spent during the strike.

In both Dublin and Luxembourg, sequestrators continued court actions to try and lay hold of NUM assets held in local banks.

In addition, the T&GWU

transport union were told yesterday that they had until midnight last night to pay a £200,000 fine for contempt of a court ruling that they declare last month's Austin Rover strike unofficial.

If the cash is not in the High Court this morning, the sequestrators will be set loose on their £54 million assets.

The TUC response to a life-and-death challenge to trade unionism has been to trample over the decisions of the 1982 Wembley conference to defy Tory anti-union law and to refuse to implement the 1984 TUC Congress decision to black coal and oil movement.

The complicity of the

TUC right-wing in the state attack on the unions can only be answered by a campaign to expose their outright rejection of TUC policy.

This campaign is a vital part of the organisation of the General Strike in support of the miners, and the struggle for workers' power.

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Durban three to leave

A BRITISH Foreign Office spokesman said last night three coloured South African politicians sheltering in the Durban British Consulate were expected to leave 'at once' because Pretoria had lifted orders for their detention.

But three men detained without trial after spending several weeks in the British Consulate appeared in Durban regional court yesterday to be charged with unspecified treason offences that could carry the death sentence.

Candidates' £1,000

Bill

GENERAL election candidates will have to put up a deposit of £1,000 if a Bill introduced in the Commons yesterday becomes law. Home Secretary Leon Brittan described the Representation of the People Bill as 'an important extension of democracy'.

But Labour's spokesman Gerald Kaufman said the Bill would 'have a profound and dangerous effect on the electoral process'.

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PENNY BLOOR at the National Union of Students conference

Students say no to grant loans plan

STUDENTS in conference yesterday rejected the planned introduction of loans by the Tory government.

Kathy Ley of Manchester University, said education was not a privilege but a right.

'We must understand the need for students to be independent from their parents, political parties

and the government,' she said.

Nicola Rossi, University College London, said many students already had overdrafts and relied on credit cards.

'We must oppose the introduction of loans at all costs,' she said. 'It would have a drastic effect on education.'

Students must not be complacent about the

government's retreat on forcing students to pay fees, she added.

'Our victory is nothing if loans go ahead,' she said.

Steve Morgan for the national executive, said he welcomed Joseph's decision to hold a review into the grants system.

But if the outcome was loans 'we guarantee occupations, rent strikes and disruption on a scale never seen before in this country', he said.

'We will guarantee disruption which will make November 28 look like a House of Commons tea party.'

Amanda Harkness of Bulmershe College, Reading, said grants were the key to students' independence and to the principle of free education.

'This is just part of our fight against the government,' she said.

'Don't let our demands be piecemeal.'



NUS president PHIL WOOLAS

Support for miners' fight

BETTY HEATHFIELD, of the National Women's Action Group, got a standing ovation from students in Blackpool yesterday.

Call for march against closures

THE NUS conference was yesterday mandated to organise a demonstration for 'no pit closures: no college closures', aiming for maximum trade union involvement.

A call to donate £20,000 to the miners' strike out of national funds was, however, narrowly defeated.

said: 'Scargill had to break the law, miners have been sent to prison and if they are going to win we have to be prepared to do it.'

Simon Tattinger of Durham University said the main motion failed to grasp that the strike was the major class battle since 1926.

The motion equivocated on violence and did not lay out adequate practical support for the strike.

From Manchester Polytechnic Val Owen said the national executive was 'copping out'.

To only donate a £1,000 to the strike, as the main motion called for, was an insult.

'The NUS has to put its money where its mouth is,' she said.

The £20,000 donation represented only 10 per cent of NUS profits in the past year.

Richard Leonard of Stirling university said: 'We've actions against GCHQ and the NSA. It's quite clear they are trying to smash the miners' union. We have got to look for practical and physical support.'

Debbie Hansen, LSE, said there was no middle ground in the miners' strike and 'tokenistic' support was not enough.

The miners were putting up a fight on behalf of the whole working class she said.

'We are determined to stick it out because we know it's our jobs, our pits, our communities and that is why we are going to stay out until we win this fight.'

The Tory government was out to bankrupt the NUM. This was clear by the appointment of the receiver. The next step would be to remove elected leaders from office.

'I think that people who have spent their lifetime in a pit, like my husband, are fit to be in charge of the jobs they were elected to do.'

Moral

'I don't think it's right or moral for the Conservative Party to judge them as criminals.'

She outlined how the miners had been criminalised. Five miners had died, five were on life support machines, three had fractured skulls, over 3,000 had been injured and 8,000 arrested.

'I call them men of guts and pride. They know what is true and what is right and that is why they will win,' she said.

Thanking students for their financial support, she added: 'It isn't enough. You have to come out now with us and show us in a more practical way that you support us.'

Leaders censured

STUDENTS yesterday condemned their executive for 'the lack of competent organisation' of the November 28 National grants demonstration, which led to 'chaos and a large number of needless arrests'.

The executive was censured for not providing resolute leadership for the campaign.

The motion pointed out: 'After a demonstration by London colleges outside the Department of Education

and Science (on November 21) NUS withdrew previously promised legal advice and support to the ten students arrested, and denied all knowledge of the action.'

'At the consequent court appearance, not one NUS executive member was present to show NUS support.'

A call by North London Polytechnic to censure the leadership over its conduct on their fight against fascism, was narrowly defeated.

Scots students defy order

STUDENTS joined striking miners on the picket line at Killoch colliery, Ayrshire, from 5 a.m. yesterday in defiance of an interim interdict from Glasgow Sheriff Court.

The writs had been obtained by Glasgow University's Conservative Club which had received a £500 donation from the right-wing Freedom

Association to bring the legal action.

The Tories claim that yesterday's 18-strong mini-bus trip to Killoch was 'ultra vires' because the Student Representative Council was allegedly contravening government guidelines by using funds for it.

'We went to Killoch early this morning and were

made very welcome by the pickets there who numbered 50 or 60, compared to about 200 police,' SRC president Malcolm Clark said yesterday.

'Students have realised from their own cuts demonstrations that police behaviour is over-reaction, so people on the campus are much more willing to go to the picket

lines,' said Clark, adding that students would be making more such visits.

In Ayrshire as a whole, a total of 37 schools are now closed because of lack of coal.

And in the Lothian area yesterday, local Labour MPs accused the coal board of using pensioners 'as pawns'.

Bhopal anger

ANGRY demonstrators in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh state, thronged a magistrates court yesterday to protest against the possible release of US conglomerate Union Carbide's Indian chairman Keshub Mahindra.

They chanted and waved flags in the court

chambers and demanded that Mahindra and managing director V.P. Gokhale be held indefinitely.

Both men, arrested last Friday along with US chairman of the chemical giant Warren Anderson, were remanded in custody for another week.

Chater will get Moscow cash

BY PAUL FELDMAN

EURO-Communist Party members 'will be heartened' by the suspension of 22 members of the London district committee, according to veteran Stalinist hatchet-woman Betty Reid.

The virulent anti-Trotskyist has helped expel countless members of the party for questioning the credentials of Joseph Stalin in over 50 years of purging.

In yesterday's 'Morning Star' she wrote approvingly of the executive committee's decision to suspend the 22 for refusing to abide by the leadership's decision to close the London district congress on November 24.

The 22 are the first victims of the open split between the Euro-Stalinist led executive and the pro-Moscow Stalinists around



CHATER

editor Tony Chater who hijacked the 'Morning Star' from the party in 1983.

Reid's backing for the executive will not change Moscow's mind, however. General secretary Gordon McLennan's plea for support has now been turned down.

There is every indication that the Soviet bureaucracy is backing Chater, who has made a number of 'business trips' to Eastern Europe and Moscow in recent weeks.

Reid's letter was one of five which took up two-thirds of one of the pap-

er's five news pages. The other four letters fiercely attacked the executive.

But Reid insisted: 'Comrades up and down the country, however much they regret the necessity, will be heartened by the action taken by the executive in defence of the democratic rights of all members.'

She accused those backing Chater and the People's Press Printing Society which owns the Stalinist daily, of 'organised opposition to congress policies'.

Reid said that the executive had to act against those who 'continually speak out in public against the executive committee'.

Chater's group, which maintains that the PPPS management committee stands higher than party bodies, is charged with spreading 'the myth... that the executive is anti-Soviet'.

Where it had control it

excluded supporters of the executive and turned 'their committees into bastions which inhibit the distribution of executive committee material to their members'.

Leading the attack on the leadership in the letters page was Mary Davis, one of the 22 suspended at an emergency executive meeting on November 30.

She was beside herself with rage, accusing the executive of 'star chamber discipline', 'a sinister departure from the norms of Communist behaviour' and imposing a 'non-elected quango of its own appointees' to run the London district.

Davis said members had to 'question the motives and fitness for leadership' of those who 'rule by decree and purge'.

But reference to 'democratic centralism as the organisational basis of a revolutionary Leninist party' is inappropriate to

McGlinchy judge pulls out

THE murder trial of Dominic McGlinchy ended suddenly yesterday at Belfast Crown Court after 45 minutes when the trial judge disqualified himself from hearing the case.

McGlinchy, 30, pleaded not guilty to the murder of 63-year-old Mrs Hester McMullan in March 1977.

After an adjournment to allow the defence to examine new prosecution evidence Lord Justice Basily Kelly reconvened the court to announce his withdrawal.

He said it had been brought to his attention that in October 1970 he had tried a person on a criminal charge 'which bears peripherally to some degree on the present prosecution against this accused'.

He added: 'While I have no recollection at all of this former case or any of its details, I think that in all the circumstances I should disqualify myself from the present prosecution'.

Another judge will try the case this morning.

The trial, in court three of the heavily fortified Belfast Crown Court in Crumlin Road, opened amid heavy security.

Court windows were shuttered and barred and large numbers of police and prison officers patrolled inside and outside the court.

STANSTED airport, Essex, should be expanded to handle 15 million passengers a year as soon as possible, report of planning inquiry said yesterday. Development should be limited to existing single runway.

WEATHER

SOUTHERN and central districts of England will be dry with sunny periods after the clearance of any early mist or fog patches. Other areas will be rather more cloudy with perhaps a little rain or drizzle in places. Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Dry with sunny intervals in all areas at first, but cloud with outbreaks of rain spreading from the west. Temperatures falling to near normal.

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'Sympathy' votes

LABOUR leader Neil Kinnock yesterday accused the Tory party organisation of improperly exploiting sympathy for Brighton bomb victim Norman Tebbit to catch votes in the Enfield

South by-election.

The by-election was caused by the death in the Brighton blast of Tory MP Sir Anthony Berry, who had a 16,000 majority.

Tebbit wrote from his hospital bed to tell the Tory candidate Michael Portillo that it was 'absolutely essential' he should step into Berry's shoes.

describe a thoroughly bureaucratised and Stalinist CP which has long since abandoned Marxism and the class struggle for peaceful co-existence with imperialism.

Davis's use of terms like 'our revolutionary principles' and 'the organisational principles forged by the Bolsheviks' could quickly turn her suspension into expulsion at the hands of the Euros and Reid for 'ultra leftism'.

Another attack came from K. Loosen of London, who said he had been a member for 50 years.

He had 'survived all the setbacks' of what he termed the Stalin revelations, the invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia and the suppression of Solidarity in Poland.

'My loyalty to our party (read Stalinism) cannot be questioned,' he wrote. Opposing the suspensions, he added: 'At a time when we should be winning allies, we are losing the respect of our organised working class, and becoming the butt of jokes among organisations with whom allegedly we seek alliance.'

PROTEST AGAINST RACE ADVISER

A PICKET was mounted outside Liverpool council offices yesterday as the controversial choice for race relations adviser arrived to take up his job.

Sam Bond, a 26-year-old building surveyor, had to run the gauntlet of a picket by unions and representatives of the black community.

He was met by a barrage of slogans, boos, jeers and even a new version of the Red Flag specially devised for the occasion.

Escorted across the road by the council's own ' heavies ' and a posse of

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police he was hustled along the corridors to the safety of his office.

But he found himself trapped between the locked doors of his office and the irate protesters.

Then the police moved into action. Particularly rough treatment was meted out to Black Caucus spokesman Steve French, who found himself flung through two sets of doors, down two flights of steps and on to the pavement outside.

'From now on there's going to be a continuous lobby,' said French. 'With NALGO and the other trade unions' boycott this

should make his post and all the other appointments to the unit, unworkable.'

NALGO insists that more qualified candidates were turned down for the job, while the black community believes 'Militant' supporter Bond got the job because he opposed 'positive action' programmes.

Councillor Pauline Dunlop, deputy chairman of the personnel committee, stated: 'We hope that all the rest of the appointments can be made.'

This would mean breaking the trade union boycott and bringing it into headlong conflict with the group of unions opposed to the appointment.



Liverpool NALGO members on picket duty yesterday afternoon: (left to right) Chris Duala (NALGO black workers' group), Peter Cresswell and Graham Burgess

Coventry jobs threatened

COVENTRY council workers will demonstrate outside a meeting of the local Labour authority which meets tonight to discuss a major cuts programme.

The right-wing council wants to slash services, force up school meal prices and end grants to various community groups.

Five Labour councillors have already had the whip taken away for

opposing the implementation of Tory policies.

A secret document detailing the cuts is undisputedly cynical about pledges on jobs.

It states: 'It will be counter-productive in industrial relations terms to declare immediately that there will be redundancies even if we think this may well be the ultimate result.'

'An immediate declara-

tion means the unions have nothing to lose by all out and unreasonable (!) opposition.

'The best approach may be to indicate the threat to the policy and the need to review it and to keep struggling for as long as possible to avoid, warning of the dangers.'

'This approach is most likely to get maximum co-operation in achieving the reductions package.'

The right-wing is running scared of a growing gap between expenditure and Tory targets projected for as far away as 1988/89!

The main proposals include the raising of school meal prices to 90p and the sale of enough schools to raise £658,000 by September 1986.

It is planned to investigate the transfer of homes for the elderly to voluntary groups.

Lorry ban proposals

BY KATHRYN DAVIES

A PLAN to remove heavy lorries from London's roads at night and weekends will be discussed tomorrow by the Greater London Council's Transport Committee.

Transport Committee chairman Dave Wetzel said yesterday that he was 'delighted' with the proposals which will go before the committee.

The ban, affecting all lorries over 16.5 tonnes, would substantially improve the environment for Londoners, he said.

By cutting out through traffic alone the number of lorries on the capital's roads would be reduced by a half.

Lorries used to deliver goods, like fresh fruit and meat, during these times could obtain special exemption permits from the GLC which would be prominently displayed on the vehicle.

But operators applying for such permits would be asked to consider making

their vehicles a quiet as possible, either by fitting 'hush kits' on the engines, better maintenance or by sending their drivers for special training.

Wetzel said that when the GLC had agreed in principle to a night-time and weekend ban over a year ago he had not thought it possible for them to come forward 'with better proposals than what we have now.'

Tightrope

'It has been a tightrope between the needs of people who want a quiet night and weekends and the needs of operators who need to come into London to serve those people.'

'I am delighted that the officers have been able to come up with something that will improve the environment and not harm jobs and services in London.'

Over 200 miles of London's roads, including main trunk roads and other roads in non-residential areas, will not be covered by the ban.

Rail cuts a safety hazard

RAIL UNIONS are campaigning against cuts in spending, warning they can harm safety standards.

A spokesman for the train drivers' union ASLEF said yesterday: 'We are campaigning against BR and government investment cuts and one of the things you have to be careful of is that they don't interfere with the safety of the railways.'

In an unprecedented sequence of accidents this year, 17 passengers have died and scores have been injured.

On Sunday two more travellers were hurt as an express collided with a track works train near Rugby, Warwickshire.

There have been eight other significant accidents this year — the worst in July at Polmont near Falkirk where 13 people died and 44 were injured.

'We have not launched an investigation of our own as a result of all these accidents as has been suggested in some quarters, but we are always concerned about safety procedures,' the ASLEF spokesman added.

British Rail denied spending cuts have led to accidents. 'It has just been an unfortunate year,' said a BR spokesman.

Cardiff strike

NUR and ASLEF are taking strike action today in the light of BR's decision to end Sunday morning trains on the Cardiff-Valley network as a cost-cutting measure.

The NUR had offered to run the axed service for four weeks together with their new services and then allow British Rail to operate four weeks of their timetable without the Sunday morning trains.

The monitored results would have given something concrete to discuss. However, British Rail refused.

A London spokesman for the NUR said: 'Our view is that the service should be the priority and not the actual revenue returned.'

'If we take that as sole criteria, every line in Wales except the main line to Cardiff would be closed.'



Women's campaign

Valerie Wise, who chairs the GLC's women's committee, and Sue Williams yesterday dressed as suffragettes to present a petition from the women of London to the House of Commons against the cancelling of next year's GLC elections. The order to cancel the elections went before Parliament yesterday. Our picture shows: (left to right) Tony Banks MP, Sue Williams, Valerie Wise and Ernie Roberts MP

Plea for skill centres

A CIVIL service union is 'inviting' the corporatist Manpower Services Commission (MSC) to reject a plan to close 33 skillcentres.

The MSC will discuss the proposals, drawn up by its chief executive, at its meeting this Thursday.

The Civil Service Union represents skillcentre instructors, who would lose their jobs if the centres close.

John Randall, the CSU's assistant general secretary, said yesterday that even from an economic standpoint, some of the proposed closures made no sense:

'So far 11 skillcentres are showing a surplus and of these six are listed for closure.'

At least 300 'industrial grade' staff will be made compulsorily redundant if the closures go ahead.

A week ago the CSU produced evidence to show that the closures

would proceed no matter what the outcome of Thursday's MSC meeting.

But Randall said his union remained committed to the TUC's continued participation in the corporatist MSC and was in favour establishing a network of corporatist bodies at regional level.

Labour spokesman John Prescott said he would raise questions in parliament.

He said he hoped some Tories upset about cuts in students' grants would be equally upset about the attacks on training.

MERCHANT SEAMEN have voted to accept pay increases recommended by their union of 8.2 and 8.6 per cent from January 2. The pay deal will lift basic pay of an able seaman from £82 to £87 a week.

NCCCL still defend scabs

THE National Council for Civil Liberties admitted yesterday that there is no legal basis for its defence of the right to scab.

In a report on the miners' strike published yesterday, the NCCCL says that 'freedom not to take part in a strike is as much a fundamental right as the right to strike'.

But members of the committee which produced the report were obliged to admit at a press conference that the law provides no 'right to work'.

