

INSIDE TODAY

British Perspectives

This week we have been printing the introductory speeches and resolutions on British and international perspectives discussed at the Seventh Congress of the Workers Revolutionary Party held on December 1, 2 and 3 in London. Today we print the first part of an edited version of the British perspectives resolution. See Congress pull-out pages 7-10.

Miners' news and pictures, plus obituary of one of their ex-presidents, Stalinist Will Paynter on pages 5, 6 and 11.

Arabs warn about 'war'

Oil price sinks, sterling slides

STERLING plunged sharply yesterday in response to the continuing slide in North Sea oil prices and this week's threat to the Tory government by Saudi Arabia.

The pound was hit by a fall in the market price of North Sea oil to nearly \$2 below its official level, and Sheikh Yamani's warning of a price war in which Britain would be the loser.

Lost

By the end of the day the pound had lost almost one cent to close at \$1.1900.

The Tories are utterly dependent on oil revenues, having destroyed the

manufacturing base of British capitalism.

But the oil glut resulting from the world economic slump is an irresistible factor driving down prices, and government income with it.

This is what compels the Thatcher regime to slash public spending, privatise state industries and go all out to smash the miners' strike and trade unionism.

Yesterday, North Sea oil was traded at \$26.90 a barrel on European markets, down more than 40 cents overnight and well below the official price of \$28.65.

Two months ago the official price — set by the state-controlled British North Sea Oil Corporation (BNOC) — was \$30 a barrel.

It is clear that the official price is untenable. BNOC buys up half North Sea pro-

duction from the oil companies, but its customers are now pulling out of contracts at the agreed price.

This has forced BNOC to sell more than half of its oil at market prices, making a loss on each barrel as it does so.

Pressure

As a result there is growing pressure on the corporation to abandon contract prices altogether and sell everything on the market.

This is seen as a threat to OPEC producers, who sell comparable oil at \$29 a barrel and recently cut production to try and keep the price up.

Saudi oil minister Sheikh

Yamani warned bluntly: 'Any adjustment of prices by North Sea producers will open the door for a price war. It will also cost oil producers tremendous loss.'

He added: 'There would be dangerous consequences for the international community.'

The Saudis could probably produce up to 12 million barrels per day, but are currently restricting output to below 4 million barrels to try to prop up the price.

North Sea oil producers, on the other hand, have increased production sharply.

If the Saudis adopted a policy of setting prices in line with a free market for every drop they could pump, they could earn as much as they do now at a price closer to \$10 a barrel.

BY SIMON VEVERS

MINERS' president Arthur Scargill has given a resounding answer to the inactions and manoeuvring of TUC leaders in the latest edition of the union's journal 'The Miner'.

In a front-page statement, under the headline 'Time to mobilise', he repeats his call for the whole working class to take strike action behind the miners.

Warning of the grave implications of the state attack on the NUM, he writes: 'At the very heart of the attack is a whole system in crisis which is trying to solve its problems by shattering our defensive organisations built up over centuries.'

He states: 'Our most basic human rights are under attack on the widest front. The appointment of a receiver to hi-jack this union means that for the first time since the infamous Combination Acts of the 18th century, people are classed as outlaws for combining together effectively in an organisation.'

Approach

Publication of Scargill's statement coincided with the decision of TUC leaders to make a direct approach to the Thatcher government.

Scargill adds: 'Trade union and labour movements both here and abroad now fully understand what is happening in the world's oldest industrialised country.'

'The NUM has been placed in the very front line of attack. It is time for the whole movement to wake up and respond with maximum effort. There can be no bystanders any longer.'

'The labour and trade union movement has to act now in order to defend itself for the future. For after they have come for

the NUM, who will feel safe?'

Calling on the trade union movement to mobilise industrial action 'on a massive scale', the NUM president concludes: 'The whole establishment — police, courts, government, media — has thrown its weight against the NUM.'

'Let the whole labour movement now pick up that gauntlet and throw it straight back in their teeth.'

NUM vice president Mick McGahey said that yesterday's union executive meeting had welcomed the proposed talks between the TUC and Energy Secretary Peter Walker.

Asked whether the NUM intended to modify its firm negotiating stance in opposing pit closures, McGahey replied: 'We are awaiting the result of the talks between the TUC and Mr Walker.'

Union paper article answers TUC



GOING for a sausage roll and cup of tea at lunchtime in a Rotherham, Yorkshire, canteen yesterday became a major obstacle course for miners' leader Arthur Scargill, who was surrounded by media and curious local residents. He has been appearing at the local magistrates court over the last two days — see court report, page 5

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12 noon
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12 noon
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12 noon
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12 noon
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Saturday December 22
12 noon
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Saturday December 22
12 noon
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Thatcher praises scabs

PRIME Minister Thatcher admitted yesterday that the miners' strike had gone on longer than expected and posed unforeseen problems for her government.

She told backbench Tory MPs at an end-of-term pep talk that she was gratified by the rise of 'personal trade unionism' and the coming forward of so-called moderates within the TUC.

This reference was taken to mean the black-leg miners whose legal vendetta to destroy the NUM is now being underwritten by the government.

It was a defensive speech in which Thatcher stressed her plans to raise tax thresholds and widen the income gap between the unemployed and those in work.

She made it clear there would be no change in the government's basic drive to impose mass unemployment and slump on the backs of the working class and destroy the trade unions.

She said if the government had 'cut and run' in the last parliament they would never have had the base on which they won the 1983 election.

She stressed the need to encourage 'initiative and enterprise' — i.e. to appeal to naked greed.

This could best be done by raising tax thresholds to give low-paid workers more incentive to work.

Thatcher claimed that a worker with two children on £130 a week would be no worse off on the dole.

She boasted there are 6 million people earning less than £5,000 a year.

Thatcher set her face against the clamour from her opponents within the Tory Party for more capital spending.

She claimed that each extra £1 spent on capital projects would draw in 30p worth of imports. By contrast, £1 of extra consumer spending drew in foreign goods worth only 21p.

THE government plans to stop single miners on strike from claiming for rent if they are paying to relatives.

TUC fits in with Tory budget plan

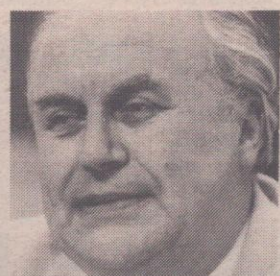
THE TUC yesterday gave its advice to Tory Chancellor Nigel Lawson in its submissions for the 1985 Budget.

The TUC document is in line with the corporatist 'alternative economic strategy' drawn up with the Labour Party before the 1983 General Election, and states baldly:

'The proposals contained

in this submission could therefore be implemented without a major shift in the Government's strategy.'

Confirming the TUC's desire to appease the Thatcher government, the submissions include no mention of socialist policies, and demand only a few small increases in welfare benefits, and a £30 billion public



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works investment programme.

The paper calls for a 'significant increase in the level of child benefit', no VAT on books and children's clothes, a £7.65 a week increase in single supplementary benefit, a £9.80 increase for single pensioners, and a restoration of £215 million in cut housing benefit.

MacGregor scorns pit peace plea

COAL BOARD chairman Ian MacGregor yesterday poured cold water on the latest plea by the TUC to Thatcher's government for renewed negotiations on the miners' strike.

Tory Energy Secretary Peter Walker has agreed to meet the TUC's 'committee of seven' this morning.

But MacGregor said he

considered it unlikely that the talks would produce a 'peace formula'. He said: 'I am not a part of the discussions. But I doubt if they will lead to anything.'

And repeating the Coal Board and government insistence that the NUM bow to demands for pit closures, he added: 'There has got to be something new to say, and Mr



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Scargill keeps on repeating his standard formula.'

He said talks would only be successful if the NUM was prepared to move from its position rejecting pit closures on economic grounds.

'But I haven't seen or heard anything which makes me think they have got anything new to offer.'

Younger blasts Scots councils

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

DISTRICT councils, big and small, have been pitched into the showdown between Scottish local authorities and the Tories.

The massive £47m cut faced by Strathclyde regional council still towers above all others, but smaller sums being taken from many districts are proportionately more damaging.

Rate support grant has been slashed by more than half for a number of district councils. And delegations from district Labour groups are to hold a 'summit' in Glasgow next

Monday to organise opposition.

It was revealed by the Scottish Office last week that the districts are to suffer a greater burden of cuts in the 'needs' grant from the government.

Breakdown

But it is only now that individual authorities have been given a breakdown of the figures. Glasgow is to lose £2.7m, Edinburgh

£2.2m, and Aberdeen £2.1m.

As if this was not severe enough, a number of smaller districts face proportionately worse cuts. Examples are: Falkirk's grant reduced from £3.1m to £1.6m; Stirling's from £1.6m to £838,000; Dunfermline's from £2.6m to £1.3m; Midlothian's from £1.3m to £506,000; and West Lothian's from £2.5m to £1.1m.

According to Alex Wood, leader of the ruling Labour group on Edinburgh dis-

trict council, the government is trying to scare councils preparing to challenge its spending policies.

Attempt

Michael Connarty, Stirling district's Labour group leader, said it was an attempt to disguise rate rises. Stirling and Edinburgh have already said they will not comply with the financial controls.

For the first time, the Scottish Office has imposed a limit on the amount of money from the rates which districts can use to

subsidise their housing accounts. Next year's figure has been brought down by £30m.

Housing resources for 1985-86 are 12 per cent lower in cash terms. Government housing grant has been reduced, with only 23 authorities out of 52 receiving any grant next year.

Two-thirds of the total housing stock run by Scottish local authorities are therefore left without any grant next year.

But as the Tories' Scottish Secretary, George Younger, was making public his attacks this week,

the kind of opposition being stirred up was exhibited in Glasgow.

The district Labour group refused to approve finance department proposals that would mean an extra £3.70 a week on rent and rates for council tenants.

Surcharged

A rents 'freeze' has been operated by the district Labour group since its re-election. Continuation of this policy may lead to the councillors being surcharged.

MSC cuts go ahead

THE MANPOWER Services Commission will go ahead with planned reorganisation and job cuts in Jobcentres, even though TUC members of the corporatist body are opposed to the plan.

The Commission yesterday agreed by an approximately two-thirds majority to introduce new technology and to implement the introduction of a series of smaller centres and job points.

The supposed 'expansion' of the Jobcentre network, which involves opening smaller 'job points' manned by fewer staff, will lead to at least 1,000 job losses.

They include 530 redundancies through the reorganisation and another 450 directly as a result of the introduction of 'super vacs' computers on which details of jobs all over the country can be called up at any time.

The MSC claims that all those who lose their jobs in Jobcentres will be placed elsewhere. The MSC is planning to expand its Community Programme for the 18 to 24-year-old long-term unemployed.

The TUC's opposition will not prevent the changes going ahead. The only useful thing the TUC can do is withdraw completely from the cheap labour corporatist MSC.

THE AVERAGE pay increase for bosses this year, was three times as high as that of the average worker. Company chairmen's earnings went up by about 21.4 per cent, while managing directors, including perks, got about 20 per cent more.

BUPA man for NHS post

THE TORIES have appointed an industrialist and member of the BUPA private health scheme as the new head of the National Health Service.

Victor Paige, 59, chairman of the Port of London Authority and deputy chairman of the National Freight Consortium will take up the £70,000 a year job in the New Year.

Paige said yesterday that he intended to make the NHS 'more efficient'.

Asked to justify his salary, he said: 'I come from a world where I am being paid around that. That is the real world. If the decision is to go outside and bring in someone from the world of business or commerce the

government has to face up to the consequences of that.'

Paige said he had held a private health insurance policy since the 1960s and he intended to continue with his BUPA scheme.

He said the first he knew about his new job was through approaches by Health Minister Kenneth Clarke and Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler.

Paige is being paid almost twice the normal civil service rate for the post of second permanent secretary.

EIGHT people have been charged following Wednesday's sit-down protest in Whitehall by CND. Three hundred protesters initially gathered in Trafalgar square and a total of 99 were arrested when they staged the 30-minute sit-down. Those charged are to appear before magistrates on December 18 accused of obstruction.

Students released today



PNL students knocking on the locked door of the NUS headquarters to demand support for their 2,000-strong demonstration last week against the jailings

STUDENTS at the Polytechnic of North London will today hold a mass rally and demonstration to greet two of their colleagues being released from jail.

The two, Steve Tasane and John Letham, were jailed by a High Court judge two weeks ago for defying an injunction preventing them from picketing against National Front student organiser Patrick Harrington.

Yesterday the PNL students occupied the Kentish Town site on the last day of term after being ejected from another site.

They were evicted from the Marlborough building on Wednesday while most of them were away at a union meeting which voted to donate £5,000 to the miners' strike.

A statement from the students said: 'ILEA (the Inner London Education Authority) are at last calling for Harrington's expulsion and his pet director has resigned.'

'We must not relax with victory near. This is why we have occupied Kentish Town because we will not give up till our demands of no Nazis on campus and no victimisation of students have been met.'

Nineteen more students now face contempt proceedings and are due to appear in court next week, on the same charges which jailed Letham and Tasane.

Decision

A union spokesman commented on Wednesday's union meeting decision to make the 'ultra-vires' donation of £5,000 to the miners' strike and a further £5,000 to the Ethiopian Famine Fund.

She told News Line: 'We feel it is not right that an unelected person can decide how we union members spend our money and we feel that the miners' case is a just issue.'

'The point is that the laws of this country go against

the wishes of the people. The law is being used against us in the same way it is being used against the miners.'

'We are being charged for opposing a racist. Anti-racist students are going to prison for doing nothing wrong, yet Patrick Harrington can walk free.'

'We have done absolutely nothing wrong, and nor have the miners.'

Payment

Following Wednesday's vote PNL student union says it will go ahead and make the payment, even though three executive members have been named by the Attorney General in an injunction to try and stop them.

The PNL students are bitter about the treacherous role of the National Union of Students leadership. 'They have done nothing at all. Every step we have taken they have condemned because they are frightened,' the spokesman said.

'At the NUS conference in Blackpool last week they even hired extra security guards and warned the police of any likely "flash-points" such as when we were due to speak. In fact most of the trouble at Blackpool was caused by the Federation of Conservative Students.'

'But we have support from students all over the country.'

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There is no relaxing the struggle between the working class and the government this Christmas. Quite the opposite. Thatcher continues to press home even greater attacks on living standards and basic rights.

Local councils will not exist. Jobs, schools and hospitals will go with them. The miners and other workers are fight-

ing for the very existence of their trade union which is being destroyed by the legal actions of the Tories.

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Kinnock backs SAS methods

NEIL KINNOCK yesterday gave his full backing to the SAS shoot-to-kill policy in the north of Ireland.

He was on a six-hour visit to Derry where two Republicans were gunned down by the SAS last week.

He said he backed calls for an inquiry into the shootings, but not to 'undermine or embar-

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

pass' the army or increase alienation.

Kinnock said: 'I understand that if there is reason to believe that people are going to commit acts of outrage, then every force must be used in order to stop them.'

He said he wanted the inquiry to demonstrate clearly that there were

systematic orders and that they were not being exceeded.

Kinnock went on to back every other form of Tory state repression in the six counties.

He said he supported the need for undercover operations in the fight against what he called terrorism.

He also gave support for the Tory 'supergrass' system, where Republicans are put away by no-jury

courts on the evidence of one paid informer.

He said there was an 'unavoidable need' for informers, but there should be no checks to ensure the system is not 'abused'.

Kinnock also said he supported the Tories' refusal to meet with elected members of Sinn Fein.

He would not be meeting with Sinn Fein either.

He said: 'There is no probability of a meeting with Sinn Fein until it



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condemns the use of violence for political ends.'

Kinnock also made it clear that an attempt by one of his backbenchers to introduce a 'troops out' Bill in the Commons would not get his support.

He said: 'I do not support a British withdrawal from the north of Ireland.'

Freeze on post prices

THE Post Office yesterday announced a freeze on basic UK postal prices until at least September next year.

This follows a pre-tax profit of £40 million in the half year to September.

A Post Office statement said postal business profit rose by £2 million to £33 million, but Girobank profits fell from £8 million to £7 million.

There were 17 times as many days lost in strikes in the half year as in the same period in 1983. As the Post Office issued its statement postal workers in west London were involved in a dispute.

Two hundred postmen were suspended on Wednesday from the Acton and Hammersmith sorting offices following a dispute over the use of casual labour during the Christmas period.

Agreement

Without the agreement of the union concerned management have used the temporary staff to carry out work normally done by the postmen.

Management have refused to settle a disagreement over overtime over Christmas and the men have decided they will not work with non-union labour. Management retaliated by suspending all the postmen.



