

Scargill tells TUC chiefs



STOP UNDERMINING PIT FIGHT

TUC LEADERS should stop undermining the miners' fight for jobs and mobilise industrial action, NUM president Arthur Scargill said last night.

Scargill's rebuke to the TUC came only hours after its seven-man committee declared to Tory Energy Secretary Peter Wal-

ker that they want the miners to go back to work now and start talks about pit closures later.

The NUM president, addressing a packed rally in Grimethorpe, Yorkshire, said:

'Instead of trying to talk to people like Walker, start implementing policies with the unions in power and steel.'

He added: 'We don't

want the TUC or anyone else to go along and argue a case that effectively undermines the arguments of the NUM. We want the decisions of the TUC conference in September putting into practical effect.'

Earlier in the day, Scargill repeated his insistence that the NCB had to withdraw its pit closure programme, keep open five named pits and abide by the Plan for Coal.

'We want to see nego-

tiations. But we don't want to see a settlement of this dispute that represents a sell-out.'

The TUC proposed that discussions on so-called uneconomic pits should take place after a return to work.

Details of the TUC's plan for betrayal emerged after the 90 minute meeting at the Department of Energy headquarters in London.

The latest disclosures by the TUC are the sharpest confirmation of the warnings made by News Line of the TUC's attempts to deliver a 1926 defeat — having refused to deliver any industrial support to the NUM.

But Walker, replying on behalf of Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship, rejected the TUC plan. The government is intent on the complete destruction of the NUM as a step to the creation of a slave wage economy.

Walker told the TUC that because there was no 'change of attitude' by the NUM, 'there is no point in further talks'.

Attack

He added a personal attack on Scargill, who he said had broken the 'traditions' of the trade union movement by refusing to back down on his fundamental demands.

TUC general secretary Norman Willis said after hearing Walker's rejection of their plan: 'I am bound to say we are disappointed.'

The meeting was also attended by Employment Secretary Tom King. All seven of the TUC miners' liaison group were present: Willis, David Bassett (GMBATU), Jack Eccles (GMBATU and TUC chairman), Gerry Russell (AUEW), Ray Buckton (ASLEF), Moss Evans (T&GWU) and Bill Keys (SOGAT).

During the meeting, Willis told Walker that the seven were prepared to put pressure on the

NUM to go back to work on the basis of further talks on a revised Plan for Coal.

The TUC said no pre-conditions would be asked of either the Coal Board or the government on the question of pit closures on economic grounds.

The Coal Board should merely 'not proceed' with the March 6 closure plan, and keep open — for the time being at least — the five pits immediately threatened.

After nine months acting as a hostile barrier to any industrial support for the miners, the TUC



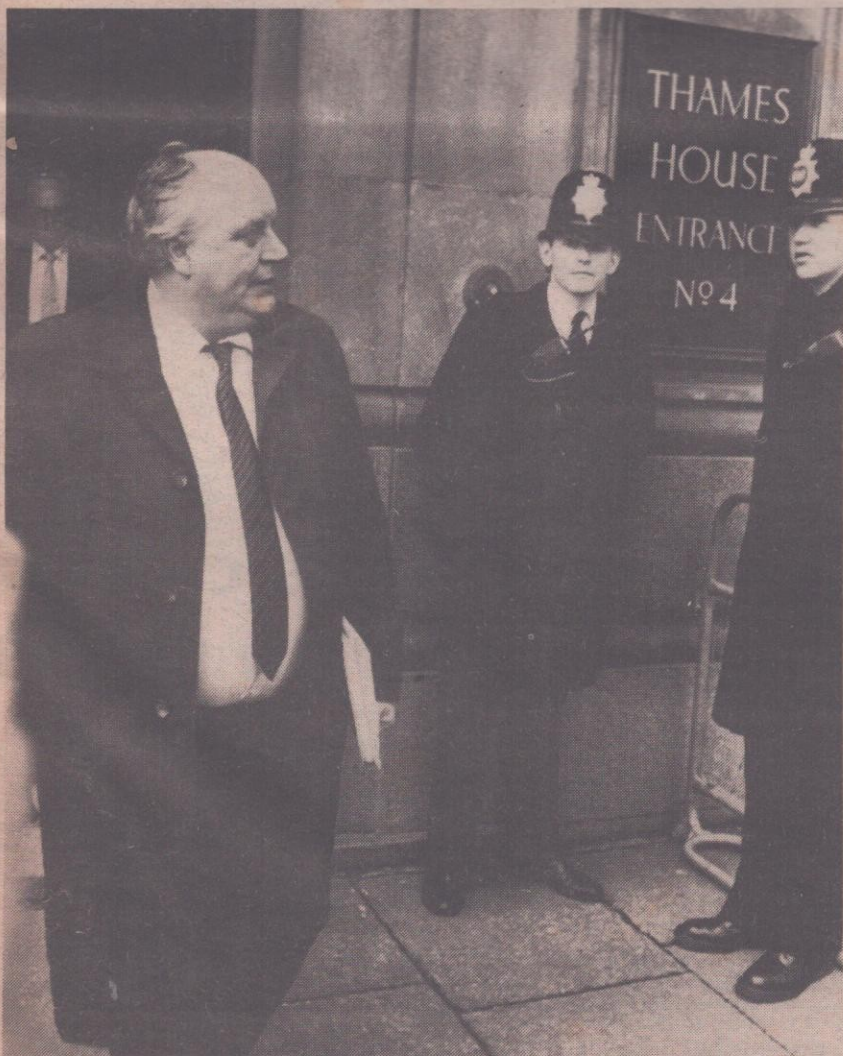
WALKER

have now come out in the open with their plan to try and deliver the miners to the government on a sacrificial platter.

The move shows the increasing fear and desperation of the TUC in its attempts to subordinate the trade union movement to the capitalist state and the corporatist demands of the Thatcher government.

The defiant struggle of the miners has flushed the TUC bureaucracy into the open, and poses the immediate organisation of the General Strike in support of the miners and in defence of all trade unions.

All those unions which support the miners must join them on strike and answer Scargill's call for action now.



TUC general secretary Norman Willis leaving the Energy Department after meeting Tory Energy Secretary Peter Walker yesterday

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Israeli troops raid Lebanese villages

BEIRUT — Three people have been killed, 21 injured and 135 detained in Israeli army raids on Shi'ite Muslim villages in south Lebanon.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami yesterday condemned the raids, describing them as 'inhuman and fascist practices' and said his government was considering a protest at the United Nations.

The raids were the first major military operation against Lebanese resistance to the Zionist occupation army since the Israeli air force resumed raids on the Bekaa Valley last October.

It coincides with Israeli troop movements beyond their frontline at the Awali River close to the Kharoub region on the outskirts of Beirut. They are reported to have moved at least three miles north.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli army said two people were dead and they had arrested 30 suspects.

Beirut radio said protest sit-ins were taking place at mosques and

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

churches throughout the south after a call on Thursday night by Shi'ite Muslim Leader Nabih Berri for demonstrations against 'this new Israeli crime'.

Berri, leader of the Shi'ite Amal militia and Minister for south Lebanon in the Rashid Karami government of national unity, has called for a general strike in the Israeli-occupied region today.

Israeli military officers in the southern city of Sidon said one of their soldiers was wounded

when a patrol came under fire near the city yesterday.

Sources in the south confirmed the Beirut radio casualty and detention toll. They said tension was high in the region since the raids began on Thursday.

Battalion

The operation was carried out by an Israeli mechanised battalion of about 40 armoured vehicles and 600 men, backed up by up to 200 plainclothes agents.

All said the dead villagers and some of the injured had bullet wounds.

Many had suffered broken limbs and similar injuries as they fled in terror when the Israeli troops opened fire.

The Israelis had also blown up a house in the village of Maarakeh, according to witnesses.

An officer of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said an Israeli soldier had shot at a French UNIFIL soldier at his post on a rooftop in Yanuh, one of the seven Shi'ite villages raided. He had returned the fire.

UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel said at his headquarters in the village of Naqoura, south Lebanon, that the UNIFIL-patrolled territory

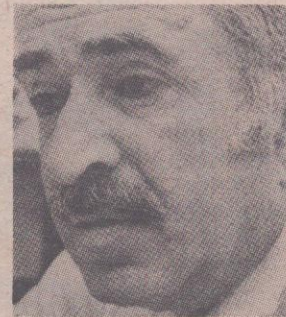
was surrounded and searched by the Israelis.

French troops of the 5,200-strong UN forces are deployed in the area east of Tyre but did not stop the raids.

Incidents

The UNIFIL troops moved into Bityas, Toura and Burj Rahhal, where the worst incidents occurred on Thursday night, after the Israeli troops had moved out.

The Israeli military is believed also to have raided an eighth village, Sarafand, which lies north of the UNIFIL area.



RASHID KARAMI



NABIH BERRI

Prices soar despite 'freeze'

TEL AVIV — Prices soared by an average of 19.5 per cent in Israel and inflation remained at an annual rate of 800 per cent last month despite a wages and prices 'freeze'.

It has cost the Israeli regime about \$130 million weekly in printed money to maintain subsidies and keep the freeze going for the past four weeks.

Some food items, such as fruit and vegetables, not covered by the freeze have been the hardest hit. Dollar contracts signed before November 4, when the freeze became effective, are also excluded.

As a result, the dollar has risen rapidly to the value of 604 shekels, compared with 527 last month.

Alarmed at the hopelessness of the economy, the government is pressing Washington to double its aid package to about \$5 billion next year but have been told to cut spending drastically and suspend subsidies before such a request is considered.

Israel continues to remain the most heavily subsidised ally of US imperialism. Prime Minister Shimon Peres has agreed to cut next year's budget by several million dollars but the target of \$1.5 billion is still far away.

In Tel Aviv, however, ministers and leaders of the corporate trade union federation Histadrut claimed the freeze was beginning to work. They said last month was the first time since August that the monthly inflation rate remained below the 20 per cent level.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai, who vehemently opposed Peres on key aspects of the freeze, said the December inflation rate would be significantly lower.

Many economic advisers and government officers say the freeze cannot continue unaltered.

Pay claim

HEALTH workers in the local government union NALGO have decided to put in a pay claim for £8 more per week at a meeting yesterday.

Delegates representing 80,000 NALGO health workers voted for the flat-rate claim plus a percentage increase to off-set inflation and a shorter working week.

Amendments calling for a flat rate £15 and £20 a week pay increase were narrowly defeated.

People forced to spy on IRA — lawyers claim

A GROUP of lawyers in the North of Ireland claimed yesterday that the RUC had forced innocent people to spy on the IRA.

The 18 solicitors said those involved were threatened with being charged with serious offences or identified to Republicans unless they

turned informer.

The RUC refused to comment on the allegations.

In a statement the solicitors said: 'The full extent of this problem cannot by its very nature be known but we can be very sure that there are many tortured innocent minds wondering

from where the next knock will come.'

The statement continued: 'The RUC does not have the power to press-gang innocent people into its "espionage" flock.'

Also in Belfast yesterday a British soldier was jailed for life for murdering pop group manager Thomas Reilly in August 1982.

Private Ian Thain is the first soldier to be convicted of murder in the six counties while on duty.

Thain shot Reilly in the back as he ran along a road on the anniversary of internment.

He denied the murder saying he thought Reilly was armed at the time and he fired in self defence.

But the Judge described the claim as 'astonishing' and said he was satisfied that the defence has been concocted since the shooting.

TORY plans to change the rules on benefit payments to people living in board and lodgings could mean a choice between starvation or the streets, according to Shelter.

The changes, which were debated in the Commons yesterday, could mean a couple with two children being expected to find bed and breakfast accommodation for as little as £17.00 per week.

Shelter accused the Tories of proposing changes that would herald the return of 'Victorian poor law principles'.

The housing group says some people will be forced to go without food to keep a roof over their heads.

The proposals were attacked in the Commons

by shadow health minister Michael Meacher.

He said they would increase homelessness, divide families and worsen the living conditions of some of the poorest and most vulnerable members of society.