Larry Gostin, the general secretary of the NCCCL,

agreed that if the police chose, they could prevent blacklegs from trying to cross picket lines.

But he told ITN: 'We have a vision for the future that people can picket if they wish, so long as it's peaceful.'

'And those who wish to go work and dissent from their fellow trade unionists should be able to do so without fear of reprisals.'

Gostin expressed the hope that police, who have so far boycotted the NCCCL inquiry into the strike, would change their minds

in the light of the interim report.

He said: 'We've shown quite clearly that we are certainly prepared to support police activity which is necessary to prevent harm or threats of harm.'

FRANKIE FRASER, sentenced to an extra five years for his involvement in a Parkhurst prison riot in 1969, failed yesterday in an Appeal Court bid for leave to challenge prison loss of remission punishments totalling 356 days.

THE APPEALS of American actor Stacy Keach and his secretary Deborah Steele, both given jail sentences last Friday for smuggling cocaine, will be heard in the Court of Appeal in London next Tuesday.

PRICES CHARGED by manufacturers for their goods rose by 0.3 per cent in November, figures from the Department of Trade and Industry showed yesterday.

Campaign against sell-offs

THE PLATFORM theatre group are performing a sketch today about private contractors at Addenbrookes Teaching Hospital, Cambridge.

It is being performed outside Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle. The sketch is the first part of a programme of events in London against privatisation and victimisation of hospital cleaners.

A deputation of cleaners will hand a letter to Health Secretary Norman Fowler and at 1.30p.m. will meet Labour leader Neil Kinnock and Michael Meacher, shadow Health Secretary, in the Commons.

The Addenbrookes women will be joined by women strikers from Barking Hospital, who are still out after 38 weeks over the same issue.

Briefly . .**Shultz's 'ironclad' pledge**

NEW YORK — Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday Washington had an 'ironclad commitment' to the Israeli state as a way of securing peace in the Middle East. The statement coincides with a visit to Israel and Lebanon by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy to investigate shaky talks on withdrawal of Zionist forces from south Lebanon.

Tokyo Bay protest

TOKYO — Twenty-three small boats jammed with people protesting against the visit of the US nuclear-powered carrier 'Carl Vinson' were kept at bay by an armada of Maritime Safety Agency naval craft yesterday. The USS 'Carl Vinson' is making a so-called liberty visit to Tokyo Bay.

Politics for Lis

GDANSK — Amnestied underground Solidarity free trade union leader Bogdan Lis says he is looking forward to renewed political activity. He said: 'I have a lot to catch up on. I will be making efforts to see people with whom I have been out of contact for six months.'

Defence 'frills' cut

WASHINGTON — Deputy US Defence Secretary William Taft is ordering defence contractors to help cut out what he calls unnecessary frills on weapons. Referring to a \$16,000 refrigerator built for the US Navy P-3 patrol aircraft, he said: 'They are giving both the Defence Department and the defence industry a black eye.'

Four-nation summit

LAGOS — Ghanaian head of state Jerry Rawlings and President Mathieu Kerekou of Benin are in the Nigerian capital to attend a summit. Nigeria's Major-General Muhammadu Buhari and Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema are the other two leaders who will attend.

Paris bomb explosion

Paris — A bomb exploded outside the offices of the French oil company ELF-Acquitaine in Paris early yesterday. It smashed the entry door and several windows, badly damaging the building. No-one was hurt.

Stake in state bank

ROME — The Lazard Freres banking group is acquiring a 20 per cent stake in Italy's state-controlled merchant bank Mediobanca through a share swap deal. The offer is aimed at pumping capital into the near-bankrupt Mediobanca.

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LAWYERS MANOEUVRE ON BHOPAL MASSACRE

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI — An army of US lawyers employed by the conglomerate Union Carbide is descending on India in the hope of overcoming lawsuits that could run into multi-billions of dollars.

Three teams of lawyers are in New Delhi for consultations with the government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in the hope of a settlement aimed at preventing the company going bankrupt.

In Institute, West Virginia, where Union Carbide operates a plant similar to its Bhopal operation in India, angry residents

met to denounce the company, while one local leader hoped Indians would 'sue the hell out of Union Carbide'.

In Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh state, yesterday hundreds of residents marched in support of demands for justice and legal action against Union Carbide.

Tempers rose as thousands of relatives searched posters entitled 'Gas accident. Unknown dead', displaying pictures of the victims of the phosgene and methyl isocyanate gas leak in the shanty suburb of Jayaprakash Nagar on December 3.

At least 200,000 of the 700,000 people of Bhopal have been affected. Doctors battling against the odds of inadequate medical facilities or knowledge of the nature of the chemicals involved predict thousands more could die as a result of the lingering effects of the gassing.

Blinded

They say at least 50,000 will be permanently blinded or impaired. Although official estimates say 2,500 have died, independent estimates put the figure at near 6,000, and rising.

Union Carbide is receiving the full co-operation of the federal and state governments, whose officers and leaders are held in deep suspicion by the people of Bhopal.

Indian press reports continued to expose the fact that the governments had ignored dozens of warnings of impending catastrophe at the Bhopal plant.

The US conglomerate has mounted a public relations exercise by announcing a paltry sum of \$750,000 'donation'.

But two Bhopal families have filed a suit of \$15 billion against Union Carbide in the US. Miami lawyers Michael Tobin

and Jack Thomson filed the suit in association with San Francisco lawyer Melvin Belli.

Thomson said the lawsuit reflected his firm's 'strong feeling that American technology caused this tragedy'.

The lawsuit is on behalf of Sheela Bai Dawani, 34, whose husband, Ramesh Kumar, was killed by the gas and Rehman Patelli, 52, a railway worker who lost his wife, Mahru, 44, and daughter, Sarruk, 14.

University of Tennessee law professor Jerry Phillips said the company's insurance coverage could be cancelled if its officers were found to have 'recklessly or intentionally caused' the catastrophe.

Tehran resolves hostage drama

TEHRAN — The six-day hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner at Tehran airport ended dramatically on Sunday night, when a team of Iranian security guards stormed the Airbus.

Four guards, disguised as a technician, a doctor and two cleaners, secured the release of five remaining hostages and arrested the hijackers.

An Iranian spokesman said there was shooting on both sides but no-one was killed. Two hostages, believed to have been killed last Thursday, had, in fact, been wounded and were also released.

Iranian authorities ordered the storming at the point when the hijackers had decided to blow up the airliner.

Security forces yesterday began dismantling the explosives that the hijackers had wired up on the Airbus.

The hijackers had demanded the release of 13 Shi'ite Muslims jailed in Kuwait after a wave of bomb explosions a year ago.

Kuwait thanked Iran for ending the siege, saying: 'We express our gratitude to officials in the Islamic Republic of Iran and all those friendly states who took part in achieving this result, and limiting the hostages' suffering over the past week.'

The hostages seized the Kuwaiti Airbus last Tuesday during a flight to Karachi, Pakistan, and forced it to land in Tehran.

Iranian authorities said they had been prepared to storm the aircraft last week but had been prevented by Kuwait's opposition.

Iranian officials said the hijackers would be tried.



Massacre of Katutura remembered

Representatives of organisations in support of independence for South African-occupied Namibia delivered a declaration at 11 peaceful demonstrators. Pictured, from left to right, 10 Downing Street. Led by the Bishop of Stepney, Reverend Jim Thompson, the delegation was also marking the 25th anniversary yesterday of the Massacre of Katutura — Association director Malcolm Harper

U.S. general in Colombo talks

COLOMBO — US special envoy General Vernon Walters has arrived to discuss the Sri Lankan civil war with President Junius Jayewardene.

US officials said Walters had a 'special message' from President Reagan for Jayewardene.

The state-run 'Daily News' said they were expected to discuss a shopping list of military supplies to meet the 'guerrilla threat'.

Washington began to involve itself publicly in Sri Lanka last week, when the Reagan government said it 'deplored' attacks on the army by guerrilla units of the liberation movement for a separate state of Eelam for the country's 2.5 million Tamils.

Sri Lankan military forces suffered serious setbacks last week, when the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) staged several raids in retaliation for army rampages and repressive curfew laws and restrictions on movement.

The LTTE guerrillas also penetrated the largely Sinhala North Central province for the first time in armed action.

Zionist troops move on Jiyeh

BEIRUT — Israeli troops have set up a new strong-point with a gun emplacement near the Kharroub village of Jiyeh, six miles north of their front lines, according to eyewitnesses yesterday.

It is the first such position reported since Israel withdrew from the Shouf area south-east of Beirut in September 1983, although the Zionist forces have regularly raided the Kharroub.

As the Zionists mounted their new provocation, Druze leader Walid Jumblatt yesterday repeated his opposition to gov-

ernment plans to deploy troops south of Beirut as fighting continued between army units and Druze forces in the mountains east of the capital.

Jumblatt said: 'We support the liberation of the south. We support the crossing of the army to the south. But we reject the army deploying on the (coast) road to besiege the mountain.'

Seven people were wounded in Falangist-controlled East Beirut by shelling that Falangist radio blamed on Druze gunners in the mountains.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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John and Pauline Wakefield with their children Matthew, Olivia, Caroline and Madeline

WE'VE HAD IT ROUGH BUT I WON'T GO BACK

ALL-OUT General Strike action is the only response the trade union movement can give to the attack on NUM funds, striking miner John Wakefield from Dinnington, South Yorkshire, told News Line.

'Every union should be out now. The T&GWU transport union is now threatened with the seizure of its assets like us.'

'Every union faces the same fate. They should hold a special conference and call for General Strike action, because if our union goes down there will be none left soon afterwards.'

John, his wife Pauline, and their four children have had additional hardships during the strike due to sickness. Their baby son Matthew has been in hospital for two separate stays, once with a hernia. Caroline, 10, has been in hospital three times, once with appendicitis and twice with asthma. Eldest daughter Madeline, 12, has suffered continuously

with eczema, and only Olivia, 10, has kept fit.

On top of that, the meagre £21.60 social security payments have been repeatedly delayed, and any additional help has been denied.

'But there is no chance they will drive me back until it is settled, and I have had it terribly rough. Some of the scabs should have had the same problems. Then they really would have something to complain about.'

Rare

The health problems of the children mean that extra money has to be spent on heating and other materials. The taste of meat is something rare in family meals.

'We might manage to afford a sausage or a few scraps of bacon once a week,' said Pauline. 'When we are spending between £7 and £12 on heating, and another £6 on milk, even with the

family allowance the shopping doesn't go very far.'

'The kids have been very good. They told us they didn't mind just having a bar of chocolate and an apple for Christmas because they know we don't have any money.'

'But after all this time, I think we deserve more support. Not just financial support, but action. The other unions should come out so that we can get rid of this government.'

John and Pauline are both convinced that the future of their community is at stake. Neither want to move after setting up their home and family in Dinnington, nor do they want the village to become like the 'ghost village' of nearby Langold after Firbeck colliery closed.

'We are fighting for the community, and to keep the things my grandfather fought for when he came here from Wales. We are fighting for a future for the children, be-

cause when they leave school they will have nothing.

'The problem of winning more industrial support lies with the leadership of the other unions. We have good support from the community, and the pensioners have been marvellous.'

Example

'But take the example of NACODS. When they decided not to strike, I met a local deputy and blamed him. But he showed me a printed sheet he carried with him giving details of a 24-hour picket rota and arrangements for the strike.'

'He said his colleagues were ready to come out and join us on strike, but the leaders had called it off.'

'But we still need to get all the other unions out. Make no mistake, Thatcher is out to destroy us and all the other unions if she gets a chance. She is set on one thing — to line the pockets of her rich friends, and to make the poor even poorer still.'

Marching arm in arm

WOMEN are arm and arm with men in the vanguard of the working-class movement and they will not go back to what they had before the strike, Anne Scargill, wife of the miners' president, told a Cardiff rally.

Beacon

She said that the strike was not just about pit closures, but was a beacon for young and old alike.

Terry Thomas, South Wales NUM, spoke of a meeting he had attended recently where out of 480 school-leavers only 28 had

found work and most of those were on YTS schemes.

'This dispute is for the survival of the whole trade union movement. We allow it to be destroyed at our peril.'

Jean Foster from Wolstanton and Jackie Naylor from Nottinghamshire both spoke of the heavy pressure in their area but said it only strengthened their resolve to fight.

It was a battle against privatisation and unemployment to preserve all the services and the trade union.

'They've knocked us down, followed our children, put us in court and put us in prison, but we'll stick it out.'

Banners

Banners from Welbeck, Nottinghamshire, Cortonwood, Rhymney Valley, Kidsgrove, Penrhiwceiber, Deep Navigation, Bersham, Mountain Ash, Swansea and Lambeth Support Groups, and miners' wives were in evidence together with TASS No.22 branch and Brixton College NATFHE banners.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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SCOTLAND

COATBRIDGE: Wednesday December 12, 7.30p.m. Dundevan Community Centre, Dundevan 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); *In personal capacity:* Joe Keegan (GMBATU, John Browns); John McCormack (Delegate Polmaise NUM); George Aitken (Delegate Solgirth NUM)

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)

CUMNOCK: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Netherthorpe Community Centre, Netherthorpe.

Speakers: George Faulds (YS Regional Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); George Laughlin (Auchinleck NUM strike committee chairman, in personal capacity)

EDINBURGH: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Cross Keys Public House, Dalkeith.

Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS National Committee); Terry Brotherstone (Edinburgh WRP); Duncan Foggo (SCEBTA Monktonhall, in personal capacity)

RUTHERGLEN: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Rutherford Burgh Hall, King Street.

Speakers: Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee); Mick Thompson (Rutherford YS); Speaker from Scottish NUM

DUNFERMLINE: Thursday January 23, 7.30p.m. Queen Anne High School.

Speakers: Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Alan Paton (Valleyfield YS, Comrie NUM in personal capacity)

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)

MIDDLETON: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Assheton Arms, Long Street, Manchester.

Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Ray Waring (WRP Central Committee); Joan Forster (NUPE, North Manchester General, in personal capacity)

NORTH EAST

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

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

YORKSHIRE

ROTHERHAM: Tuesday December 18, 7.30p.m. Clifton Hall, Doncaster Gate.

Speakers: Chris Marsden (YS National Committee); Dave Hyland (WRP Central Committee); Frank Spencer (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

DONCASTER: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. The Royal, Queen Mary Road, Rossington.

Speakers: Vanessa Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Katie Rhodes (YS Regional Committee); John Howell (Houghton Main NUM, 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

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. Lecture Room 1, Digbeth Civic Hall, Digbeth.

Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); speaker from South Staffs NUM

EAST MIDLANDS

ALFRETON: Thursday December 20, 7.30p.m. The Plough Inn, Nottingham Road.

Speakers: C. Lymas (YS Regional Committee); Mick Nettleship (Alfreton WRP)

CHESTERFIELD: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington.

Speakers: C. Lymas (YS Regional Committee); Annette Holroyd (Blidworth WRP); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee)

NOTTINGHAM: Tuesday January 15, 7.30p.m. Nottingham Youth Training Centre, Commerce Square, Lace Market.

Speakers: C. Lymas (YS Regional Committee); Annette Holroyd (Blidworth WRP); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

YARMOUTH: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Gorleston.

Speakers: Mark Harrison (YS Regional Committee); Fiona Cairns (Norwich WRP)

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)

KENT

DEAL: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Alma Pub, West Street.

Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); Speaker from Kent NUM

LONDON

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

Speakers: Graham Campbell (Hackney YS); Richard Goldstein (London district committee WRP); Monique Watson (COHSE shop steward German hospital, in personal capacity)

WILLESDEN: Wednesday December 19, 8p.m. The Rising Sun, 25 Harlesden Road, NW10.

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

ISLINGTON: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. Islington West Library, Bridgeman Road/Caledonian Road, N1.

Speakers: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Secretary); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM

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

CLAPHAM: Wednesday January 9, 7.30p.m. Coronation Hall, Union Road, Springfield Estate, SW8.

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)

KILBURN: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Anson Hall, Anson Road, Cricklewood, NW2.

Speakers: Matt Hanlon (YS National Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

PECKHAM: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road/Peckham Park Road, SE15.

Speakers: Richard Murphy (YS Regional Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)

ACTON: Tuesday January 22, 8p.m. Council Chamber, Town Hall, Acton High Street, W3.

Speakers: Dolly Short (YS editor); Geoff Pilling (WRP Central Committee)

This morning ...

**TUESDAY
December 11, 1984**

Stalin's road

THE 'People's Daily', newspaper of the Chinese Communist Party, has openly attacked Marxism as 'outdated', saying the ideas of Marx and Engels can no longer be 'taken literally'.

The paper accused opponents of party leader Deng Xiaoping of sticking 'rigidly to the teachings of Marx and Lenin instead of studying economic realities'. It said in an editorial: 'It is already 101 years since Marx died; his works were written more than a century ago ...

'One cannot take a dogmatic attitude towards Marxism ... to take some theories out of Marx's works in order to limit the richness of contemporary life can only impede the development of history.'

While it is true that Marx died just over a century ago, the scientific method of dialectical materialism which he discovered is richer today than ever. Even the bitterest bourgeois enemies of Marxism are obliged to acknowledge the contemporary relevance of his dialectical materialist analysis of capitalist society in 'Capital'.

Deng is certainly dedicated to enhancing the 'richness of contemporary life' for his bureaucratic cronies. His policy involves opening China to capitalist investment on a scale never seen before the 1949 revolution, let alone since.

An immediate effect of this restorationist policy will be to throw 80 million workers onto the international capitalist labour market, which will ruthlessly exploit them in the interests of private profit. Significantly, the Chinese leaders will this week sign an agreement with the Thatcher government promising to maintain capitalism in Hong Kong until the year 2049.

Twenty-one years ago, the Chinese Communist Party publicly broke with the Soviet Communist Party accusing party leader Nikita Khrushchev of taking the 'capitalist road'. They correctly denounced as reformist the 'British road to socialism' though they ignored the fact that Stalin himself introduced the 'peaceful road' into the British CP programme.

According to Peking, 'modern revisionism' began at the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in 1956, at which Khrushchev made his secret speech cataloguing some of Stalin's crimes against the working class.

Not the least of these crimes was Stalin's support for Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the counter-revolutionary Chinese Nationalists, who crushed the Canton Commune of 1926 and butchered the workers of Shanghai. This historic betrayal was exposed and analysed at the time by Trotsky.

It profoundly affected the subsequent course of the Chinese socialist revolution. This revolution was carried through to victory by a predominantly peasant Red Army, whose chief link with the proletariat was through the Communist Party itself.