Welsh jobs axed

NEARLY 700 jobs are to be axed in the South Wales town of Kenfig through the closure of the Borg-Warner vehicle automatic transmission plant.

The US company said the closure was due to overproduction in Europe, and said the factory gates must be sealed by March 1986.

Workers at the plant have suffered speed-up and 500 redundancies over recent years, and last year the factory made a £2.4 million profit after losses which reached up to £8 million.

But the speed-up has not saved jobs at the company, where plans for a variable speed transmission have not materialised.

Journalists to stay locked out

THE LOCK-OUT of 70 journalists who work for the Portsmouth News group of newspapers is set to continue until at least early next week.

The dispute is over the

introduction of new technology, and the management's refusal to reconsider an agreement which allowed the NGA print union into an editorial role with separate bargaining rights from the journalists' NUJ union.

NUJ spokesman Dave Monk told News Line that the blame for the dispute lay entirely with the management, and that talks to resolve inter-union problems were under way at national level.

The lock-out followed a decision by the NUJ chapel on Wednesday to hold a mandatory meeting after the suspension of a colleague for refusing to work on equipment whose use was in dispute.

The management then suspended the entire editorial staff, and talks are not expected to resume until Monday at the earliest.

The main newspaper in the group is the 'Portsmouth News', an evening paper circulating in the Portsmouth and Solent area.

'We intend to remain solid in our demands for a negotiated settlement, and there will be no trickle back to work,' Monk said last night.

Subsidies

Farm subsidies, which the US wants the EEC to abolish, export credits, which Reagan has promised providing they meet the first condition, defence and computer-technology sales to the Warsaw Pact countries will be high on the agenda.

Common Market budget rejected

THE European Parliament yesterday rejected by 321 votes to three the Common Market's draft budget of \$19 billion for 1985, plunging the near-bankrupt EEC into a new crisis.

The vote by cheering Social Democratic and Conservative deputies put the EEC on what the Commission calls an emergency financing system.

Handful

A handful of British Tories were among 16 who abstained but the majority of Conservative and Labour Party members together rejected the spending Bill.

It was the second time that the largely ceremonial parliament had used

its only weapon, the power to reject the budget.

The emergency financing system pegs the EEC to a monthly handout that will be far lower than last year's spending levels.

There will be nothing to finance new policies scheduled to start in the New Year.

EEC budget commissioner Christopher Tugendhat said: 'From

now on our financial problems can only increase. If there is no agreement to resolve this matter soon, the real squeeze will come next spring.'

This is when the EEC's 8 million farmers, who take two-thirds of the annual Euro-budget, will demand more money for 1985.

The rejection of the budget underscores deep

divisions and national rivalries that have split the West European trade bloc.

When they meet US Secretary of State George Shultz in Brussels today, EEC leaders are expected to complain bitterly against President Reagan's plans to cut imports of EEC steel products.

MP questions powers to shoot

PLANS to allow soldiers to shoot unarmed peace protesters are being raised by Labour MP Roland Boyes.

Boyes is to question Tory Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine about powers for soldiers to open fire on anyone attempting to take possession of property they are guarding.

protesters, unarmed people who are only trying to get Britain free from nuclear weapons.

'It shows the degree that Mr Heseltine will go to protect the cruise missiles in Britain over which, no matter how much Mrs Thatcher bleats, we have no control whatsoever.'

Boyes added: 'More frighteningly, it gives permission to American soldiers to open fire so we could have a situation where a US soldier shoots an unarmed British peace protester on British soil and then because of the Visiting Forces Act is not subject to any trial or charges.'

Boyes, MP for Houghton and Washington, will question Heseltine in the Commons following an article in the forthcoming 'New Statesman' which he says discloses these new powers.

Boyes said yesterday: 'Clear permission is here being given to shoot peace

Call to probe Special Branch

A CALL for a full commission of inquiry into the activities of the Special Branch was issued yesterday following CND allegations.

The anti-nuclear movement has complained of telephone-tapping and mail interception.

The National Council of Civil Liberties had presented a dossier of 70 incidents to an all-party Home Affairs Select Com-

mittee, all concerning suspected Special Branch interference involving CND.

But Tory Home Secretary Leon Brittan has already refused an inquiry into the allegations.

The NCCL have urged an independent review, with new legal controls including a ban on phone-tapping and mail interception without a court warrant.

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Briefly ..

Takeover in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT — Former Prime Minister Lieutenant-Colonel Maouya Ould Sid'ahmed Ould Taya has seized power in a coup on Wednesday in the West African state of Mauritania. President Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidalla was in the Burundi capital, Bujumbura, where he attended a Franco-African summit. He arrived in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, by presidential jet but left shortly afterwards with flight plans for the Senegal capital, Dakar.

Belgrade's credits hunt

WASHINGTON — The Yugoslavian government is negotiating a major loan from the International Monetary Fund to help pay \$21 billion worth of foreign debts. The Belgrade Stalinists have accepted demands by a team of visiting IMF officials for a new austerity programme that includes another round of squeezes on credits to Yugoslavia's nationalised manufacturing industry. An IMF spokesman said the imperialist banking system had given 'international blessing to their economic programme.'

Shultz talks about talks

BRUSSELS — US Secretary of State George Shultz told his 15 NATO colleagues that the Reagan government was prepared for 'talks about talks' rather than detailed armaments negotiations with the Soviet Union on January 7 and 8 in Geneva. Shultz, who was briefing the imperialist war-mongering bloc, told them the US has neither finalised its position nor made specific decisions. West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher demanded 'active participation of the allies' in any likely deal.

Australia to try judge

CANBERRA — A High Court judge and federal Attorney-General in the Whitlam Labour government of 1972-75, Lionel Murphy, 62, will be charged with trying to pervert the course of justice. He is alleged to have tried to influence the trial of a Sydney solicitor implicated in an alleged immigration racket. It is the first case of its kind against a leading Australian judge. Former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam appointed Murphy to the High Court in 1975, months before his government was sacked by the then Governor-General, Sir John Kerr.

Spain's socialists meet

MADRID — The ruling Socialist Party yesterday opened its first national congress since taking office two years ago. The agenda was dominated by Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's demands for more austerities and a proposal for closer alliance with NATO. Gonzalez is expected to face fierce debate at the four-day congress over joblessness that has risen to 20 per cent of the workforce — Europe's highest rate. It is a rise of 300,000 since the government was elected in October 1982 on a promise to create jobs.

World News Line

PANIC FLIGHT OF BHOPAL VICTIMS

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

BHOPAL — About 100,000 people have fled the Madhya Pradesh state capital following a decision to re-open the poison gas factory in the shanty town of Jayaprakash Nagar.

At least 40,000 people crammed on to buses, trains and bullock carts yesterday. They sat on top of train carriages and jostled for places on pack-

ed buses to get away from the city of the Union Carbide gas massacre. State-run Press Trust of India described it as a 'panic scramble'.

Angers flared anew over the December 3 leak of 15 tons of the phosgene-methyl isocyanate gas that unleashed death and horrifying suffering on at least 200,000 people of an estimated population of 900,000.

In New Delhi, relatives of the Bhopal victims demonstrated outside the US conglomerate's offices. They delivered a petition addressed to President Reagan, demanding \$100,000 in damages.

Bhopal residents have also staged several angry protests, while a pesticide company in Bombay and at least 13 others in west-

ern Gujarat have shut down.

The city has been turned into a giant refugee camp, tents dotting every available open space in the city. All the hospitals, medical and health centres are jammed with thousands of people seeking attention for a range of disorders of the central nervous system.

US and Indian scientists have decided to begin turning the gas into

pesticides. The operation is due to begin on Sunday.

But the vast majority of labourers and workers associated with the plant were among the first to meet instant death and surviving workers are either chronically ill, have fled or have sworn never to return to the shanty town.

Residents

Some reports yesterday said residents were infuriated by Chief Minister Arjun Singh's decision to set up camps about five miles outside the city, moving them closer to the scene of the carnage.

The announcement has added to the flight from Bhopal. Many parts of the city are empty — an occurrence unprecedented in peacetime.

Singh's announcement of plans to 'neutralise' the remaining 30 tons of the lethal gas turned people's anger into panic.

Only the seriously ill are immobile or have lost the will to stir.

Shareholders sue 'Carbide'

NEW YORK — Union Carbide shareholders have joined the growing army of litigants for damages.

Yesterday, lawyers brought a 'class action' suit on behalf of shareholders who claim to have lost \$960 million in the 28 per cent decline in Union Carbide common stock since the Bhopal massacre.

The shareholders allege

the conglomerate failed to disclose to them that there was a lack of safety at the company's Indian plant.

US legal experts and lawyers acting on behalf of Bhopal victims say the case is developing into the most complex civil-legal battle in history.

One American law professor described it as the 'World War III of litigation'.

Others said it could be seven years even before jurisdiction was decided and damages claims came to court.

At least five teams of US lawyers have brought actions totalling \$85 billion.

No class action case has ever been decided in a US court. US federal law allowed class action suits in 1968 but it was not until 1977

that the first suit was lodged.

That was the 'Agent Orange' action, covering 3 million American, Australian and New Zealand troops who fought in the Vietnam War.

The Dow Chemical Company and nine other manufacturers of the lethal defoliant agreed to pay \$180 million in damages without admitting liability.

Poisons take deadly toll in Brazil

THOUSANDS of Brazilian farm workers are poisoned every year through exposure to toxic fertilisers and pesticides that the regime widely uses to boost production.

Statistics are not kept on the national accident toll but, according to local government officers in Parana, the country's leading farming state, 64 people have died there and more than 3,000 have fallen ill this year.

Brazil is the biggest consumer of poisonous agricultural chemicals in the semi-colonial world.

This year it exported \$50 million worth of dangerous chemicals to other Latin American countries.

Imperialist drug companies such as ICI, Bayer, Ciba-Geigy and others export increasing quantities of lethal chemical product and receive incentives through the International Monetary Fund's terms for trade and debt payments by the semi-colonial countries.

Brazil's military regime is no exception to the dozens of credit-dependent semi-colonial regimes that support IMF-inspired austerity programmes and 'export drives'.

But the opposition of the undefeated semi-colonial masses has

grown in proportion to the poverty and brutality unleashed by imperialist greed.

Recently the Sao Paulo regime was forced to abandon legislation that would have overridden flimsy state controls against widening the use of these dangerous chemicals because of the opposition from the 13 states represented in the military-controlled parliament.

The military rulers had planned to allow companies — mainly US and West German — to sell chemicals from the DDT family, banned in the West.

Victory

It was a temporary but significant victory for Brazilian trade unionists and opposition party leaders.

The National Association of Agriculture Defence Products (ANDEF), representing 32 imperialist manufacturers, was up in arms, however, screaming 'industrial spying'.

Although DDT cannot be bought freely as a result, poisonous chemicals can still be bought at Brazilian agricultural suppliers as easily as newspapers.



Austerity measures have provoked the Philippine masses anger against the Marcos regime

Debtors scramble for new IMF cash

NEW YORK — The International Monetary Fund is conducting a series of loan negotiations with its bankrupted semi-colonial borrowers whose fate threatens the US imperialist finance system.

The IMF is floating billions of dollars on the New York money market to ensure that the debt-strapped borrowers pay arrears and so stave off an insoluble crisis of fictitious bank balances.

The Philippine government tops the list of government delegations visiting New York this week to negotiate for financial breathing space.

But, like Peru and Argentina, who also have delegations visiting New

York this week, they must accept IMF demands for harsher austerity programmes for new cash to repay old debts and overdue interest payments.

IMF chief Jacques de Larosiere was expected to put a number of these drastic cuts programmes to his executive board meeting today.

A senior US banker said the Philippine bank advisory committee had given some undertakings on commitments to a \$925-million loan.

Peruvian officials yesterday continued to meet 'informally', a euphemism for off-the-record deals, over an application for \$100 million.

The Peruvian govern-

ment, which has more than \$15 billion in overdue debts payments, has also asked for \$100 million from Spain, Venezuela and Mexico to enable it to repay about \$200 million in interest arrears.

Under a new rule brought in by the US Federal Deposit Insurance Commission, US banks must declare 'non-payment provisions' in the event their debtors do not pay up on time.

The FDIC rule was imposed in the wake of the Continental Illinois and Finance Corporation of America debt scandal; to avoid the government having to step in to nationalise bankruptcies as in the case of Continental.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

WILL PAYNTER —

From a militant to a Stalinist hack

BY JOHN SPENCER

OBITUARY

WILL PAYNTER, who died on Wednesday aged 81, was general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers from 1959 to 1968.

As a young Rhondda miner, he joined the Communist Party in 1929, when it was dominated by Third Period Stalinism. He took part in hunger marches and was twice imprisoned.

By the time of the 1932

hunger march he had 15 court convictions, including a four month prison sentence for 'assault on the police' after he had his teeth smashed in.

In those days Paynter was a courageous militant: while in Moscow studying political economy and history he volunteered to act as a courier for the Comintern inside Nazi Germany.

He played a major part in building the Communist Party in South Wales,

holding mass rallies with Wal Hannington and Harry Pollitt.

He headed a large contingent of South Wales miners who went to Spain to fight for the Republic in line with the Stalinists' Popular Front policy.

This policy involved the suppression of all independent action by the working class in the interests of alliance with the so-called democratic bourgeoisie.

In the unions it paved the way for war-time col-

laboration with the Churchill coalition government.

During the war, the NUM, in the words of Arthur Horner, Paynter's Stalinist predecessor, 'assumed the responsibility of actively assisting in efforts to increase coal output'.

In this atmosphere of right-wing class-collaboration Paynter, by now a miners' agent, rose rapidly. He became president of the South Wales miners in 1951.

The Communist Party trained Paynter as a trade union opportunist.

In his own words: 'Politics take second place to the trade union job . . . loyalty to the trade union and its decisions came first.'

As general secretary of the NUM under both Tory and Labour governments, Paynter was the key figure in inflicting pit closures on the miners.

In 1961-62, 32 pits were closed; 52 in 1962-63; 37 in 1963-64; 38 in 1964-65; 53 in 1965-66; and 46 in 1966-67. It was Paynter's function to stifle all opposition to the closures.

When the Yorkshire NUM decided to oppose the closure of New Monkton pit in October 1966, Paynter wrote to the area saying that 'no useful purpose would be served' by acting on this suggestion.

In April of the following year, he told a rally in South Wales that absenteeism was the cause of the threat to miners' jobs, opening the way for an industry-wide witch-hunt.

Wages

He was equally opposed to action on wages, campaigning throughout the coalfield for a ballot vote against strike action on the conference demand for £1-a-week increase for day wage men.

Paynter summed up his approach in an interview with 'The Guardian' in December 1968, shortly before he retired as NUM general secretary and took a £6,500-a-year post with the Commission on Industrial Relations.

The interview made clear that Paynter be-



WILL PAYNTER in the corridors of the 1973 TUC Congress in Blackpool

lieved the unions' strategy should be based on the economic requirements of the employers, not of the members.

'Government — Labour or Conservative — is in industrial relations to stay. We are facing a permanent and irreversible change in society.'

'Our collective-bargaining strategy depends on the overall economic and financial requirements of two groups — the government and the dominant employers.'

By taking the post with the CIR Paynter aligned himself with the capitalist state against the working class and helped pave the way for the present all-out state attack on the NUM and trade unions in general.

As he walked into the CIR, Paynter walked out of the Communist Party. CP industrial organiser Bert Ramelson lamely

described this as Paynter's 'personal decision' and said it was 'a pity'.

Paynter left the CIR in 1970 when the Heath Tory government incorporated it into the anti-union Industrial Relations Act. According to the 'Morning Star' Paynter later rejoined the Communist Party.

Corporatist

But he retained his corporatist links as a member from 1972 of the advisory panel for the government conciliation service, now ACAS.

Paynter was a trained Stalinist and a leading advocate of class collaboration. His evolution from militant activist to a right-wing pillar of the corporatist bureaucracy epitomises the counter-revolutionary role of Stalinism in the workers' movement.



WILL PAYNTER, left, at an ACAS inquiry in 1975 alongside Richard Way and A.J. Nicol

Euros and 'hardliner' Stalinists head for split

THE open split in the Communist Party has deepened, with 14 leading members accusing the executive of criminal irresponsibility and a betrayal of the miners.

A letter in the 'Morning Star' from 'Communists active in the Transport and General Workers' Union' attacked the decision to suspend 22 members of the London district committee.

The split between the Euro-Stalinist party majority and the pro-Moscow group which has hijacked the 'Morning Star' from CP control, came to a head at a stormy London congress at County Hall on November 24.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

General secretary Gordon McLennan and the executive had ruled that the congress should not take place, alleging irregularities in the election of delegates.