Contempt

During the debate the Tory MP for Derbyshire South, Edwina Currie, made clear the Tories' contempt for the homeless, and especially homeless youth. She said a large number of them had homes to go to.

'It is not right and proper that they should be unemployed and perhaps enjoying themselves prancing around on the beaches in other MP's

constituencies.

'I think we have to be cruel to be kind,' she added.

Under the new regulations homeless claimants without children would be forced to live within their own DHSS office area.

Meacher said this would signal a return to 'the parish relief of the Elizabethan poor law era when the poor were hounded from parish to parish.'

He then said the Tories would be remembered for a 'rancorous and hard-nosed spitefulness towards the disadvantaged and poor'.

Housing minister Ian Gow announced an inquiry into the use of bed and breakfast accommodation to house the homeless.

Gorbachev meets Thatcher today

SOVIET Politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev arrives in London today to meet Prime Minister Thatcher at Chequers tomorrow.

The week-long visit is at the invitation of the Inter-Parliamentary Union but Thatcher has accorded it official status and the Foreign Office has ranked it second only to that of Gromyko's 10 years ago, the late Alexei Kosygin's in 1967 and that of Nikita Khrushchev's almost 30 years ago.

Gorbachev will also

meet Foreign Minister, Sir Geoffrey Howe.

No dramatic result is expected from the week-long visit but it represents an attempt to strengthen secret diplomacy between the Tory regime and the Stalinist bureaucracy in Moscow.

Foreign Office spokesmen have strenuously denied Thatcher will be preparing the ground for the January talks in Geneva between US Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

But they said she would be acting as 'interlocutor', principally putting the British and west European point of view on the nuclear arms race.

Although Gorbachev, chairman of the Soviet parliamentary foreign affairs commission, does not hold a government post, membership of the Politburo gives him effective Cabinet ranking.

His visit will include a trip to the Cowley car plant in Oxford, a tour of Edinburgh and sight-seeing in London.

Judge clears way for scabs

A JUDGE yesterday cleared the way for scabs to hold NUM leaders personally responsible for the £200,000 contempt of court fine.

Mr Justice Vinelott ruled that Derbyshire area leaders had improperly spent union funds and were liable in law.

Although he declined to order secretary Gordon Butler and treasurer John Burroughs to pay more than £1.7 million, he continued injunctions banning the area union from further spending.

Such payments, he ruled, were beyond the powers of

the union because the strike in the Derbyshire area had been declared unlawful.

The judge ruled against an argument by the area union that the two scabs who brought the action were, as individuals, not entitled to do so.

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His decision on that point is seen as a test case ruling which could have a bearing on the pending action by scabs to make Arthur Scargill and the executive liable to pay the union's contempt fine.

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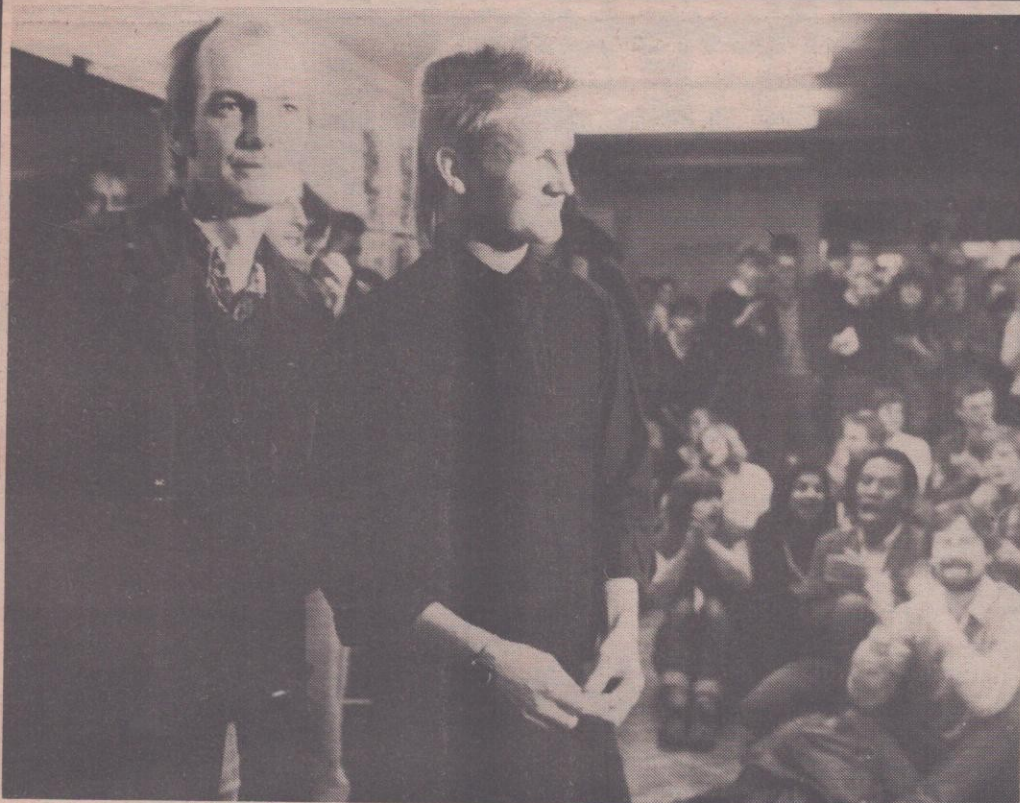
Thatcher proceeds with her plan to close local councils and thereby destroying vital services and thousands of jobs. This is in line with the all-out attack against the trade unions which is carried out relentlessly.

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John Leatham and Steve Tasane welcomed by PNL students yesterday after their release from jail



National Front student organiser Patrick Harrington walking into the Marlborough building early yesterday

Released students pledge to fight on

THE two students jailed for defying a court injunction not to picket a National Front member said after their release yesterday that they will continue their fight.

Steve Tasane and John Leatham were imprisoned two weeks ago when they said they would continue picketing to prevent the entry of NF student organiser Patrick Harrington to lectures at North London Polytechnic.

Over 100 students wel-

BY PENNY BLOOR

comed Leatham and Tasane at a special reception at the poly's Kentish Town site.

Picket

The students had earlier kept to their regular Friday picket against Harrington at the Marlborough building of the poly, where he attends lectures alone.

No arrests were made but dozens of police were present, including a number in plain clothes.

The students cheered

as Leatham and Tasane thanked them for their support and backing during their time in prison.

'I am very proud to have known you and been part of this campaign,' Leatham told them. He described how he had been able to hear students demonstrating outside Pentonville prison last Tuesday week and how other prisoners had also heard and supported their protest.

'We've vindicated ourselves and the reason why we started this campaign in the first place.

Here we are at the end of nine months, still determined.

'There is no way now after everything we have been through that we are going to back down over our demand for no Nazis on campus.

Victory

'The fact that they locked two people up is in no way a defeat. It was a victory because it had totally the opposite effect to what they intended.'

Tasane told them: 'You increased our strength to get through it and we are going to win.'

He later told News Line: 'I still feel the same. My principles mean that I would do it again. The way things have gone it was definitely been worth it anyway.'

'Basically the support has at least doubled since we were sent down.'

'The director has resigned and it looks as though Harrington is going to get suspended at least, if not expelled.'

Tasane's older brother Nigel commented: 'I think what Steve did was right. I don't think there can be any let-up in the fight against Nazism and fascism.'

The students also heard that donations of £5,000 each to the miners' strike fund and the Ethiopia Famine Fund, decided at a union meeting last Wednesday, had now been made, in defiance of injunctions from the Attorney General.

● SHEILA Brown, principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, and former senior chief inspector HMI, has accepted an invitation to chair the independent committee of inquiry looking into the internal management and organisation of PNL.

● HARRINGTON was yesterday due to go before a disciplinary hearing at PNL over remarks he made on TV. He is alleged to have broken poly rules by claiming that only citizens have civil liberties and that black people, in his view, cannot be citizens of this country.

WEATHER

WESTERN districts will be rather cloudy with showers, some of which will be heavy, but also with some sunny intervals. Southeast England and East Anglia will start cloudy with a little rain in places. Remaining parts will have sunny periods with isolated showers. Temperatures will be generally near normal.

Outlook for next 48 hours: Showers in the west. Mainly dry, but with overnight fog and frost.

Call for CP leader to resign

A PUBLIC call for the resignation of Communist Party general secretary Gordon McLennan has come from members working in Fleet Street.

The shattering of the Stalinist party into openly warring factions follows the suspension by McLennan and the executive committee of 22 London district committee members.

They were charged with refusing to accept a decision to shut down the London congress on November 24.

In turn the 22, who support the pro-Moscow group around 'Morning Star' editor Tony Chater, have accused McLennan of a 'walk-out', and say that the discussion by those who stayed was constitutional.

The 'Morning Star' is now full of letters attacking the Euro-Stalinist executive majority which has lost control of the Stalinist daily to the Chater-run People's Press Printing Society.

Yesterday's edition was no exception; the only defence of the party's right to make binding decisions came from

BY PAUL FELDMAN

veteran Stalinist Reuben Falber, a former assistant general secretary.

The fiercest attack came from Len Dawson, reporting a resolution passed by members working in Fleet Street.

He said the treatment of the London congress was 'in contempt and an unprecedented flagrant breach' of the party's rules.

The resolution continued: 'We consider the actions and conduct of the general secretary at the London District congress to have been disruptive, unprincipled, anti-Communist and anti-working class. We call for his immediate resignation.'

The Fleet Street members would 'treat with contempt' such actions and decisions.

Before the congress met, the executive voted that a new district com-

mittee should not be elected because of alleged malpractices in the selection of delegates.

It meted out the suspensions when a substantial minority refused to accept this decision and stayed on to pass a motion adjourning the congress for three months.

In another letter yesterday, a group of members in public sector unions — including two of those suspended, Ivan Beavis and Majorie Mayo — said they were entitled to 'express views' about the decision to ban elections.

They called for the 'abandonment of vindictive measures which undermine the internal democratic structure of our party'.

But Falber expressed his support for the suspensions. He said a group had set out to oppose the decisions of the 1983 national congress.

Cuts close hospital kitchen

A NEW round of cuts at the north London Friern Barnet psychiatric hospital will mean the closure of a kitchen with loss of jobs, it was announced on Thursday.

The 1985-1986 budget for the hospital, due to be closed in the next ten years, faces cuts of £200,000 instead of £100,000 as originally stated.

A meeting of the district management team said this would mainly affect the Halliwick kitchen with the loss of catering jobs.

Last week saw the first public meeting of a committee set up to fight the threatened closure of the hospital.

Brendan Byrne, speaking on behalf of the Friern action/occupation committee, showed the clear link between the defence of the health service and the struggle of the miners.

He said the attacks on the NUM were of concern to the

workers at Friern hospital because all trade unions were now coming under attack from the Tories.

He added: 'In the view of this government all trade unionists are possible subversives and have been labelled the enemy within.'

Byrne called for the setting up of a local assembly to fight the hospital closure plan and cuts in local services.

Alan Warby, COHSE, revealed how a maintenance repair backlog of over £10 million had been allowed to build up at the hospital to encourage the health authority to speed up the closure.

A lively discussion showed the audience's unanimous opposition to Tory cuts in the health service and their attacks on trade unions and local councils.

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Briefly ..

Colombo's Tamil sweep

COLOMBO — Sri Lankan security forces have arrested more than 725 Tamils in a sweep of the island's northern districts during a 61-hour curfew. All have been charged on grounds of suspected or alleged links with Tamil liberation fighters for a separate state of Eelam. In the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, politicians have called for Indian military intervention in Sri Lanka to protect Tamils from harassment at the hands of the racist Junius Jawardene regime.

Tikhonov for Turkey trip

MOSCOW — Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, 79, will pay an official visit to Turkey later this month. It is the highest-level contact between the Moscow Stalinist bureaucracy and the US-sponsored dictatorship of General Kenan Evren. The Soviet bureaucracy signed a multi-billion-dollar trade agreement three months ago, doubling the volume of trade with Turkey next year.