Mao Tse-tung and the Chinese CP leaders defended Stalin as 'a great Marxist-Leninist, a great proletarian revolutionary' (On the Question of Stalin, Foreign Languages Publishing House, Peking, 1963).

The same article, originally published in 'People's Daily', admitted that: 'Long ago, the Chinese Communists had first-hand experience of some of his (Stalin's) mistakes.' But it said these were 'gradually overcome' and there was no point in blaming Stalin for them.

But Stalinism is not a series of mistakes. It is a counter-revolutionary bureaucratic force within the international workers' movement, based on the political expropriation of the working class in the Soviet Union, the first workers' state.

The Chinese CP leaders defended the annihilation of the leadership of Lenin's Bolshevik Party at the hands of Stalin and the GPU, and supported the Moscow Trials and the assassination of Trotsky. This adherence to Stalinism aided the growth of bureaucracy. Convulsive efforts to combat this danger, culminating in the Cultural Revolution of 1966, were unable to solve the problem.

The Chinese leaders did not attempt to uncover the historical roots of the counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. To have done so would have jeopardised their own bureaucratic positions. Peking denounced the Soviet bureaucracy not for its adherence to Stalinism, which would have been politically correct, but for being insufficiently Stalinist.

The Peking bureaucracy is now travelling down its own 'capitalist road', and carrying out a brutal repression of opposition to the restoration of capitalist economic relations.

The cynical rejection of Marx, Engels and Lenin by 'People's Daily' is a vivid demonstration that Stalinism is the negation of Marxism. The defence of the Chinese revolution against the restorationist bureaucracy is inseparable from the struggle to build the Trotskyist International Committee of the Fourth International, the world party of socialist revolution.

ORGANISE A GENERAL Aberdare welcome for Scargill

AREA AS STRONG AS EVER

ALTHOUGH the number of scabs going into work is dropping in South Wales, picketing is being maintained at all pits where the scabs are still going in.

Over 200 pickets assembled outside the Phurnacite plant in Aberaman, Aberdare, yesterday and tonight Arthur Scargill will be speaking to a mass meeting there organised by the cokemen. One miner who will be going to the meeting, Hugh Edwards, chairman of the Tower Lodge, told News Line:

'THE STRIKE in South Wales is as solid now as it was six months ago with the exception of one or two individuals who have been bribed by the Coal Board.

Nationally there is no cause for concern we remain solid. And after Christmas there will be a dramatic increase in the numbers joining the strike.

The Coal Board admit now that day by day the numbers are going down. The figures issued by the Coal Board are no way accurate.

67,000 which they claim are going into work is nearer 46,000. Their figures include BACM, COSA, NACODS and safety men.

We've been warning all trade unionists about the anti-union laws. If they can't see what's happening now they'll never see it.

I'm disgusted with the TUC leaders who stand

BY OUR SOUTH WALES
CORRESPONDENT

by and let this government dream up laws on the weekend and then implement them on the Monday.

The time will come, and that's immediately after Christmas, when they will face a stark choice: either letting the trade union movement as a whole disintegrate or support the NUM without any preconditions.

I can understand concern expressed over the level of violence. But we analyse those trade union leaders who condemn violence. It's quite evident that they're the ones who oppose us.

They've never been on a picket line. They run away from it. Willis, Bassett and Laird should come on to the picket line and see who perpetrates what; in other words, who throws the first punch.

We've warned the



HUGH EDWARDS

police, the Coal Board and the government through Nicholas Edwards we are not prepared to tolerate the police operations in South Wales like the ones in South Yorkshire.

If they continue, the divisions they create will never be healed. Men, women and children in our communities have always had respect for the police but they are now seen in a different light.

Any of the short-sighted TUC or Labour leaders who make statements saying nobody should be above the law live in a fool's paradise. These laws are being used to cut away the very existence of trade unions.

If they don't organise action in support of the miners, it will be the end of the trade union move-

ment. And the TUC leaders will be remembered by those brave members of our union who have taken up the challenge to fight these oppressive laws on behalf of the whole working class as traitors to the cause.

We must keep the pressure on the rest of the trade union leaders. If we lose this struggle they will systematically go through the rest of the trade unions and all that will be left is yes sir and no sir trade union leaders.

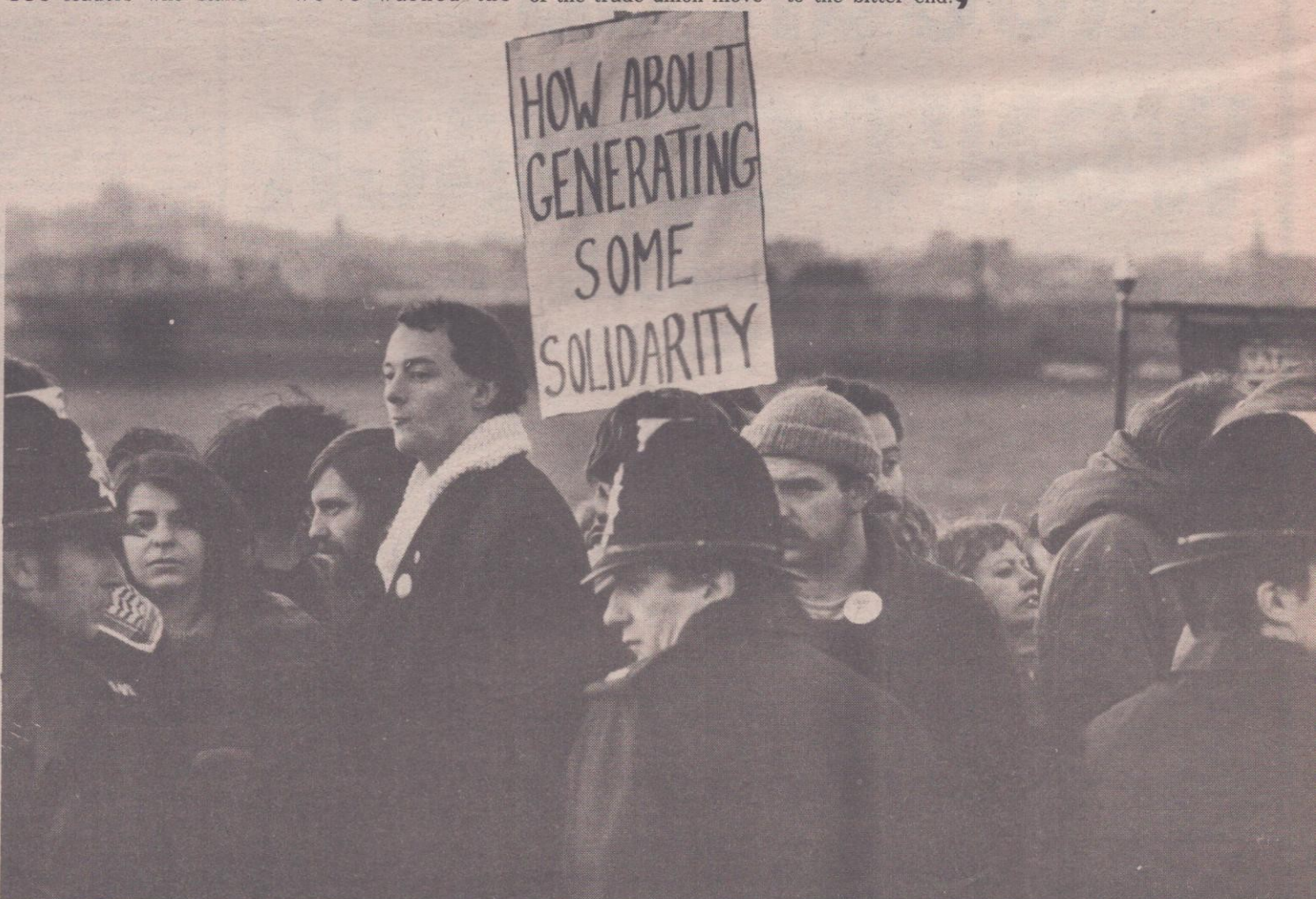
Support from other trade unions will escalate in the new year. Unions like ASLEF, the NUS and the dockers who have already backed us are coming under attack for their support. There is only one way the whole movement can go forward and that is with a General Strike.

Every inch of space is taken up. Tonight's meeting will be packed out. Scargill had a 87-per-cent plus vote in South Wales for the presidency. He's got our wholehearted support. He's the best trade union leader this country has ever seen, certainly the best the NUM has seen.

We have no worries about being let down or sold out. We know he will fight to the bitter end.



Police forced back a picket at



ABOUT 400 workers joined a group of Kent miners in a picket of the Tilbury B power station in Essex yesterday morning. Police lined the sides of the road into the station, but there was no trouble. Several oil tanker drivers turned round rather than go through the pickets, and speakers at the rally held at

the main entrance to the power station said the management was permanent damage to the boilers and turbines by keeping the station in spite of being starved of fuel. The picket was organised by the

WRP

7th Congress

FOR the next week we will publish extracts from the International, British and Youth perspectives of the Workers Revolutionary Party discussed and voted upon at the

Party's Seventh Congress held in London on December 1, 2 and 3. We will also publish extracts from introductory

speeches to these documents. Today we print the first of two parts of the International Perspectives Document.

International Perspectives Document

PART ONE

Objective laws and historical contradiction

THE international political situation is marked above all by the fact that the working class and all the oppressed masses have now entered upon a course of struggles against the capitalist state, under conditions where the necessity of revolutionary taking of state power is brought before these masses every day.

From the proletariat of the capitalist countries of Europe to the workers in the United States, from the Latin American masses to those of South-East Asia, this common level of revolutionary class struggle is established.

Since 1945, monopoly capitalism has survived, because of the betrayals of working class leadership, through a combination of economic and political compromises forced by the fundamentally undefeated character of the international working class.

In 1971, the gold and silver basis and controlled inflation of those economic compromises collapsed to be followed by uncontrolled inflation in the 1970s.

Finance capital preserved its immediate interests through these developments through leading to the imperialist nation states, who built up gigantic budget deficits (especially via 'defence', i.e. imperialist war preparations) and to the national bourgeois regimes in the colonial and semi-colonial world.

In 1984 the stage which followed the 1971 collapse has now itself been completed. Imperialism, the last stage of capitalism, means the merging of industrial with finance capital and the domination of the world economy by a few giant banks and monopolies, the growth of 'multinationals' and the dominance of a handful of major banks in the primary economic context of the politics and economics of the imperialist era.

Its essential and inseparable complement is that it creates an interconnected, unified and uninterrupted series of revolutionary struggles as it seeks to organise for the wars to divide and re-divide the world, for new ways to impose oppression and exploitation on the masses and for war to repossess what it lost in the October Revolution and the Chinese and Vietnamese Revolutions.

1984 marks the end of all the 'containment' of the class struggle through inflation and compromise. Finance capital, facing not

only huge losses, but a collapse of the entire banking system (and that means a total industrial collapse, because credit has become central to all industrial operations in monopoly capitalism), now works day and night to effect policies, through the imperialist state machines subject to its control, for the brutal suppression of the masses and an enormous increase in the rate of exploitation everywhere.

The nature of the epoch

THERE is a historical necessity of inexorable force behind this transformation, the necessary working out of the objective laws and the accumulated historical contradictions of the world capitalist system.

The class struggle in every country is driven forward by these international contradictions and has the character not of some national or temporary struggle but of being part of the new stage in the world revolution which is driven forward by these contradictions.

That constitutes the essence of every manifestation of the struggles between the working class and the oppressed masses on the one hand and the capitalist state on the other, in every country.

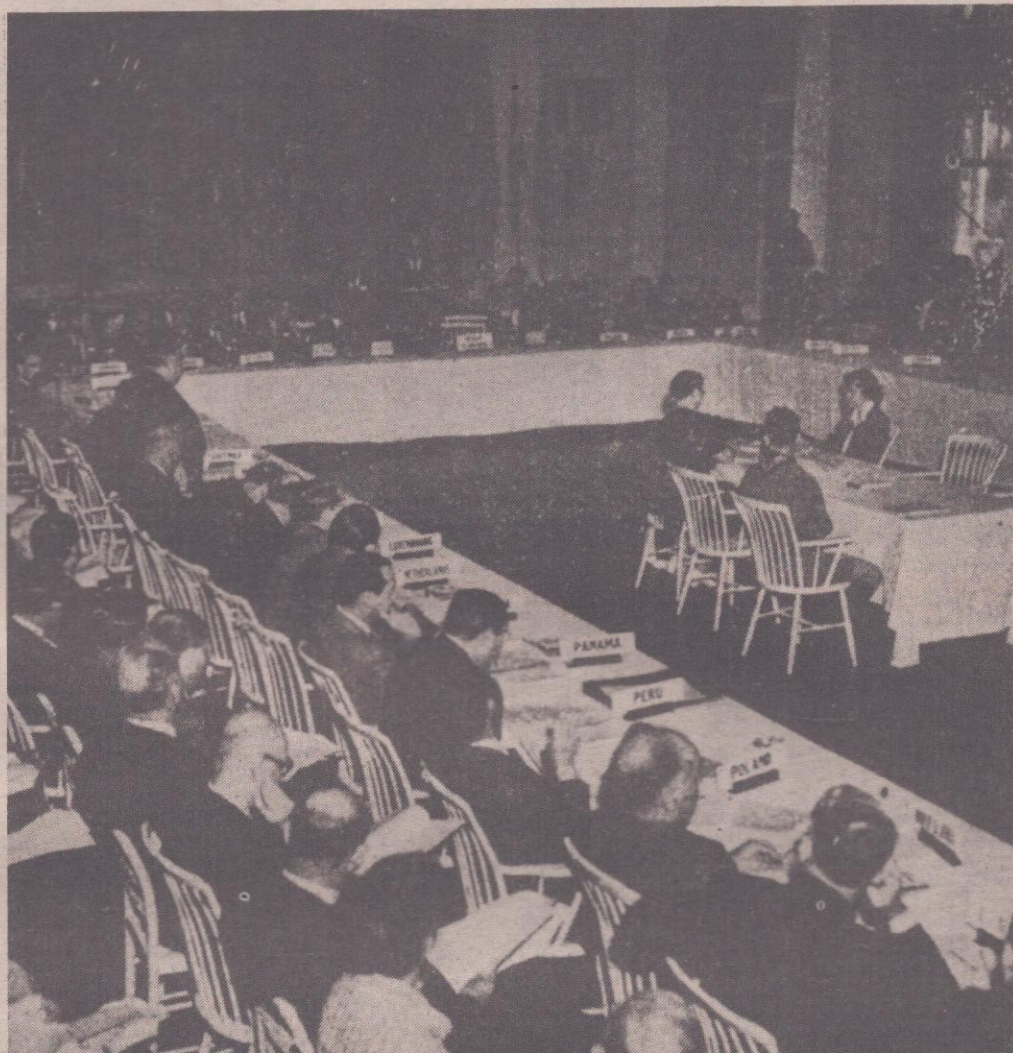
The period between 1971 and 1984 has been the direct negation of what was incorporated in the post Second World War settlement, in particular the Bretton Woods Agreement of 1944. The essential content of this negation is that Bretton Woods was a conscious attempt to hold back the laws of capitalist decline.

Capitalism could not impose definitive defeats on the international working class, but the working class was held back from taking power in the advanced capitalist countries, especially in Europe, by the Stalinist bureaucracy, aided by the reformist trade union and Labour leaders.

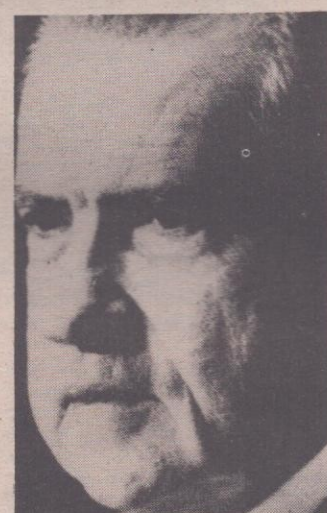
In the conditions of vast destruction of productive forces and the dominance of US capital over its rivals, this Stalinist betrayal allowed the imperialists sufficient time and space to construct their defences in the Bretton Woods system.

The working class, because of its post-war strength, was able to wrest substantial reforms and concessions. The workers maintained for 40 years their undefeated character.

The contradictions of capitalism were held off from



Above: Bretton Woods 1944. Below: Nixon . . . in 1971 his administration was forced to break with the Bretton Woods system abandoning the fixed link between gold, the dollar and fixed exchange rates.



having their total effects immediately, but they accumulated greater force under the surface, and the working class itself, the most important productive force of all, undefeated, was inevitably to be thrown up against the historical barrier of capitalist production relations and the capitalist state.

The objective contradictions could be held back by the subjective decisions of world imperialism in a situation created by Stalinist betrayal, but these contradictions could not be abolished.

They have now broken through the 'dam' of Bretton Woods with irrepressible force, and the dam cannot be reconstructed.

That is the key to the international situation and it is the content of the political struggle in every country.

The objective laws of capitalist decline consist, essentially, in the fact that the productive forces stagnate, and cannot develop without rebelling against the private property relations, the profit system and the nation state of capitalism.

The 'economic' manifestation of this basic contradiction in the mode of production is the tendency of the rate of profit to decline because of the increasing organic composition of capital.

In the epoch of capitalist decay, this law of capitalist development is compounded, particularly since 1945, by the growth of fictitious capital.

State expenditures to 'contain' an undefeated working class, state expenditures on armaments against the degenerated and deformed workers' states, expansion of money-supply far beyond the actual wealth of the economy, expansion of credit on a vast scale for capitalists to borrow — all this has cre-

ated first controlled and then, since 1971, uncontrolled inflation.

This means that vast sums of money are flooding the capital markets, demanding a return, but themselves representing no real value.

Collapse of confidence in an area of the banking and credit system threatens to bring collapse of the whole system. The capitalist defences built up by the Bretton Woods system have definitively collapsed. The cornerstone — the 'gold-to-dollar' standard, representing US capitalism's superiority — has gone.

The US replaced Britain, from World War I onwards, as the great and dominant imperialist power, but when it came to complete its dominance in 1945 in banking, commerce, and trade as well as in production, it found that 'the rules had changed'.

British imperialism had been dominant during capitalism's ascent and highest development and then only briefly in the imperialist stage. But the US imperialists reached the top when the decline and decay predominated.

Unlike Britain in bygone days, the US imperialists had to take on all the liabilities of world capitalism and

to provide a gold-to-dollar foundation. The US payments deficit which began, inevitably, to grow into a massive mountain, proved an insoluble problem, because the US could never force its European rivals to spend their incomes on US products.