Closed

The 22 were suspended after refusing to leave the congress after it was declared closed.

Since then the 'Morning Star' has carried virulent attacks on the executive; on Wednesday three out

of the four letters attacked the party leaders.

The T&GWU members include Eric Rehnitz, leader in the road haulage section and Dan Connor, convenor at Ford, Dagenham.

They denounced the 'arbitrary sacking' of full-time workers, comparing the party's attitude unfavourably with that of a trade union.

The suspensions were 'an act of criminal irresponsibility and a betrayal of the organised workers, the miners, the pension-

ers and the unemployed'.

An indication that the CP is on course for the formal creation of two parties came when the 14 warned they did not intend to remain silent and would fight for another leadership.

Abuse

There was more abuse for McLennan and the Euros from Kent miner W. G. James, who wrote of the executive's 'scandalous behaviour'.

He also revealed the enormous tensions inside the CP, with sections ready to quit, when he appealed for 'all comrades in the party to stay in and stop this rot'.

The only support for the right of the party majority to impose discipline on the minority came from veteran Stalinist Finlay Hart from Glasgow, an ex-executive member and founder of the Clydebank branch in 1922.

He wrote: 'It is now becoming clear to me that both committees (execu-

tive and political) are doing the job they were elected to do, ensure that the policy of the party as decided by congress is adhered to.'

Rights

Hart added: 'The democratic rights of those who disagreed with the executive decision to terminate the congress are protected, but the place to exercise these rights is not at an illegal meeting but in their branches.'

But the anti-party group had the last word on the letters page, with a blast from another longstanding member, Bob Cottingham of London.

He made it clear his support was not for the party but what he termed 'broader areas of the trade union and labour movement'.

It was this, he admitted, that led him to oppose some of the candidates put forward by the party at the annual meeting of the People's Press Printing Society, which owns the 'Morning Star'.

'They collectively seemed to represent a narrow sectarianism that compared unfavourably with the list sponsored by the management committee of the PPPS.'

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morning...

NCCL backing for Thatcher

THE National Council for Civil Liberties has come down firmly on the side of Thatcherite law and order in its interim report on the policing of the miners' strike, published earlier this week.

Under its new general secretary Larry Gostin, the NCCL has become almost indistinguishable in outlook from groups like the Freedom Association or the so-called libertarian wing of the Tory Party.

The feature of the latest NCCL report which will have offended many trade unionists is its outspoken defence of the right to scab.

The report's authors, who include ex-chief of Devon police, John Alderson, say: 'We accept that freedom not to take part in a strike is as much a fundamental right as the right to strike.'

And they add: 'We start from the proposition that any person has the right to choose whether or not to go to his or her workplace so long as it is not for an unlawful purpose.'

Thatcher would wholeheartedly agree. The government maintains that the presence of massive forces of riot police in pit villages up and down the country is necessary to uphold 'the right to work'.

But English law recognises no such right. The police are legally charged with the duty of keeping the peace not enforcing some mythical right to go to work.

During the siege of the Libyan bureau earlier this year hundreds of office workers were physically prevented from entering their work places to go about their normal business — and neither the NCCL nor the Tories complained.

The best way of keeping the peace in strike-bound mining villages would be to tell the scabs to stay at home. The police would certainly be acting within their legal powers if that is what they did.

In reality, of course, they are acting on the political instructions on the government to push scabs through the picket lines at any price. A single blackleg at any pit is guaranteed a huge police escort regardless of the breach of the peace that will inevitably follow.

The NCCL have thus come out in support of the political use of the national police force and the Bonapartist dictatorship of Thatcher. This reality cannot be obscured by its polite protests about the excesses committed by some policemen upholding the alleged 'right to work'.

The NCCL stand with Thatcher against the miners and they do it by upholding as she does the rights of the abstract individual to override the collective right of workers to organise and take common action against the class enemy.

One scab, in the NCCL's view, has as much right as the whole body of strikers and their rights are strictly limited to peaceful protest so far as Gostin and his panel are concerned.

It is no accident that the NCCL's charter lists a series of individual rights including 'freedom to own, enjoy and dispose of personal possessions and private property'.

This means that the NCCL upholds as a matter of principle the basis of capitalist oppression and the subjugation of the working class. From this starting point it is no surprise that it arrives at the same political conclusions as Thatcher about the miners' strike.

The scandal is that NCCL draws much of its financial support from trade union affiliation fees. It also gets a substantial grant from the Greater London Council.

Trade union branches should cease financing the defence of the right to scab. They should disaffiliate from the NCCL and oblige Mr Gostin to get funds from those who think in the same way in the Tory Party, judiciary, police and scab organisations.

ORGANISE A GENERAL THEY PLANNED ARREST ME NUM President Arthur Scargill tells court

MINERS leader Arthur Scargill yesterday accused the police of planning his arrest on May 30 when he tried to join a mass picket at the Orgreave coking plant.

'I think someone had made a deliberate decision, before I arrived, to have me arrested,' he told a court in Rotherham yesterday.

He also accused the police of 'manhandling' him.

Scargill has denied two obstruction charges. The first accuses him of obstructing free passage along the highway in Highfield Lane, Orgreave, and the second accuses him of wilfully obstructing Chief Superintendent John Nesbit in the execution of his duty.

After a brief opening speech by Roger Keen, prosecuting, the court saw a video of the arrest as Scargill walked along the footpath outside the coking plant.

Nesbit told the court that he had approached Scargill and a group of supporters

and said: 'Gentlemen, please don't obstruct the footpath, keep moving.'

He said he wanted to direct the group to a grass area near the entrance of the works where Scargill and the miners would be allowed to gather.

Nesbit claimed that Scargill told the group: 'Lads, we are staying on the footpath. He can't tell us where to go.' He said the group moved towards the works and then stopped. He claimed that Scargill then twice refused to move on and was arrested.

Barrister

Nesbit told defence barrister Michael Mansfield that he was not simply trying to get Scargill off the picket line as quickly as he could.

When Scargill appeared in the witness stand, he told the court he had arrived at the works shortly before 7.30a.m. and was making his way to the spot where police had asked him to stand on previous days.

He said he and a group of supporters had walked towards the plant in an order-

ly fashion and denied that Nesbit had asked them not to obstruct the footpath.

'No police officer at any stage up to the point of my arrest said anything whatsoever to me or anyone else in the group,' Scargill said.

He denied telling anyone to stay where they were because the police could not tell them where to go, and said the first time he noticed Nesbit was when he told the group to move along.

It was then that he replied: 'No'. Scargill added: 'Basically, he said "Move on" and took hold of me, manhandled me, and I think it can be seen from the television film, physically assaulted me.'

In answer to questions from Keen, Scargill said he believed there had been a deliberate decision to arrest him before he arrived.

Keen continued: 'So this was all a rather wicked plot against Arthur Scargill was it?'

Scargill replied: 'I think it was certainly a plan to arrest me on that day.'

The hearing was adjourned until this morning.



MARCHING OVER MOUNTAINS . . . The symbolic and



Miners' president Arthur Scargill received a popular greeting as he left court yesterday in Rotherham, Yorkshire

Derby

BY A NEWS LINE
REPORTER

A HIGH COURT judge will rule today on whether NUM leaders in Derbyshire should personally repay £1.7 million of area funds spent during the miners' strike.

Mr Justice Vinelott will also decide whether the current ban on spending on the strike should continue.

The case was brought by Roland Taylor of Shirebrook colliery and David Roberts of Markham colliery.

Derbyshire NUM secretary Gordon Butler, Treasurer John Burroughs and President Austin Fairest have denied acting unlawfully and are seeking the lifting of the ban on spending.

Cleared

THE London offices of accountants Price Waterhouse were picketed yesterday by striking miners and supporters.

Over 50 people demonstrated outside the City firm, which

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7th Congress

THIS week we are publishing 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 together with extracts from introductory speeches

to these resolutions. Today we print the first part of the British Perspectives resolution.

British Perspectives Resolution

PART ONE

World Crisis:
Driving force of
Socialist
Revolution

A PROFOUND deepening of the world slump combined with a very short-lived 'recovery' in the US, accelerated disintegration of the monetary system and virtual collapse of banking — these are the central features of the present world situation which condition and determine the struggle for power in Britain.

The unfolding of debt crisis and world slump is expressed concretely in:

a) The bankruptcy of a whole series of sovereign debtors like Zaire, Argentina, Mexico, Bolivia, Venezuela and Brazil, no longer able to meet the burden of loan and interest repayments;

b) The strangulation of world trade by protectionist policies, multiple rates of exchange and competitive devaluation, leading to hyperinflation and the universal destitution of the working class and peasantry;

c) The unprecedented interest rate war between national banking monopolies, generated out of a conflict for survival between US imperialist finance capital and its imperialist rivals in Western Europe, Japan and Britain.

The law of uneven development exerts itself most profoundly in the policies of the US regime to control and dominate world capitalist economy through control of world bank deposits.

Never before has the usurious role of capital and fictitious accumulation played such a role as it is doing today — the contradiction between interest-bearing loan capital and productive capital has become absolute — the whole of industry or a major part of it is no longer run even for the benefit of shareholders and industrialists but for creditors i.e. banks, insurance houses and other financial institutions.

This life and death struggle has induced a minor recovery in US production and investment. But it is important to remember that this recovery is based on a flight of speculative capital to the US, attracted largely by the colossal Federal deficit and the consequent high interest rates.

It is, strictly speaking, not a recovery but rather a speculative upturn based on fictitious accumulation, i.e. the sale of America's national debt. This upturn cannot overcome the trend of a falling rate of profit and with it, overproduction and cut-backs in capacity in the wealth-creating producer-goods industries.

Unlike previous booms in the US economy which generally benefited the rest of the world capitalist economy, the present 'upturn' is based on the diversion of capital investment from other countries to the US and hence an intensification of the world slump. The USA for the first time in modern history has become a net importer of capital.

By attracting vast sums of speculative money-capital from every corner of the earth it acts as a major force disrupting the capitalist world's banking and currency system.

Thus the strength of the dollar which in 1944 enabled the US to induce a world boom based on the Bretton Woods Agreement today, however, cannot sustain anything more than a short-lived spasm of deflation — followed by an even greater depression.

The growth of the Federal debt which approaches in magnitude the debt of Latin American nations symbolises the crisis of world imperialism. The deficit intensifies competition between industry, consumers and the government, forcing up interest rates.

The government in turn takes advantage of the high interest rates and attractive incentives such as the abolition of withholding tax on Treasury bills to foreign buyers — in order to 'internationalise' its deficit and increase it.

In the Presidential election year the US regime deliberately refrains from major cuts in the Federal budget which would inevitably provoke mass resistance from the working class and small farmers.

Instead it keeps raising the ceiling on the deficit which places huge additional interest burdens on the debtor nations, most of whose debts were negotiated at 'floating' rates which rise and fall with market rates in London and New York.

In addition, the Federal Reserve's policy completely disrupts and undermines the policies of the West European and British bourgeoisie, driving them inexorably to the edge of a financial precipice.

As Trotsky once wrote: 'The most revolutionary factor in the world is not Moscow but Washington.'

Debt Crisis

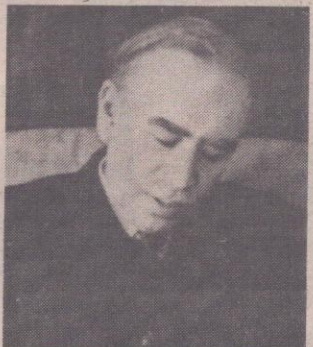
THE 'debt crisis' arose out of imperialism's previous efforts — particularly from the time of the oil crisis of 1974 on — to prevent the onset of slump and state bankruptcy by recycling the surpluses of oil producers through commercial banks



Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship in action. Mounted police line up to charge picketing miners

and colossal credit inflation arising out of the abolition of the Bretton Woods Monetary Agreement (1944) and the concomitant release of billions of worthless dollars into the credit and monetary system.

Semi-colonial countries availing themselves of the



KEYNES

favourable interest rates and the no-less favourable conditions for paying back the loans — borrowed liberally, pledging little or no security.

Far from helping to expand the economy the loans were used either to finance the external debt of the nations or were siphoned off by native capitalists and corrupt politicians to finance real-estate speculation in the USA (\$50 billion is estimated to have been re-routed to the USA).

This lending policy did nothing to overcome the chronic stagnation of Latin American economies or des-

troy the inherent parasitism of the native bourgeoisie. By 1982-1983 all the major debtor countries were financially bankrupt.

Mexico, Brazil and Argentina now constitute the three most dangerous detonators in the debt time bomb. Despite IMF negotiations and secret agreements, bankruptcy remains.

Mexico was closely followed by Brazil with a \$90 billion debt and over \$3 billion in arrears. Brazil's massive borrowings coincided with a heavy fall in export earnings — coffee, sugar and hides — caused by the world slump.

As in Mexico the policy of the ruling class is to use the mass movement to scare the bankers into conceding more lenient repayment terms and new lines of credit and then leaning on the imperialists to bleed the working class with hunger, inflationary policies and massive devaluations of the currency.

But — because of the mounting resistance of the working class in agrarian uprisings, food riots and protracted strikes — the native ruling junta cannot meet its debt obligations.

Mexico and Brazil's debts tower over the assets of the big US banks. Open default would pull down the structure of all the world banking system. The actual development of the debt crisis and the fate of all the rescue and salvage operations shows

the inescapable trend towards the most traumatic collapse of the banking system yet.

Continental
Illinois

A QUALITATIVE change was signified by the collapse of Continental Illinois — the eighth-largest US bank with assets of over \$35 billion — on May 24, 1984, and the near demise of Manufacturers Hanover a few days later caused by a spate of rumours and insistent demands that banks write down their loans or recognise, openly, their bad debts.

The resources of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, however, failed to restore any faith in the bank, the run on deposits continued and in late July the US government was forced to nationalise it.

The panic measures of the US government which resulted in a Federal guarantee for every dollar in Continental's deposits convinced foreign debtors of the weakness of the US Federal banking system.

Following on from this vital episode US banks for the first time designated some of their loans as 'non-performing' and stock exchanges began to discount bank share values by as much as 15 per cent.

Everywhere the mounting crises of indebtedness and

overproduction, expressing at its highest and purest form the conflict of private property and social production, has become the driving force of the world revolution.

The debts of imperialism cannot be paid even in part without the greatest cuts in wages, living standards and a huge increase in joblessness — synonymous with raging inflation and a total depreciation of currency.

These policies have already brought the masses of almost every semi-colonial country in Latin America into conflict with the ruling regimes, be they juntas or presidential democracies.

The revolutions that tore Iran and Nicaragua apart and overthrew the hated despotism of the Shah and Somoza were but the initial tremors in an unbroken chain of political and social revolutions which now threaten imperialism.

What emerges with great clarity in this process is the dialectical connection between the crisis and the revolution.

The crisis drives the revolution forward. The revolution in turn intensifies the crisis, preparing even greater economic catastrophes and preventing any return to stability of imperialist economy while exposing every weakness and corruption of the traditional leaderships.

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Immediacy of the world crisis

This dialectical relation between the economic crisis and the political conflicts of the working class and the bourgeoisie has completely and irreversibly transformed the political situation in Britain since the Sixth Party Congress.

The essential form adopted by the world economic and political crisis, the driving force of every revolutionary and counter-revolutionary movement, is the transformation of bourgeois democracy into Bonapartist dictatorship and the current utilisation of the machinery of capitalist-state repression to smash the independent trade union movement and destroy living standards on an unprecedented scale.

The logic of this trend, which has raised the intensity of the class struggle to its highest and sharpest peak since 1926, is the attempt to transform the Bonapartist dictatorship itself into an open military police dictatorship.

For the British bourgeoisie it is no longer a question of trying to consolidate Bonapartism but of changing the form of the dictatorship. To smash the trade unions and establish state corporatist control over them the Tories must kick aside the parliamentary forms, i.e. destroy the parliamentary opposition of social democracy and replace it with the most extreme form of Bonapartism: fascism.

This is the only way in which the world crisis of imperialism becomes the essence and motive force of the class struggle.

This trend signifies the negation of the post-war era ushered in by the Bretton Woods monetary agreement of 1944, the greatest effort of the world bourgeoisie to manipulate the world monetary, fiscal and trade system in order to forestall the threat of the world socialist revolution and sustain the forms of bourgeois democratic rule.

The linch-pin of this

arrangement was the attempt to maintain the capitalist system on the basis of deficit-financing (Keynesianism) whose essence was massive fictitious accumulation in the form of military and welfare budgets and the creation of a gold exchange standard based on a fictitious relation of dollars to gold.