Strike pile-up for Peres

TEL AVIV — Piles of garbage blocked Tel Aviv streets yesterday, and broken traffic lights caused snarls as a municipal workers' strike entered its 10th day. The garbage workers had not been paid their wages for months, despite a recent truce that ended an earlier strike. The Interior and Finance Ministries had held up payment, the strikers said.

Westmoreland's setback

NEW YORK — The judge in the \$120-million libel case brought by US General William Westmoreland said yesterday the jury could not find CBS News guilty if it (the jury) thought a documentary it produced on the Vietnam war was merely unfair. Judge Pierre Leval told the jury: 'The fairness of the broadcast is not at issue in the libel suit.'

Transplant man recovers

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — The world's second artificial heart recipient, William Schroeder, suffered a stroke overnight but has recovered, the Humana Heart Institute said. Dr Allan Lansing said Schroeder suffered the stroke as he was eating dinner with his wife, Margaret. Schroeder has been partially paralysed on his right side as a result of the attack.

Goldsmith plans raid

SAN FRANCISCO — British industrialist Sir James Goldsmith has made plans to raid Crown Zellerbach, a large American paper and forest products group, to acquire a 15 to 25 per cent stake, according to the company's spokesmen. Such a takeover will make Goldsmith Crown Zellerbach's biggest shareholder, putting him in a position to seek control of the group.

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SABOTEURS TRIAL BEGINS IN VIETNAM

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

HO CHI MINH CITY — Chinese and Thai army intelligence services backed a failed plot to overthrow the Vietnamese government, government prosecutor Tran Te told the Supreme People's Court yesterday.

He said the plot involved intrusions and armed operations and sabotage on Vietnamese territory and the killing of French diplomats.

The failed counter-revolutionary plot had been undertaken with the knowledge of the US government, he said.

Tran Te was speaking at the opening of the Supreme Court trial of 21 Vietnamese, many of them former soldiers of

what was the South Vietnamese Army.

They are accused of taking part in a coup attempt and could be executed if found guilty of charges of treason and espionage.

Tran Te said the defendants were among 120 saboteurs who planned to kill or kidnap French diplomats and technicians working in Vietnam, sabotage Soviet ships and flood the country with forged banknotes to cripple the economy.

The prosecutor said the Peking Stalinist bureaucracy financed the plan with about \$300,000 in cash and more than 100 tons of weapons, while the Thai army trained the counter-revolutionaries.

Lieutenant General Chavalit Yongchaiyuth, Thai army deputy chief of

staff and head of army intelligence, was directly involved in the counter-revolutionary preparations in Thailand.

The court was told that one of the accused, Tran Van Ba, had confessed he met five Americans in Bangkok, including Donald Coleman, Second Secretary at the US embassy, to tell them of the plan.

The main prosecution witnesses are five mercenaries who were involved in implementing the foiled plan. They have been granted a pardon.

More than 40 foreign correspondents were invited to cover the trial in the old National Assembly in Ho Chi Minh city.

Hundreds of people sat on the streets outside, listening to the proceedings, relayed by public address speakers.

Tran Te named the ringleaders as Mai Van Hahn and Le Quoc Tuy, both former pilots and close associates of former South Vietnamese Prime Minister Tran Van Huu.

He said they had founded the so-called United Front for the Liberation of Vietnam. Officials said Tuy was at large.

The court was told that 300 million dong (\$30 million) of fake currency, 2,000 weapons, including machineguns, 20,000 grenades and 1,000 kilos of explosives, all made in China, were seized from the rebels.

The Vietnamese authorities said they had detained 119 people. Others

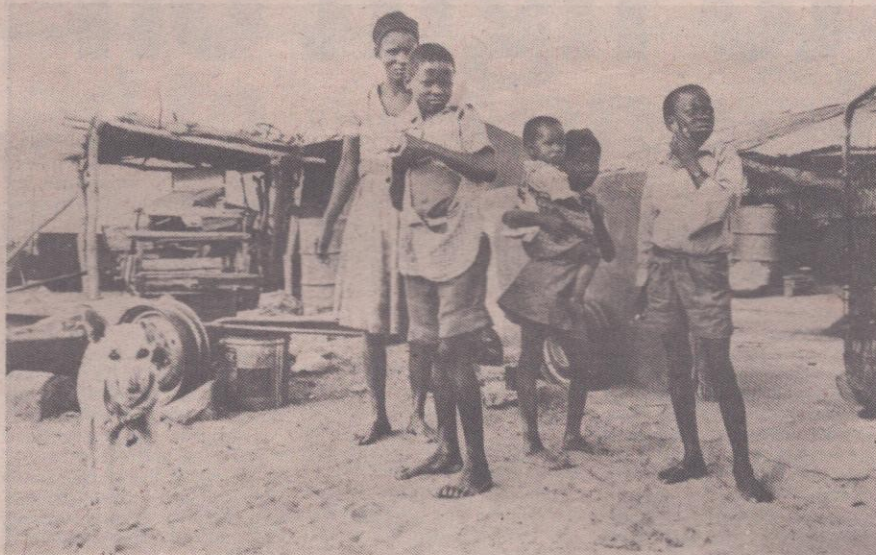
would be tried later.

In Peking, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman denied involvement and denounced the trial as 'a habitual trick of the Vietnamese to invent stories and fabricate charges against China'.

He did not say when else the Vietnamese government had resorted to the 'habitual trick' of bringing to trial saboteurs alleged to be financed by Peking or the United States.

In Bangkok, Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman Prachya Davi Tavedikul said the trial was 'a big farce' and said Bangkok lacked both the means and the intent to subvert the Hanoi government.

The Vietnamese Communist Party paper 'Nhan Dan' said it would closely report the case.



UN tells Pretoria to dismantle the 'Homelands'

Britain and US back apartheid

NEW YORK — The British and US delegations at the United Nations have opposed a resolution passed by the General Assembly condemning South Africa's apartheid policy.

The resolution, which also urged the Security Council to consider mandatory sanctions against Pretoria, was adopted by 146 votes with six abstentions.

It strongly condemned the apartheid system of racial isolation, the recent killings and arbitrary arrests in South Africa.

It demanded also that the racist regime end discriminatory laws, dismantle the black homelands and immediately withdraw its troops from Angola.

The resolution was proposed by allies of Washington and London, such as Australia, Denmark, Ireland.

It reaffirmed also the legitimacy of 'the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa for the total eradication of apartheid'.

The assembly also condemned, by 123 votes to 15, with 15 abstentions, Pretoria's homelands policies, under which blacks are deprived of South African citizenship and transferred to designated areas.

A total of 108 countries censured what was termed the 'increasing collaboration of Israel with the racist regime of South Africa, especially in the military and nuclear fields.'

But the resolution was anathema for London, with its close financial links with Pretoria, and Washington, which depends on President Pieter Botha for its counter-revolutionary policies in southern Africa.

Vets warn of danger

VETERINARIANS have raised the danger of serious disorders of the reproductive organs of thousands of domesticated and wild animals in the Bhopal gas massacre.

Their warning follows investigations into the thousands of cattle, domestic animals and animals of the wild that suffered the lethal effects from the Union Carbide factory.

S.N. Srivasto, of the Bhopal Veterinarian Department said that since last week, milk production of cows and buffaloes had more than halved.

'The animals' reproductive organs may have been affected. We will not know for sure until they come on to heat again in about 21 days,' he said.

He estimated that nearly 2,000 commercial cattle and domestic animals died instantly after the leak, along with thousands of stray cats, dogs and birds.

More than 10,000 animals were affected by the gas and veterinarians are still treating some of them.

MORE JOIN EXODUS

BHOPAL — A panic exodus resumed in full force yesterday as residents struggled to get far away from the Union Carbide factory where scientists are trying to neutralise the killer gas that has unleashed death and suffering on at least 200,000 people.

The flight is unprecedented since the convulsions during the partition of Punjab in 1947, when millions of people were uprooted from their traditional homes.

Fled

The flight out of Bhopal, population 900,000, was as big yesterday as the 100,000 who fled on Thursday in advance of tomorrow's operation to turn the phosgene-methyl isocyanate gas into pesticides.

Hospital patients, still suffering from the largely undiagnosed effects of the killer gas, joined the flight out of the massacre city.

Witnesses said thousands of residents had rejected the Madhya Pradesh state government's refugee camps set up outside the city.

Mangat Ram, who lost his five children on the day of the catastrophe, said the camps were not far enough away from the factory.

'The government is asking us to leave because it says a foul smell will spread when they let the gas out to turn it into pesticides.'

'How do we have a guarantee the gas will not reach the camps and kill us there?'

Noor Khan said he was taking his family to relatives 12 miles away. 'Nobody trusts the authorities. After all, what did they do when we were dying there that night?'

By early yesterday, 50,000 people had fled the city, in addition to at least 100,000 who left on Thursday by bullock cart, train, bus and on foot. Hundreds of tractors, cars and motor cycles headed out of the town.

Only a trickle of people, most of them badly affected by the poison gas, were arriving at the special camps outside the city, only three miles from the factory owned by the US chemical conglomerate.

At one, a girls' high school, only 40 people arrived in the first hour of the evacuation. Buses at staging points where people were to gather for transport to the camps waited for more than one hour for a full load.

Transport

But every available transport out of the city was packed, with people clambering on top of buses and trains.

Pandemonium reigned as panicked people struggled, jostled and fought for tickets and seats.

Most of the staff at the station, directly in the path of the gas clouds that swept Bhopal in the early hours of December 3, were killed and new staff have proved inadequate to handle the emergency.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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Keith and Brenda Green with one of their children

Jail has made miner's wife more determined

MINERS, their wives and families are spearheading the most important working class struggle in history, says Brenda Greenwood — the first woman thrown into jail during the miners' strike.

She spent a week in Risley Remand Centre in Cheshire for allegedly breaking a bail condition. She was seized on November 26, while picketing Ollerton colliery in Nottinghamshire where her husband Keith has worked for ten years.

Being locked up for seven days and treated like a criminal has left its mark on Brenda, who lives with Keith and their two children, Heather and Clive, in Ollerton.

She told News Line: 'It's just made me firmer in my resolve to carry on fighting. To me it's no longer just a matter of us fighting against pit closures and of jobs. This is a working class struggle to defend all our rights which this government and the machinery of the state are trying to take away from us.'

'At the police station I refused to have my fingerprints taken when the police asked me, but they got permission from the magistrate to have it done. I thought that was disgraceful because I am not a criminal. I have never been in trouble in my life.'

'They are making criminals of decent working class people whose only crime is to fight to save pits, jobs and mining communities.'

'They are fighting to defend their civil liberties, won for them in blood, sweat and tears by the working class of the past. It's our duty to fight for those rights.'

'In Risley I was treated exactly the same as all the other women in there. I was in a cell with a young 17-year-old who was in for supplying drugs. There were lots of

girls in on drug charges.

'There were forgers, and an arsonist in the next cell and two or three child molesters in the bottom cells. I was treated exactly the same as they were.'

'I had no idea what my rights were. They did give me a booklet, but this did not explain anything in detail.'

Scrub

'The first day I was there, I was told I had to scrub the cell out. Then I had to scrub the landing and there were 20 cells on our landing, so it was a terrible job.'

'And then I had to clean out the toilets and the bathroom at the end of the landing.'

When Brenda asked prison warders whether, as a short-term prisoner, she had to do the cleaning, she was told: 'No, you don't. But if you refuse to do it, you will be locked up.'

'I was subject to a most degrading strip-search when I went in. I had no idea that it was going to happen. It's disgraceful what they do.'

'Prison officers made snide remarks like "Down with Arthur Scargill". They were made within my hearing but not directly to me.'

A News Interview Line

'This government is turning Britain the same way as Ireland. They are introducing policies of demoralisation and depression against the working class.'

'But I think that slowly the working class is beginning to realise what is happening to them. I think they were more or less numbed, stunned at the beginning.'

'They are beginning to pick themselves up and say, like they did when the unions first started and when the Labour movement came into being, that we have a dream and they are ready to fight for that dream. At least I hope they will.'