By 1971 all these contradictions had come to bursting point and the Nixon administration was forced to break with the Bretton Woods system, abandoning the fixed link between gold, the dollar, and fixed exchange rates.

Behind Bretton Woods and the post-war boom had accumulated the most explosive contradictions in the history of class society: the undefeated working class, the accumulation of nuclear weapons of mass destruction, the debt and currency crises riddling every country.

The colossal accumulation of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons capable of wiping out humanity many times over and the installation of such weapons in Western Europe have dramatically exposed the impotence of pacifist protest and refuted the fallacy that peace can be secured if conventional weapons replace atomic ones.

The objective laws of capitalist decline now operate without hindrance. They have broken through. The slump and mass unemployment which have developed since 1974 are only the first manifestations. The capitalist class finds itself — and this is historically unprecedented — confronted by a working class which despite growing mass unemployment is making mass revolutionary experiences as an undefeated class.

Along with the mass revolutionary struggles of the British miners and other European workers goes the mounting resistance of the masses in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, driven on by the same insoluble crisis.

It is the open dominance of these objective laws of capitalist historical crisis, on a world scale, that characterises essentially the political situation in every country.

If in 1945 the Stalinists and reformists could divert the masses from revolution, and Bretton Woods was made possible, it must above all be recognised that in 1984 and 1985 the masses' resistance and revolutionary strength is such that the capitalist crisis is driven to new depths at every turn. And this makes more urgent than ever the resolution of the crisis of working class revolutionary leadership.

Within the Trotskyist movement where this task has to be achieved, it means combatting and overcoming every tendency which rejects the immediacy of the revolutionary consequences

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of these objective laws which have now broken through. The reality is that the decisive revolutionary battles are already engaged.

Bonapartist developments in the capitalist state are already very advanced, and the working class has already made decisive experiences in revolutionary struggle against them.

A leadership which 'warns' of these Bonapartist preparations while the working class already experiences and fights them will be cast aside.

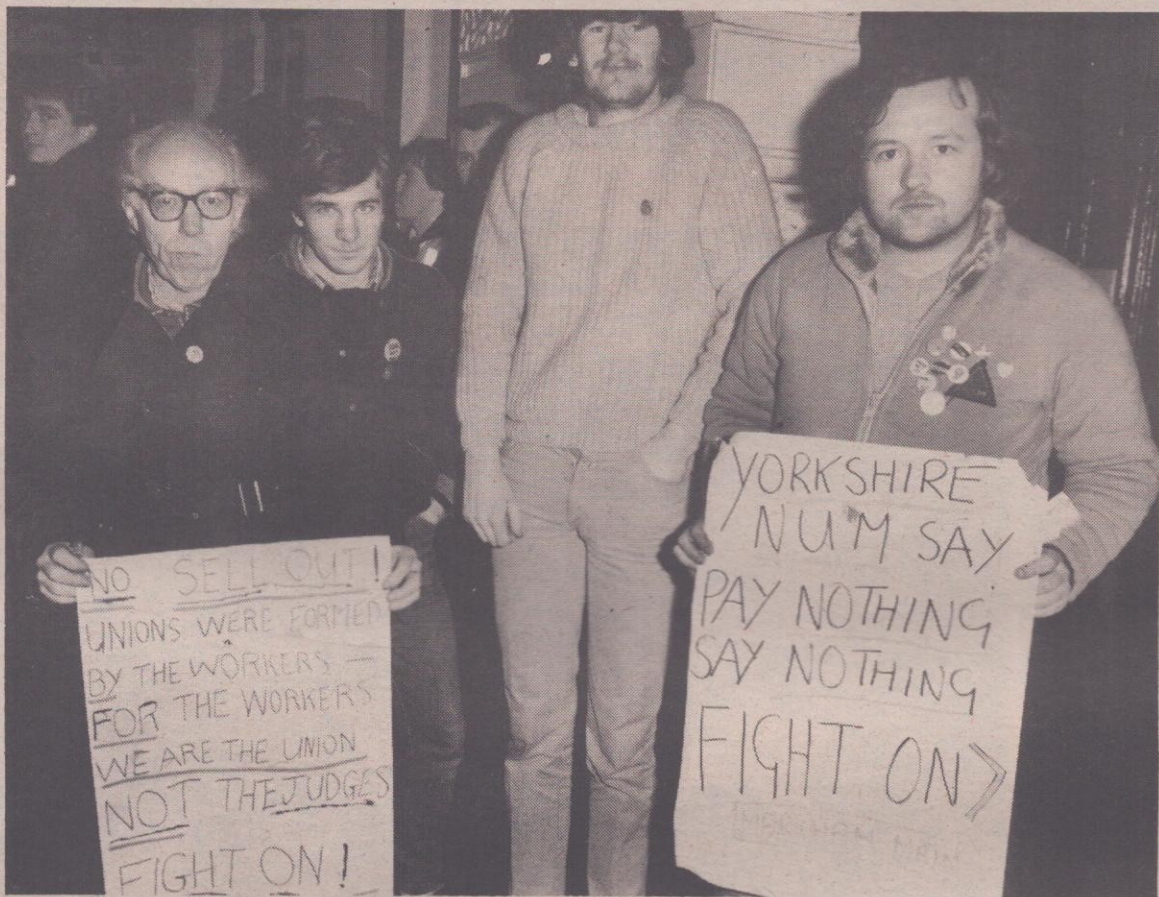
The imperialists' own leaders have already provided the direct driving force for revolutionary struggle by their attacks to destroy the working class.

Every single day is a movement of the revolutionary flux of developments — it is not a question of something 'building up' for the future.

Thus, when we say that that which remained of Bretton Woods has disappeared, that the dam against capitalist objective laws of decline has collapsed, we mean that this has an immediacy in revolutionary struggles for state power. The political struggle — in which the working class and the International Committee sections are now involved — are struggles in which the question of state power is already directly posed and has to be answered.

Once the cadre in the sections understand this immediacy, the irretrievable disappearance of all the mechanisms of Bretton Woods and the boom years, then our parties and sections will consciously elaborate forms of practice in which we can lead decisive sections of workers to break from the illusions of imperialist domination of the workers' movement; reformism; trade union sectionalism; 'left' phrasemongering; pressure and protest politics.

The objective laws predominate and the struggle



The miners' strike in Britain, the copper miners struggle in the United States and the mass movement against Marcos in the Philippines all show the development of the world

for power is on the agenda in every country, whether it be in the form of a development contained in the struggle to organise the General Strike in Britain or some other form.

This revolutionary consciousness necessary to guide a revolutionary practice for our sections then can place them at the head of the masses, by leading them to break in consciousness and practice from the illusions of the boom.

The first step is to overcome all these same illusions in the form taken inside our own movement. Against all subjectivism and against all tendencies to contemplate the 'building up' of the struggle and thus obscure its immediacy, we must insist on acceptance of the profound

objective revolutionary implications of the objective reality which has revealed itself in the world economic and political crisis, the driving force of the world revolution. This is what guides our theory and practice.

The world socialist revolution enters a new stage. The miners' strike in Britain, the engineers' strike in Germany, the bitter struggles of miners and steel workers in France and the copper miners and others in the United States, have this revolutionary content just as have the mass movements in Argentina, Brazil and the Philippines.

The banks can have no purely economic answer to the Latin American 'debt crisis'. Of the \$900 billion

owed to US banks, over \$300 billion is owed by Latin American countries. Not only can the principal sum not be repaid, but these countries are defaulting on the interest payments, resulting in the declaration of what are now called 'non-performing loans'.

That is why what American capitalists fear above all is the collapse of the banking system, not only of one or two banks. It is why shares in US banks have gone down 25 per cent in the last year. The loan to Argentina, to meet unpaid interest on past loans owed by that government due on June 30, indicates precisely the absence of any 'economic' solution.

The matter can be resolved only on the arena of

the class struggle. It is not, as in the period between the 1940s and the 1970s, a matter of striking a compromise through a degree of inflation to contain the demands of the working class, but a new situation: the necessity of smashing the organised working class and imposing the needs of finance capital.

This is what the US finance capitalists demand of the Latin American national bourgeois regimes. And the response of these regimes is that they are mortally afraid of the revolutionary consequences of such a course.

(We hear the far-off thunder of violent drums. We feel the winds of storms — President of Colombia, Betancur. 'The consolidation of democracy in Argentina depends to a large extent on the response the economy can give to the legitimate demands of different social groups' — Argentine Economics Minister Grinspun.)

But the biggest debtor of all to the banks is the US federal government, with its annual current deficit of nearly \$300 billion. What the banks require in payment must come out of surplus value, out of the working class, no less than it must from money owed by Latin American states.

The proletariat of the United States, undefeated, enters struggles of a revolutionary nature simultaneously with those of the rest of the world, thus coinciding in the product of all the historical processes since World War I in which US imperialism established its world dominance, yet in which, as Trotsky always emphasised, it must necessarily incorporate into itself all the contradictions of the world economy it dominates.

For the working class of the United States, gigantic shocks from the collapse of great financial and business institutions are immediately on the agenda. The political independence of that working class will be achieved precisely in a struggle

against monopoly capital and the state, inevitably of a revolutionary character, i.e. with none other than a revolutionary solution.

This point cannot be stressed too strongly. The crisis is not at the level of one industry's problems, or one bank's mismanagement of loans, or one nation's indebtedness or even state bankruptcy. It therefore cannot be settled on a trade union level, or as a 'national' matter, nor by some rearrangement of liabilities and agreements.

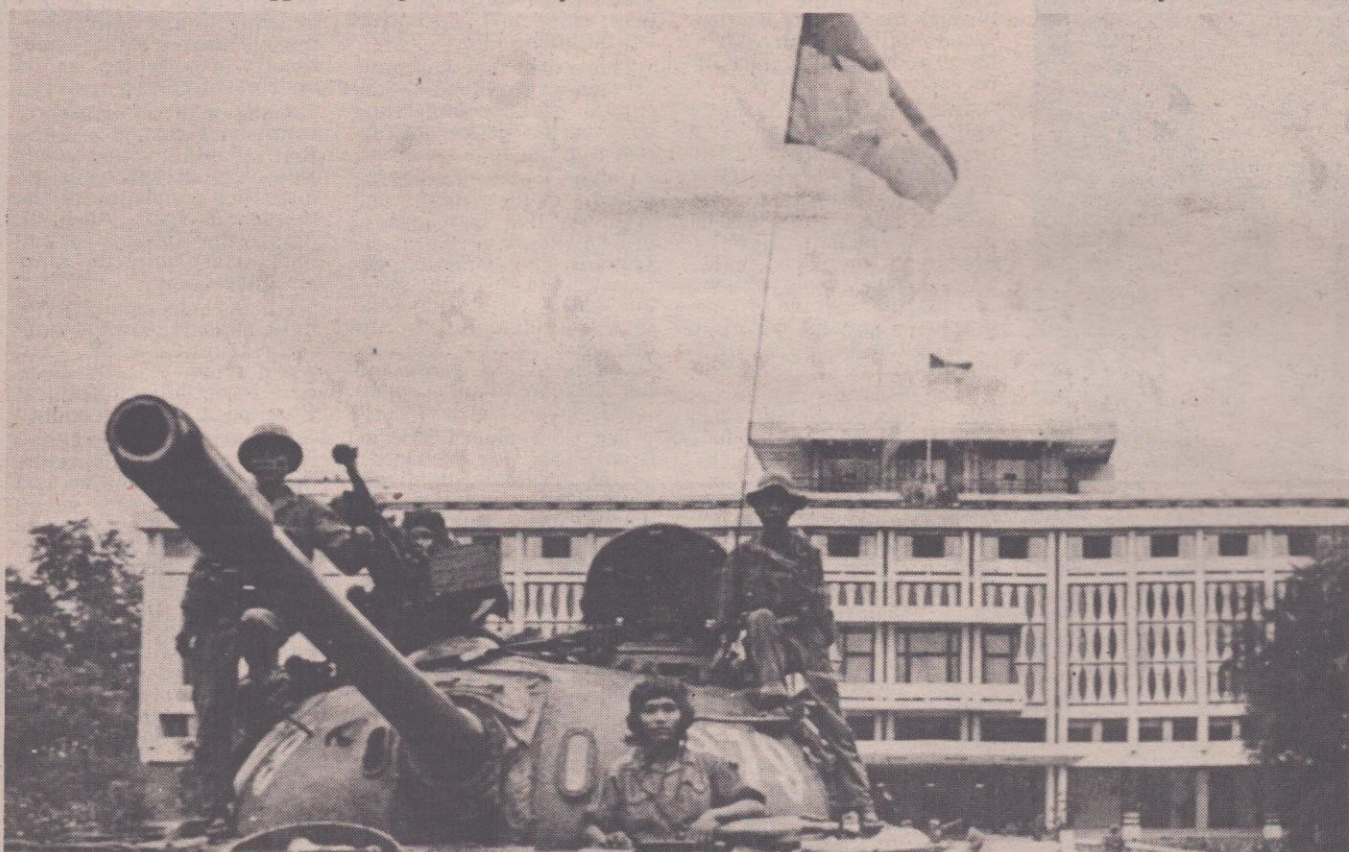
The crisis is at the level of the system, of monopoly and finance capital itself, the very banking system. The leaders of international finance capital operate and exert their class interests not through this or that party, this or that newspaper, and so on, but directly through the state machine of the great imperialist powers.

The crisis of the system brings the direct clash between the imperialist state and the undefeated working class with its revolutionary needs.

The fundamental contradiction between capitalist social relations and the productive forces is the material source of the 'debt crisis', 'currency crisis' and uncontrolled interest rates.

And the greatest of these productive forces held back and threatened with destruction by the continuation of capitalism, is the working class itself. This is the material content of the revolutionary role of the international working class and the unity of all its struggles in every nation state.

Just as world imperialism must seek to impose oppression and super-exploitation inside the US and on the masses of Latin America, so the 'strong dollar' (the result only of high American interest rates fuelled by the US state deficit) undermines the 'stability' of the European capitalist state and pro-



Vietnam victory 1975. The US imperialists spend billions on weapons of mass destruction but cannot break the resistance of the working class

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socialist revolution



vokes, inescapably, revolutionary class struggles.

The debt crisis and the rise in interest rates in the United States furthermore ensure that the slump and depression which has brought 30 million unemployed cannot be ended or alleviated. This deepens the revolutionary crisis. Far from breaking up the working class in the face of the capitalist counter-revolutionary attack, it has strengthened the determination of the working class to resist.

The International Committee has for long been the only force on the world arena to take into the working class the conscious understanding of the fundamental, deep-going and inevitable character of the economic crisis of imperialism in this period.

But now this is no longer a matter of only a correct prognosis of the economic crisis and its political consequences. The revolutionary class confrontation, the struggle for power, the development of a whole series of interconnected, unevenly developed, but unified struggles for state power — is now joined, not anticipated merely.

It is the relationship of forces and the tempo of these struggles and above all the conscious intervention of the revolutionary party, that now predominates, constituting the essence of the movement of events and the content of every form of appearance of the struggle.

Every experience consciously made by the revolutionary party and the International Committee is a matter of life and death for the winning of leadership in the working class and taking that class successfully to the conquest of power.

The US imperialists spend billions on weapons of mass destruction. They invade Grenada; they use every method of terror to destroy the Nicaraguan revolution and to protect the bloody dictatorships in El Salvador,



US forces in Honduras on the border with Nicaragua prepare attacks on the revolution

Dominican Republic and Chile. They seek to destroy trade union defences in the United States.

But just as they were defeated in Vietnam and forced to leave the Lebanon, they will be unable to break the resistance of the working class and the crisis must deepen every day.

The 'strong dollar' which weakens European currencies, undermining 'confidence' there, is at the same time a growing burden to the US itself, because it leads to a flood of cheap imports and to a rapidly growing trade deficit for the US.

From this are bred reactionary right-wing movements, backed by elements of big business advocating protectionist and nationalist economic measures, with

the uncompromising calls for national 'discipline'. Every one of these developments of the crisis inexorably drives forward the class struggle and it can be in no other way than at the level of a struggle for state power.

All the political tasks of the IC and its sections flow from this revolutionary content of the struggles in which the working class is inescapably engaged. The trade union bureaucracy and reformist leadership in every capitalist country has for decades become drawn more and more closely into the orbit of the bourgeois state.

As the masses come into direct conflict with the state, and the bourgeoisie builds up new forms of absolutist rule, attacking all basic democra-

tic and trade union rights, the conditions for breaking the grip of the bureaucracy rapidly mature.

Revolutionary Trotskyist leadership must work continuously to take advantage of these conditions, with the slogans of independence of the trade unions from the bourgeois state, transformation of the unions into revolutionary organs of struggle representing the broad masses of workers and their deepest needs, democratisation of the unions, and removal of the bureaucrats and their replacement by revolutionary leadership.

Reformist parties which form or join governments of the capitalist state in this period, act as agents and policemen of that state, and

the policy and programme of the International Committee's sections is to fight to bring down such governments and work for organs of workers' power.

The Stalinist bureaucracy cannot defend the gains of the October Revolution and the nationalised property relations in the deformed workers' states. The bureaucracy's own adjustments to the economic and military measures of imperialism stand, for them, higher than the needs of the working masses.

The Stalinist bureaucracy fears the independent struggle of the masses a thousand times more than it fears the military preparations and economic penetration by the imperialists. That is the inevitable consequence of

'socialism in one country', and it will lead to the Stalinists carrying out bloody betrayals.

Their supplying of coal and oil to the British capitalists in the miners' strike is only a foretaste, as is the Soviet Stalinist bureaucracy's pressure on Mozambique to surrender to the bloody South African regime.

Only the Trotskyist movement has the tradition, the training and the cadres to beat back the Stalinist bureaucracy, defeat its betrayals and defend the gains of the Russian and Chinese Revolutions by the revolutionary method of new Octobers in the capitalist countries.

The theory and programme of World Revolution

THE International Committee of the Fourth International was formed in 1953 in order to fight against the liquidation of the Fourth International by Pablo, Mandel and their collaborators.

These Pabloite revisionists capitulated to Stalinism on the spurious grounds that the inexorable pressure of objective historical forces ensured the proletarian revolution even under Stalinist leadership.

This 'theory' that 'Stalinism can no longer betray' and that 'mass pressure' would compel the Stalinist bureaucracy to play a revolutionary role, led uninterruptedly to acceptance of the self-reform of the bureaucracy and the abandonment of independent revolutionary leadership, abandonment of the Fourth International itself.