Bretton Woods produced not only fictitious accumulation but an exaggerated growth of fictional values in the form of stocks, shares and government bonds which have no real relation to the real value of the functioning capital of society, and which intensified and continues to intensify the parasitism and decay of monopoly capitalism.

The collapse of Bretton Woods in August 1971 led to the rapid development of complete anarchy and disorder in the monetary system. It was followed by the escalating crisis in the banking system which brutally exposes the impotency of the world bourgeoisie's subjective attempts to set aside the objective laws and suppress the accumulated contradictions of capitalism.

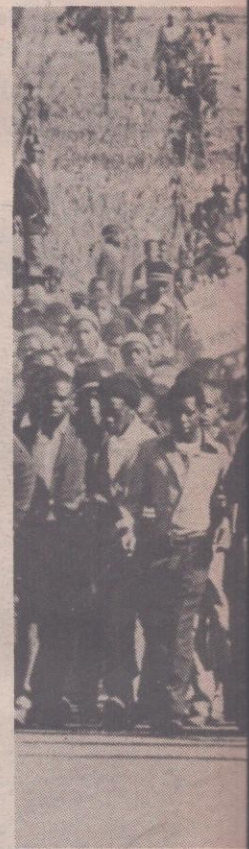
The bursting of the Bretton Woods dam, the immediate and direct expression of objective laws, has ushered in new and insoluble contradictions such as the irresistible drive towards global nuclear extermination in addition to an impossible-to-resolve international debt crisis. Only the world socialist revolution, which puts an end to capitalism forever, can provide the answer to this economic and nuclear nightmare.' (WRP Political Letter, August 15, 1984)

The mounting resistance of the impoverished workers and peasants and urban petty-bourgeoisie, which has forced almost every country in Latin America to go into unofficial moratoria or default, has forced many big banks to write off or write down the value of their loans, declare them 'non-performing' and reveal the completely fictitious value of their capital assets.

Non-performing loans lead to non-performing banks which cannot be rescued even by the methods which succeeded in 1974.



The PLO led the resistance of the Arab masses against imperialism and Zionist aggression in the Middle East



The struggle for self-

The struggle of the masses in the debtor countries finds a parallel expression in the organised resistance of the trade unions in the metropolitan countries, principally Britain, against the monetarist policies of their governments. The sharpest expression is the miners' strike.

The nature and world-wide scope of these struggles are a direct manifestation, not of some national peculiarities, but of the predominance of these objective laws which have hitherto been deflected throughout the capitalist world.

This is the party's point of departure from every form of revisionist idealism — The immediacy of the world crisis driving the world socialist revolution forward and posing directly the tasks of revolutionary leadership stands irreconcilably opposed to formalism and scepticism which underestimates the gravity of the crisis, denies its immediacy and seeks to postpone the

party's tasks with demagogic phrase-mongering and eclectic formulae.

It is precisely in the struggle against this method that the traditions of the party and the Fourth International consists:

'Leninism is genuine freedom from formalistic prejudices, from moralising doctrinalism, from all forms of intellectual conservatism attempting to bind the will to revolutionary action.' (Leon Trotsky, 'The New Course')

The Party cannot overcome the old reformist illusions which persist and even tend to reinforce themselves in the working class in this period if the cadres exclude with 'left' words these laws and their manifestation in a whole series of accumulated contradictions.

The sectionalism of the masses does not disappear automatically as the struggle of the miners with the state and trade union bureaucracy intensifies.

These illusions and prejudices can be overcome not by phrases but only by a scientifically guided practice which is continuously analysed and theoretically comprehended. That practice is the Party's campaign to organise the General Strike:

'The organisation of the General Strike is inseparable from the organisation of the struggle for power. The objective laws predominate and the struggle for power is on the agenda.

'It is within this context that we can provide the essential leadership to guide the masses through this practice to quickly overcome the most difficult obstacles that they face. That is what fundamentally separates us from all branches of reformism, Stalinism and revisionism.' (Political Letter of the WRP Central Committee, August 15, 1984)

Only out of this struggle continuously waged against the reduction of objective reality to 'left' abstractions

and the illusions of the middle class can the cadre be trained and the Party developed.

Only in this way can the conditions be created for transforming the profoundly revolutionary objective situation into the driving force for building the International Committee of the Fourth International, for developing the International Committee from the nucleus of the world party into the world party of socialist revolution itself.

National Liberation

THE slump does not eliminate the contradictions between the imperialist and colonial countries or render less vital the role of national liberation movements.

In its death agony imperialism exacerbates this historic contradiction by its systematic and frenzied drive for cheap labour, raw materials and monopoly profit rates.



British troops in the north of Ireland



The Grand Hotel, Brighton, after the bombing

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Determination in South Africa is far from buried

Faced with defaults and state bankruptcies imperialism's answer — as revealed in the rape of Grenada, the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and South Africa's invasion of Angola — is to step up aggression, war and repression.

The significance of this is clearly seen in the Middle East. The courageous resistance of the Arab masses led by the PLO together with the Shia and Druze in Lebanon to the conspiracies of imperialism and Zionism has enormously intensified the crisis of the Shamir regime and polarised Israeli society and raised the spectre of a violent class confrontation between Jews.

The struggle for self-determination of Palestine is inextricably connected with the struggle to overthrow the racist-imperialist dictatorship of Shamir-Sharon-Eitan and establish a multi-racial democratic and socialist republic of Palestine.

In South Africa, too, the same principles apply. Despite the treacherous Nkomati agreement which recognises the apartheid regime in Azania and stabs the national liberation movement in the back, the struggle for self-determination in South Africa is far from buried.

The reformist-Stalinist leaders such as Tambo (ANC) and Machel in Mozambique represent the interests of an impotent petty-bourgeoisie who are prostrate before the Pretoria regime.

Rejecting the working class and the policy of a protracted war against imperialism these reformists worship the apparent strength of the racist military apparatus. New forces, however, are being constantly generated in the multi-millioned working class in the mines, factories and compounds of Azania and the rest of Africa.

Greater than the apparent strength of the Botha regime is the powerful contradictions which are ripping apart

the rotten, archaic structures of the apartheid society.

The Workers Revolutionary Party's defence of all those movements from war and repression is integrally linked to the construction of a revolutionary Trotskyist party which alone can unite workers and peasants and transcend tribalism and establish real self-determination.

Ireland

THE WRP supports unconditionally the 15-year-old political and military struggle of the IRA and Sinn Fein for the national liberation of the north of Ireland and the defeat and eviction of the imperialist armed forces.

The Party which was in the forefront of the struggle against the sending of British troops to Ulster by a Labour government in 1969 has never wavered in its principled support for those fighting and making the greatest sacrifice for the self-determination of Ireland.

These forces represent the continuity of the national-revolutionary tradition of the bourgeois national movement which was betrayed and disrupted by the formation of the Free State and the transfer of political power to the Irish native bourgeoisie in the early 1920s.

As the social and economic crisis developed in the 1960s the treachery of social democracy and Stalinism and revisionist People's Democracy alienated the Catholic and Protestant workers and youth and paved the way for the regrouping of the revolutionary-terrorist wing of the Republicans within the Catholic working class.

Within the Protestant working class and petty bourgeoisie it saw the growth of the UDA-UVF and the ultra-reactionary clerical opposition of Paisley and Craig in the Democratic Unionists.

The intensification of B-Special and RUC repression

of Catholic civil rights in the late 1960s severely tested the credibility of all political parties in the north. The acid-test for all Labour and progressive groups was the defence of the Catholic-working class ghettos against the repression of the Unionist bourgeois-dominated Stormont and, later, against the armed forces of British imperialism.

Out of this struggle only the Provisional IRA-Sinn Fein emerged with any credibility and dignity.

In spite of their limited perspective and Catholic



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outlook the heroic defence of the Catholic ghettos by the IRA fighters and their refusal to compromise with the imperialist state or to be daunted by the deprivation of basic democratic rights by Labour and Tory governments contrasted sharply with the patronising paternalism of the Stalinists and great nation chauvinism of the reformists and the 'Militant' group of northern Ireland revisionists who operated always within the framework of the British connection.

The development of the world slump and the movement of the working class into conflict with the imperialist state in Britain now coincides with the civil war in Ireland and gives a powerful impulse to the national and social struggles in southern and northern Ireland.

While defending the absolute right of the Provisional



The sole purpose of the genocidal Iran-Iraq war is the crushing of the Iranian revolution

IRA to use whatever means necessary in the national struggle the WRP remains the most consistent critic of the methods and policies of the Republican movement.

These methods — passive resistance and hunger strikes alternating with selective (Grand Hotel) or indiscriminate (Le Mon House Restaurant, 1978, and Harrods, 1983) bombings — are designed not to overthrow British imperialism but to force it to make reforms and grant concessions such as political status for prisoners or a partial withdrawal from Ireland.

Far from eliciting concessions these methods only intensify the determination of imperialism and facilitate its divisive policies. They have failed in the past and they will in the present and the future.

There is little doubt that if the IRA had succeeded in Brighton in achieving their objective it would have led inevitably not to any withdrawal of troops from Ulster but a transition to a military-police emergency regime in Britain and the curtailing of basic democratic rights.

The heroism of the IRA and its Republican rhetoric cannot substitute for a social programme capable of uniting all sections of Irish workers and poor farmers and ending the sectarian legacy for ever.

Such a programme demands the immediate nationalisation of the banks, the land and industry and their operation under workers' control. Such a policy must be based on the basic political premise of the imperialist epoch, i.e. the victory of the democratic revolution is only conceivable in the form of the socialist dictatorship of the working class.

The victory of the Irish working class and nationalists against British imperialism presupposes the building in Ireland and in Britain of the Trotskyist world party of socialist revolution based, not on passive resistance or individual terror, but on the

mass mobilisation of the Irish and British working class in a joint struggle against imperialism.

Not a petty-bourgeois republic and a second edition of the Free State but a government based on workers' and poor farmers' councils will reunite Ireland and its working class.

Notwithstanding our principled differences with the Sinn Fein-IRA on terrorism the WRP will fight relentlessly to forge the maximum unity with the forces of national liberation to conduct a joint struggle to defeat British imperialism.

Nuclear War Danger

COLONIAL wars and military provocations are but a part of the global strategy of world imperialism to reconquer the lost markets of imperialism, smash the nationalised property of the USSR, Eastern Europe and China and restore capitalism.

The gigantic military budget of the US and the development of an entirely new generation of weapons of mass slaughter symbolise the inherent tendency of imperialism to transform the forces of production into weapons of destruction.

This process can only be halted not by pacifist diversions and Stalinist summit diplomacy, but by the revolutionary overthrow of imperialism and the disarming of the world bourgeoisie by the workers in arms.

The failure to make any significant progress in the talks on strategic nuclear weapons or to reduce force levels in Europe reveals again the desperation of the US imperialists in their war-drive and exposes the fallacy that peaceful co-existence is possible between two opposed social systems.

The despatch of task forces to Central America, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean equipped with nuclear weapons demonstrates the extreme sensitivity of

imperialism to any danger to its strategic interests and its implacable hostility towards the political independence of countries such as Libya and Iran and Cuba.

US imperialism aims to subordinate these areas to its unconditional dominance either through subversion (Salvador) or open military intervention (Grenada).

This is the meaning of the bloody fratricidal war which has been raging in the Iranian Gulf for almost four years. Imperialism uses its surrogate — Saddam Hussein — aided and equipped by Russia, France and the UK and financed by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The sole purpose of this genocidal war is the destruction of the Khomeini regime and the crushing of the Iranian Revolution, the scourge of imperialism.

Stalinist treachery

SOVIET Stalinism — not accidentally — remains the sworn enemy of the Iranian revolution and the arch supporter of the counter-revolutionary Hussein regime.

Stalinism's role in the Middle East, support for Iraq and the cynical backing for Assad and the Syrian army against the PLO in Tripoli in Lebanon in 1982-1983, illustrates in the most lucid way the reactionary interests of the Soviet bureaucracy, its irreconcilable opposition to national liberation and world revolution. Nevertheless both in Iran and in the Lebanon Stalinism has failed to break the revolutionary will of the working class and peasants.

The Soviet Stalinist policy in Afghanistan cannot be separated from its role in Iran and Lebanon. The Workers Revolutionary Party demands the withdrawal of Soviet troops unconditionally.

We reject as spurious the imperialist slander that the USSR is pursuing imperialist aims in this region, nevertheless its bureaucratic oppression of the Afghans has no justification, discrete-

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dits the USSR in the eyes of the colonial peoples and facilitates the war plans of imperialism.

British Crisis — Bonapartism

THE imperialist crisis now finds its most powerful expression in the oldest imperialist country, Britain. With its well-developed social history, its completed historical processes resulting in the elimination of a petty-bourgeois peasantry, its archaic social relations and its obsolete production forces, Britain represents a country which is closest to the socialist revolution.

The effect of the new US economic strategy — the negation of Carter's policy of 'benign neglect' of the dollar pursued from 1976-1980 — has dealt a shattering blow to Thatcher's policy of 'fighting inflation' and 'protecting the value of the pound' — the two major planks of her political platform which are crucial to retaining the loyalty and allegiance of her middle-class supporters.

This growing and increasing financial and economic pressure constitutes the principal cause of Britain's economic decline and political instability.

The loss of empire and captive markets together with the increasing dependence of an obsolescent industry on the world market and the emergence of powerful industrial and banking rivals has eliminated any prospect of a return to the era of reformist class collaboration and compromise.

British imperialism cannot resist this competitive pressure from the USA. In conceding position after position to the US, the British bourgeoisie seeks to impose the full burden of the trade and interest rate war on to the working class.

The clearest proof of this historical trend is the transition of the Thatcher government into a Bonapartist regime.

Thatcher's re-election in June 1983 was itself an unmistakable symptom of the extremely advanced state of polarisation of class forces. As the Workers Revolution-

ary Party's Sixth Congress resolution stated:

'The working class faces a violent class-war government which is using its parliamentary majority to seize absolute power to impose its ruthless policies.'

'Thatcher's class war programme cannot, however, be implemented by the stroke of a legislative pen and must inevitably lead to violent state attacks by the ruling class. This will encounter mass resistance at the centre of which will be the struggle for workers' power.' ('Documents and Resolutions of the Sixth Congress', p.18.)

Undeclared Working Class

THATCHER's counter-revolutionary programme — the destruction of the unions and labour-controlled local governments — was itself the product of the manifest failure of the Heath and Callaghan governments to defeat the unions. An undefeated working class with a profound consciousness of its basic democratic rights could not be tamed by any ordinary parliament.

The rapidity and intensity of the world slump meant that for the ruling class there could be no reliance on long-drawn out and complex parliamentary procedures.

For Thatcher it became imperative that the struggle to legalise and politically cripple trade unions must be combined with a new style of government — based not on statute law but on decree.

From November 1983 to February 1984 the government utilised the judiciary and anti-union employers — like Shah — to force unions like the NGA and NUJ to recognise the anti-union laws.

A central feature of this corporatist policy was the collaboration of the TUC with the law and its refusal to defy the state. This was the policy clearly enunciated by Murray on December 14, 1983 when he refused to support the NGA's defiance of the court.

However, the logic of Thatcher's policy demanded imperatively that the TUC and parliament be subordin-



Miners' leader Arthur Scargill after his arrest on the picket line at Grunwick

ated to the state power represented by the Prime Minister.

This was the meaning of Thatcher's ban on trade unions at GCHQ, Cheltenham on February 25. Encouraged by the supine attitude of the TUC Thatcher carried out a virtual political coup and successfully defied parliamentary opposition.

Thatcher contemptuously rejected the pleas of the TUC to establish an emasculated trade union and replied by defining all trade unionists as 'subversives'.

In saying this she was articulating the belief of a whole section of employers, Whitehall officials, judges, chief constables and military brass who demand nothing short of a Bonapartist state to deal with trade union militancy and ghetto rebellions.

Thatcher's Bonapartist regime is not an aberration of Toryism. It is the organic resultant of class tensions. It corresponds broadly to Trotsky's definition:

'The explosion in democracy is provoked by the tensions of class contradictions. Democracy can give place either to the fascist dictatorship of monopoly capital or to the dictatorship of the proletariat.'

'But before one of these two warring sides can gain victory over the other, of necessity inside the society is established a transitional regime of unstable equilibrium between the two extreme wings, the proletariat and fascism, which paralyse each other and then allow the bureaucratic apparatus to acquire exceptional independence and force in its capacity of arbiter and saviour of the nation.'