'It's the only way the working class will survive, it's the only way we'll have a voice.'

Together

'I believe that it's only Arthur Scargill and the way he has stuck to his guns that has kept us all together. Many times before the miners have been sold out by other leaders, but they can see there's no way that Scargill will sell them out.'

'They would go to hell and back for him. The miners who have stuck it out for ten months will see it through to the end now.'

'Margaret Thatcher

keeps putting it over, or rather the media puts it over for her, that we are in a minority. But think of all the support that we've had from members of the Labour Party and the unions.

'Support hasn't come just from within this country, but from 50 countries throughout the world. This is not just a fight in Britain, it's an international fight against this Tory government.'

Building

'We are not a minority, we're fast building into a very big majority and the sooner she realises that the better.'

'You see Arthur Scargill was telling us for two years before this strike that there was a hit list. When the miners realised in March of this year that what he'd been saying was true, they all came out on strike.'

'They knew they had to fight because it touched us so closely. Now Thatcher's policies are gradually touching all sections of the working class. As it affects them they will stand up and fight just as the miners have stood and fought.'

'This is one of the biggest working class struggles that this country has ever seen.'

Brenda supports the demand for a General Strike 'because that would clear this government out right away, it would bring this government down.'

'But the thing is, what is going to replace this government? We need to get Labour back in, but we need the right people back in. I mean we don't need ditherers, we need people who will carry out true socialist policies.'

Money pouring in — says Glenys Kinnock

THE Christmas appeal for striking miners' families has raised £263,000 and money is still pouring in at a rate of £18,000 daily, Glenys Kinnock, wife of Labour leader Neil Kinnock, announced yesterday.

'It is much more than we dreamed of and has far exceeded our expectations,' she said. 'But we still need more money

and it is important that the appeal continues.'

Cash has been arriving from all over the country and abroad, including countries such as Kuwait, Qatar, Switzerland, USA and Norway, in a total of 9,000 donations so far.

Glenys Kinnock added:

'There is a lot of work to do. The campaign is specifically aimed at families with children.'

Contributions have come from famous personalities, as well as from pensioners, 200 of whom have sent their £10 Christmas bonus.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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SCOTLAND

GLASGOW: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. Glasgow Youth Training Centre, Tobago Street, off London Road.
Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)

CUMNOCK: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Netherthird Community Centre, Netherthird.
Speakers: George Faulds (YS Regional Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); George Laughlin (Auchinleck NUM strike committee chairman, in personal capacity)

EDINBURGH: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Cross Keys Public House, Dalkeith.
Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS National Committee); Terry Brotherton (Edinburgh WRP); Duncan Foggo (SCEBTA Monktonhall, in personal capacity)

RUTHERGLEN: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Rutherglen Burgh Hall, King Street.
Speakers: Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee); Mick Thompson (Rutherglen YS); Speaker from Scottish NUM

DUNFERMLINE: Thursday January 23, 7.30p.m. Queen Anne High School.
Speakers: Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Alan Paton (Valleyfield YS, Comrie NUM in personal capacity)

NORTH WEST

CREWE: Wednesday December 19, 8p.m. Room 04, Oakley Centre.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); D. Anderson (Wolstanton NUM, in personal capacity)

STOCKPORT: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Centre, High Street.
Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

BIRKENHEAD: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Unemployed Resource Centre, 101 New Chester Road.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Larry Cavanagh (Birkenhead WRP); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Karl Creaney (NUPE, in personal capacity)

MIDDLETON: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Assheton Arms, Long Street, Manchester.
Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Ray Waring (WRP Central Committee); Joan Forster (NUPE, North Manchester General, in personal capacity)

YORKSHIRE

ROTHERHAM: Tuesday December 18, 7.30p.m. Clifton Hall, Doncaster Gate.
Speakers: Chris Marsden (YS National Committee); Vanessa Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Frank Spencer (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

DONCASTER: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. The Royal, Queen Mary Road, Rossington.
Speakers: Mike Banda (WRP Central Committee); Katie Rhodes (YS Regional Committee); John Howell (Houghton Main NUM, in personal capacity)

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY: Sunday December 16, 3p.m. Lecture Room, Sidney Stringer School, Vine Street.
Speakers: Nigel Gilder (Stoke YS); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Brian King (AUEW convenor WMPTE); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. Lecture Room 1, Digbeth Civic Hall, Digbeth.
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); speaker from South Staffs NUM

RUGELEY: Wednesday January 9, 7.30p.m. The Globe.
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Staffs NUM

EAST MIDLANDS

ALFRETON: Thursday December 20, 7.30p.m. The Plough Inn, Nottingham Road.
Speakers: C. Lymas (YS Regional Committee); Mick Nettleship (Alfreton WRP)

CHESTERFIELD: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington.
Speakers: C. Lymas (YS Regional Committee); Annette Holroyd (Blidworth WRP); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee)

NOTTINGHAM: Tuesday January 15, 7.30p.m. Nottingham Youth Training Centre, Commerce Square, Lace Market.
Speakers: C. Lymas (YS Regional Committee); Annette Holroyd (Blidworth WRP); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

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

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

KENT

DEAL: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Alma Pub, West Street.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); Speaker from Kent NUM

HERTS

LUTON: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Hightown Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road.
Speakers: Spencer Wylie (Colney Heath YS); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Friends Meeting House.
Speakers: Colin Jeffery (YS Regional Committee); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

MIDDLESEX

HARROW: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. The Railway Tavern, Wealdstone.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

LONDON

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

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

WILLESDEN: Wednesday December 19, 8p.m. The Rising Sun, 25 Harlesden Road, NW10.
Speakers: Gerry Murphy (Willesden YS); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

ISLINGTON: Wednesday December 19, 7.30p.m. Islington West Library, Bridgeman Road/Caledonian Road, N1.
Speakers: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Secretary); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM

BRIXTON: Thursday December 20, 8p.m. Room 119, Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.
Speakers: Gary Hughes (Brixton YS); Ben Rudder (WRP Central Committee); Ida Turner (Brixton WRP); Speaker from South Wales NUM

KENTISH TOWN: Thursday December 20, 7.30p.m. Kentish Town Library, Kentish Town Road, NW5.
Speakers: R. Boulting (YS Regional Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP London District Committee)

BARKING: Thursday December 20, 7.30p.m. Barking Methodist Hall, London Road.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Andy Blunden (Canning Town WRP)

EAST HAM: Monday January 7, 7.30p.m. Music Room, Stratford School, Upton Lane, E7.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Keith Scotcher (WRP London District Committee)

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

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

NORTH KENSINGTON: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Westway Luncheon Club, next to Ladbroke Grove tube station.
Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Barran Hulme (North Kensington WRP)

KILBURN: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Anson Hall, Anson Road, Cricklewood, NW2.
Speakers: Mark Hanlon (YS National Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

PECKHAM: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road/Peckham Park Road, SE15.
Speakers: Richard Murphy (YS Regional Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)

ACTON: Tuesday January 22, 8p.m. Council Chamber, Town Hall, Acton High Street, W3.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS editor); Geoff Pilling (WRP Central Committee)

This
morning...

SATURDAY
December 15, 1984

Bonanza in Thatcher's Britain

UNEMPLOYMENT stands at 4 million, and on Prime Minister Thatcher's own admission it is rising by 10,000 a month. The pound is sinking as oil prices slump and more people are dependent on welfare payments than at any time in history.

But amid all the poverty and gloom there is one really bright spot on the horizon. Rupert Murdoch's newspaper 'The Times' was ecstatic yesterday. It reported:

'Britain's boardroom salaries, boosted by long-awaited increases in industrial profitability, are outstripping nearly every other wage rate in the economy, and rose in the past year by almost 11 per cent.'

The paper quoted from a report by Reward Regional Surveys which discovered that the average director earns £22,500 basic salary and total pay of £25,000, although some earned nearly £90,000.

It added: 'In addition, he (sic) will have a company car, most likely a Rover, and the usual fringe benefits of pension, life insurance and private health insurance.'

The figures show that the top 10 per cent of company chairmen have to make ends meet on an average of £97,013 a year. Part-time chairmen have to rub along with a mere £47,500.

Even rank and file directors are paying themselves an average of £32,500, only slightly less than a circuit judge on £33,000. 'The Times' points out that executive chairmen have enjoyed an average rise of 21.4 per cent over the last 12 months.

Home Secretary Leon Brittan, the man in charge of the police-state attacks against the miners, told the Bow Group on December 6: 'Britain is only slowly recovering from the effects of years of egalitarianism.'

'I do not deny that that experience has been a painful one. But the obsessive and unconditional pursuit of equality lies behind most of our country's relative economic decline.'

Chancellor Nigel Lawson, whose waistline testifies to the total rout of his own personal battle against inflation, was not exaggerating last week when he told yet another business banquet — this time at the Institute of Directors:

'We are forging a strategy for enterprise. Establishing a climate in which responsibility is given back to individuals and personal initiative and drive are rewarded.'

In other words, millions must rot on the dole so that the members of the Institute of Directors can buy mansions in the West End, send their kids to public schools and boost their earnings by speculating in British Telecom shares.

At the heart of Thatcher's 'strategy for enterprise' is the destruction of trade unionism. Thatcher has set out to destroy the National Union of Mineworkers in order to make Britain fit for directors and employers to live in.

Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin has just announced rate-capping plans which slash millions of pounds from public spending and will put tens of thousands more on the dole.

Thatcher has a cynical plan to use the money 'saved' in this way to raise tax thresholds, widening the gap between the low paid and the unemployed and laying the basis for imposing even greater poverty on those out of work.

In Thatcher's Britain, the poverty and misery of the many is the precondition for the wealth and prosperity of the few.

ORGANISE A GENERAL SCARGILL CONDEMNED CLASS JUDGEMENT

MINERS' president Arthur Scargill yesterday condemned the anti-working class judgement which resulted in his being fined £250 for obstruction.

He said he would be seriously considering an appeal after being found guilty by a stipendiary magistrate at Rotherham on two charges of obstruct-

ing the highway and the police, outside the Orgreave coking plant last May.

As he emerged to cheering from a crowd of supporters outside the court building, Scargill said: 'This is another one of the anti-working class judgements that has become the order of the day throughout this miners' dispute.'

Despite a plea by defence counsel Michael Mansfield,

BY SIMON VEVERS

the magistrate William Probert saddled Scargill and the NUM with the hefty fine and costs totalling up to £750.

Probert retired for just ten minutes to consider his verdict after listening to evidence for a day and a half.

He told Scargill: 'In my judgement, your actions on

that morning demonstrated a very poor example to those you seek to lead.'

Asked by reporters whether the judgement would stop him joining his members on picket lines, Scargill replied: 'Why should it? I've not been charged with any offence connected with picketing.'

Mansfield had earlier

told the court that Scargill had been arrested Orgreave 'in brazen almost brutal terms'.

He said: 'That illustrates the extent to which the police were anxious to move Mr Scargill almost any cost.'

When he gave evidence on Thursday, the NUM president, who pleaded guilty to both charges, accused the police of deliv-

Power workers must black scab fuels

STRIKING miners in Burnley are demanding that power workers black all scab fuels.

The miners say the power men should carry out their union's instructions and follow the example of the railwaymen, who have been blacking fuel since the strike began.

That was the message to Transport and General Workers Union members at the Padiham and Huncourt powers stations in East Lancashire from one of the Burn-

ley strike leaders, Andy Neal.

He told News Line: 'All we are asking is that the workers here follow their union's instructions and black the fuel that's sent in.'

'It's scandalous, there are some ASLEF men who have not drawn wages since the strike started and we are asking the power men to follow this example.'

'The nearby Huncourt power station is reported to be closing in twelve months. We spoke to the stewards and

told them we would support them against closure, but they replied that any action they took could jeopardise their jobs at other power stations.'

'I was in Germany a few weeks ago and we got resolutions passed that they would not move scab coal from Germany and we hope they will be implemented.'

'I can only see it going on until the stocks dwindle and power cuts are imposed. They have tried every trick including bribery and it won't work.'