Thus the essence of the formation of the International Committee in 1953 was the fight for continuity of the proletarian revolution, carrying forward to a higher level Trotsky's fight for the

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Fourth International, the struggle of the Left Opposition, the first four Congresses of the Communist International, the October Revolution and Lenin's Bolshevik Party.

Every single lesson of these struggles must be carried forward and the new experiences of the proletarian revolution posited upon these previous lessons before the living experience can be understood.

Pabloism, instead, reacted purely to impressions of the 'new reality' and in this way succumbed to bourgeois ideology.

The dialectical materialist method derives from Marx and Engels, who transcended German classical philosophy (Hegel), English political economy and French socialism in establishing the objective necessity of the revolutionary historic role of the working class.

It is in the fight for this theory and method as a guide to revolutionary practice that the continuity of the struggle consists, because only on this basis can there be a development of Marxism, as against the use of Marxist phraseology and slogans to adapt to the bourgeois order and its bureaucratic agents.

It was for this reason that Lenin placed great emphasis on dialectics, studying Hegel in great detail and preparing a 'materialist rewriting' of Hegel's 'Logic' after the 1914 split in the world movement. After the October Revolution, Lenin proposed the setting up of an association of 'materialist friends of the Hegelian dialectic'.

All this work was entirely in line with his insistence at the beginning of the century that the revolutionary party is founded on revolutionary theory, independent of bourgeois ideology and never bowing to spontaneity.

The working-class struggle against capitalism grows up alongside the struggle for scientific socialism, Marxism. Marxism does not grow out of the workers' movement, but in a relation of revolutionary practice with it, struggling to lead it.

When Trotsky fought the most acute battle inside the newly-formed Fourth International, in 1939-1940, against the Burnham and the Shachtman petty-bourgeois opposition, he showed that it was absolutely necessary to go beyond the differences on programme (which were certainly unbridgeable as they were over defence of the Soviet workers' state), to the fundamental questions of dialectical materialist method.

The pragmatism and impressionism of Burnham and Shachtman constituted their ties with the capitalist order at the most fundamental level. Trotsky showed ('In Defence of Marxism') that only a cadre which fought consciously and successfully for the dialectical materialist world outlook and method, working through all the aspects of theory and practice from this basic standpoint, could really fight for the ideological and political independence of the revolutionary party and the working class.

Indeed it was only on this basis that Trotsky and the Left Opposition could carry forward the struggle for the Third Communist International and the Fourth International after Lenin's death.

It was characteristic that the petty-bourgeois opposition in the Socialist Workers Party in 1939-1940 dismissed these historical and philosophical questions as irrelevant to the immediate matters in dispute.

The failure of the SWP majority, who supported Trotsky, to absorb and develop these fundamental lessons, was to prove the source of their own degeneration in the period after 1956. Trotsky had warned very clearly:

'The question of a correct philosophical doctrine, that is, a correct method of thought, is of decisive significance to a revolutionary party just as a good machine shop is of decisive significance to production.'

'It is still possible to defend the old society with the material and intellectual methods inherited from the past. It is absolutely unthinkable that this old society can be overthrown and a new one constructed without first cri-



Members of the Presidium of the second Congress of the Communist International. Left to right: Serrati, Trotsky, Rosmer, Levi, Zinoviev and Bukharin

tically analysing the current methods. ('In Defence of Marxism', pp.93-94)

And when Trotsky wrote the open letter to Burnham, he explained to Cannon: 'Not all comrades possibly are content with the fact that I give the predominant place in the discussion to the matter of dialectics. But I am sure it is now the only way to begin the theoretical education of the Party, especially of the youth and to inject an aversion to empiricism and eclectics.' (ibid, p.120)

The necessity of this training is the opposite of pragmatism, but it has the most fundamental implications for revolutionary practice: 'In order not to give way under the pressure of bourgeois public opinion and police repression, the proletarian revolutionist, a leader all the more, requires a clear, far-sighted, completely thought-out world outlook. Only upon the basis of a unified Marxist conception is it possible to correctly approach "concrete" questions.' (ibid, pp.143-144)

In summary: it is impossible to establish the nature of 'concrete' and immediate pressing political problems without a correct theory for analysing and comprehending them.

That theory can only be understood and grasped as the product of the whole, continuous struggle of theory and practice, of Marx and Engels, Lenin and the Bolsheviks, the October Revolution, the first four congresses of the Communist International, Trotsky and the Russian and International Left Opposition and the founding of the Fourth International.

The October Revolution established workers' power in Russia, and its greatest significance was that the world proletarian revolution had begun. All national liberation struggles against imperialism now fed from and fed into the world revolution.

Lenin and Trotsky and the Bolsheviks proceeded immediately to the main task, the establishment of new, independent, Communist Parties for this new period, breaking from the Social Democracy which had capitulated to the imperialists and their state machine.

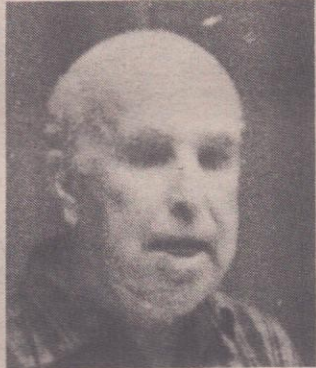
The new Communist Parties were explicitly based on the theory of Marxism and on the struggle to smash the bourgeois state and set up soviet power. 'Defence of the Soviet Union' was understood clearly in terms of revolutionary parties leading the masses to 'new Octobers'.

It was fundamental to this conception that the parties formed the Third (Communist) International. The programme and policy of world socialist revolution, established in the first four Congresses of the Communist International, are the political foundations of the Marxist movement in the imperialist epoch of wars and revolutions.

They have always been fought for and are today, against the Stalinist bureaucracy's revision of Leninism and abandonment

of world revolution for 'socialism in one country'.

The Founding Conference of the Communist International in March 1919 defined very precisely and unwaveringly



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ingly the character of the tasks of communists and the building of the world party of socialist revolution.

First, the 1914-1918 war was characterised as the inevitable result of capitalism's new, imperialist stage: monopoly had replaced competition, finance (banking) capital merged with industrial capital to dominate all economic life.

But along with the concentrated and centralised orga-



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nisation of capital and production in particular branches of economy or particular nations, there was an intensification of national rivalries, of competition between great cartels and monopolies, of anarchy in production.

Export of capital and the,

struggle for new empires and colonial wage slaves made inevitable wars between the imperialist powers.

Super-profits from colonial exploitation were used to buy off a layer of workers in the capitalist countries. But the carnage of the world war and the conditions of life created by the war produced the basis for the proletariat to break from the labour aristocracy and imperialism.

'The imperialist war changed into civil war' in one country after another, stated the Platform of the Communist International.

'A new epoch is born! The epoch of the dissolution of capitalism, of its inner disintegration. The epoch of the communist revolution of the proletariat.'

This new epoch posed very definite tasks. Above all else stood the necessity of the conquest of state power for the proletariat:

'The conquest of political power by the proletariat means the annihilation of the political power of the bourgeoisie.'

The bourgeoisie's most powerful means of exercising power is the bourgeois state machine with its bourgeois army led by bourgeois-junker officers, its police and gendarmerie, its prison governors and judges, its priests, officials etc.

'The victory of the proletariat lies in shattering the organisation of the enemy power and organising proletarian power; it consists in the destruction of the bourgeois state machine and the construction of the proletarian state machine.'

'Only after the proletariat has won victory and broken the resistance of the bourgeoisie can it make its former enemies of use in the new order by bringing them under its control and gradually drawing them into the work of communist organisation.'

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STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Fire used as ransom

STRIKERS at Rossington colliery have accused the Coal Board of holding to ransom the future of 7,400 jobs for the sake of just 21 scabs.

The charge was levelled by local NUM branch president Jack Pattinson after NCB management threatened to shut the pit because of an underground fire.

The board has refused to accept the NUM's conditions for assisting to put out the fire on a face development.

At a branch meeting last Saturday the strikers decided that they would only help if police and scabs were withdrawn from the pit and 27 sacked miners reinstated.

Branch treasurer Pete Donnelly said: 'We are quite prepared to saturate the pit with as many NUM members as necessary, in conjunction with NACODS, under the conditions laid down by our union branch on Saturday.'

'They were reasonable requests under the circumstances.'

Donnelly said that at no stage had the NCB consulted the NUM about the fire. 'We think the board is using it to stage a propaganda exercise. They want to discredit the leadership of this NUM branch, but they won't succeed.'

He said there was little doubt that the NCB would also like to capitalise on the possibility of strikers working alongside scabs.

But he added: 'We are responsible people and the NCB knows if they agree to our conditions we could



PETER DONNELLY

have the fire under control in no time.'

Pattinson said there was 'no way that 50 men will go down that pit and be confronted by three scabs. We want them off the premises'.

He said the NUM was insisting on the reinstatement of the sacked striker. 'They have been found guilty in advance by the Coal Board. They are men who have been charged, but have yet to appear in court.'

There were 500 pickets outside Rossington in the early hours as the scab bus was escorted in. But there were no incidents and no arrests.



Phurnacite plant, Aberaman, yesterday to let scabs out. The cokemen have organised a meeting in Aberdare for Arthur Scargill tonight

SCABS ATTACK STRIKERS HOMES

HOMES of striking miners in the Doncaster area have become the targets for a series of terrifying assaults aimed at breaking their will to continue the fight for jobs.

Their windows have been smashed, their children terrorised and their wives plagued by threatening phone-calls.

Strikers are convinced that state-organised scabs who are being used to attack the NUM, are responsible.

The latest victim of the terror attacks was the family of Labour Mayor of Askern Mick Porter, who is a striker at the local pit.

He had to rush home on Saturday night to calm his 13-year-old daughter Amanda, who was hysterical after the men hurled bricks at their house.

Porter, who is a South Yorkshire county councillor, told News Line: 'I hadn't been out of the house for a week because of the flu. But I decided that we'd go to the wedding reception of a young lad who's on strike.'

'I'd only been there a short while when a call came through to the welfare from my daughter. She was frantic, hysterical, terrified.'

BY SIMON VEVERS

He described her horrifying ordeal.

'She had been watching "Dynasty" on television and had luckily turned over when this half brick smashed through the window and bounced off the top of the telly. It must have missed her by inches.'

'They put in nine panes altogether. Amanda, thank God, sat on a settee, which was behind the door. She then ran through broken glass upstairs and crawled under my bed.'

'Just think, they could have killed her. It was a calculated attack and there have been several more in this area against union and community leaders.'

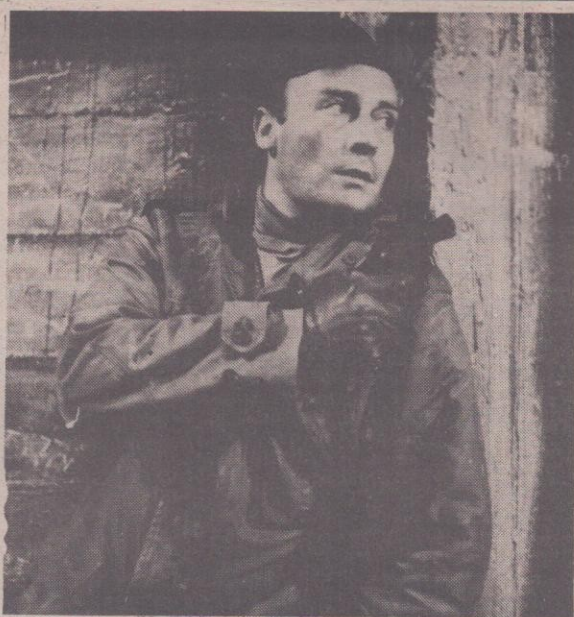
Last week the homes of four strikers — including three branch officials — in Armthorpe were targets for similar raids.

Carol Taylor said she was woken by a loud crash at 2.30a.m. as a brick shattered a window at the front of the house. Her husband Andy, who is on strike at Markham Main pit, vowed yesterday that he would not be intimidated back to work by the small group of scabs responsible.



Carol Taylor with her children Roy (3) and Lynn (18 months) outside their Armthorpe house. A brick was thrown by scabs through the window now boarded up with a defiant slogan now written on it

TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Edward Woodward as 'Callan' on Channel 4 at 10.50pm



Vanessa Redgrave stars in 'Agatha' on 2 at 9pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. 9.10 Mastermind. 9.40 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. 2.00 Rugby Union. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School. 4.10 Dastardly and Muttley. 4.20 The Cybil War. 4.30 Captain Caveman. 4.40 So You Want To Be Top. 4.55 Laurel and Hardy. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Star Trek. 5.58 Weatherman. 6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 THE DISTRICT NURSE With Nerys Hughes as Nurse Megan Roberts

7.25 HALLS OF FAME Roy Hudd, Edmund Hockridge, Acker Bilk, Danny La Rue, Stubby Kaye, Anna Neagle and Marian Montgomery celebrate *The Bristol Hippodrome*

8.10 CAGNEY AND LACEY

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 TALK TO ME A play by William Humble. Patrick Barlow and Philomena McDonagh are Matthew and Julia, whose marriage is under strain and Alan Howard the doctor whose treatment widens the rift

10.50 THE OTHER HALF *Edwina and Ray* Edwina Curry is Tory MP for Derbyshire South (Regional variations)

11.20 CLAIRE RAYNER'S CASEBOOK Heart attack

11.45 Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.10 Gloria. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Tomorrow's World. 10.50 Music Makers. 11.40 Claire Rayner's Casebook. 12.05 Wales Headlines and Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.50 Hawaii: Crucible of Life. 4.40 One Man and his Dog. 5.20 Cartoon Two.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; weather

5.30 TRAVELLERS IN TIME Last in this series of six films of early exploration introduced by Duncan Carse. *Assault on Everest (1933)*

6.00 THE ROCKFORD FILES With James Garner as private eye Jim Rockford in *Just Another Polish Wedding*

6.50 CARTOON TWO *The Three Knights*

7.00 RUGBY UNION Oxford University v Cambridge University — highlights from this afternoon's match at Twickenham

7.30 WHISTLE TEST Pop news, views and videos, with Mark Ellen, David Hepworth and Andy Kershaw

8.30 TOP GEAR For the last in the present series, William Woollard and the Top Gear team look back at highlights from the past year and forward to motoring in 1985

9.00 AGATHA (1978) Lavishly photographed by Vittorio Storaro, 'Agatha' tells the story of what might have happened during Agatha Christie's 11-day disappearance in December 1926. She is the toast of literary London but her private life is falling apart... Filmed in Harrogate and directed by Michael Apted. Vanessa Redgrave is Agatha, with Dustin Hoffman as Wally Stanton. Also starring Timothy Dalton, Helen Morse, Tony Britton and Timothy West

10.40 NEWSNIGHT

11.25 BUONGIORNO ITALIA! Italian for beginners

11.55 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER Live coverage of the Hofmeister World Doubles Championships from Northampton

3.45 YEARS AHEAD Frances Perry give advice on the care of house plants

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE HUMAN JUNGLE *Heartbeats In A Tin Box* Dr Corder is called to help a talented young teacher who loses control and beats one of her pupils. With Herbert Lom and Judith Stott

6.00 THE AVENGERS *The Master Minds* Steed and Mrs Peel infiltrate a club for intellectuals after some of its members are found doing some very strange things. With Patrick Macnee, Diana Rigg, Laurence Hardy, Patricia Haines and Ian McNaughton

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Mary Warnock, Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge. Followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 4 WHAT IT'S WORTH Another edition of the consumer advice programme

9.00 WHITE MAMA (Television film 1980) Bette Davis as a proud and penniless widow who takes a 16-year-old black juvenile delinquent into her home in order to obtain foster-care payments. With Eileen Heckart

10.50 CALLAN Do You Recognise this Woman? Richmond, on the run from the Section, fulfils his grim assignment and once again eludes Callan

11.50 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 School Programme. 11.25 Our Backyard. 11.35 Razzmatazz. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.20 HELP!

6.30 CROSSROADS

6.55 REPORTING LONDON

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE

8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT O'Connor and his guests with a mixture of comedy, chat, music and surprises

9.00 ITN NEWS Followed by *Thames News Headlines*

9.30 HUMAN RIGHTS The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was passed on December 10, 1948. What are they? Who has them... who doesn't and why not? This documentary looks at what's happened since 1948 and talks to men and women in many parts of the world. Amongst those interviewed are President Numeiri of the Sudan, ex-US president Jimmy Carter, leaders of the Philippine opposition parties and Anatoly Movcham of the Soviet Union

11.30 SNOOKER *The Hofmeister World Doubles Championship*

12.15 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 10.45 Cartoons. 11.00 Aldabra. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 Three Little Words. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS The latest news from around the North West

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE Michael Parkinson chairs another round of this popular celebrity mime show with team captains Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair

8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT Des and his guests blend comedy, chat, music and surprises

9.00 ITN NEWS

9.30 HUMAN RIGHTS *Taking the Lid Off* The declaration of human rights was passed on December 10, 1948. This programme looks at the machinery that has developed since then, with examples in the United Nations in Geneva and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg as well as revealing the violation of human rights that are happening in different parts of the world

11.30 SNOOKER *The Hofmeister World Doubles Championships* from The Derrig Centre, Northampton

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 The Nature of Things. 11.15 The Peterborough Country Music Festival. 11.35 Kum Kum. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 News; North East News. 9.32 Human Rights. 11.30 International Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Once Upon a Time... Man. 9.50 A Land, A Man, A God. 10.20 Starparade. 11.10 Tarzan. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 News; Central News. 9.30 Human Rights. 11.30 International Snooker. 12.15 Struggle. 12.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Flora and Fauna. 10.40 ABC Children's Short Stories. 11.00 Earth Wind and Fire. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine

and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Calendar Tuesday. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 News. 9.30 Human Rights. 11.30 International Snooker. 12.15 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Eye of the Storm. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sea in Their Blood. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Televiews. 6.30 Robinson Country. 7.00 The Bouncer. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 News; TSW Late News and Weather. 9.30 Human Rights. 11.30 International Snooker. 12.15 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Holiday Time. 9.28 Sesame Street. 10.25 The Groovie Ghoules. 10.50 Tales of Pom Pom. 11.00 Matt & Jenny. 11.28 Mr Magoo. 11.30 Orphans of the Wild. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 University Challenge. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac.