'A supra-parliamentary government of the big bourgeoisie that creates an equilibrium between the two warring sides, basing itself on the police and the army, is precisely a government of the Bonapartist type.' ('On Bonapartism', 'Trotsky's Writings 1934', p.105)

The essential premise of Trotsky's analysis cannot be too thoroughly stressed. Bonapartism presupposes an undefeated working class fighting the state and conflicting with its traditional reformist leaders.

Truth is Concrete

TO GRASP the historical significance of Bonapartism requires a sustained struggle against formal metaphysics and a clear understanding of the dialectical method.

'The vast practical importance of a correct theoretical orientation is most strikingly manifested in a period of acute social conflict, of rapid political shifts, of abrupt changes in the situation ...'

'It is in just such periods that all sorts of transitional, intermediate situations and combinations arise, as a matter of necessity, which upset the customary patterns and doubly require a sustained theoretical attention ... in our time each new event forcefully brings

home the most important laws of the dialectic: the truth is always concrete.' ('Bonapartism and Fascism', *ibid*, p.51)

Trotsky's words acquire an exceptional importance for the Workers Revolutionary Party. They give a fresh impetus and substantiation to the decades-long struggle, and particularly the struggle waged during and after the Sixth Congress of the Party, against the method of substituting subjective images and 'abstract categories formulated upon the basis of a



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partial and insufficient historical experience (or a narrow and insufficient view of the whole)' for the 'dialectical analysis of reality, in its every concrete phase, in all its transitional stages.' (*ibid*, p.51)

The Workers Revolutionary Party was not taken unawares by the Bonapartist degeneration of parliamentary democracy. In fact it can be said that all the theoretical and organisational preparations of the WRP, over the last 14 years in particular, have been to train the cadre for the task of fighting Bonapartism and organising the struggle for power.

These tasks are inseparably linked as the Russian Revolution showed.

Against the Thorneycroft revisionists and renegades who rejected the danger of Bonapartism on a one-sided analysis of so-called 'rela-

tion of forces' and claimed that dictatorship was only a 'historical need' — the WRP correctly analysed and revealed the source of the drive to Bonapartism emerging from the world slump and — based on it — the elemental surge of the working class to revolutionary struggle.

The emergence of the Labour government only obscured this trend but did nothing to prevent its development. All the executive instruments such as the Civil Contingencies Unit, the Law Lords, the SAS, police tactical groups and the plans for military government and regional commissioners were refined and improved over this period.

Without the instruments which were preserved and developed during this period (Grunwick's, FBU, Ulster and Mogadishu hi-jack) Thatcher's plans to outlaw trade unions, destroy Labour councils and privatise nationalised industry and health services would have proved abortive.

The analysis of this period, the transformation of the Socialist Labour League into the WRP in November 1973, the development of the College of Marxist Education, the adoption of the August 1977 perspectives, the continuous training of a Marxist cadre and the tireless struggle to make the daily paper — News Line — into a weapon for party-building and the most ardent fighter for workers' power and the defence of basic democratic rights — all these experiences provided the training for the present historical task — the overthrow of Bonapartism and the taking of power by the working class led by the WRP.

The inescapable conclusion of the party's analysis is that the essence of the world economic and political crisis is manifested in the appearance of Bonapartism in Britain.

TOMORROW: Part two of the British Perspectives resolution

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Historic march yesterday by miners from the Cynon Valley to the Merthyr Valley

NEARLY 300 miners marched over the mountain separating Cynon Valley from Merthyr Valley in a historic gesture uniting the two communities against the Tory government's attacks on picket movements.

The miners mounted the operation as a morale-booster in the early hours of Wednesday, slipped past waiting police and successfully set up pickets at the approach to Merthyr Vale colliery.

Miners from at least seven lodges from the centre of the coalfield and the Phurnacite coke men set off from Mountain Ash at 2a.m.

As coaches of other miners converged on the picket site, a long line of torches wound its way down the mountain side.

The miners from Merthyr Vale met the Cynon Valley miners on the Merthyr side of the mountain and then marched together to the pit entrance.

Coaches

Police were unprepared although the coaches from Maerdy, Hirwaun and Treherbert were followed by unmarked police vehicles before they made even their first pick up.

With the co-operation of the transport union coach drivers, the pickets were able to smuggle the majority of men off the coaches before the police caught on.

The whole operation by the striking miners of Cynon Valley and Merthyr

Valley was yet another expression of their determination to keep the strike solid and prevent the state scab operation.

Kim Howells, research officer for the NUM in South Wales, was among the pickets. He told News Line:

'It's been a tremendous success. Over 250 miners have walked over 1,500 feet of mountain which nobody has done since 1925, when they marched on the Rock colliery in Glyn-neath in the anthracite lock-out.

'It has shown the solidarity of the miners of the Rhondda and Cynon valleys, with their brothers and sisters in the Merthyr Valley.

'We are not allowed to exercise our democratic picket rights by driving to

picket lines; so we'll use whatever means are available to us, and if it means coming over the mountain, then so be it.

'It's been a peaceful demonstration and the police have provoked whatever incidents took place by arresting an NCCL observer, Alex Grey, which was an entirely unprovoked act, one not just designed to intimidate miners but their families and allies.

Attack

'The TUC has got to realise it's not just pit closures, it's an attack on the organised labour movement in Britain. They've got to pull their fingers out, and start galvanising physical support for the NUM.'

FOUR men escaped after being buried alive digging for coal this week. A tunnel collapsed on them under a coal board railway line at Seaham, near Dawdon colliery, County Durham. Three scrambled free but unemployed Terry Longstaff, 20, was trapped. Striking miners and emergency service rescue workers dug him out after 30 minutes and he was taken to Sunderland General Hospital with a kidney injury.

shire officials may face strike costs

has been appointed by the High Court to seize the assets of the NUM.

Striking miners from Selby and Yorkshire were joined by miners' wives from Derbyshire and London trade unionists.

Denied

Passers-by were given leaflets which read: 'Price Waterhouse — making money out of miners' families' misery'.

Over £200 was raised in donations from well-wishers before the police moved in and cleared the collection illegal.

THE High Court case in which the Yorkshire NUM are ending their right to control on funds, and appealing against a ruling that the strike the area is unofficial, has been adjourned.

Mr Justice Nourse was told that the two scabs bringing the



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case, Robert Taylor and Ken Foulstone from Manton, had agreed that the case should be adjourned until a full hearing which may not be until next March.

The decision means that the Yorkshire strike remains 'unofficial' under the original temporary injunction, and that

the union's appeal is frozen until the hearing reopens.

● KENT miners' president Malcolm Pitt was yesterday found guilty of obstructing a police officer on a picket line. He was fined £100 and ordered to pay £25 costs by Sandwich magistrates.

Right

But he was cleared of using threatening behaviour on the picket line at Tilmannstone colliery on September 3, the day that three scabs returned to work for the first time.

The police were later ordered to pay £300 costs after failing to offer any prosecution evidence against 18 miners accused of 'persistently following' scabs.

Two weeks ago, five miners were found not guilty of a similar charge by magistrates in the Kent town.



Police and pickets outside Merthyr Vale colliery yesterday after men from the pit united with strikers who had marched over the mountains from the Cynon Valley



'Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right' on ITV at 8.00pm



'Don's Party', with Candy Raymond and Ray Barrett, is on 4 at 11.20pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. 9.10 Mastermind. 9.45 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men. 2.00 Day Out. 2.30 Star Movie: Edmond O'Brien in *Obliging Young Lady* (1941). 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Friday. 4.10 The Family-Ness. 4.15 The Cybil War. 4.30 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince. 4.50 Hartbeat. 5.15 Crackerjack. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES
6.55 TOM AND JERRY

7.05 BLANKETY BLANK Comedy quiz hosted by Les Dawson
7.35 WHAT A CARRY ON Compilation of excerpts from the 'Carry On' films

8.05 BERGERAC *Come Out Fighting* Bergerac gets involved in Jersey's first professional boxing match

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weekend weather

9.25 STARSKY AND HUTCH *The Set-Up*

10.15 INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING From Olympia

11.25 JAMES LAST IN SCOTLAND James Last and his Orchestra recorded in Scotland during a recent UK tour

12.15 Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 4.30 Hartbeat. 4.50 Crackerjack. 5.30 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 The Good Life.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.45 Film: *Joan of Paris* (1942) with Paul Henreid and Michele Morgan.

5.15 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.20 OPEN TO QUESTION Miners' union president Arthur Scargill answers questions from a studio audience

6.00 THE INVADERS *The Betrayed*

6.50 CHOIR OF THE YEAR 1984

7.30 THREE IN THE WILD *Toran, the Dartmoor Pony*

8.00 CALL MY BLUFF A duel of words and wit refereed by Robert Robinson

8.30 ITALIANS *The Sister of Spoleto* Continuing a portrait of Italy today as seen through the lives of ten different Italians.

9.00 M★A★S★H *Give and Take* With Alan Alda and Mike Farrell

9.25 ARENA *The Theatre of Dario Fo* Arena presents a portrait of the Italian playwright and satirist whose latest farce 'Trumpets and Raspberries' is now showing in London's West End, following on successful runs of 'Can't Pay, Won't Pay' and 'Accidental Death of an Anarchist'

10.15 VERY EXCEPTIONAL SOLDIERS *1914 Veterans Return to the Battlefield* The British Expeditionary Force from World War I

10.45 NEWSNIGHT

11.30 MIDNIGHT MOVIE *Two Weeks in Another Town* (1962) An ageing actor, with a bad record of hitting the bottle, tries to make a comeback amid cynical Hollywood exiles working in Rome. Directed by Vincente Minnelli, with Kirk Douglas, Edward G. Robinson and Cyd Charisse

1.20 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER *Hofmeister World Championships*

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE ADDAMS FAMILY *Morticia's Favourite Charity*

5.30 THE TUBE Jools Holland and Paula Yates introduce their studio guests Friends Again, Play Dead and The Greatest Show on Legs

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY chaired by Gus MacDonald

8.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY Jimmy Reid reviews the week's papers

8.15 A WEEK IN POLITICS Presented by Peter Jay

9.00 TELL THE TRUTH Celebrity guests question three challengers to find out which one is telling the truth

9.30 IN SEARCH OF PARADISE *Reflections of Grandeur* A look at two opposing garden traditions — the formal gardens of France and the more natural landscaped gardens of England

10.00 NEWHART *Don't Rain on My Parade* Dick agrees to host a turkey dinner for the Thanksgiving Day Parade workers and Joanna winds up cooking for the entire town

10.30 JUST SEX *Proper Rebels* Women's sexuality

11.15 DON'S PARTY (1976) A satirical drama following the guests at a party given on the eve of the 1969 Australian General Election by a Labour supporter and his wife. With Ray Barrett, John Hargreaves, Graham Kennedy, Graeme Blundell, Jeannie Brynan, Pat Bishop and Kit Taylor

1.00 Closedown

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 11.25 Let's Pretend. 11.40 Mooncat & Co. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Film: *Showdown at Abilene* (1956) With Jock Mahoney and Martha Hyer. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK SHOW

7.00 AIRWOLF *One Way Express*

8.00 BRUCE FORSYTH'S PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

8.30 HALLELUJAH! *It Happened One Night*

9.00 EH BRIAN, IT'S A WHOPPER A *Notion of Shopkeeping*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by London News Headlines

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME The re-selection problems facing some of London's Labour MPs. The programme finds that the 'soft left' is becoming more organised but a poll shows that several sitting members could lose selection battles

11.00 SNOOKER *The Hofmeister World Doubles Championships*

12.15 LIVE FROM LONDON *The Belle Stars* A mixture of original songs and old favourites from Britain's chart-hitting all-female seven-piece band

1.15 I SPY *A Time of the Knife*

2.05 Night Thoughts and Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 10.45 Sport Billy. 11.05 Strawberry Ice. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Just Our Luck. 2.00 The Adventurer. 2.30 The Glass Box. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

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

6.05 WEEKEND

7.00 AIRWOLF *One Way Express* Stuntmen are needed for a 'bullion robbery' in a film plot. Or is it for real?

8.00 BRUCE FORSYTH'S PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

8.30 HALLELUJAH! *It Happened One Night*

9.00 EH BRIAN, IT'S A WHOPPER A *Notion of Shopkeeping* Comedy and drama with members of a fishing club

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 SNOOKER *The Hofmeister World Doubles Championships*

12.15 THE LATE FILM *Quatermass II* With Brian Donlevy. Professor Quatermass is returning to his observatory when his car is almost hit by a vehicle being driven dangerously. The young driver has been injured by a strange object which had fallen from the sky (1957)

1.45 Closedown

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00-2.15 5 Lon Goch. 2.30 International Snooker. 4.30 Evolution. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7.30 Newyddidol Saith. 7.30 I Weld Llais A Chlywed Llun. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le; News Headlines. 9.15 It's Never Too Late. 9.45 Tell the Truth. 10.15 Film: *Days of Heaven*. 11.55 Newhart. 12.25 Soap. 12.55 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-A-Disc with Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (S).

2 News on the hour (except 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.); Headlines 5.30 a.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; 6.45 Sport and classified results). 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night (S) (8.20-8.40 Interval). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Nights at the Paris Olympia. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Peter Dickinson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Big Band Special (S). 3.30-4.00 String Sound (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Telemann, Beethoven, Dvorak.

Hachmaninov (8.00 News) Novak, Strauss arr. Godowsky, Zeller, Holst. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Sibelius. 10.00 Three Romantic Piano Sonatas (S) Schumann's Piano Sonata. 10.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra (S) Vaughan Williams, arr. Hartly. 11.30 English Songs (S) Quilter, Britten. 12.15 Midday Prom (S) BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Schubert, Berg (1.00 News, 1.05-1.20 Talking Fish (S) Strauss. 2.05 Baermann and Beethoven (S) Chamber music. 2.40 Dutilleul and Messiaen (S) Orchestral music on records. 3.25 W.F. Bach Keyboard Music (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) Rodrigo, Albeniz, Morel, Brouwer, anon. arr. Brouwer, Farinas, Lauro. 7.00 Broomhouse Reach (S). 7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra (S) Stravinsky, Mozart (8.10-8.30 Pleasure, Voyages and the Mad Doctor of Canton) Strauss. 9.30 Matteo Da Perugia (S). 9.45 Of Cadres and Kings. 10.30 Voice and Clarinet (S) Music by Zvi Avni, Birtwistle, James Wilson. 11.00 Ayres for the Theatre (S). 11.30 Mozart (S) A divertimento and 3 Notturmi. 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 Desert Island Discs (S). 9.45 Lady Lazarus. 10.00 News; International Assignment. 10.30 Morning Story: *Massage*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; What's the Alternative? 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Top of the Form. 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; Master's India (S). 4.00 News; My Kind of Folk. 4.10 The Mind in Focus. 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 Going Places. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week (S). 8.20 Stop Press. 8.45 Any Questions? 9.30 Letter from America. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Mr Facey Romford's Hounds*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 Today in Parliament. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Week Ending. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 11.00-12.00 Study on Four.

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 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; North East News. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 World Doubles Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Once Upon a Time. 9.50 The World of James Michener. 10.50 Film: *Never Look Back*. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *The Odd Job*. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.30 International Snooker. 12.15 Film: *Death Car on the Freeway*. 1.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; Sesame Street. 10.25 Country Rhapsody. 10.35 The Groovie Ghoules. 11.00 Pink Floyd at Pompeii. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia.

12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *The Delphi Bureau*. 2.55 Aloft in the Rigging. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 Different Strokes. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Rock of the Seventies. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Gurkas in Nepal. 10.50 Space 1999. 11.40 Prairie Habitat. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Film: *Casanova's Big Night*. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.30 A Piper to Muscadet. 3.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 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 Tale of Pom Pom. 11.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 11.50 Mr Magoo. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 Jamaica Shore Investigates. 2.35 Three Little Words. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.12 TVS

News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Keep it in the Family. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Home Cookery Club. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 Boy of Central Africa. 10.45 The Fabulous Funnies. 11.10 Silver Spoons. 11.35 The Pumpkin Who Couldn't Smile. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *Murder By Proxy*. 3.00 University Challenge; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30 Sidestep. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Your Say. 10.35 The West This Week. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Showbiz.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Spread Your Wings. 10.50 Cartoon. 11.05 The Wine that Sings. 11.55 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.00 Teetime and Claudia. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *The Kid from Texas*. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Illusions. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 Airwolf. 8.00 Play Your Cards Right. 8.30 Hallelujah. 9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Portrait of a Legend. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Rhythmic Pastimes to score at Doncaster

BY A RACING CORRESPONDENT

EPSOM trainer John Jenkins landed **DONCASTER'S** Sea Pigeon Hurdle two years ago with Great Light and has an outstanding chance of picking up the prize again today with improving young hurdler **Rhythmic Pastimes** (2.15).