Other trade unionists from the area were also on the early-morning picket line. And Peter Billington, secretary of Hyndburn trades council told News Line: 'I support

Denis Skinner's call for General Strike. The T&GWU members at the power station should follow their union instructions and not accept scab fuel.'

Other workers picketing were members of NATFHE from the Accrington and Rossendale College who in dispute with the management in the college.

Coventry miners are panto

STRIKING miners and their wives at Coventry Colliery, Keresley, Warwickshire, are determined to brighten things up for Christmas.

They are putting on the pantomime 'Cinderella' in the local miners' social club.

The pantomime has a cast of twenty, with eight principal parts all played by miners and their wives who have never been involved in a stage performance before.

The panto is directed by the secretary of Nuneaton trades council Charlie Godin, and musical accompaniment is provided by the Musicians' Union delegate to the trades council, Bert Lucas, on the organ.

During one of the dress rehearsals the producer, striking miner John Williams talked to News Line about the background to the production.

'The panto is being put on basically to give the kids in the village something to look forward to for Christmas.'

'Families are not going to be able to afford the usual Christmas things, this year, it's going to be quieter than usual in the village.'

'So we are hoping to cheer everybody up, particularly the kids.'

'Kids are not daft today, they know the score,



Dress rehearsals in progress for the Coventry miners' pantomime 'Cinderella'

and they feel the pressure of the dispute.

'From an early age kids are taught not to take sweets from strangers or get into strangers' cars, but during this dispute the police have pulled up,

in their cars where the kids are playing, given them sweets, encouraged them to get into their cars to flash the blue light and ring the bell so that they could ask them questions.'

'Questions like —

what's your name, where do you live, is your dad on strike, who lives in that house, where is your dad now.'

'Because the kids are really feeling the pressure we are keeping the

panto non-political.

'It is not aimed at the scabs or the police and think that's a credit everyone involved.'

'We got the script from NUPE members at Wa-

WRP

7th Congress

4-PAGE PULL-OUT

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 second part of the British Perspectives resolution.

British Perspectives Resolution

PART TWO

Thatcher's Strategy

IN THE first four years Thatcher's aim was to undermine trade unionism by increasing bank rates, abolishing exchange controls and destroying industry wholesale. The end effect of this policy was to drive unemployment to 4 million and seriously undermine the membership of unions and their negotiating capability.

Most important this policy helped to make the TUC right wing totally submissive to Tory policy as was seen in the steel, rail and NHS strikes and, most spectacularly, in the Malvinas war.

Thatcher's victory of June 1983 was the inevitable product of reformist treachery and nothing more. 'It was an electoral defeat for reformism and class collaboration, but the working class remains undefeated.' ('Documents and Resolutions of the Sixth Congress', p.19)

The second part of Tory strategy was unveiled only after the loyalty of the TUC had been secured at the 1983 TUC: the legal attack on the NGA, POEU and NUJ in the High Court and Court of Appeal.

The passage of the 1980 and 1982 Employment Acts under which the NGA and NUJ were hauled into court, had not only given to judges the power to destroy unions by sequestering property and imposing massive fines but it had changed fundamentally the relation of trade unions to the capitalist state. This represented the imminent transition to Bonapartism.

As the Party stated: 'This legislation is a piece of class law . . . This law prevents the trade unions from carrying out their functions as

trade unions. Trade union struggle is rendered illegal

'But the working class in Britain is synonymous with trade unions. They are its historic mode of existence as a class . . .

'The trade unions do not owe their existence to parliament. They came into being in conditions of illegality, hunted and persecuted by the Tory governments of the 18th and early 19th centuries.' ('The Meaning of Class Laws', November 27, 1983 — Political Committee Statement)

The analysis of class laws — which implied fundamental constitutional changes — enabled the party to anticipate the further development of the struggle; the break-up of parliamentary democracy whose linchpin was the unchallenged domination of the working class by the labour bureaucracy and the monolithic unity of the bureaucracy.

Social Being of Trade Unions

THE stubborn resistance of the NGA to Shah and the court split the TUC irreparably:

'The class confrontation between the NGA and the state concerning the anti-union laws is already having a profound effect in the trade union movement and the working class. There is now a definite split within the TUC.

'In terms of affiliated membership there are unions supporting Murray with an approximate membership of 5 million and unions supporting the NGA with an approximate membership of 4 million . . .

'The support for the TUC right-wing is by no means



The decision of the NCB and the Tories' decision to shut down Cortonwood was an orchestrated provocation against the NUM

fixed and the ground between the two camps will be constantly changing . . .

What is important about the TUC split is that it takes place before a General Strike, when the possibility of mass revolutionary work is now opening up for our Party . . .

'The NGA cannot be separated from the trade union movement as a whole. The social being of the NGA is the social being of trade unionism, not only in Britain but throughout the world.' (WRP Political Letter, December 16, 1983)

This analysis enabled the Party to understand more concretely the relation between the Party and the strategical turn to the youth

outlined at the Sixth Congress.

In the finite, relative, appearance of the NGA-Shah struggle the Party, by basing itself on the logic of Marxism, was able to show the infinite and absolute movement of social being and its essential content, i.e. the revolutionary struggle for power which demanded urgently the mobilisation of the youth and the successful organisation of the 25th YS conference and the 33rd anniversary of the 'Young Socialist', weekly newspaper of the YS.

The NGA dispute was the detonator for the explosion to come. Although forced to purge its contempt in court and to pay a fine amounting

to £675,000 the NGA had stopped the headlong retreat to corporatism by splitting the TUC and defying the policy of the 1983 congress.

Party and class

THE banning of unions at GCHQ six days after the NGA's appearance in court to purge its contempt added a powerful new explosive charge and brought to an end a whole historical epoch.

'The whole movement of events represents a fundamental change in the form and content of parliamentary government and class rule. It has terminated the basic relationship of 136 years of class compromise that has existed since the political rise of the industrial ruling class in 1848 . . .

'The dictatorial use of state repression against the trade unions and the working class means the Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists are analysing and fighting on issues based upon the development of objective laws which immediately concern millions of workers and youth. The physical and political relations between the analysis of our Party and the requirements of the working class as a class coincide.' (WRP Political Letter, March 6, 1984)

The great action at GCHQ was a shattering rebuff to the so-called 'New Strategy' of the TUC, endorsed in September 1983. It forced Murray to call a half-day national action on February 28 against this Bonapartist measure.

The decision on GCHQ in February 1984 was immediately superseded in early March by the orchestrated provocation against the NUM signified by the decision of the NCB and Tory government to shut down Cortonwood colliery and increase dramatically the redundancy payments of miners opting for voluntary redundancy.

Miners' strike

THE revolutionary explosion that the Party in its political letter had prognosticated on January 9 had assumed tangible form in the miners' strike. In this was expressed the coincidence of the dialectical logic of the Party's analysis and the elemental needs of the working class reflecting the objective laws of social being.

What was important in the period prior to the strike was the consistent struggle against any tendency to impose subjective images and ignore the real concrete developments within the mining industry.

The warning of the Sixth Congress could not be clearer: 'Being is primary and predominates over thought. They cannot be made equal . . . The external world must be allowed to appear in sensation and then negated through synthesis and analysis into our existing body of knowledge.

'In this way we reconstruct theoretically the self-movement of the material, external world . . . Theory as the activity of the subject of cognition is tested out in



Thatcher's strategy was to drive unemployment up to four million to undermine the membership of unions and their negotiating ability

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practice as the object of cognition.' ('Documents and Resolutions of the Sixth Congress', p.36)

Any indulgence in the method of starting from pre-conceptions would have led directly to ultra-left gestures and adventurism which would have cut the Party off from the miners.

The strike was a major theoretical challenge to the WRP and an decisive test for the decisions of the Sixth Congress.

While unconditionally supporting the miners' strike against closures, transfer and voluntary redundancies the Party analysed in the most profound way the historical content and significance of the strike from the standpoint of the struggle for power.

The most salient feature of the struggle was the unprecedented decision of the miners to oppose a national ballot and to take area action. Following on this was the decision to defy injunctions and court orders preventing the NUM leaders from exercising the right to strike, to picket and to take disciplinary action against scabs regardless of the results of area ballots. These actions which have confounded the Tory government are a product of two factors:

'a) the intensification of the world slump . . .
'b) the completed historical process in Britain which . . . have invested the British working class with a profound consciousness of basic rights which today plays a powerful role in stimulating resistance to Tory policies.' ('Draft Resolution of the Central Committee', March 3, 1984)

Unable to deal with the miners through the Employment Act and the use of the courts, Thatcher has revealed another side of the Bonapartist state with the unrestrained use of police brutality and the arbitrary actions of police chiefs against the legitimate rights of miners.

The most sinister and reactionary feature of this form of Bonapartism is the activity of the ACPO on the 13th floor of Scotland Yard. This is the embodiment of the police state — an all-

powerful group of police officers not accountable to any elected body and with plenary powers over the basic democratic rights of workers.

Far from diminishing, the powers of the Bonapartist state have grown enormously in direct ratio to the historical weakness of the Tory government and the upsurge of the working class. The thousands of arrests, the death of two miners, the imposition of road blocks, the invasion of pit villages and violent assaults on young and old, men and women — are all visible symptoms of the growing menace of the police state.

Bonapartism and fascism

BONAPARTISM is not a permanent state of affairs standing mid-way between conventional bourgeois democracy and fascism. Bonapartism is a regime of crisis which can in no way resolve the crisis of parliamentary institutions.

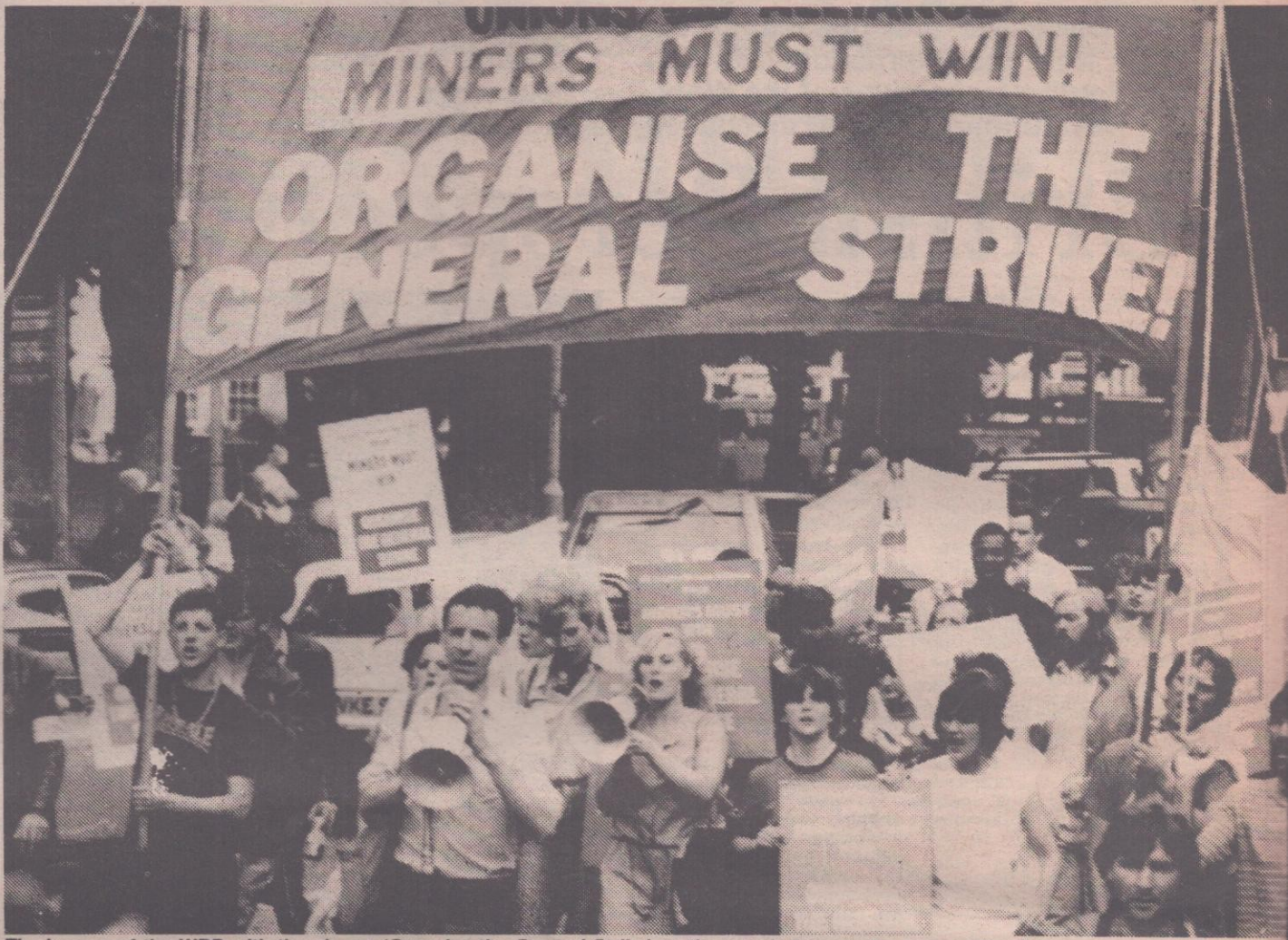
'The Bonapartist regime can attain a comparatively stable and durable character only in the event that it brings a revolutionary epoch to a close . . . without a preceding exhaustion of the mass energies in battles, the Bonapartist regime is in no position to develop.' ('The Only Road', 'Germany 1931-32', p.226)

Bonapartism can acquire a certain relative provisional stability only to the extent that the working class is inert or paralysed by its leadership as happened in Germany before Hitler's accession to power in 1933.