4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 News; TVS News. 9.30 Human Rights. 11.30 International Snooker. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Home Cookery Club. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 The Sindbad Voyage. 11.20 Clay in a Special Way. 11.30 Home. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 News; HTV News. 9.30 Human Rights 11.30 International Snooker. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown. HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Short Story Theatre. 10.50 Cartoon Time. 11.05 Star Parade. 11.55 Wattoo. Wattoo. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardens for All. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News and Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bygones. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 News; Anglia Late News and Weather. 9.30 Human Rights. 11.30 International Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00-2.15 Ffalabalam. 2.30 International Snooker. 3.45 Summer Solstice. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Superted. 5.05 Bilidowcar. 5.35 Project UFO. 6.30 Larwm. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Jambo Bwana. 8.05 St Elsewhere; News Headlines. 9.05 'Sgylfaeth. 10.50 Muck and Brass. 11.50 Cat Among the Lions: The MTM Story. 12.35 Close.

RADIO

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

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

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 The American Popular Song. 9.00 Norrding Festival. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Where Were You in 62? 10.30 Rolf's Walkabout. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) C.P.E. Bach, Mendelssohn, Reger, Debussy orch Caplet (8.00 News) Liszt, Brahms, Faure, Saint-Saens. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Sibelius. 10.00 Humperdinck and Hindemith (S) Orchestral music. 10.30 The Part-Song Repertory (S). 11.00 Martin Jones (S) Piano recital: Beethoven, Chopin, Prokofiev, Poulenc. 11.55 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Mozart, Tchaikovsky (1.00-1.05 News) Mendelssohn. 1.40 Guitar Encores (S) Domenico Scarlatti, anon. Cimarosa transcr Caceres, Manuel Saumell transcr. Jesus Ortega, Debussy transcr. Caceres, Castelnuovo-Tedesco. 2.15 Vienna and Places North (S) Mozart, Schubert, Joseph Marx, Ravel (3.00-3.05 Interval) Mozart, Joseph Marx, Reger. 4.00 Fiona Vanderspar and John Alley (S) Violin and piano recital: Rubbra, Brahms. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 La Tromba Italiana (S) Alessandro Melani, Alessandro Scarlatti. 7.00 Tchaikovsky and Mussorgsky (S) Concert: Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky orch. Shostakovich (7.40-8.00 A Memorable Scene) Tchaikovsky. 9.00 Samuel Johnson (1709-84). 10.00 Jazz Today (S) 7 RPM. 11.00 Mendelssohn and Verdi (S) String quartets. 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 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Morning Story: *Ordeal by Prayers*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: *Miracle Play*. 11.33 Wildlife. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Word! (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Father Figure*. 4.00 News; The Big Man in Ireland. 4.40 Story Time: *The Woman in Black*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Anything Legal (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 File on 4. 8.00 Medicine Now. 8.30 The Living World. 9.00 In Touch. 9.30 The Family Abroad. 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.

Winning Post

Hat-trick hopeful

SOUTHERNAIR (3.30), goes from strength to strength and top-weight is unlikely to stop him completing a hat-trick in the William Hill Handicap Hurdle at **PLUMPTON** today.

Trained by Peter Haynes at Chichester, Southernair has won his last two races in style, both times beating Hiz at Fontwell.

A longer distance would be more in his favour, but Southernair ought to be good enough to beat Mister Golden.

Fred Winter's charge is not that reliable and although he flattered for a

moment approaching the last in the Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle at Sandown, he found nothing under pressure and eventually finished fourth to Prideaux Boy.

Vote

John Francome may make more use of Mister Golden this time, but Southernair gets the vote in what should be a close contest.

Aintree Grand National hope Tacroy bids to follow up his recent course success in the 'Galleano' Challenge Cup Handicap Chase but he is

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likely to find this two-and-a-half mile trip too short.

The top-weight is unlikely to give 25lbs to the vastly improved Tom Tailor (1.00), winner of his three races this season.

One of those triumphs came over this course and distance last month when he beat Bold Yeoman, who franked the form when winning at Lingfield on Saturday.

Devon-trained **Amberaries (2.30)**, won over course

and distance at the last meeting by four lengths and should not be hard pressed to follow-up with four pounds less to carry in the Henfield Selling Handicap Hurdle.

As that last win was in a conditional jockeys event, the nine-year-old escapes a penalty.

Score

Tarn (2.15), a 12-length winner on his chasing debut, can score again at **SEDGEFIELD**.

Trained under permit by



SELECTIONS

PLUMPTON: 12.30 Membridge, 1.00 Tom Tailor, 1.30 Mitilini, 2.00 Rufus T Firefly, 2.30 Amberaries, 3.00 Streamliner, 3.30 Southernair (nap).

SEDGEFIELD: 12.45 Rhy-marc, 1.15 Last Deal, 1.45 Numerate, 2.15 Tarn (n.b.), 2.45 Charlotte's Duncie, 3.15 Mountain Hays.

PLUMPTON

12.30 KEYMER NOVICE CHASE £800

2m 4f (10 runners)		
3 0000-F0	BATULA PRINCE M Madgwick 6 113	A Madgwick (4)
6 00P-PR	DUKE WILLIAM R Voorspuy 10 115	R Goldstein
10 0/FPF	JIMMY FLINT R Dunn 8 113	C Gray
12 U2F-4P0	MEMBRIDGE P Dufosse 9 113	Mr G Maundrell
14 4000-04	MR CANDY A Moore 5 113	G Moore
17 2-P0F0U	WHITTINGTON Mrs M Easton 6 113	Mr M Martin (7)
19 02003-0	BRIT W G Turner 5 10 12	A Sharpe
20 02/04P-0	KALE BRIG P Bowden 9 10 12	R Linley
21 0004-33	KINGMON'S GIRL J Long 7 10 12	R Rowell
22 0/3-03FF	REEBOK K Weisselberg 7 10 12	Mr T Grantham (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Membridge, 5-2 Mr Candy, 3-1 Brit, 11-2 Whittington, 8-1 Kingmons Girl, 14-1 others.

1.00 'GALLEANO' CHALLENGE CUP £2,000

2m 4f (10 runners)		
1 0440P-1	TACROY (C/D) M Masson 10 127	A Stringer
2 1P11-01	JUST MARTIN (C) R Champion 6 10 13	G McCourt
3 102-111	TOM TAILOR (C-D) R Armitage 7 10 10	A Webber
5 230U-0U	TOULOUSE J Cobden 9 10 4	S Shilston
6 00003-3	SHANE HILL (C/D) R Parker 11 10 2	M Hammond
7 0411-21KMANSTON MARAUDER J Fox 8 10 2 (5 ex)		S Moore
10 P2P0R	POLAR EXPRESS (D) W King 9 10 0	C Warren (7)
11 1F-PP4F	KASHILL (C) A Moore 6 10 0	
12 14004-1	ASPEN FLARE R Howe 8 10 0	M Furlong
14 F030F-1	CARBURY'S KIT C Willett 9 10 0	J Akehurst

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Manston Marauder, 11-4 Tom Tailor, 4-1 Tacroy, 8-1 Just Martin, 12-1 Toulouse and Polar Express, 16-1 Aspen Flare, 20-1 others.

1.30 DITCHLING NOVICE HURDLE £800

2m 4f (18 runners)		
3 0-P0012	ABOUSHABUN (USA) J Jenkins 4 115	
5 202-P010	MARTIAL COMMANDER (C) C Read 4 115	M Perrett
7 0004-20	AFRICAN STAR J Roberts 6 110	R Hoare
9 000-0	ALOA (USA) A Moore 5 110	G Moore
11 000-0	CADDAGAT J Fitch-Heyes 4 110	Miss P Fitch-Heyes (7)
15 P-3	HOMEWARD Mrs N Smith 4 110	R Dunwoody
19 0-P	LORD SOLENT M O'Halloran 5 110	R Campbell (4)
21 F-	MEND YOUR WAYS G Gracey 6 110	Miss Zoe Davison (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Rhy-marc, 11-4 Perfect Image, 4-1 Porto Louise, 5-1 Rosagore, 7-1 My Romany Rose, 12-1 others.

SEDGEFIELD

12.45 NAGS HEAD SELLING HURDLE £500

2m (9 runners)		
1 2P1400	PORTO LOUISE (D) DC Tucker 5 119	S J O'Neill
4 00-0	ELUCIDATE (USA) Ronald Thompson 5 117	Jayne Thompson (7)
5 000000	LANGFORD BROOK M Dickinson 5 117	J A Harris
6 03-P	PALLETAIT N Waggett 4 117	G W Gray
7 00-	ROSGORE J H Johnson 4 117	S McNeill
8 00-	HECKLEY HINNY FT Walton 4 112	Mr J Walton
9 000	MY ROMANY ROSE O Brennan 4 112	M Brennan
11 3-00434	PERFECT IMAGE J Jefferson 4 112	M Hills (7)
	RHYMARC G Richards 4 112	J Hansen (4)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Rhy-marc, 11-4 Perfect Image, 4-1 Porto Louise, 5-1 Rosagore, 7-1 My Romany Rose, 12-1 others.

1.15 HARDWICK ARMS HANDICAP CHASE £1,500

3m (8 runners)		
2 11/11-1	LAST DEAL Mrs M Dickinson 6 113	R Earnshaw
3 P00200-	MR SNUGIT (C-D) M W Easterby 7 119	P Tuck
5 013U-01	TWILIGHT (C-D) B Wilkinson 9 116	C Hawkins
7 1-00P0P	UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE W A Stephenson 7 110	R Lamb
8 0/40-P00	CAVITY HUNTER L Griffiths 11 110	S Keightley
11 142-200	WEWUPAWUD (C) J Storey 9 10 12	Mr C Storey (7)
13 101140	IMMIGRATE (C-D) G Richards 11 109	N Doughty
14 014100	COMMAGH S J Leadbetter 8 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Last Deal, 7-2 Wewupawud, 6-1 Immigrate, 8-1 Mr Snugfit, 12-1 others.

1.45 HOPE INN NOVICE CHASE £900

2m 4f (15 runners)		
3 F0F000	BILLYJOHN J Townson 7 113	K Burke (7)
4 0000-00	DRUMMONY L Griffiths 10 113	S Keightley
6 003-0PF	FORT NELSON W A Stephenson 6 113	Mr P J Dun (4)
7 30-0400	FROSTY TOUCH Mrs E Slack 6 113	B Storey
8 00B42-P	GO ON JOE J Richardson 10 113	D Oldham
11 00P0-P4	IMPAGE Roy Robinson 6 113	Mandy Harrison (7)
12 00P3-33	LEGAL EMPEROR J Fitzgerald 6 113	M Dwyer
13 PP	LOCHAN CORRIE J S Haldane 7 113	T G Dun
14 00	MISTY SPIRIT D Lee 5 113	C Grant
15 0000-40	MOON GAZER V Thompson 6 113	Mr M Thompson (7)
16 0-01132	NUMERATE (BF) R Fisher 5 113	M Meagher (4)
18 00P-	SLANEY KING G Calvert 5 113	
19 2230-00	SUPER TONY FT Walton 7 113	Mr J Walton
20 00-0423	CAPE FAREWELL M Ellerby 6 10 12	Mr R Morley
21 000	CELIA J Numerate 6 10 12	Mr M Robinson (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Numerate, 5-2 Legal Emperor, 4-1 Cape Farewell, 7-1 Frosty Touch, 14-1 Go On Joe, 20-1 others.

2.15 NEW DUN COW NOVICE CHASE £900

2m (13 runners)		
4 F0F41-1	TARN (D) T P Tate 6 112	R Earnshaw
5 0310-44	BORDER KNIGHT (C) J S Haldane 9 114	R Lamb
6 3242-10	CZERNIN Denys Smith 7 114	C Grant
8 14P/4U	GRAY THATCH C Parker 8 114	B Storey
9 23F33U-	METROLANDS R Fisher 9 114	J D Doyle (4)

23 0	MITILINI R Smyth 4 110	C Furlong
24 000	MY TARDET G Balding 5 110	B Reilly
26 00/	OYSTONS WINDMILL P Oliver 5 110	R Crank
27 000-22	PAULATIM (BF) N Henderson 5 110	S Smith-Eccles
30 0002-	SALFORD RENTAL P Bowden 6 110	R Linley
31 0	SOVEREIGN PAUL J Fox 5 110	S Moore
36 0	ACER DIAMOND J Bridger 4 109	A Jones (7)
38 0	FAIRLANDS BRIDE M Madgwick 4 109	A Madgwick (4)
39 0	GREAT WESTERN RYME P Haynes 4 109	J Lovejoy
40 0	MARKET RUN P Haynes 4 109	P Corrigan (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Aboushabun, 4-1 Paulatim, 5-1 Mitilini, 6-1 Salford Rental, 8-1 Homeward, 10-1 Martian Commander and African Star, 14-1 Sovereign Paul, 16-1 others.

2.00 ASTAIRE STOCKBROKER NOVICE CHASE £2,000

2m (12 runners)		
1 2/1241-1	RUFUS T FIREFLY N Henderson 6 111	S Smith-Eccles
3 F/320-0F	AUSTRIAN CORPORAL P Bowden 6 114	R Linley
4 F	BRAMBLE WALK R Parker 7 114	Mr T Grantham (7)
5 0000-0	BROWN BLAZER R Armitage 6 114	A Webber
6 0	CECONI C Willett 7 114	Mr C Willett
9 041-00F	GOLDORATION H O'Neill 9 114	M Hammond
10 022/0-FF	HENNESSY HOUSE G Ripley 7 114	G Moore
11 P00-100	KINGHOLM QUAY Lady Herries 6 114	M Kinane
13 34433-3	ST WILLIAM R Hodges 5 114	Peter Hobbs
14 PPF00-	WEAVERSLAKE A Neaves 8 114	B Powell
15 000-0P0	MOUNTCUT H Beasley 5 10 13	R Goldstein
16 1032P3-	HENRY GEARY STEELS (C-D) R Champion 4 10 7	F McCourt

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 on Rufus T Firefly, 9-2 St William, 7-1 Henry Geary Steels, 10-1 Kingholm Quay, 12-1 Goldoration, 16-1 others.

2.30 HENFIELD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE £800

2m (15 runners)		
2 01F00-0	BALLYSEEDY HERO (C-D) Miss P O'Connor 6 119	C Warren (7)
5 P0F0-30	TOPORI S Woodman 5 117	R Dunwoody
6 0000-P0	CARFLAX (USA/D) Miss S Waterman 6 116	Miss S Waterman
7 0P232-1	KINGS SINGER B Forsey 10 114	P Croucher (4)
8 0120-P-	CAN'T SWIM (C-D) R Howe 5 112	M Furlong
9 4010-0	JAPSILK (C) B Wise 11 110	R Rowell
10 0400-00	BELL HOP B Stevens 8 10 12	C Brown
12 0P-0F43	SPRINGFIELD CRACKER (C-D) G Gracey 10 10 7	R Campbell (4)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 on Rufus T Firefly, 9-2 St William, 7-1 Henry Geary Steels, 10-1 Kingholm Quay, 12-1 Goldoration, 16-1 others.

10 022F-00	SAUSOLITO SB Avery 6 114	
11 0-0-0	STARJESTIC Roy Robinson 6 114	Mandy Harrison (7)
12 0400-00	SWAFFHAM SJ Leadbetter 6 114	
13 00-2040	BRIGHT IMP R Bethell 5 10 13	P Tuck
14 0F0F	CRESTA CROSSETT E M Caine 6 10 13	Mr N Jones (7)
15 P-	GOLD SECRET G G Morgan 9 10 13	
16 114001-	KILROE'S CALIN J Fitzgerald 5 10 13	R O'Leary
17 0004P4	LADYCROSS R Hartop 5 10 13	J Barlow

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Tarn, 3-1 Kilroe's Calin, 5-1 Border Knight, 8-1 Czernin, 10-1 Sausolito, 16-1 others.

2.45 GOLDEN LION NOVICE HURDLE £800

2m (18 runners)		
1 21	CALIRA Miss M Benson 5 115	Mr T Reed (4)
2 P/P0	BRAE TOP JH Johnson 5 110	S McNeill
3 033	BULLOM Denys Smith 4 110	C Grant
6 3224	CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE (BF) M H Easterby 4 110	A Brown
9 2	DON'T ANNOY ME R Whitaker 4 110	Mr R J Beggan
14 00	JAMES MY BOY M Dickinson 4 110	J A Harris
19 00	MARSHALL RED J Mason 4 110	M Pepper
21 U0	OWEN HERBERT C Wardman 4 110	C J Wardman (7)
23 03033-2	PITSBALOO M W Easterby 4 110	P Tuck
24 0	PORTSIDE J Fitzgerald 4 110	R O'Leary
27 0	RURAL SCENE FT Walton 5 110	Mr J Walton
32 0032-0	TOGG (FR) Mrs C Postlethwaite 6 110	P A Charlton
33 0032-0	TORONTO STAR AW Potts 4 110	C Hawkins
34 23-44	VERBARIUM (USA) Mrs J Ramsden 4 110	S Charlton
37 P0	COTTAGE LEAS M Ellerby 5 10 9	Mr R Morley
38 0	ERROLL'S ELITE T Craig 6 10 9	M Ennis
40 034F0	JARALL J Mitchell 4 10 9	D M Caskill
43 0	NUGGETS DAUGHTER K Stapleton 5 10 9	K Burke (7)

BLINKERS: 33

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Calira, 4-1 Charlotte's Duncie, 5-1 Don't Annoy Me, 13-2 Pitbaloo, 8-1 Togg, 10-1 Portside, 12-1 Bullom and Verbarium, 16-1 others.

3.15 BLACK LION HANDICAP HURDLE £1,250

2m 4f (15 runners)		
1 424P3-2	ON LEAVE (D) A Scott 7 110	Mr T Reed (4)
2 P420-02	MOUNTAIN HAYS M H Easterby 9 119	A Brown
5 020-001	RUN IN TUNE (C) D Eddy 5 111 (10 ex)	C Pimlott
7 3104F-0	WOLD RAT J Fitzgerald 5 10 11	M Dwyer
8 0/02F-00	BONNY GOLD (D) Mrs C Postlethwaite 5 10 11	P A Charlton
9 0140-22	MICK'S STAR M W Easterby 4 10 9	A Dickman
11 30020/P	SHARP TON M W Easterby 6 10 8	P Tuck
12 310-032	JOE'S FANCY (D) P Liddle 6 10 5	G W Gray
13 324-222	MESA KID (USA) (BF) W Clay 5 10 4	S J O'Neill
15 123-420	ARMENISTIS (C) S Leadbetter 5 10 0	M Barnes
16 30313-F	HUMYAK HOUSE R Fisher 4 10 0	M Meagher (4)
18 044400	MOSSY CONES (D) W A Stephenson 5 10 0	
19 00/310-0	YOUNG ADVENTURER (C-D) D A Lamb 5 10 0	Angela Cross
22 00000-P	POLAR ICE J L Harris 8 10 0	J A Harris
23 3U4-0P0	KANISA (C-D) W J Smith 6 10 0	Mr G Hawker (7)

BLINKERS: 15

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Mick's Star, 9-2 On Leave, 5-1 Run In Tune, 7-1 Mesa Kid and Bonny Gold, 8-1 Wold Rat, 10-1 Mountain Hays, 14-1 Joe's Fancy, 16-1 others.