The four-year-old, the mount of champion John Francome, won at Wolverhampton last month and was then facing a difficult task against useful performers in a non-handicap at Leicester.

Second

In the circumstances he did well to finish second to Northern Trial.

Rhythmic Pastimes has to give weight away to all ten rivals but is very much on the upgrade and should win.

The all-conquering Jenkins-Francome partnership

SELECTIONS

DONCASTER

12.45 Nero Wolf
1.15 Wassem
1.45 Far Bridge
2.15 Rhythmic Pastimes (nap)
2.45 Zamandra
3.15 Rigton Sally

WARWICK

12.30 Wyford
1.00 Karnatak
1.30 Tender Love
2.00 Nickle Moppett (n.b.)
2.30 Flaxen Tina
3.00 Archie's Nephew
3.30 An-Go-Look

should also take the Saucy Kit Novices Hurdle with Wassem (1.15). The grey ran on well up the hill when chasing home Opening Bars at Plumpton last time and this longer trip should prove ideal.

Far Bridge (1.45) has twice beaten the wayward Little Bay in photo finishes at Sandown this season and, although there is no doubt he is better on tracks with an uphill climb from the last fence, Toby Balding's charge looks the likely winner of the Red Alligator Handicap Chase.

Both those triumphs were over the minimum trip, but there is every reason to believe Far Bridge is better over this distance of two and

a half miles.

At **WARWICK**, the game and consistent **Nickle Moppett** (2.00) will prove difficult to beat in the Stoneleigh Handicap Chase. John Webber's gelding won at Towcester and then lost no honour in defeat when beaten a length by the useful **Ardent Spy** over this course and distance at the last meeting.

Boost

The form of that race was given a boost when Royscript, who finished five lengths behind **Nickle Moppett** in third, won at Bangor on Monday.

An-Go-Look (3.30) may well have beaten Morning



JOHN FRANCOME rides *Rhythmic Pastimes* at 2.15

Line at Hereford last time but for a bad mistake two flights from home and Michael Scudamore's charge can make amends in the Upton Handicap Hurdle. The mare, a winner at Wolverhampton last season, had Going Broke a long way back in fourth last time and should not be troubled to confirm the form.

RESULTS

SOUTHWELL

12.45 (3m): **COVENT GARDEN** S J O'Neill (11-4 fav); **Bay Forest** (33-1); **Seven Acres** (8-1); **Gold Epee** (25-1); 14 ran. dist. 15. (W Clay) T: £3.20; £1.50, £1.60, £2.20. CSF: £84.63.
1.15 (2m): **HELEN'S CHOICE** J A Harris (13-8 fav); **Queensbury Liz** (7-1); **Downtown Foxy** (12-1); **Torski** (12-1); 12 ran. 20. (A Smith) T: £2.30; £1.10, £2, £3.60. CSF: £13.07. NR: Sedge.
1.45 (2m): **KEVINSPORT** (13-8 on fav); **Evan Melody** (20-1); **Little Trouble** (14-1); **Grannie's Pet** (5-1); 10 ran. 8. (J Fitzgerald) T: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70, £2.40. CSF: £12.69.
2.15 (2m): **TRACK RYTHM** M Jenkins

(12-1); **Conserption** (9-1); **Oryx Minor** (12-1); **Gun-Carriage** (50-1); 15 ran. Sh. hd. 2. (J Webber) T: £17.40; £3.50, £2.40, £2.80. CSF: £110.99. NR: Cambridge Bay.
BALLYGROOBY Dai Williams (15-2); **Sir Gordon** (7-4 fav); **Brown Lustre** (3-1); **Abervante** (8-1); 6 ran. 10. dist. (R Perkins) T: £12.20; £6.60, £1.10. CSF: £20.16.
3.15 (2m 4f): **POLISH A Webb** (33-1); **The Irish Rhine** (11-2); **Feels Right** (16-1); **Kasland** (20-1); 14 ran. 1. nk. (J Spearling) T: £21.60; £4.90, £2, £3.10, £6.70. CSF: £208.84.

HAYDOCK

1.00 (2m): **CHIPPED METAL** R Crank (15-8 it fav); **Open the Box** (20-1); **Gilded Chief** (15-2); **Maggies Girl** (12-1); 14 ran. 3. (R B Francis) T: £2.40; £1.20, £4, £1.40. CSF: £40.74.
1.30 (3m): **COOL MAGIC** C Thornton (10-1); **King's Brig** (12-1); **Hill Green** (25-1); 6 ran. 3 fshd. (F Jestin) T: £9.30; £2.40, £2.10. CSF: £89.08. NR: Von Trappe.
2.00 (2m): **TOT D Thompson** (6-1); **Lor Moss** (11-4 fav); **Star Alliance** (16-1); **Prince Reviewer** (5-1); 11 ran. 1. 5. (Denys Smith) T: £5.10; £1.60, £2.80, £2. CSF: £22.28.
2.30 (3m 4f): **KUMBI** K Doolan (2-1 fav);

Canton (20-1); **Cottage Rhythm** (4-1); **Jimmy Miff** (14-1); 7 ran. 7. 1/2. (D McCallin) T: £2.70; £2.20, £5.10. CSF: £31.26. NR: Bashful Lad.
3.00 (2m 6f): **RANDOMLY** J Duggan (2-1 fav); **Russian Salad** (11-4); **Bombill** (20-1); **Cynical Sam** (20-1); 11 ran. 5. 6. (D Morrill) T: £5.20; £2.50, £2.80, £8.30. CSF: £9.54.
3.30 (2m): **LIFE GUARD** J Frost (3-1); **Miramac** (11-2); **Nicky's Knight** (2-1 fav); **Coopers King** (6-1); 16 ran. 6. 7. (S Harris) T: £5.10; £2.10, £3.20, £1.20. CSF: £22.50. NR: Mpeepes.

WARWICK

12.30 SHIRLEY NOVICE CHASE DIV I £1,500

2m (13 runners)
6 3302-22 **CONNAUGHT RIVER** D Nicholson 5 11 4..... P Scudamore
7 4000-04 **DUTCH CHALLENGER** A Hollingsworth 7 11 4..... Mr A Denson (7)
10 0003-00 **FOUNTAIN VALLEY** Miss A L King 5 11 4..... J Southern
12 000P-FP **FUNKY ANGEL** Mrs E Harden 8 11 4..... Philip Hobbs
14 00-2243 **JOHNS PRESENT** R Holder 6 11 4..... P Richards
16 30F-0 **MAGIC MOUSE** J Colston 8 11 4..... G Charles-Jones (4)
20 0042-PP **ROGAIRIO** P Bailey 8 11 4..... S Morshead
21 P **ROSY GLEAM** (USA) H Manners 7 11 4..... Mr S Bush (7)
22 0F222P- **ROUGH WIND** C Loggin 8 11 4..... J A Harris
23 20P22-0 **SAYS EYE** D Wintle 9 11 4..... N Babbage (4)
29 314-2 **WYFORD** T Forster 7 11 4..... H Davies
31 030-33U **FLYING MISTRESS** J Webber 6 10 13..... G Mernagh
33 0801-P0 **HARBOR BAZAAR** M Chapman 4 10 7..... P Liddle (7)
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Connaught River, 11-4 Wyford, 4-1 Johns Present, 7-1 Flying Mistress, 10-1 Rosy Gleam, 14-1 Dutch Challenger, 16-1 others.

1.00 HAMPTON NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £800

(3-Y-O) (25 runners)
1 **STEAMY** D J Murray Smith 11 3..... R Dunwoody
2 0 **AQUARIUS SPIRIT** W Musson 10 10..... C Smith
3 **BAMIAT** (NZ) S Cole 10 10..... V McKevitt
4 **BIG INJUN** B Preece 10 10..... R Stronge
7 **CAMBRIDGE CIRCUS** D Laing 10 10..... K Mooney
11 0 **DISCOVER GOLD** M Blanshard 10 10..... C Brown
12 **DONALD DAVIES** N Twisden-Davies 10 10..... Miss G Armytage (7)
16 0 **HADDAK** (USA) B Palling 10 10..... C Evans (7)
17 **HIERONYMOUS** M Pipe 10 10..... P Leach
19 04 **INVISIBLE RING** R Holder 10 10..... P Richards
20 **KARAMOUN** (USA) D Ancil 10 10..... G McCourt
21 222222 **KARNATAK** J Spearing 10 10..... S Smith Eccles
22 0 **KEYBOARD KIND** D A Wilson 10 10..... Steve Knight
24 **MR KEY** (USA) P Haynes 10 10..... R Rowe
25 **OBLIGED** S May 10 10..... S May
27 0 **REVENGED** D Tucker 10 10..... S McNeill
28 **SAM PETE** K Cunningham-Brown 10 10..... S Moore
29 **SULTAN ZAMAN** G Huffer 10 10..... J Barlow
30 **THE MOOCHE** D Elsworth 10 10..... R Arnott (7)
31 02 **WOODWAY** D Wintle 10 10..... R Hyett
35 **EMILY DE POMME** R Armytage 10 5..... A Webber
36 **MADAME DE COOMBE** W G Turner 10 5..... A Sharpe
42 **SUMMERHILL GOLD** Miss A Sinclair 10 5..... P Croucher (4)
43 **WHAT A POPSI** M Haynes 10 5..... A Wright (7)
44 **WOLVER PLUME** Peter Taylro 10 5..... P Barton
BLINKERS: 21
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Steamy, 9-2 Karnatak, 5-1 Invisible Ring, 6-1 The Mooche, 7-1 Woodway, 10-1 Keyboard King, 12-1 Hieronymus and Mr Key, 16-1 others.

1.30 YOUNGSTERS COND. JOCKEYS NOVICE SELLING HURDLE £700 2m (17 runners)

1 00040- **CHUMMY'S BOY** D Burchell 4 11 3..... G Burchall
8 P0-0004 **IN A DREAM** Mrs A Ratcliff 4 10 12..... G Charles-Jones
9 P04 **PAT ON THE BACK** G Blum 4 10 12..... G Charles-Jones

10 P0-0 **ROBERTS GIRL** R Hodges 4 10 12..... S Earle
12 03020-0 **SOLITAIRE** (BF) B Hicks 4 10 12..... N Coleman
13 P41 **RIX WOODCOCK** (C-D) G Kindersley 3 10 10..... P Croucher
14 00 **BROCHE** (FR) K Bishop 3 10 5..... S Mackey
16 F03 **HAVE YOU TIME** W Wharton 3 10 5..... N Fearn
18 P **KIDSWOOD** H O'Neill 3 10 5..... K Caplen
19 P **MARK KELLY** R Simpson 3 10 5..... J Duggan
21 0P0 **APRON BLUE** M O'Halloran 3 10 0..... R Muggelridge
25 PF **MY DITTY** D Weeden 3 10 0..... K Townsend
26 0 **REMAINDER GIRL** R Griffiths 3 10 0..... M Caswell
27 2 **SEDE** C Holmes 3 10 0..... K Burke
28 0 **SOCHER** A Ingham 3 10 0..... A Wright
31 02 **TENDER LOVE** (BF) A Ingham 3 10 0..... R Arnott
32 F0 **VALIANT DANCER** Peter Taylor 3 10 0..... R Lawson
BLINKERS: 8, 21

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Rix Woodcock, 7-2 Sedge, 5-1 Solitaire, 6-1 Tender Love, 8-1 Chummy's Boy, 10-1 Pat On The Back, 12-1 Have You Time and Mark Kelly, 16-1 others.

2.00 STONELEIGH HANDICAP CHASE £1,600

3m (10 runners)
1 30-0020 **FRED PILLINER** (D) M Scudamore 7 11 10..... M Williams
2 23B020- **WEST TIP** (D) M Oliver 7 11 6..... R Dunwoody
3 113-232 **CROSA** J C Fox 9 11 3..... S Moore
5 0PF-014 **PORT ASKAIG** (D)(BF) T Forster 9 10 12..... H Davies
6 1013-12 **NICKLE MOPPETT** J Webber 7 10 11..... A Webber
9 240P-0 **JACKO** (D) D Nicholson 12 10 10..... P Scudamore
10 40P2-11 **RUN AND SKIP** J Spearing 6 10 10 (7 ex)..... P Warner
14 12203P- **WOODLANDS LAD** P Pritchard 9 10 4..... P Dever
16 130-P23 **DIOKLIS** M Barraclough 6 10 0..... R Stronge
18 0PF-4PF **FINE LINE** J Wright 7 10 0..... J Bryan
BLINKERS: 16, 18

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Nickle Moppett, 3-1 Run And Skip, 4-1 Crosa, 11-2 Port Askaig, 7-1 Dioklis, 10-1 Fred Pilliner, 14-1 others.

2.30 SHIRLEY NOVICE CHASE DIV 2 £1,500

2m (12 runners)
5 0 **CANDY PARK** Mrs A Parkinson 5 11 4..... V McKevitt
8 0-00 **EASTER NIGHT** T Forster 6 11 4..... H Davies
15 0000-00 **LITTLE ROCK** D Nicholson 5 11 4..... P Scudamore
17 10F300- **MOLON LAVE** J Morse 7 11 4..... J Southern
19 4022F-P **ROADSTER** C Nash 8 11 4..... A Webber
24 002P4-P **SCALE THE HEIGHTS** P Duggins 5 11 4..... N Coleman
25 400/104 **SOVEREIGN ISLAND** Mrs A Finch 5 11 4..... M Harrington
27 **VENETIAN WARRIOR** M Pipe 8 11 4..... R Dennis (4)
28 013004 **VITINGO** C Holmes 5 11 4..... K Burke (7)
30 02-3 **FLAXEN TINA** J Webber 6 10 13..... G Mernagh
34 00-0000 **NUDGE NUDGE** S Mellor 4 10 7..... M Perrett
35 300-320 **TOUGH CUSTOMER** H Westbrook 4 10 7..... S Smith-Eccles
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Roadster, 3-1 Flaxen Tina, 6-1 Nudge Nudge, 8-1 Molon Lave, 10-1 Sovereign Island and Tough Customer, 12-1 Little Rock and Vitingo, 16-1 others.

3.00 HAMPTON NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £800

2m(3-Y-O) (25 runners)
2 UO **ARCHIE'S NEPHEW** J Thorne 10 10..... P Dever
3 **ASTON BANK** D Tucker 10 10..... S McNeill

DONCASTER

12.45 LOTTERY SELLING H'CAP CHASE £1,000

2m (3 runners)
5 042/R44 **JESTER'S NIGHT** R E Peacock 11 11 7..... P Tuck
6 00040-0 **NERO WOLF** O Brennan 7 11 5..... M Brennan
9 000P/3 **SPORTSMAN HACONBY** R Thompson 9 10 10..... D Chinn (7)
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Nero Wolf, 5-2 Sportsman Haconby, 7-2 Jester's Night.

1.15 SAUCY KIT NOVICE HURDLE £2,000

(3-Y-O) 2m 4f (12 runners)
3 1 **NOHALMDUN** M H Easterby 10 12..... D Dutton
4 13 **QUIET FALL** (BF) M J Camacho 10 12..... R O'Leary
6 0 **CHEERFUL DAYS** A Scott 10 7..... Mr T Reed (4)
8 0 **LOVE WALKED IN** W Holden 10 7..... R Linley
10 3 **OUT OF THE GLOOM** R Hollinshead 10 7..... J J O'Neill
11 00 **PERSHING** J P Leigh 10 7..... P Blackburn (7)
12 0 **PHAROAH'S TREASURE** C A Bell 10 7..... J H Davies
13 003 **SAVOIR VIVRE** M W Easterby 10 7..... P Tuck
15 0 **TABERNA LORD** D J Moorhead 10 7..... C Grant
16 0022 **WASSEM** (USA) J R Jenkins 10 7..... J Francome
20 30 **QUALITAIR PRINCESS** K Stone 10 2..... A Stringer
21 0 **TELECONGOLD** N Bycroft 10 2..... P A Charlton
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Out of The Gloom, 3-1 Wassem, 7-2 Nohalmdun, 6-1 Quiet Fall, 10-1 Pharoah's Treasure, 12-1 Savoir Vivre, 14-1 Qualitair Princess, 16-1 others.