In Britain, however, the struggle develops uninterruptedly towards a revolutionary climax which will force the Tories to resort to extreme measures of repression.

Thus the more the Bonapartist regime gets entangled with the working class the more determined the extreme fascist right-wing sector of the Tory Party becomes to reverse the relation of class forces irrevocably and create a more extreme form of Bonapartism, i.e. fascism.

Escalation of the class struggle and the pauperisation of sections of the middle



The banner of the WRP with the slogan 'Organise the General Strike' on the march through Brighton at the TUC conference in September

class by the slump will produce a rapid evolution within the Tory Party to fascism. This has already been foreshadowed by the emergence in France of the National Front.

Miners and Reformism

THE miners have struck a tremendous blow against the reformist politics of compromise and class collaboration. By rejecting ballots and attempting to shut down steel plants they have posed without fully realising it the question of a workers' dictatorship as opposed to the concept of formal democracy.

Only a revolutionary regime — a Workers Revolutionary Government based

on Community Councils (i.e. soviets) — can secure the jobs of the miners and their sons. The interests of the miners cannot be reconciled in any way with the existence of a bourgeois parliament and a reformist opposition.

The continuous appeals for ballots, the insistence on a negotiated settlement and attacks on so-called picket violence by the Labour leaders have not only alienated thousands of workers but shown them in the most concrete way the inseparable connection between the reformism of the labour and trades union bureaucracies and the capitalist state.

The intervention of the Party and its press in the miners' strike was determined by the analysis developed from the Sixth Con-

gress and concretised in the practices elaborated in the political letters of the Central Committee.

The purpose of the intervention it must be stressed was and is to realise our strategic aim — to build the Party and YS and expand the circulation of the News Line, to organise and develop the struggle for power.

In no sense is the WRP indifferent to the minimum democratic and economic demands of the workers but because of the nature of the epoch every demand of the working class, especially in defence of democratic rights, comes into absolute opposition to the destructive tendencies of capitalism and invites the most ruthless state repression.

'The achievement of this strategic task, the conquest

of power, is unthinkable without the most considered attention to all, even small and partial questions of tactics. All sections of the proletariat, all its layers, occupations and groups, should be drawn into the revolutionary movement.

'The present epoch is distinguished not for the fact that it frees the revolutionary party from day-to-day work but because it permits the work to be carried on indissolubly with the actual tasks of the revolution.' ('Transitional Programme', p.15)

The WRP therefore from the first day of the strike advanced the demand for Community Councils and with the further extension of the strike counterposed its politics even more sharply against the reformist illu-



The stubborn resistance of the NGA split the TUC irreparably



The anger at GCHQ against the ban on unions forced Muray to call a half-day national action on February 28

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Lambeth march against the government cuts

sions of the NUM leaders by outlining the programme and role of the Workers Revolutionary Government.

Organise the General Strike

IN THIS way the Party strove to overcome the sectionalist illusion of the NUM to give a revolutionary perspective to the strike and elaborate a concrete practice to resolve the contradiction between the spontaneous movement and the conscious struggle of the Party. How was this done? In the slogan: Organise the General Strike.

This slogan embodied the unity of the highest level of theoretical analysis with the most audacious practice. It emerged from the irreconcilable struggle of the miners with the capitalist state and out of the necessity of uniting all sections of the working class in a political war against the Tories.

It rejected outright the opportunist belief that the miners in a sectional dispute or even with a Triple Alliance could defeat the government and it posed directly the question: can the working class isolate and smash the treacherous leadership in the TUC and begin the march to socialist power?

The revisionists with the slogan 'victory to the miners' or the 'miners united will never be defeated' as usual evade the central question of leadership and revolutionary policy and never rise beyond the level of crude trade union consciousness and adaptation to spontaneity.

The WRP answers the question affirmatively and without reservation:

'The General Strike is above all else a revolution-

ary practice identified with the theory and practice of our Party... In the struggle for the General Strike our Party implicitly has the advantage of the united front relationship with the working class and the trade unions.' (WRP Political Letter, May 21, 1984)

The General Strike is neither an ultimatum nor a panacea. It is a concept which guides our practice in the spontaneous movement of trade union militancy. It is no substitute for perception or practice.

The concept must guide our practice and help to comprehend it but at the same time it must be made more concrete by continuously negating the immediate perceptions of the Party's practice into it.

'Our scientific thinking is only a part of our general practice including techniques.' (Leon Trotsky)

Equally dangerous and parallel to a dogmatic and sectarian fetishising of the General Strike is the tendency manifested in some quarters to confuse our demand for Community Councils with the creation of support groups largely controlled by regional TUCs comprising Stalinists, revisionists and reformists whose sole purpose is to de-politicise the miners' strike and confine it to the level of baked-beans-some cash-and-solidarity.

Their reformist campaign is based on the preservation of the status quo, on the sceptical belief that the working class cannot be organised in a General Strike and that solidarity plus the miners' determination will force a negotiated compromise and preserve Kinnock's domination of the Labour Party and Murray's leadership of the TUC.

Support groups must not be confused with Community

Councils (soviets) which express not the sectional trades union interests of workers but embrace the majority of the working class in action against the capitalist state.

Thus the independent campaign of the Party for the General Strike, Community Councils and the Workers Revolutionary Government goes on regardless of the forms of our participation in the miners' strike. At the centre of the struggle to develop and consolidate the Community Councils must be the Party and the YS.

The crisis of local government

THE Bonapartist character of the Thatcher regime is starkly established in its ruthless attacks on local government. Centuries-old rights of elected local councils are being destroyed in favour of a centralised Treasury dictatorship over local government.

The aim is to dismantle the vital social services provided by local councils, especially in the inner-city and working class areas; to sack more than 200,000 council workers and remove them from public sector employment; to turn municipal services into areas of private profit through wholesale privatisation; and to eliminate Labour-held local councils which act as a focal point of political opposition to the Tory government.

This year the Tory Cabinet has imposed two draconian laws against local government and had them rubber-stamped in parliament: the Bill to abolish the 1985 elections to the Greater London Council (GLC) and six metropolitan counties and 'rate-capping' legislation that brings the finances of every local authority in England,

Scotland and Wales under direct Whitehall control.

On July 24, Environment Secretary Jenkin declared 18 local authorities as 'rate-capped', including the GLC, the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) and nine inner-London borough councils — Hackney, Haringey, Brent, Lambeth, Lewisham, Camden, Islington, Greenwich and Southwark. Those outside London are Sheffield, Leicester, Basildon,



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Thamesdown, Merseyside, Portsmouth and South Yorkshire.

Only two Tory-controlled councils are involved — Portsmouth and Brent, which are likely to escape with minor penalties.

The Fifth Congress of the Workers Revolutionary Party (January 31, February 1 and 2, 1981), anticipated the introduction of dictatorial powers over local councils in the perspectives document 'Manifesto 81' which was adopted unanimously.

At that time, the Workers Revolutionary Party gave principled political support to Labour-held councils such as Lambeth in the fight against Heseltine's sweeping cuts in local government spending.

We supported limited rate increases to defend services and jobs in order to allow the anti-Tory mass movement to build up.

We said at the time that raising the rates was a limited tactic in the struggle against the Tory government and could not be turned into a principle. When the Tories made a further major cut in public spending, we said in 'Manifesto 81':

'Heseltine's latest cuts programme also vindicates the Workers Revolutionary Party's contention that rate increases cannot make up the leeway in maintaining jobs and services.

'There is only one way out of this impasse and that is for Labour councils to rally the whole community behind them in a struggle against the Tories, the banks and the capitalist state.

'The Greater London Council and the metropolitan and borough councils must place themselves at the head of the mass movement in building Community Councils to unite all anti-Tory forces.'

Rate-capping and Abolition

THE urgency of this demand was driven home at the end of 1983 when the new Environment Secretary Jenkin announced the legislation to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan counties and the Bill to take direct control of local government finance through 'rate-capping'.

The Workers Revolutionary Party fully supports the group of Labour councils which have announced that they will not make a rate in April 1985.

This is an act of open defiance against Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship and must be seen in line with the

trade union movement's refusal to submit to the Tory anti-union laws.

This is not an exercise in threatening the City of London and the government bond market in the hope of yielding concessions. It is to bring working-class communities into the struggle against Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship at the highest political level of the struggle for power.

All councillors who vote against making a rate will break the law. They will be open to Tory surcharge, disqualification from elected office and bankruptcy proceedings. For this reason, the campaign must not be reduced to the politics of individual protest and martyrdom.

This struggle must not be confined to the council chamber. Its success will lie in its ability to get the unreserved backing of the working class, the widest range of local community organisations and the trade unions working in local government.

We call on all Labour-controlled councils, whether they are rate-capped or not, to unite in this campaign to refuse to become Thatcher's local tax collectors or the implementers of her regime's attacks on social services, jobs and living conditions.

The role of 'Militant'

WE OPPOSE those who are calling on councils to make a 'deficit budget'. They want to make a budget next year that will not massively increase rates, but will guarantee existing services and jobs. It means that at some point in the ensuing 12 months the council will run out of money.

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'Deficit budgeting' is an unprincipled and opportunistic tactic. It fudges the issue of taking a clear stand and making a clear fight against the Tory government.

If adopted, it will create confusion and disunity. Because different councils will run out of money at different times, it will allow the Tories to pick off councils one by one.

It also leaves the door open for rotten compromises. This is the major political lesson of this year's confrontation between Liverpool City Council and the Tory government which began when Liverpool threatened an illegal, non-balancing budget.

At the end of the day the council came to a deal with the Tories which allowed Whitehall civil servants to inspect and determine the council's spending. It was the logical outcome of a reformist perspective.

Far from a 'great victory' as claimed by the right-wing revisionist 'Militant' group, the Labour group on Liverpool council ended up with the same 'creative accountancy' followed by other councils — and a 17-per-cent rate increase and some 'creative cuts' as well.

This has not ended the Liverpool local government struggle. It has merely put off the problem until next year. Most importantly, it has created the best conditions for a political struggle to expose the fake 'Militant' group in the Labour Party and the trade unions.

The 'Militant' tendency remains the most consistent and servile defender and apologist of the counter-revolutionary social democracy.

It preys on the working class, exploiting every political confusion and implacably opposing every trend breaking from the grip of the Labour bureaucracy.