Michael Dickinson's brother-in-law Thomas Tate, Tarn fell twice over hurdles last season.

But he was foot perfect over the larger obstacles at Kelso last month and won easily in the end.

Earlier, Robert Earnshaw should also take the Hardwick Arms Handicap Chase on Last Deal (1.15), who is unbeaten in three novice hurdles and three chase.

Last Deal easily accounted for Dioklis on his debut and, although that was only a three runner affair, he should not be underrated.

3.00 KEYMER NOVICE CHASE DIV II £2,000

3m 1f (9 runners)		
2 00-0000	ARMATRIST N Wheeler 5 113	Mr N Wheeler
4 0	BOLD GEORGE R Shaw 11 113	A Webber
5 4F30-	DERYCAN Lady Herries 8 113	Mr T Thomson Jones
7 000-0	FRED FLUSH S Woodman 6 113	R Dunwoody
8 P004-PP	HAYSTACK'S FLYER P Hayward 9 113	C Brown
11 0000/000	LANDAS ROCKET G Gracey 6 113	M Furlong
13 004/00	MIDDLE-MARK M Madgwick 6 113	A Madgwick (4)
15 3F/0P02	STREAMLINER J Gifford 8 113	Peter Hobbs
18 00000/P	BEECHES P Haynes 9 10 12	J Lovejoy

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Streamliner, 7-2 Derycan, 5-1 Fred Flush, 8-1 Beeches View, 10-1 Bold George, 14-1 others.

3.30 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000

2m (11 runners)		
1 400-411	SOUTHERNAIR P D Haynes 4 110	A Webb
2 4401-34	MISTER GOLDEN (D) F Winter 4 119	J Francome
3 43100-0	GALLANT BUCK D Elsworth 4 118	R Arnott (7)
4 122301	DHOFAR (C-D) G P Gordon 4 10 11	S Smith-Eccles
7 0100-3	THE OWLS (D) M Tompkins 5 10 5	J Barlow
8 14-4100	THE THUNDERER (C-D) P M Taylor 4 10 5	A Carroll
9 F200-10	DRUMMOND STREET (D) A Moore 5 10 3	G Moore
11 1140	DANCER'S EMULATION (C-D) M Swift 4 10 0	
12 0013	TRUMPS (C-D) B Swift 4 10 0	R Campbell (4)
13 000-31P	QUALITAIR PRINCE (D) M Ryan 5 10 0	J McLaughlin
15 0200-41	EUROLINK BOY (C-D) P Mitchell 6 10 0	A Wright (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Mister Golden, 2-1 Southernair, 5-1 Eurolink Boy, 8-1 Trumps, 10-1 Dhofar, 12-1 The Owls, 14-1 others.

RESULTS

BANGOR

12.30 (2m): KWA ZULU C Smith (11-4 fav); Gracious Folly (12-1); Speak To Me Bones (100-30); Penscynor (20-1); 18 ran, 1 1/2, 7, 5, (M Tate) T: £3.20; £1.30; £27.90; £2.70; £6.50; CSF: £36.40.
1.00 (2m): BORN TO SHINE M Bowly (11-2); Percipient (11-4); Pomposity (33-1); Dishcloth (4-1); 6 ran, 8, 5, (M Castell) T: £10.60; £2.40; £1.70; DF: £5.80; CSF: £18.77; NR: Jo Colombo.
1.30 (2m 4f): CONNAUGHT QUEEN N Doughty (15-8); Turkana (7-4 fav); Spartan Native (6-1); Altarga (20-1); 15 ran, 3, 4, 10, (G Richards) T: £3.10; £1.30; £1.10; £2.40; CSF: £5.57.
2.00 (3m): ROYSCRIPT P Dever (4-1); Keep A Promise (8-1); Cloness King (4-1); Citadel Roc (15-2); 11 ran, 3, 3

The REAL John McEnroe

PART SIX

THE BIG COMEBACK

THE DEPARTURE of Bjorn Borg from the professional tennis circuit left something of a void in 1981, but another European player was trying hard to fill the gap.

Ivan Lendl had arrived as a player capable of challenging John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors for the No. 1 spot in the world — and by the beginning of 1982 he was starting to reach his full potential.

'For some time I found it hard to assess Ivan's style of play,' McEnroe recalls. 'He's basically a slugger, but if you make the mistake of bracketing him there you will suffer time after time.'

'He likes to hit the ball from the baseline, but he's also comfortable at the net and his winners, when you have committed yourself, can be devastating.'

'With Connors it's a straightforward case of slugging it out. The fittest — and the bravest — survive against him.'

McEnroe struggled through the early months of 1982 and then suffered a further setback at Brussels — in March — when a nasty recurrence of his ankle injury put him out for several weeks.

When he returned everything wasn't right. His decision to fulfill commitments on the circuit proved to be a bad one. The injury needed a good eight weeks' rest — his short lay-off meant he played in severe pain in tournaments immediately after returning.

McEnroe has lost out on several other occasions through his insistence on fulfilling tournament commitments when it would have been better for him to rest either his injured ankle or elbow.

'I don't believe in let-

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ting people down,' he says, 'if you commit yourself to something then you should get on with it.' It's an admirable rule to live by — but in McEnroe's case a foolish one at times.

Traits

Another one of his traits is not to moan about losing if he is carrying an injury. This, too, has never been fully reported.

Lendl had defeated him in several big tournaments on the run-up to Wimbledon that year, but Connors had been beaten twice in the finals of Philadelphia and San Francisco.

McEnroe entered the Queen's Club event in

confident mood and raced to the final before Connors stopped the rot and won in straight sets.

He still felt confident, however, as he entered Wimbledon.

It was a subdued McEnroe who progressed towards the final there. There weren't too many problems with the media and his tennis, despite still carrying several injuries, was up to its usual impeccable standard.

But the final, the longest in the history of the tournament, went Connors' way, 3-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

'Jimmy seemed to find a new lease of life that year,' John recalls. 'I had my chances to beat him at Wimbledon but he fought back well to take the title.'

John's year didn't turn around until the semi-finals of the US Open some six weeks later — a title he had won for the past three years.

There Lendl defeated him 4-6, 4-6, 7-6. Now he would end up without a Grand Slam title to his name for the first time in three years, and the pain of that finally took him away for a couple of weeks to re-think his strategy.

'I was mentally and physically tired, I needed a rest,' John recalls. 'Between the injuries and the pressure of being No. 1, I felt that I needed to get away from it all and work on a few things.'

The rest certainly worked.

John came back with a winning streak of 24 matches, including, what he regards as the most demanding and important — a Davis Cup clash with Mats Wilander in St Louis.

Record

That match has entered the record books. McEnroe had to win to send the US through to the semi-finals. It was a Titanic affair in every way. McEnroe finally won 9-7, 6-2, 15-17, 3-6, 8-6. The match lasted the best part of seven hours.

He then proceeded to lead the US to another David Cup final victory in Paris against the French.

As 1982 drew to a close, McEnroe felt the weight of being the world's No. 1

move off his young shoulders and onto those of Connors once again.

It wasn't so much relief, for John doesn't like to lose, but now he felt he could begin to re-build his game and re-launch his campaign to establish himself, once again, as the best player in the world.

Overcome

While Connors had overcome him in their only Grand Slam final meeting in the preceding year, John now knew that Lendl was the one he had to keep an eye on when the Czechoslovak beat him in the final of the World Masters at Madison Square Garden, New York, in January 1983.

That result took Lendl's record against him to 10-8 in head to heads — and the tall Czech had won the last eight in a row.

'A couple of weeks later we met in the US Indoor Championships at Philadelphia and I knew that I had to check his confidence there,' McEnroe recalls.

'Ivan had developed into the best player in the



JOHN MCENROE . . . 1982 proved to be a very demanding year both physically and mentally

world on the indoor circuit and if I was to put a dent in his confidence then I had to do it in Philadelphia.'

John's plans to upstage Lendl were executed to perfection. He took his No. 1 enemy in the final 6-0, 6-1.

They more or less stayed apart after that until Wimbledon and the pair were scheduled to meet in the semi-finals —

the winner being seeded to take on Connors in the final.

John's side of the draw proved quite a tough one, but by semi-final day, the second Thursday of the competition — it was Lendl at the other side of the net once again.

The Czech has always said he doesn't like grass, but had, after just a minor hiccup in the first round, advanced steadily to the last four.

'You have got to be able to play on ALL surfaces if you want to reach the top in tennis,' says McEnroe.

It's just a case of getting in the practice to adjust to the different surfaces. Ivan can become a very good grasscourt player if he puts his mind to it and he hasn't done so badly in recent years on it.

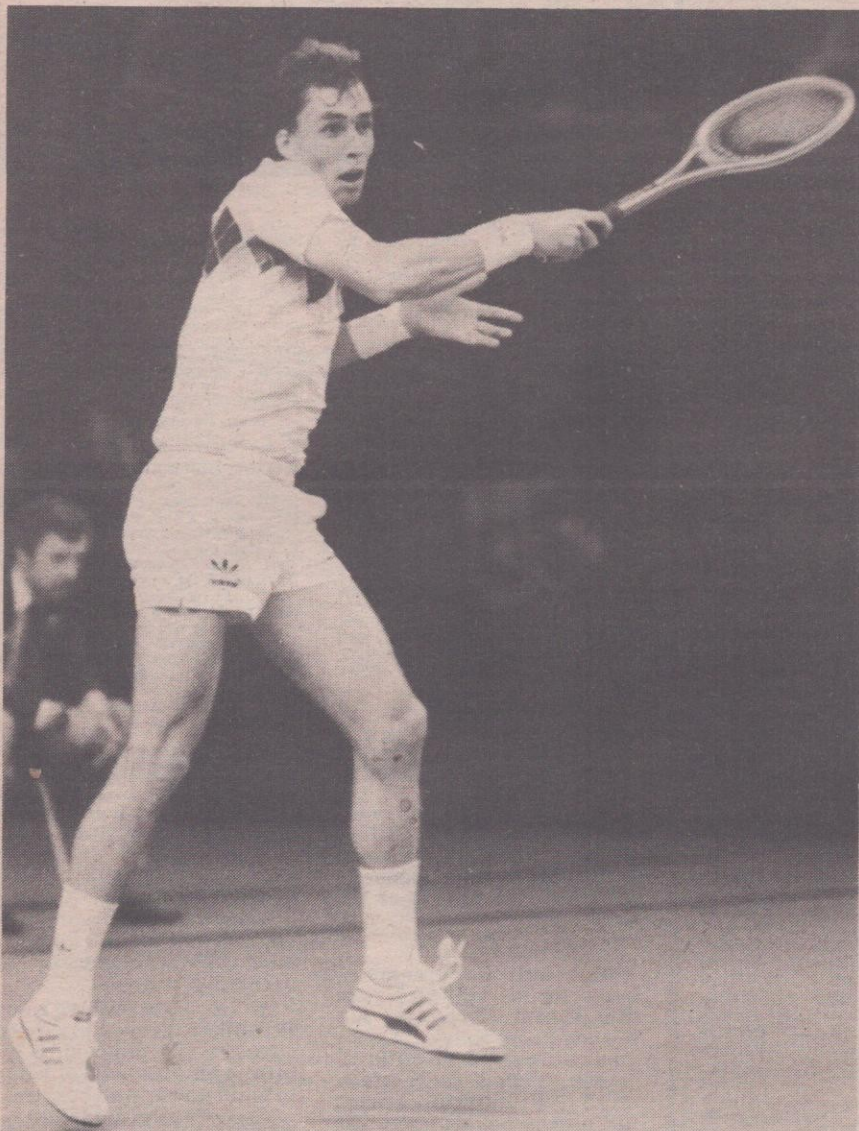
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However, this time Lendl was no match for McEnroe as the New Yorker sped by him in just 90 minutes, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.

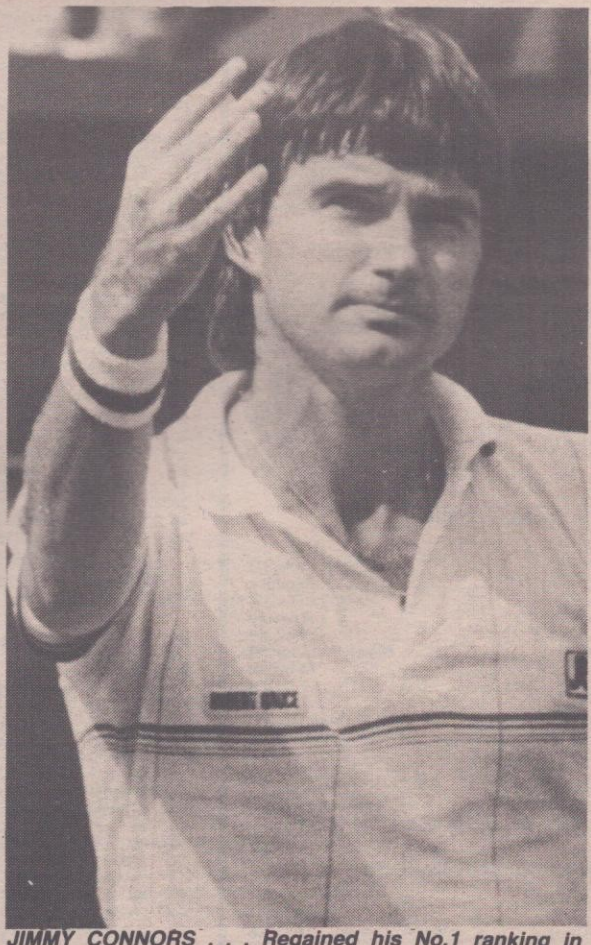
The final was an anticlimax. Connors had been beaten in the quarter-finals by Kevin Curren who in turn lost out to Chris Lewis in the semis. McEnroe brushed the New Zealander's challenge aside 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 in the final to recapture the title.

John was to feel sorry for Lewis after that final, but just 12 months later, the memory of that lopsided victory was proved to be no flash in the pan.

● **TOMORROW:** 1984 — John McEnroe's greatest year yet.



IVAN LENDL . . . Emerged as a real threat to the world's top players



JIMMY CONNORS . . . Regained his No. 1 ranking in 1982

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GOMES RUINS AUSSIE REVIVAL

TRINIDAD left-hander Larry Gomes firmly closed the door on Australia's hopes of snatching victory in the third cricket Test with an unbeaten 120 that put the West Indies in charge with one day left.

Gomes's second hundred of the five-match series and his ninth in 43 Tests was a typically phlegmatic effort of more than five hours which lifted the West Indies, 72 ahead on first innings, from a shaky 45 for three to 292 for seven at the close of the fourth day.

Opener Desmond Haynes, second highest scorer with 50, Vivian Richards, who ended a sequence of single figure scores in his previous four Test innings by hitting 42, and Jeff Dujon, who struck 32, gave Gomes effective support.

West Indies manager Wes Hall said captain Clive Lloyd would declare overnight — the touring team lead overall by 364 — to have a full day in which to try and bowl out Australia and gain their third consecutive win of the series.

Lloyd said they had an ample lead and felt the chances of dismissing Australia were heightened by signs the pitch was deteriorating.

"The cracks are beginning to appear and there's no grass on the pitch," he said. "The ball

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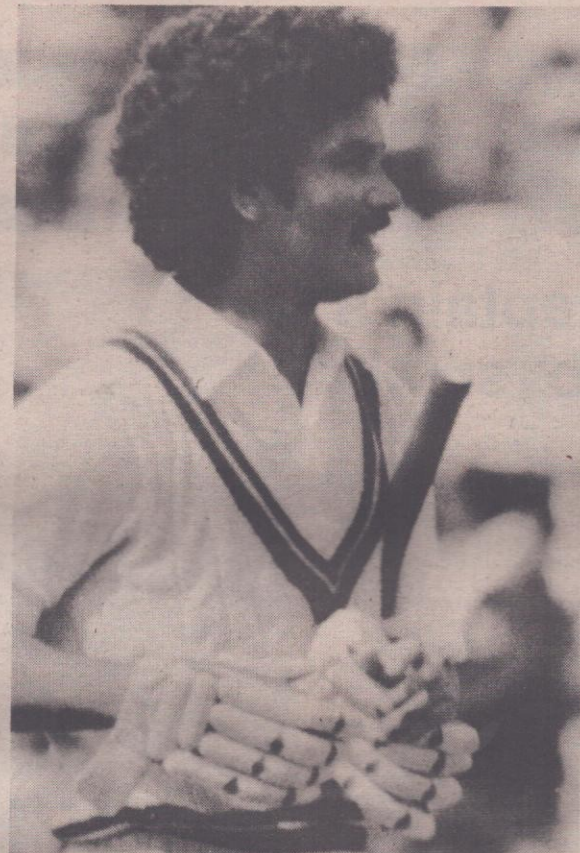
is sure to keep low tomorrow."

Australia's task could be made even tougher by the possible absence of opener Graeme Wood, who badly tore a hamstring while fielding yesterday. He will have treatment and a decision on whether he will bat will be made this morning.

Hopes

Fast bowler Rodney Hogg raised Australia's hopes in the first session when he snapped up two wickets after the West Indies resumed at 13 for one.

Nightwatchman Roger Harper batted impress-



LARRY GOMES . . . Frustrating the Aussies in Adelaide

ively with Haynes for the first 30 minutes, during which time he hammered Hogg for six, before the paceman had him caught behind for 26.

Richie Richardson once again went cheaply, Hogg having him LBW to reduce West Indies to 45 for three, but Haynes and Gomes checked the slide in a fourth wicket stand of 76.

Fast bowler Geoff Lawson dispatched Haynes before Richards showed a return to Test form in a fifth wicket partnership of 97 with Gomes.