1.45 RED ALLIGATOR HANDICAP CHASE £4,000

2m 4f (8 runners)
1 24210-0 **DON'T FORGET** (D) J Hanson 10 11 10..... K Whyte
2 321-141 **FAR BRIDGE** G B Balding 8 11 7 (7 ex)..... B Reilly
3 30111-2 **GOOD CRACK** (D) J Hanson 7 11 4..... C Pimlott
4 02142-3 **DIRECT LINE** (D)(BF) J G Fitzgerald 10 11 4..... R O'Leary
5 0012P1 **STAND BACK** (D) W A Stephenson 7 10 3 (4 ex)..... Mr P J Dun (4)
7 1-01032 **ARTIMARVAL** J W Blundell 11 10 0..... D Dutton
9 P-431UP **SEA SPLASH** (D) O Brennan 8 10 0..... M Brennan
11 21P-3F1 **PRESS GANG** (D) J S Wilson 9 10 0 (4 ex)..... A Stringer
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Direct Line, 7-2 Far Bridge, 9-2 Don't Forget, 6-1 Stand Back, 7-1 Good Crack, 8-1 Press Gang and Artimarval, 14-1 Sea Splash.

2.15 SEA PIGEON HANDICAP HURDLE £3,000

2m (11 runners)
2 110-012 **RHYTHMIC PASTIMES** (D) J R Jenkins 4 11 9..... J Francome
4 1/14131- **ARISTO TREAT** M J Lambert 5 10 13..... P A Charlton
6 0000-01 **ISHKOMANN** J L Spearing 5 10 12..... R Linley
7 121P4-0 **AMANTISS** J Hanson 6 10 8..... C Pimlott
8 1321-43 **TURI** (C-D) A Smith 5 10 7..... C Grant
9 00-3401 **COMEDY FAIR** M H Easterby 4 10 4 (6 ex)..... A Brown
11 0000F0- **EMANDAR** H Wharton 5 10 1..... P Tuck
12 0/001-00 **CYPRUS SKY** W Clay 7 10 1..... S J O'Neill
13 10 **STEEL VENTURE** M Ryan 5 10 0..... J McLaughlin
15 1221-04 **SWEET COLLEEN** M W Easterby 4 10 0..... A Dickman
17 10-0400 **TOMMY GUNNER** H Fleming 4 10 0..... D Oldham
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Rhythmic Pastimes, 4-1 Comedy Fair, 5-1 Turi, 6-1 Ishkomann and Sweet Colleen, 7-1 Aristo Treat, 12-1 Steel Venture, 16-1 Amantiss, 20-1 others.

2.45 MERRYMAN II NOVICE CHASE £1,600

3m (9 runners)
1 1P0300 **CALDWELL CASE** R W Swiers 9 11 1..... Mr M Sowersby (7)
4 00-0123 **WELFARE** G Richards 6 11 1..... J K Kinane
5 0-U2F20 **ANTIGUAN MOON** J W Blundell 6 10 10..... D Dutton
8 0303-00 **BLAKE** (FR) W Clay 7 10 10..... S J O'Neill
10 0P-4P0 **KERAGE** N Chamberlain 6 10 10..... S Keightley
14 P3 **POLOKI** G B Fairbairn 7 10 10..... T G Dun
15 140F-R4 **PRIDE O'FIFE** J A Edwards 6 10 10..... P Barton
19 00FF0P/ **COSMIC OCCASION** M G Reid 9 10 5..... P Carvill
21 42 **ZAMANDRA** J G Fitzgerald 9 10 5..... M Dwyer
BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Zamandra, 5-2 Welfare, 4-1 Antigua Moon, 7-1 Pride O'Fife, 12-1 Poloki, 14-1 Blake, 16-1 Caldwell Case, 20-1 others.

3.15 DOORNOCKER CONDIT'L JOCKEYS NOVICE HDLE £800 3m (8 runners)

4 0P **DAVIDSTOWN** D R Gandolfo 6 10 12..... J Hurst (5)
5 032/0- **EDGED GOLD** P Wigham 7 10 12..... J O'Gorman (5)
13 000-F2 **TWELTER** W A Stephenson 5 10 12..... S Turner (5)
14 03-003 **WHITLEY BURN** A Smith 5 10 12..... S Mitchell (5)
15 P000-00 **CONWAY GROVE** N Chamberlain 4 10 9..... A Quinn (5)
16 03 **EVEN DEEPER** J W Blundell 4 10 9..... P Corrigan
18 20-2214 **RIGTON SALLY** H Wharton 4 10 9..... J D Davies
21 0000-0P **PROUD OUTLOOK** P T Brookshaw 4 10 4..... J D Davies
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Rigton Sally, 3-1 Davidstown, 7-2 Even Deeper, 4-1 Twelter, 7-1 Whitley Burn, 16-1 Edged Gold, 20-1 others.

40 **CARO WOOD** M J Haynes 10 10..... H Davies
5 **CLASSIC OWEN** R Atkins 10 10..... R Atkins
6 **CONNAUGHT PRINCE** D Nicholson 10 10..... P Scudamore
7 040 **CORRAGARY** D Elsworth 10 10..... R Arnott (7)
8 **CORRIB MASTER** J S King 10 10..... S Smith-Eccles
9 00 **CROWFOOT'S COUTURE** B McMahon 10 10.....
11 F **FULL OF SPEED** H O'Neill 10 10..... M Hammond
12 **GASTRONOMIC** N T Davies 10 10..... Miss G Armytage (7)
14 **LUCIETES** F Jordan 10 10..... R Hyett
15 0 **MLAKUD** A Turnell 10 10..... Steve Knight
19 **MR GREGORY** (USA) G Balding 10 10..... J Burke
20 **NICE ONE ANDY** G Huffer 10 10..... R Dunwoody
24 **ROYAL CHARGE** (USA) D Wellcome 10 10..... M Bastard
25 **SHIELDAIG** P Cundell 10 10..... A Gorman
26 **THA** (USA) D Weeden 10 10.....
28 **WINTERS PLEASURE** D Bethell 10 10..... A Webber
33 0 **KABUTI** O O'Neill 10 5..... A Webb
34 **KILTDALEY** R Holder 10 5.....
35 32 **MONSOON** Peter Taylor 10 5..... P Barton
36 403 **MY AISLING** M Pipe 10 5..... P Leach
37 0 **RELKISHA** D Wintle 10 5..... A Carroll
39 **RUSSOLA** S Mellor 10 5..... M Perrett
42 **TITILLO** D Ancil 10 5..... G M'Court
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Tha, 100-30 My Aisling, 5-1 Shieldaig, 13-2 Mr Gregory, 8-1 Caro Wood, 10-1 Archie's Nephew, 12-1 Monsoon, 16-1 others.

3.30 UPTON H'CAP HURDLE £1,000

2m (24 runners)
2 4212-00 **JAYESS** (D) Mrs J Pitman 5 11 2..... Michael Rimmer (7)
4 004013 **SWEETCAL** (D) P D Cundell 7 11 5..... A Webber
5 010-024 **GOING BROKE** (BF) D J Smith 4 11 5..... P Leach
6 3111- **LORD CHANTICLEER** M C Pipe 4 11 4.....
9 02/1- **WEARMOUTH** (D) Mrs T Pilkington 8 11 1..... Mr A J Wilson
11 00-2400 **BROCKLEY BELLE** (D) C Spares 5 10 11..... G McCourt
12 000P-33 **LE LEVADOR** (D) Mrs R Lomax 5 10 4..... A Carroll
14 040-400 **APPLANTE** (D) R C Armytage 9 10 9..... Miss G Armytage (7)
15 F00001- **RUBERCOLA** M Scudamore 7 10 8..... M Williams
16 0000/00 **MAJESTIC BAY** M Dickinson 10 10 8..... J A Harris
18 B000-02 **AN-GO-LOOK** (D) M Scudamore 5 10 6..... P Scudamore
19 30-0103 **WINART** R J Hodges 6 10 6..... S Earle (7)
21 000-31P **QUALITAIR PRINCE** (C) M J Ryan 5 10 5..... R Campbell (4)
23 3310-03 **PIP** (D) B Stevens 4 10 5..... C Brown
24 00P-0 **BISHOP'S BLAIZE** P D Cundell 5 10 5..... R Rowe
25 030-a14F **BOLD ILLUSION** (D) M W Eckley 6 10 4..... W Morris (4)
26 0320-0U **CANTABILE** (D) Lady S Brooke 5 10 1..... R Hyett
27 13-0440 **SHOUT** J L Spearing 4 10 1..... A Webb
29 F00P22- **CHALET WALDEGG** D R Gandolfo 4 10 0..... M Harrington
32 300FFP- **DERWENT KING** (D) Mrs J Croft 7 10 0..... R Dickinson
33 **AVGERINOS** J P Smith 10 10 0..... N Fearn (7)
34 000U10- **BOBBING STAR** (D) B A McMahon 8 10 0.....
35 340442- **PRINCE'S DRIVE** (C-D) B Palling 6 10 0..... C Evans (7)
39 FRPP-PR **BIDDABLE** R J Hodges 5 10 0..... Peter Hobbs
BLINKERS: 14, 16
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 An-Go-Look, 4-1 Going Broke, 5-1 Lord Chanticleer, 7-1 Pip, 9-1 Sweetcal, 10-1 Jayess and Levador, 12-1 Wearmouth and Brockley Belle, 16-1 others.

Sports Line

HUGHES HOUNDED OUT



KIM HUGHES . . . The debate over his resignation rages

KIM HUGHES was 'dragged down like a dingo (wild dog)' from the captaincy of Australia's cricket team, according to former Australian Test captain Bill Lawry.

His remarks in Adelaide on Wednesday night fuelled the row over Hughes, who quit as captain in tears last month after winning only four of 28 Test matches.

Lawry, 47, sacked as captain in 1971 after 24 Tests and now a commentator, sprang to the defence of Hughes who has made no comment on his departure after a battering by critics.

He told a Rotary Club meeting in Adelaide: 'The demise of Kim Hughes in Brisbane in a manner that was equal to being dragged down like a dingo in the pack and devoured by your own, within and without, is a disgrace.'

Lawry went on to allege that brothers Ian and Greg Chappell, both former Australian captains, played a part in the downfall of Hughes.

Hughes, 30, lost the first two Tests against the touring West Indians. He was replaced by Allan Border who lost the third

Test three days ago.

Lawry criticised Greg Chappell for addressing the Australian team before last month's second Test in Brisbane, alleging he 'tore strips off the now former Australian captain.'

Comment

Lawry also criticised Ian Chappell, who as a commentator just before the Brisbane Test asked Hughes to comment on

the selection of leg-spinner Robert Holland.

But Greg Chappell responded yesterday, saying that in his talk to the team 'all I did was try to motivate them for the Brisbane Test'.

He added: 'To make accusations so far from the mark is typical of some of the comments that are being made by so-called experts without knowledge of what's going on; comments that are totally destructive and not the least in the

best interests of anybody.'

Hughes played in the third Test under Border and scored nought and two.

Formula

Australia's selectors are again striving to find a winning formula for the fourth Test against the West Indies starting in Melbourne on December 22.



VIV RICHARDS

Richards' chance to shine

BEFORE the start of the Test series between Australia and West Indies, Tasmanian captain Roger Woolley said he was looking forward to the state side's match against the touring team 'like a hole in the head'.

Since then the all-conquering West Indies have crushed Australia in the opening three Tests but Woolley is more philosophical about the four-day match that begins today.

'It's just a good opportunity for us to get some match practice,' he said.

This view is likely to be shared by members of the touring party pressing for a Test place and an out-of-touch Viv Richards.

The West Indies' master batsman, who is expected to skipper the side against Tasmania, has found runs unusually hard to come by on this tour. Richards can expect an easy-paced pitch at the Devonport Oval.

Pace

The touring team have such a wealth of pace bowlers that Winston Davis and Eldine Baptiste have had to kick their heels in the dressing room for a large part of the tour.

The West Indies have yet to name their team but both Davis and Baptiste, a regular in the Test series against England earlier this year, are almost certain to be included.

The opportunity for an extra look at the West Indian bowling on home turf is likely to be seized by Tasmania's favourite cricket son, David Boon.

After failing to capitalise on promising starts he made in three of four Test innings, Boon needs a useful score to confirm his place in the Australian side.

A knee strain he suffered in the third Test limited his movement and Woolley said it was still not known if Boon had fully recovered.

MAGRI'S TITLE DATE

BY A BOXING CORRESPONDENT

CHARLIE MAGRI gets a chance to regain the WBC flyweight title at the Alexandra Pavilion, north London, on February 20.

Only the formalities remain to be completed after a meeting yesterday between Magri's manager Terry Lawless and promoter Frank Warren, who announced earlier this week that he had come to an agreement

with the reigning champion Sot Chitalada of Thailand to bring his title to London for a sum in excess of £80,000.

Fighters

It will be the first voluntary business deal involving the new promoter Warren and one of Lawless's fighters, although Mark Kaylor boxed Roy

Gumbs for the middleweight championship last year on a Warren promotion after Warren won the right to stage it on a competitive purse offer.

The only condition to be fulfilled before Magri signs up is that Warren must produce the Champion's signature on the contract within 21 days.

Lawless said yesterday

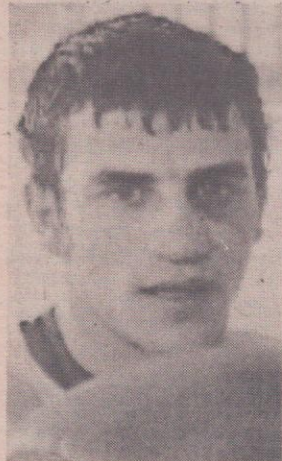
he had told Mike Barrett, with whom he has a contractual arrangement, that Magri would fight Chitalada for whichever promoter came up first with the champion's agreement. Warren already has this, according to his statement at the beginning of the week.

Offer

The cash offer which Magri has accepted is not being disclosed, although

Warren has already said that it will be more than Magri earned for his first world title fight — £25,000 — in March 1983 when he took the crown from Elioncio Mercedes.

This was on a Barrett promotion at Wembley and Magri lost the championship in the same ring six months later when he was stopped by Frank Cedenio. His only fight since then was to regain the European title earlier this year.



CHARLIE MAGRI

Colin in his own back yard

WHATEVER other problems he may have to face when he meets Don Curry for the world welterweight title at the National Exhibition Centre on January 19, there is one thing Colin Jones will not have to worry about.

It will not be 110°F in the shade, as it was last time he fought for the championship, in Las Vegas in August 1983.

The second instalment of Jones v Milton McCrory for the WBC version of the title was certainly not staged for the good of the fighters' health.

Whoever dreamed up the idea of putting it on out of doors at two o'clock in the afternoon in the well-known desert heat of Nevada should have been sentenced to three laps of the Caesars Palace car park, carrying rifle and full pack.

But the show must go on, especially when television is paying, so Jones and McCrory battled it out for 12 rounds with Jones losing a split points decision and who knows how much in pounds and ounces.

The Curry fight in Birmingham goes on in the depths of an English winter and there could not be any greater contrast either in the style of the opposition Jones will be taking on.

Speed

Whereas McCrory was a tall, gangling man capable of achieving remarkable speed in reverse gear, and so negative that even his own supporters booed him, Curry is a

solid strong-armed man who comes to fight, as they say in the trade.

Having spent 24 rounds, 12 in Reno and 12 in Las Vegas, trying to find the elusive McCrory, Jones points out with relief that he will not have to go looking for Curry. Equally, Curry will not have to go looking for Jones.

'I'm pretty confident' says the Welshman but admits that it may be case of who gets the big one in first. 'I shan't back off and I'm sure he won't.'

As official No.1 contender for the WBC version of the title, Jones could have fought McCrory again. Though he might have been obliged to wait until March, and would certainly have had to go back to the United States

for the third time in a row.

That is another reason for taking on the WBA champion, instead, plus the fact that Jones, rightly or wrongly, believes that Curry is more likely to fall for the big punch than McCrory.

Brink

Having had McCrory on the brink in both previous occasions without being able to nail him, the Welshman believes that a change of chin plus a change of scenery may do the trick.

The fight looks a certain sell-out. Nearly 9,000 of the 11,600 seats have already been snapped up, and the demand in Wales has been enormous.



COLIN JONES . . . The NEC will suit him

Sports Line

WBA CHASE LONDON HAT-TRICK



STEVE HUNT . . . West Brom will miss him at Arsenal

FAST-IMPROVING West Bromwich will try to ruin the First Division's best home record when they go to Arsenal tomorrow.

Johnny Giles' team have climbed into the top six by losing only one of their last seven League matches, while most of the other Championship contenders have been going through indifferent spells.

Arsenal themselves have lost some of their early-season sparkle but their home form has been good enough to keep them within two points of leaders Everton.

West Bromwich's two away wins this season have both been in London — at Tottenham and West Ham — and their last visit to Highbury was also successful.