It obscures the menace of the Bonapartist state with its demand for unionising the police and army and its consistent opposition to the Irish national liberation struggle. With its demand for a Labour government pledged to socialist policies it seeks to disarm the working class

politically and legitimise the reactionary leadership of Kinnock and Hattersley.

In Liverpool, the ultra-left demagoguery of the 'Militant' leaders only concealed their real fear that their parliamentary ambitions would be permanently jeopardised if the state proceeded with the aim of surcharging and bankrupting them.

Having long ago accepted the programme and perspective of social democracy, they remain impotent hostages to the Labour bureaucracy.

Community Councils

THE working class and their communities must be brought into the forefront of the fight against Tory dictatorship through the establishment of Community Councils (soviets).

They will have to provide the staff for social services being shut down by the Tories — old people's homes, nurseries, schools, playgrounds, libraries, recreation centres, etc.

Labour councillors serious about a genuine struggle to defend their communities must place all the resources of their councils at the disposal of Community Councils (soviets).

The development of Community Councils (soviets) is an integral part of the conscious mobilisation of the working class in the struggle for power. Established on a local and regional basis all over Britain, they will form the foundation of a Workers Revolutionary Government.

The necessity for Community Councils and a Workers Revolutionary Government emerges from this conflict which is not confined to the present struggle of the miners but is growing with tempestuous force in the fight of Labour-controlled councils against rate-capping and the resistance of the working class against state-imposed destitution and hunger.

It is from this overall perspective that the WRP calls on the TUC to support the miners by organising the General Strike, whose content is the struggle for state power.



The Marx Centenary March on the road from Trier to London

The question is not whether the TUC can betray but whether the working class will respond to revolutionary leadership and throw the reformist traitors off its back. So it was in 1926 — so it is today.

The trade unions

THE intervention of the state either through court injunctions, fines and sequestration of assets or through the massive concentration of a para-military police has created an unprecedented situation within the trade unions.

For the first time in 80 years trade unions have been stripped of their legal immunity and their leaders treated not like privileged members of the realm but more like petty criminals.

The attempt of the state to smash the unions and criminalise the working class cre-

ates new opportunities to develop an intense agitation against the corporatist collaboration of the bureaucracy and the Bonapartist state. Workers can experience at first hand the ruthlessness of state repression and see the impotence and cowardice of the bureaucracy.

The cornerstone of their corporatism today is the signing of 'no-strike' deals as part of the closed shop recognition by employers to unions like EETPU and AUEW.

There must be a vigorous struggle against every form of complacency and political inertia in the campaign to build the All Trades Unions Alliance, build factory, colliery and hospital branches and purge the unions of their treacherous leadership.

The touchstone of WRP policy in the unions must be the demand for the organisation of the General Strike and the creation of a Workers Revolutionary Government.

This calls for the most serious attention to the splits and discussions within the Labour Party and a ruthless implacability to the Stalinists' attempts to keep politics out of the unions and operate as a fifth column for the TUC right-wing as they did during the People's March.

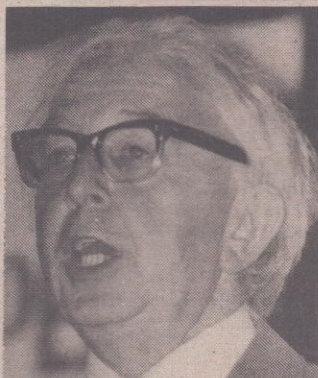
Every cadre in the WRP must be educated in a thorough knowledge of Stalinism and the crisis of the CPGB. As the WRP and News Line pointed out the split in the CP was a split in the Stalinist bureaucracy representing two forms of adaptation to right-wing social democracy-SPD and the capitalist state.

The 'Morning Star' has evolved rapidly towards the trade union and Labour Party bureaucracy and become an open apologist for the treachery of social democracy and the TUC.

The Communist Party leaders around 'Marxism

Today' have become the most ardent advocates of communo-chauvinism and draw their inspiration not from Moscow but from the right-wing SDP-Liberal alliance and sections of the wet Tories.

The struggle against Stalinism now demands the



GORDON McLENNAN, general secretary of the Communist Party, above, and TONY CHARTER editor of the 'Morning Star' representing two forms of adaptation to right-wing social democracy-SDP and the capitalist state.

maximum popularisation of the works and teachings of Trotsky and a systematic exposure of the crimes of Stalin, from the Moscow Trials to the assassination of Trotsky.

In the campaign for the Marx Centenary March from Trier to London as well as the historic rally at Alexandra Pavilion the WRP and

YS delivered a crushing refutation of the charlatan claim of the Stalinists to represent the continuity of the Marxist tradition, programme and method.

Build the World Party of Socialist Revolution

NOW the hour has arrived to transcend the centenary year, to actualise the historical perspectives of Marx and Trotsky. Not by dogmatic repetition of programmatic principles, but by a theoretically elaborated practice to build the Party, recruit and build the News Line circulation will we free the working class from its ideological domination by the bourgeoisie.

The intensity and rapidity of development of the world slump and the threatening catastrophe of nuclear war demands imperatively the training of cadres skilled in the dialectical method and steeled in the practice of the Party and News Line building.

This means above all the rapid and energetic expansion of the YS and the selection of youth who will be trained to master all forms of political activity.

Every facility will be provided for the training of a new generation of journalists, agitators, propagandists and organisers — the revolutionary officer corps of the coming socialist revolution.

Out of this training we will accumulate the necessary resources to build the World Party of Socialist Revolution.

To make Trotsky the leader of the world working class and to transform the ICFI into the party of world socialist revolution must be the central aim of the WRP.

MONDAY: The resolution on Youth Perspectives

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The General Secretary, 21b Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 0JT

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



MINERS CENT

ately planning his arrest.

Mansfield said that Chief Superintendent Nesbit had not approached Scargill or the other pickets near him to advise them on where they should stand before he moved in to arrest the miners' leader.

Scargill, speaking as TUC leaders were involved in treacherous talks with Tory ministers, later reiterated his uncompromising stand in opposition to pit closures.

Threat

He said that a settlement of the strike would depend on the Coal Board withdrawing its pit closure plan, lifting the threat to five pits at the top of its hit-list and abiding by the Plan for Coal.

Asked what he hoped would be the outcome of the talks between the TUC and the Energy Secretary, Scargill replied bluntly: 'You'd better ask the leaders of the TUC and Mr Walker that question.'

stars

wick Hospital, they used during their dispute.

'We have given local flavour and put some miners' jokes in it.

'Our aim is first of all to try and lift the kids out of the depression that Christmas must bring with the dispute still going on and there being no money about.

'We also want the panto to raise money to buy the kids toys for Christmas. We aim to raise £600 for toys.

'The local Labour club and trade union movement is giving us tremendous support, we could not go on without it.

'We want people to know we appreciate it, but we want people also to know that we are trying to do things for ourselves.

'So we hope that we can play to full houses, give the kids a lift and raise £600 for these Christmas toys.'

There will be three performances of the pantomime all at the Coventry Colliery Social Club, Keresley.

The first will be on the evening of Tuesday December 18th free of charge for striking miners' children only.

The second performance will be a family night, admission 50p, of the evening of Wednesday December 19th, and then on Saturday evening, December 22nd there will be a special adults only night admission £1.



Miners' leader Arthur Scargill giving a press conference outside the court in Rotherham yesterday after the judgement

Young Scots striker jailed

FEELINGS were running high amongst striking miners in the Lothians yesterday over a young NUM strike leader who has been jailed on remand until January 10.

An appeal against Tuesday's jailing of Michael Hogg — he is on a charge of obstruction — was thrown out yesterday at Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

'We are flabbergasted and so is Michael Hogg's counsel,' Bilston Glen NUM branch secretary

Jackie Aitchison said last night.

'There is intense anger over this. If the police and the judiciary believe this will intimidate us, they are very much mistaken. It will increase the level of action throughout the Lothians.'

Delegate

Aitchison pointed out that Hogg is not only a member of the Lothians NUM central strike committee, and the NUM youth delegate at Bilston Glen colliery.

'Michael is also chairman of the Mayfield strike centre, which is the most active strike centre in this part of the Lothians. Mayfield is a big housing estate and he has a very active strike centre there,' said Aitchison.

Hogg was arrested for obstruction as he attended a demonstration last Monday. He was not subject to any bail conditions.

Hogg is being kept in Saughton Prison — along with David Hamilton, the chairman of Lothian central strike committee,

and Monktonhall NUM delegate, who has already been imprisoned there for the past two months. Hamilton's trial is due to start on December 19th.

Shouted

Another disturbing development is the arrest of a man two days after he shouted at a scab, who subsequently reported it to the police. Strike leaders are warning that arrests can now take place on the say-so of scabs.

A new HQ for Bersham strikers

ABOUT 30 defiant strikers at Bersham colliery in north Wales have set up a new strike headquarters following the return of a large number of scabs last week.

They are determined to continue the fight and their strike committee is organising cash and food collections.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

The men have set up new headquarters in Wrexham Labour Club. While they appreciate these facilities, they would prefer a site in the centre of town.

Miner 'Murphy' as he is known to his friends, said: 'The Labour Club have been very good to us and we don't want to sound ungrateful, but the trouble is that it's right on the outskirts of the town and the people who used to drop in to the NUM office with food and money now tend not to come out so far.'

The strikers were thrown out of their own NUM headquarters within days of the return to work.

'I was in the office on the Saturday sorting out the food parcels until about half-past three,' Murphy explained.

That evening it was announced on the radio that a noose was hung from the window so that it was outside the house of Ted McKay, who lives next door.

McKay is a NUM official who has opposed the strike since the beginning and has been quoted as saying that God will not forgive Arthur Scargill for the strike.

'There was no noose there when I left,' Murphy went on. 'So I don't know when it was put up or by whom. But when we turned up next morning to collect the food parcels for distribution, Ted McKay was there, with Ray Ellis (North Wales NUM area president) and E J Williams (lodge secretary).

Leave

'They said that because of the noose and the fact that it was intimidation against McKay, we had to leave the building. If we didn't they would call the police and have us thrown out and would take out a writ to keep us out.

'We left and stood outside the building from 8 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. They could see us through the window all the time, but wouldn't let us in. When they left themselves, they didn't have the guts to face us, so they went out the back way and through McKay's house.

'The next day, Monday, we went to the office again. We have had a stall in Wrexham market every Monday since the strike started and we were determined to be there again that week and show everyone that not all the miners had gone back to work.

'Again they refused to let us go into the office to collect our gear for the market stall. However, after a long argument they said two of us only could go in and collect the stuff and the food parcels.

'When we got to the parcels, we had to throw the lot away. We had a big supply of meat from the lads at Fords in Halewood that week, and what with standing there for two days, it was stinking rotten. So nobody had a food parcel that week.'

Idwal Poole said the people of Wrexham 'now they realise that some of us are sticking it out, they are going out of their way to express their support'.

Joe Smout has six children, but he is quite determined that he will not be going back until the strike has been won.

Jobs

'I agree with sticking it out,' he said. 'We are fighting for our children's jobs. We've no right to sell those.

'Like all the others, I've been stopped £16 benefit, but because of the little increase we've just had they have now stopped the children's school meals. I'm fighting to get those back now.'

Smout laughed at the talk of ballots. 'They had a ballot here at Bersham and voted to stay out,' he said. 'Then they all went back. The government only wants ballots if they go the way they want them. Otherwise they just don't want to know.'

The biggest problem at the moment is cash. Food is still being donated from supporters, but up to now the strikers have had none of the money that was being given to the old strike committee.

'We have had to start again from scratch,' said Anne Hett, who has been active on the Bersham Wives Support Group. 'We have got children growing out of their clothes and no money even to buy them some underwear or socks.'

'We are seeing men now we haven't seen since the beginning of the strike, said Keith Hett. 'After the return to work we went to see everyone who was still out.'

'We told them that if they wanted to see the fight carried on it wasn't enough now to leave it to somebody else. They would have to get involved themselves, and they have.'