Hogg accounted for Richards, while Lawson captured his 11th wicket of the match by having Lloyd caught behind off a skier for six to make the West Indies 225 for six.

Thwarted

Australia's attempt to wrap up the innings swiftly was thwarted as Gomes and wicketkeeper batsman Dujon put on 67 in a seventh wicket stand that leg spinner Bob Holland broke moments before the close.

Pakistan clear of trouble

A DEFIANT unbeaten sixth-wicket partnership of 79 between Saleem Malik and Wasim Raja steered Pakistan out of trouble on the opening day of the Third and final cricket Test against New Zealand in Karachi yesterday.

After slumping to 134 for five at tea, Pakistan recovered to reach 203 for five at the close thanks to a plucky and invaluable stand from the stylish Saleem and veteran Wasim.

Skipper Zaheer Abbas won the toss and chose to bat, but Pakistan lost opener Mudassar Nazar at 14 and a further four wickets during the afternoon.

Another wicket would have put the New Zealanders well on top, but Saleem and Wasim put their heads down and de-

nied the touring team any further breakthrough.

Saleem, who completed a chanceless 50 in the final over of the day, became the 21st Pakistan batsman to score 1,000 Test runs. His 50 came in 162 minutes and included nine fours, most of them beautifully-timed drives off the front foot.

Wasim, recalled to strengthen the middle-order, was 38 not out at the close after hitting six boundaries.

Pakistan's early order batting, apart from Qasim Omar (45) and Shoaib Mohammad (31) who put on 66 for the second wicket, was patchy.

Both fell soon after lunch and when Pakistan's premier batsmen Javed Miandad and captain Zaheer Abbas followed them cheaply New



SALEEM MALIK . . . Making it hard for the Kiwis

Zealand had a great chance to take a grip on the match.

But Saleem and Wasim slowly but surely carried Pakistan towards a recovery and, after tea, played more freely to produce 69 runs in the 90-minute session — the fastest scoring rate of the day.

Pace bowler Derek

Stirling was the pick of a good New Zealand attack backed up by some keen fielding. He returned the best figures of three for 60.

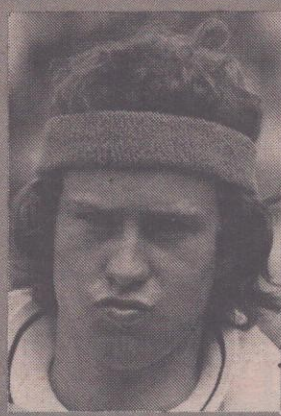
Stephen Boock, who clashed with umpire Sha-koor Rana early in the day, bowled a marathon unchanged spell of 31 overs which brought him one wicket for 62.

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I												DIVISION IV													
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton.....	18	5	3	1	21	10	5	1	3	14	13	34	Chesterfid.....	17	7	2	0	22	8	4	3	1	12	6	38
Tottenham.....	18	6	2	1	25	10	4	1	4	12	8	33	Bury.....	18	6	2	1	18	8	5	3	1	11	6	38
Man Utd.....	18	6	3	0	22	6	3	2	4	13	18	32	Darlington.....	18	7	1	1	17	5	3	6	0	10	7	37
Arsenal.....	18	7	2	0	19	6	3	0	3	15	19	32	Hereford.....	18	7	1	1	13	4	4	2	3	15	9	36
Southampton.....	18	6	2	1	10	5	2	5	2	12	12	31	Blackpool.....	19	6	3	0	15	4	3	2	5	14	17	32
W.B.A.....	18	6	2	1	22	9	2	2	5	10	15	28	Peterboro.....	18	8	1	0	18	5	1	3	5	8	13	31
Chelsea.....	18	7	0	2	23	8	0	6	3	7	11	27	Crewe.....	19	6	0	3	17	11	4	1	5	13	17	31
Sheff Wed.....	18	5	3	1	20	11	2	3	4	9	10	27	Colchester.....	18	5	2	2	19	13	3	3	3	14	17	29
Liverpool.....	18	3	4	2	11	7	4	2	3	13	12	27	Tranmere.....	18	6	0	3	18	10	3	1	5	13	17	28
Nottm For.....	18	6	1	2	18	11	2	2	5	11	15	27	Hartlepool.....	18	4	4	1	14	10	3	2	4	8	12	27
Norwich.....	18	6	3	0	18	8	1	2	6	8	17	26	Port Vale.....	18	4	3	2	12	8	3	2	4	10	11	26
West Ham.....	18	5	2	2	12	6	2	3	4	11	19	26	Scunthorpe.....	18	4	3	2	21	14	2	3	4	10	12	24
Newcastle.....	18	5	2	2	16	10	1	4	4	15	24	Swindon.....	18	4	2	3	14	11	2	3	4	8	13	23	
Sunderland.....	18	6	2	1	16	9	0	3	6	4	17	23	Southend.....	19	4	2	1	15	14	2	1	6	12	21	23
Q.P.R.....	18	5	3	1	19	10	0	4	5	4	19	22	Mansfield.....	18	4	2	3	9	6	1	4	4	2	7	21
Watford.....	18	3	3	3	20	18	2	3	4	16	18	21	Halifax.....	16	3	0	4	6	9	3	1	5	6	14	19
Leicester.....	18	5	1	3	21	13	1	2	6	10	22	21	Stockport.....	18	4	2	3	13	10	1	2	6	7	23	19
Aston Villa.....	18	4	3	2	13	12	1	2	6	8	21	20	Aldershot.....	17	3	3	3	13	10	2	0	6	7	15	18
Ipswich.....	18	3	4	2	13	11	1	3	5	6	13	19	Torquay.....	18	2	4	3	8	10	2	1	6	7	15	17
Luton.....	18	3	4	2	13	11	1	1	7	8	25	17	Exeter.....	17	2	5	2	11	9	1	2	5	7	17	16
Coventry.....	18	3	3	3	8	10	1	1	7	9	22	16	Northampton.....	18	2	1	6	10	13	3	0	6	12	18	16
Stoke.....	18	1	2	6	11	21	0	2	7	2	21	7	Chesham.....	17	2	2	4	10	12	1	4	4	6	12	15

DIVISION II												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	17	8	1	0	30	9	3	3	2	10	7	37
Blackburn	18	8	1	0	23	5	3	3	3	15	12	37
Barnsley	18	7	0	2	15	6	2	6	1	7	5	33
Portsmouth	18	5	3	1	15	8	4	3	2	13	12	33
Birmingham	18	4	3	2	10	7	6	0	3	12	7	33
Leeds Utd	18	6	2	1	21	7	4	0	5	14	17	32
Man City	18	7	1	1	16	7	2	4	3	8	7	32
Huddersfld	18	5	2	2	14	14	4	2	3	10	7	31
Grimsby	18	6	0	3	18	12	3	3	3	17	16	30
Fulham	18	6	0	3	18	13	3	1	5	9	25	28
Brighton	18	4	3	2	8	4	3	1	5	9	25	28
Shrewsbury	19	4	3	2	20	13	2	3	5	13	18	24
Carlisle	18	5	2	2	11	5	1	2	6	6	19	22
Wimbledon	18	4	3	2	18	16	2	1	6	15	25	22
Wolves	18	4	2	3	15	12	2	1	6	12	24	21
Charlton	18	3	4	2	16	13	1	2	6	8	15	20
Oldham	18	4	2	3	11	11	1	2	6	7	24	19
Middlesbrough	18	3	3	3	12	16	2	0	7	11	17	18
Crystal Pal	18	2	5	2	13	11	1	2	6	9	16	16
Sheff Utd	18	3	2	4	12	12	0	5	4	12	20	16
Cardiff	18	2	1	6	12	22	1	1	7	10	18	11
Notts Cnty	18	2	1	6	8	17	1	0	8	9	23	10

DIVISION III												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	18	7	2	0	15	4	4	2	3	11	9	37
Millwall	17	8	1	0	19	4	2	3	3	13	13	34
Rotherham	18	5	3	0	15	8	5	1	4	10	7	31
Gillingham	18	5	3	1	23	12	5	4	0	12	19	33
Hull	18	6	2	1	17	6	2	5	2	10	12	31
Bristol C	18	6	2	1	18	9	2	3	3	11	13	30
Bristol R	17	5	3	0	12	4	3	2	4	12	13	29
York	18	5	3	1	20	10	3	1	5	15	12	28
Derby Cnty	18	7	2	0	20	9	1	2	6	6	12	28
Doncaster	18	6	1	2	19	11	2	2	5	14	17	27
Bournemouth	18	6	1	2	15	6	1	4	4	4	8	26
Walsal	17	2	5	2	11	9	4	2	2	12	10	25
Brentford	18	5	2	2	17	9	2	2	5	6	12	25
Reading	18	4	2	3	14	11	3	2	4	11	17	25
Newport	18	4	2	2	16	10	0	4	5	5	13	24
Wigan	18	5	2	1	17	10	1	4	4	8	14	24
Burnley	18	3	3	2	12	10	2	3	3	15	20	21
Lincoln	18	3	5	1	17	9	2	6	7	14	19	21
Bolton	18	6	1	2	20	8	0	0	9	12	14	19
Preston	18	4	1	4	14	18	2	0	7	9	27	19
Plymouth	18	3	3	3	13	13	1	3	5	14	14	18
Orient	18	2	1	6	14	23	2	1	6	9	16	18
Swansea	18	2	1	6	11	16	2	1	6	10	21	14
Cambridge	18	1	1	7	7	17	1	2	6	11	20	9



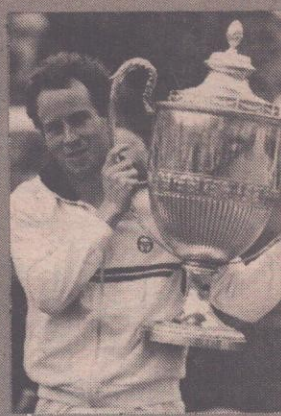
The real John McEnroe

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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GOWER'S DILEMMA

DAVID GOWER'S famous laid-back exterior hid an inner fear as England arrived in Delhi yesterday to begin preparations for the second Test against India which starts tomorrow.

The 27-year-old England captain is still managing to smile in public even though it is distorted by a black eye and cut nose, the legacy of last week's fielding accident at Pune.

Deep down, however, he is worried about a dramatic loss of personal form with the bat and the performances of two other key players on whom he placed high hopes for success this winter.

When the selectors met in early September Gower pencilled in Paul Allott as his main strike bowler and himself and Allan Lamb as the two men most likely to score the runs.

Doubt

But as England attempt to reverse the eight wicket defeat in Bombay a doubt hangs over all three.

Allott may not even play. He missed the first Test with soreness near the base of his spine and has not played since.

Gower has at times considered sending for a replacement for Allott, but accepts that while he should recover soon, there is no one back in England with his knowledge or experience of

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playing on the sub-continent.

In any event Norman Cowans has begun to bowl with real fire on not too helpful wickets and has begun to exceed pre-tour expectations.

Likewise on the batting side, the form of Mike Gatting, with his maiden Test 100 in Bombay and two other three figure scores in a fortnight, has helped to mask the failures at the crease of Lamb and Gower.

After his three centuries against the West Indies and another against Sri Lanka in the summer, Lamb has run into a drought. Sarcastically his teammates are now calling him 'run glut'.

Gower's problems stretch back further. Since his two big hundreds in Pakistan in March, which saved the Tests at Lahore and Faisalabad, he has consistently failed in international cricket.

England captain's form is abysmal

SCORECARD

OVERNIGHT: North Zone 186. England 303 for six (Robinson 138, Cowdrey 70)

ENGLAND 1st innings cont: Marks c Madan Lal b Ghal... 19 Ellison b Ghal... 10 Edmonds b Ghal... 15 French lbw Ghal... 11 Foster n.o. 22 EXTRAS... 13

TOTAL (all out) 377

FALL: 7-305, 8-332, 9-342 BOWLING: Prabhakar 17-5-49-1; Ghal 27-4-110-7; Madan Lal 11-1-30-0; Chauhan 2-0-24-0; Kirti Azad 14-1-48-0; Maninder Singh 30-4-106-2

NORTH ZONE 2nd innings: Chauhan c French b Foster... 8 Prabhakar b Foster... 31 Gursharan Singh lbw Marks 53 Malhotra n.o. 50 Yashpal Sharma n.o. 26 EXTRAS... 8

TOTAL (3 wks) 176

BOWLING: Foster 8-0-50-2; Ellison 8-3-19-0; Cowdrey 7-0-19-0; Marks 10-3-14-1; Edmonds 13-2-37-0; Pocock 9-3-30-0; Lamb 1-1-0-0

At the weekend he declared: 'There is not yet a crisis.' But while wrestling with the problems of captaincy, he has not been able to devote his total attention to his own game.

Ironically off the field Gower has handled the matter superbly. He is lucky to command a happy ship, since the current tourists are the most affable and dedicated bunch to have left English shores in recent years.

It is too early therefore to talk of England needing another captain, but unless his run of ten Tests in charge without a victory ends this winter, the Ashes series against Australia in 1985 could be his downfall.

Scored

● DOGGED BATTING by North Zone in their second innings deprived England of victory in their last game before the second Test against India.

North Zone, who scored 186 in their first innings, were 176 for three at the end in reply to England's first innings score of 377.

Gursharan Singh (53) and Ashok Malhotra (50 not out) defied the England attack after Neil Foster had dismissed both the home team's openers shortly after lunch.



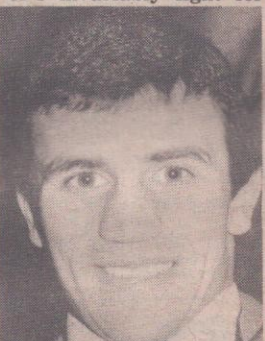
DAVID GOWER... Needs to improve on his own form

Magri's big chance

PROMOTER Frank Warren's World Championship offer to European champion Charlie Magri could signal the beginning of the end of the cold war in professional boxing.

Warren, the London promoter who has successfully challenged the previously all-powerful Barrett-Duff combination, will meet Magri's manager, Terry Lawless, today or Wednesday to discuss a title fight for Magri in London in February against Sot Chitalada of Thailand.

If agreement is reached it will be the first time that Lawless whose boxer's invariably fight for



CHARLIE MAGRI... A great offer from Frank Warren

the other side, will have done business voluntarily with Warren.

Warren described the situation as the biggest breakthrough yet for the boxers. 'They will earn much more money. If they have the choice of boxing for either side,' he said.

Warren has agreed terms with Chitalada, who has accepted an offer in excess of £80,000 to bring his title to London. Magri's share has not been disclosed but Warren says that it will be more than he received — from Barrett and Duff — when he made his first world title challenge in March 1983.

Magri is reported to have earned £25,000 on that occasion and £75,000 when he defended the championship six months later.

Magri will attend the meeting between his manager and the promoter. He wants to fight for the title, provided the money is right, no matter who the promoter is.

UEFA CUP

Spurs lose Hazard, Allen

STRIKER Clive Allen and midfielder player Mark Hazard have both been ruled out of Tottenham's UEFA Cup trip to Bohemians, Prague.

And manager Peter Shreeves' hopes of confirming Ossie Ardiles' fitness in a reserve match last night also took a jolt, when the little Argentinian reported for training with a calf injury.

But Shreeves has not ruled Ardiles out of the reckoning for a place on the substitute's bench as holders Spurs defend a 2-0 lead in the second leg of the third round game in Czechoslovakia.

'I have pulled him out of the reserve game at Charlton because he has a slight calf strain and I feared he might aggravate it,' said Shreeves.

'But he is still a possibility for Wednesday and I will decide whether he is fit

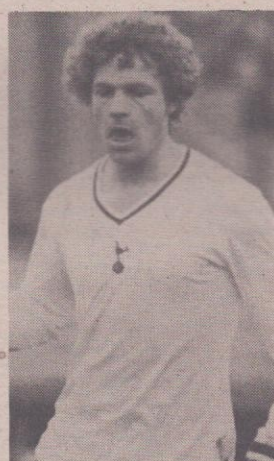
enough when we get out there.'

Allen and Hazard, who missed Saturday's 3-1 against Newcastle with groin and leg injuries respectively, will stay behind in London for further treatment when the rest of the party leaves.

That means Shreeves will stick by the side that won on Saturday, with Tony Galvin — substitute as a precaution — returning on the left flank.

Goalkeeper Tony Parks, hero of the penalty shoot-out that won the Cup last May, Gary Mabbutt, Danny Thomas and Gary Brooke are earmarked as substitutes, leaving one place open if Ardiles is given the OK.

Shreeves is confident his side will progress to the last eight, even though the Czechs astonished everyone at White Hart Lane with their skill.



MICK HAZARD

'Before the first leg I put them on a par with Hadjuk Split, who we beat in last season's semi-final,' said Shreeves. 'But they went up a few levels more in my estimation with their performance over here. Their technique and passing skills were terrific.'

'But now the dust has settled, we find ourselves 2-0 up, and must be confident. I can't see them playing any better but we know we can improve on our own form.'

Dundee wait on Sturrock

DUNDEE UNITED are facing a race against the clock to get Paul Sturrock fit to face Manchester United in tomorrow's UEFA Cup tie at Tannadice Park.

The 28-year-old striker, who was voted Scotland's 'player of the month' at the weekend, will not know until a few hours before the kick-off whether he can play with a broken bone in his hand.

Sturrock sustained the injury against Rangers nine days ago and has his hand in plaster at the moment. But a visit to a Dundee hospital at 5p.m. on Wednesday evening will determine whether Sturrock's role against the English club is active or passive.

His presence was sore-

ly missed as Dundee United struggled for a 2-2 draw with Dumbarton at the weekend and manager Jim McLean admitted: 'It will be an anxious couple of days for us — but worth the wait if Sturrock is passed fit.'

Valuable

'I want to give him every chance to make it as he is such a valuable member of the side,' the Dundee United manager added.

McLean added yesterday that his central defensive partnership of Paul Hegarty and David Neary is likely to be on duty as usual. Both players were slightly hurt against Dumbarton but

are responding to treatment.

However Alex Taylor is unlikely to face Manchester United. McLean explained: 'He hadn't done a bit of training all week but I pitched him in against Dumbarton to see how he was. Unfortunately it didn't work out as I had hoped.'

● CELTIC defender Willie McStay will definitely miss the European Cup Winners' Cup, second leg, replay against Rapid Vienna at Old Trafford after picking up an ankle injury against Aberdeen at Pittodrie on Saturday.

But centre-half Paul McAdam has 'an outside chance' of playing, according to manager David Hay, following a bump on the knee on Saturday.