Derek Monaghan scored the only goal of the game to inflict upon Arsenal a home defeat that accelerated the departure of Terry Neill, who was replaced as manager by Don Howe exactly a year ago.

The West Bromwich managership has also changed since then, with Giles succeeding Ron Wylie in February this year.

Giles has made many alterations, and Garry Thompson and Steve

MacKenzie are likely to be the only survivors from the team that won at Arsenal 12 months ago.

One of the best signings made by Giles was Steve Hunt but the England midfielder player will not be available because he is starting a two-match suspension.

Howe must decide whether to recall Pat Jennings and Charlie Nicholas, who have been out of favour for two matches.

Leadership

Everton have clung to the leadership despite failing to win their last three matches and will be looking for a return to winning ways against Nottingham Forest at Goodison Park.

Goals are likely to be

plentiful at Vicarage Road, where Watford hope to continue their revival at the expense of second-placed Tottenham.

Sheffield Wednesday have plenty of problems as they prepare for their visit to West Ham. Brian Marwood and Chris Morris have stomach upsets, Peter Shirliff has swollen glands and Imre Varadi and Gary Shelton have also been under treatment.

Liverpool, recovering from the round-the-world trip to Tokyo for their unsuccessful attempt to win the World Club Championship, are worried that Mark Lawrenson may not be fit to face Aston Villa.

Lawrenson missed the 1-0 defeat by Independiente with a hamstring



MARK LAWRENSON

strain and is still struggling to overcome the injury.

Southampton will be looking to extend their remarkable club record run of 14 unbeaten League games at Coventry, who have managed only one win in six matches.

Stoke, on the other hand, will be delighted if their present run comes to an end. The bottom-of-the-table club have suffered ten successive defeats but will not expect much joy at Chelsea.

In the Second Division, leaders Oxford travel to third-placed Barnsley, where they must live-up to their new title of 'team of the year'.

McEnroe injury improves

JOHN McENROE, still bothered by tendinitis in his left wrist, yesterday left for Gothenburg to prepare for next week's Davis Cup tennis final against Sweden.

'The wrist problem is still there, but I guess it is getting better,' said the Wimbledon and US Open champion.

'I had some X-rays but they didn't find anything. I think it is something I can work out.'

McEnroe's injury followed a three-week suspension he incurred for going over the \$7,500 fines limit for the year on his way to victory over Sweden's Mats Wilander in the Stockholm Open final in October.

He has not played in a tournament since but said: 'I think if we play well we should win.'

McEnroe, who holds an American Davis Cup singles record of 34 wins and five defeats, added: 'I don't feel I am out of it match-wise. I have played plenty



JOHN McENROE

BY A TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

of matches over the years and I think I can get right into it as long as I am prepared mentally and physically.'

● THE TOP three seeds safely reached the quarter-final of the Tokyo women's open tennis tournament yesterday but all complained about the synthetic indoor court after their second-round matches.

Touch

Top seed Claudia Kohde of West Germany, who beat unseeded American Camille Benjamin 1-6 6-3 6-2, said: 'I couldn't find my touch because the ball bounced strangely.'

Kohde had a shaky start,

often missing her shots on the fast synthetic grass surface and failing to hold serve until the fourth game.

'I need more time to get used to the court. It is very fast, but the surface is sticky and difficult to run on,' she added.

Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, the No.2 seed, and third-seeded Czech Helena Sukova also found the court hard to read.

The 17-year-old Maleeva, who beat American Terry Phelps 6-3 3-6 6-0, told reporters: 'It is a very difficult court. The ball bounces oddly and I cannot anticipate its direction.'

Sukova, who ended world champion Martina Navratilova's hopes of a record seventh Grand Slam title in the Australian Open last week, yesterday beat Elizabeth Smylie of Australia 6-7 6-1 6-2.

Stapleton sparkles again

FRANK STAPLETON was given a massive injection of confidence yesterday by manager Ron Atkinson after helping put Manchester United into the last eight of the UEFA cup.

Republic of Ireland striker Stapleton, fully recovered from a summer knee operation, was singled-out by Atkinson as the star of Wednesday night's 3-2 third round win at Dundee United.

'Stapleton was magnificent', enthused Atkinson, whose side triumphed 5-4 on aggregate. 'That's as well as I've seen him play for two years. He battled, had the quality and came back and did a defensive job when required.'

Stapleton, preferred to Norman Whiteside, alongside Mark Hughes, was kept waiting until shortly before the kick-off to discover whether he was playing.

Selection

His performance certainly confirmed that Atkinson made the right selection. 'It was a great team effort. We proved that we are not a soft touch, and the players showed commitment and dedication,' he said.

United have been guilty of throwing away first half leads in recent

matches, and Atkinson added: 'The result is a great lift for the team and fans, and it compensates for our performance against Sunderland and Nottingham Forest.'

'We knew the size of the task. We had to deal with a million long balls and a referee who, maybe, was a bit more generous to the home side. We settled into a pattern and could have been 3-1 up at half time.'

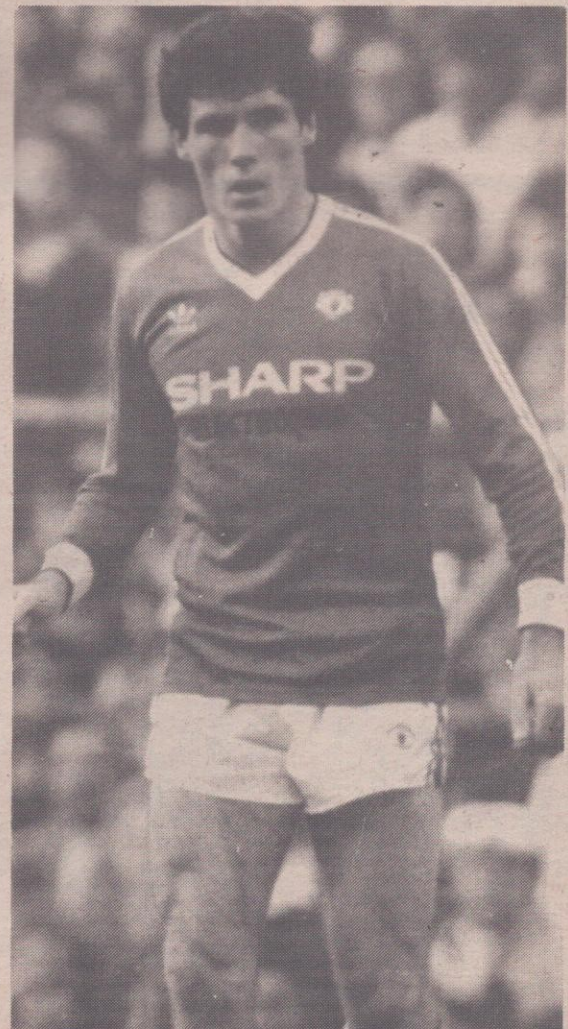
Mark Hughes gave Atkinson's men the lead after 12 minutes, following a disastrous mistake by David Narey.

Davie Dodds hauled Dundee United back into contention 14 minutes later but then Gary McGinnis headed past his own goal keeper.

Once again Dundee United responded. Paul Hegarty equalised after 56 minutes.

At that point, the Scots had lost their away goals advantage.

When Arnold Muhren beat Hamish McAlpine with a deflected volley after 77 minutes, there was no way back.



FRANK STAPLETON . . . Back in form for United

Meet two columnists TOMORROW



PAUL DAVIS



GARY WADDOCK

ARSENAL take on the fast-improving West Brom tomorrow at Highbury. PAUL DAVIS brings you all the latest news from inside Highbury.

QUEEN'S Park Rangers' Gary Waddock will also be talking to our readers for the first time since manager Alan Mullery left the club and in the wake of their fine 4-0 Milk Cup victory over Southampton on Wednesday night.

NEW YEAR

FROM OUR SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

GLASGOW CELTIC will spend an anxious Christmas and New Year before learning their fate after Wednesday night's incidents at Old Trafford.

A ban from all European competitions for at least two seasons was the dark prospect that Celtic appeared almost resigned to yesterday.

Severe punishment is inevitable when UEFA, soccer's European governing body, meet to discuss the case in Zurich on January 17.

Commenting on the two assaults on Rapid Vienna players in Wednesday night's Cup winners' Cup third round, second leg, replay a UEFA official said yesterday: 'We have no records to show that anything like this has happened before.'

'No one can recall a player being attacked by a fan during a UEFA match.'

It is believed unlikely that UEFA will be moderate in their disciplinary action because the supporters who got over Old Trafford's 12-foot fences had English addresses.

BLUES!

Celtic wait for UEFA decision

'We tried everything we knew to prevent trouble,' said an extremely saddened Desmond White, the Celtic chairman, last night.

'Obviously I cannot pre-empt any action UEFA might take. The sad thing is that 99.9 per cent of our supporters were well behaved, but we are not judged by them. Rather we are judged by the others.'

Assault

The first assault was on goalkeeper Herbert Feuer, pushed and punched by a Coventry-based fan who raced onto the pitch.

Then, just after the final whistle, as the Austrians celebrated their victory 4-1 on aggregate, goal scorer Peter Pacult was attacked as he approached the tunnel.

A third supporter also climbed the fencing, but was stopped by police before he could get on the pitch.

Wednesday night's defeat for Celtic by one goal was a replay ordered by UEFA following the second leg in Glasgow at which Celtic had won 3-0 to climb closer to the UEFA final.

The crowd trouble at that game cost Celtic £4,000 in fines. But the latest fracas will cost the club even more.

A European ban would deny Celtic's promising young players the chance of experience at a crucial level. And for the club itself, missing out on the chances of good runs in Europe could mean the loss of millions of pounds.

White yesterday repeated the defence of his club's decision to agree to the replay. There had been strong advice from some quarters for Celtic to pull out of the competition in protest over the replay being ordered.

'Our players deserved the chance to go through, for all their efforts, and that is a decision I must stand by,' said White.

Tragedy

Billy McNeill, the former Celtic player and manager, now boss of Manchester City, commented after watching the game: 'The problem is that the game should never have been replayed. It is a tragedy for the club.'

Jim Farry, secretary of the Scottish Football League said: 'It would be

wrong of me to speculate on Celtic's future in Europe. With the recent reasonings by UEFA, who would speculate?'

In 1976 UEFA had to deal with a similar case after a fan had run onto the field of play in Madrid's giant Bernabau stadium during a European Champions' Cup semi-final match between Real and Bayern Munich.

Then, the Austrian referee officiating and the West German striker Gerd Mueller were attacked.

At the time UEFA regarded the incident as a 'particularly grave offence' and banned Real Madrid for a year.

On appeal the suspension was lifted and the Spaniards ordered to play their next three home ties at least 300 kilometres away from Madrid.

Celtic can only hope that the unpredictable bureaucrats from Berne will show the same tolerance when they discuss what action to take next month.

Meanwhile, in Glasgow last night, Celtic were counting the cost of their exit from the competition, thought to be worth £250,000 approximately per round.

Final

White said that the semi-finals would have been worth 'as much as £500,000 and much more for a final appearance.'

He added: 'That is big money by Scottish standards and cash that we need to keep hold of players and to compete in the transfer market.'

Hatter Harford

STRIKER Mick Harford yesterday completed a £250,000 transfer from Birmingham to Luton and hopes to make his debut for them in their First Division clash against Leicester tomorrow.

But he has a foot injury which has kept him out of the Birmingham side for a fortnight and a decision on his fitness will not be taken until later today.

Luton, struggling to avoid relegation, have now spent £400,000 on players in the past fortnight, having already bought defender Steve Foster and midfielder David Preece.

Birmingham immediately invested £50,000 in Coventry midfielder player Nicky Platnauer. The club made close to £200,000 profit on Harford's two years at St. Andrews after he signed from Bristol City for £15,000. He has not played for them for the past five weeks because of his injury.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

(7.30p.m. Kickoff)

DIVISION II

Middlesbrough v Shrewsbury.....

DIVISION III

Doncaster v Wigan.....

DIVISION IV

Stockport v Chester.....

SECOND TEST IN DELHI

Robinson lifts England

NEW BOYS Tim Robinson and Richard Ellison led the way as England retained hopes of success against India in the second Test at Delhi yesterday.

At the end of the second day, England were 107 for two in reply to India's 307 all out. The tourists still require 201 more for a first innings lead and to ensure they do not go two down in the series after losing by eight wickets in Bombay.

But if England can knock off those arrears when play resumes on Saturday — today is a rest day — then build a lead, India could struggle batting a second time on a wicket that is expected to break up.

To bat throughout the third day England need only take a leaf out of Robinson's book. Yesterday, in only his second Test, he made a very careful 53 not out.

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

It may not be exhilarating to watch, but a sheet anchor at one end will give England's more flamboyant stroke-makers a platform from which to increase the pace tomorrow.

Although Graeme Fowler and Mike Gatting have already departed, Allan Lamb and David Gower still have power to act.

Lamb has already spent 90 minutes making 12 and sorting out his personal problems against the Indian spinners. Gower, because he 'felt like it', has moved himself down to bat at five in this match.

Before Robinson began to launch an impressive campaign to partner Graham Gooch against the Australians next summer, the second day belonged to Ellison.

After his miserable first Test in Bombay, where he scored nought and one and conceded 85 runs without taking a wicket, there were doubts whether he would play in Delhi.

On Wednesday he had dismissed Sunil Gavaskar with his third ball of the match and yesterday added three more victims to finish with four for 66, his best figures for England.

Unfortunately a last wicket stand of 49 between Laxman Sivaramakrishnan and Shivalal Yadav stretched India's total beyond 300 but Ellison could not hide his personal pleasure.

He said: 'It has done me the world of good. Getting Gavaskar early on the first morning and Kapil Dev early today gave me confidence.'

'I started to run in and felt strong and it's nice that the record book shows I bowled well.'

'I wouldn't say my confidence was low after Bombay, but I must thank the captain for keeping faith in me with the new ball.'

SCORECARD

OVERNIGHT: India 1st innings 208 for six (Kapil Dev 60 not out)

INDIA 1st innings cont: Kapil Dev c Downton b Ellison 60

Kirmani c Gatting b Ellison 27
Prabhakar c Downton b Ellison 25

Yadav n.o..... 28

Sivaramakrishnan n.o..... 25

EXTRAS..... 15

TOTAL 307

FALL: 7-208, 8-235, 9-258

BOWLING: Cowans 20-5-70-0; Ellison 26-6-66-4; Edmonds 44.2-16-83-2; Pocock 33-8-70-3; Gatting 2-0-5-0

ENGLAND 1st innings

Fowler c Gaekwad b Prabhakar 5

Robinson n.o..... 53

Gatting b Yadav..... 26

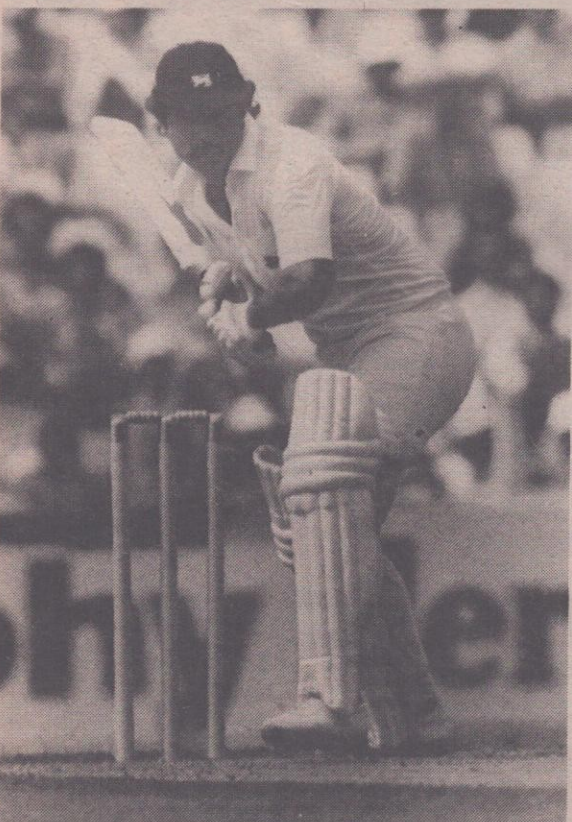
Lamb n.o..... 12

EXTRAS..... 11

TOTAL (2 wks) 107

FALL: 1-15, 2-60

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-2-20-0; Prabhakar 8-2-24-1; Sivaramakrishnan 10-5-13-0; Yadav 12-2-34-1; Shastri 6-2-6-0



ALLAN LAMB . . . The chance to shine for England at last on the tour