YOUR TV GUIDE

SATURDAY



Maria Ewing as Poppea and Dennis Bailey as Nerone in 'L'incoronazione di Poppea' on BBC2 at 8.15pm



Patricia Breslin in 'Homicidal' on 4 at 11.35pm

BBC1

8.30 The Perishers. 8.35 The Littlest Hobo. 9.00 Saturday Superstore. 12.12 Weather.

12.15 GRANDSTAND: (1.00 News Summary); Football Focus; 12.30 Racing from Ascot (12.50, 1.20, 1.55 races); 1.05 Boxing, last night's Wembley bouts; 1.30 Skiing; 2.10 Rugby Union, Australians v Barbarians from Cardiff; 3.50 Half-times; 3.55 International Show Jumping; 4.15 Cross Country; 4.40 Final Score.

5.05 NEWS; Weatherman

5.15 SPORT

5.20 SUPERDANCE 84 Solo and team disco dancers compete to be the 1984 champions

6.45 CARRY ON... DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD Rollicking farce from the Carry On team in the French revolution of 1789, with Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Jim Dale, Charles Hawtrey, Peter Butterworth, Joan Sims (1967)

8.15 DYNASTY Lancelot

'Wogan' on BBC1 at 9.05

9.05 WOGAN Terry Wogan's chat show

9.55 NEWS AND SPORT; Weatherman

10.10 MATCH OF THE DAY Football Jimmy Hill introduces highlights from two First Division matches; plus International Showjumping from Olympia

11.50 BURT LANCASTER in *Uzana's Raid* (1972) Lancaster plays an ageing scout who, together with a idealistic young lieutenant, leads a cavalry troop to track down and gain revenge on a band of Apaches. With Bruce Davison and Joaquin Martinez

1.30 Weather Close

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.10 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 10.10 Manufacturing with Polymers. 10.35 Open Lecture. 11.25 Robotics. 11.50 Caring for Older People. 12.15 Fluid Mechanics. 12.40 Farmers Summing Up. 1.05 Pages from Ceefax.

3.25 SUN VALLEY SERENADE (1941) Musical where the songs — including 'Chatanooqua Choo Choo' and 'In the Mood' are more memorable than the story. With Glenn Miller and Sonja Henie

4.45 THE FORBIN PROJECT (1969) Science fiction thriller where man comes under the control of the super-intelligence of a computer called Colossus. With Eric Braeden, Susan Clark and Gordon Pinsent

6.25 THE SKY AT NIGHT *Forgotten Constellations* Patrick Moore looks at old star maps

6.45 A VOUS LA FRANCE!

7.10 NEWS AND SPORT Weather

7.25 RUGBY SPECIAL The Barbarians v The Australians from Cardiff



8.15 THE SATURDAY ALTERNATIVE *L'incoronazione di Poppea* Glyndebourne presents Peter Hall's production of Claudio Monteverdi's opera. With Maria Ewing as the courtesan Poppea and Dennis Bailey as the Emperor of Rome (9.50 interval)

10.55 THE ITALIAN FILM *Leap into the Void* (1980) Michel Piccoli and Anouk Aimee play a brother and sister living together in Rome whose childhood obsessions stay with them. Believing his sister might be better off dead, Mauro introduces her to a man who has driven a previous mistress to suicide. (In Italian with English subtitles)

12.55 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.00 MAKING THE MOST OF...

1.25 CHIPS COMIC *Underground*

1.55 TRANSATLANTIC MERRY GO ROUND (1934) Vintage musical comedy-drama with Jack Benny as an entertainer on board a luxury ocean liner where the lives of its various passengers intertwine

3.40 THE HORN BLOWS AT MIDNIGHT (1945) Jack Benny as an angel who is sent to earth to herald the end of the world, misses his cue and is demoted to Fallen Angel

5.05 BROOKSIDE

6.00 DANGER MAN *Sabotage*

6.30 ROCK-N-AMERICA Rick Ducommun introduces another combination of zany comedy and new, unusual and vintage video music. With Carmel, Art of Noise, Nick Lowe, What Is This, World Famous Supreme Team, and Stevie Ray Vaughn

7.00 NEWS SUMMARY and Weather; followed by

SEVEN DAYS

7.30 THE BESPOKE OVERCOAT Oscar-winning British short film with David Kossoff and Alfie Bass — the story of a Jewish clerk who dies but does not rest easy

8.00 THE SONNETS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE *Some glory in their birth, some in their skill* Michael Bryant performs Sonnet 91 and Sir Roy Strong, director of the Victoria and Albert museum, talks about the Elizabethans

8.15 MUCK AND BRASS *Growth*

9.15 20/20 VISION: CHILD SEX ABUSE *The Offender*

10.00 HILL STREET BLUES *Blues for Mr Green*

11.00 PUSHING UP DAISIES Final comedy sketch from the regular cast of four

11.35 HOMICIDAL (1961) Sinister thriller with Glenn Corbett and Patricia Breslin as a young couple plunged into a nightmare of terror in a house occupied by three strange people

1.05 Closedown

LWT

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.30 Fraggles Rock. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 Space 1999.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT 12.20 World Cup Ski-ing from Italy; 12.45 News; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.20, 1.55 Wrestling; Racing from Doncaster (1.45, 2.15, 2.50 races); 2.25, 3.00, 4.00 Snooker: The Hofmeister World Doubles Championship; 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-up; 4.45 Results.

5.00 ITN NEWS AND SPORT

5.05 CANDID CAMERA Hosted by Allen Funt and Jo Ann Pflug

5.35 BLOCKBUSTERS Hosted by Bob Holness

6.05 THE A-TEAM *Bells of St Mary's* The A-Team find their talents stretched when they are caught between a greedy record company, a top singing group and a school's star football player

7.00 TARBY AND FRIENDS Hosted by Jimmy Tarbuck with guests Bob Davro, Phyllis Diller, Des O'Connor and Russ Abbot

7.45 PUNCHLINES Starring Lennie Bennett

8.15 3-2-1 Showcase hosted by Ted Rogers

9.15 NEWS FROM ITN

9.30 SNOOKER *The Hofmeister World Doubles Championship* Introduced by Dickie Davies from The Dergate Centre, Northampton

12.15 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

BELLAMY Bomber Bellamy is on the heels of a bomber who murdered his landlady when she discovered his cache of explosives.

1.00 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.30 The Jacksons. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 Chips.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT: 12.20 World Cup Ski-ing from France; 12.45 ITN News; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.20, 1.55 Wrestling; Racing from Doncaster (1.45, 2.15, 2.50 races); 2.25, 3.00, 4.00 Snooker; 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-up; 4.45 Results.

5.00 ITN NEWS

5.05 CANDID CAMERA American version of the popular programme

5.35 BLOCKBUSTERS With Bob Holness

6.05 THE A-TEAM *Bells of St Mary's* The A-Team's talents are put to the test when they are caught between a greedy record company, a top singing group and a school's star football player

7.00 TARBY AND FRIENDS Hosted by Jimmy Tarbuck with his guests, including Russ Abbot, Bobby Davro, Phyllis Diller and Des O'Connor

7.45 PUNCHLINES Lennie Bennett presents this fast-moving quiz game

8.15 3-2-1 Showcase With Ted Rogers

9.15 ITN NEWS

9.30 SNOOKER *The Hofmeister World Doubles Championship* Coverage of the second semi-final continues in today's best of 17 frames contest

12.15 HAMMER HOUSE OF MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE *A Distant Scream* An old man, imprisoned for a murder he didn't commit, is dying — and in his dreams he returns to the past to search for the truth. With David Carradine, Stephanie Beacham

1.30 Closedown

S4C

1.15 What the Papers Say. 1.30 A Week in Politics. 2.10 Rygbi. 3.50 La Cloche. 4.10 The Wine Programme. 4.40 Film: *Christmas Holiday*. 6.20 The Avengers. 7.20 Superted. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion A Sian. 8.15 Cyngerdd Y Dathlu. 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.05 Film: *Willie and Phil*. 12.10 India: The Alternative. 12.40 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half-hour until 12.30p.m., 2.30, 3.30, 5.40, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight.
5.55 The Radio 1 Chip Show. 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Lenny Henry (S). 2.00 Paul Gambaccini (S). 4.00 Saturday Live (S). 6.30 In Concert (S). 7.30 Ian Brass. 9.30-12.00 Dixie Peach.

Sports Desk. 10.05 Ken Bruce (S). 12.05 Night Owls (S). 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00-4.00 Pop Over Europe (S) with the top ten records of the month.

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Aubade (S) Handel arr Beecham, Eccles, Beethoven (mono), Chausson, Schumann, Donizetti, Chadwick, Salzedo: records. 9.00 News. 9.05 Record Review (S) Building a Library: Shostakovich's Piano Quartet. 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninov, Bridge. 11.45 Pfitzner and Mozart Symphonies (S) Pfitzner's Symphony in C-sharp minor (12.20-12.25 Interval) Mozart, Symphony No. 40. 1.00 News. 1.05 Mozart and Shostakovich (S) Violin Sonatas. 2.00 Verdi's Operas (S) 'Rigoletto' Act 1 (3.00-3.05 Julian Budden). Acts 2 and 3. 4.15 French Piano Music (S) Franck, Rameau, Debussy. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Critics' Forum. 6.35 Franz Schmidt (S) Piano concerto in E-flat. 7.20 Dante in Rotterdam. 8.10 'L'incoronazione di Poppea' (S) Monteverdi's opera in Raymond Leppard's edition. 11.00 Haydn (S) Symphonies Nos 18 and 38 and a string quartet: records. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News: Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather: Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather: Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Sport on 4. 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather: Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Checkpoint. 9.30 Profile. 9.50 News Stand. 10.05 The Week in Westminster. 10.30 Pick of the Week (S). 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 News: Money Box. 12.27 The News Quiz. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News: The Afternoon Play (S) *The Journal of Vasilje Bogdanovic*. 3.00 News: The Burks Way (S). 3.30 Of Ice and Men. 4.15 The Chip Shop (S). 4.45 Keep Your Tails Up. 5.00 Wildlife. 5.25 Week Ending. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather: Travel. 6.00 News: Sports Round-Up. 6.25 Desert Island Discs (S). 7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (S). 7.45 Baker's Dozen (S). 8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre (S) *Ride a Red Pony*. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 You the Jury. 11.00 Evening Service (S). 11.15 Great Liners. 11.30 Son of Cliché (S). 12.00-12.15 News: Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Fraggles Rock. 9.55 Young Lookaround. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 The Jacksons. 11.50 Batman. 12.13 North East News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; North East News. 5.10 Candid Camera. 5.35 Blockbusters. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Tarby and Friends. 7.45 Punchlines. 8.15 3-2-1. 9.15 News. 9.30 Snooker. 12.15 Jazz Life. 12.45 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 I Gopher Your. 9.30 Fangface. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 Six Million Dollar Man. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Candid Camera. 5.35 Blockbusters. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Tarby and Friends. 7.45 Punchlines. 8.15 3-2-1. 9.15 News; Sport. 9.30 Snooker. 12.15 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather

Forecast; followed by Cartoon Time. 9.30 The Jacksons. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 Tarzan. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Candid Camera. 5.35 Blockbusters. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Tarby and Friends. 7.45 Punchlines. 8.15 3-2-1. 9.15 News; Sport. 9.30 Snooker. 12.15 Teachers Only. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35 The Jacksons. 9.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 Freeze Frame. 12.12 TSW Regional News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Newsport. 5.10 The Smurfs. 5.35 Candid Camera. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Tarby and Friends. 7.45 Punchlines. 8.15 3-2-1. 9.15 News; Sport; Weather. 9.30 Snooker. 12.15 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Road to Andalay. 9.30 Fraggles Rock. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 The Groovie Ghoules. 11.45 Jabberjaws. 12.12 TVS Weather. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45

News). 5.00 News; Sport; TVS News. 5.05 Candid Camera. 5.35 Blockbusters. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Tarby and Friends. 7.45 Punchlines. 8.15 3-2-1. 9.15 News; Sport. 9.30 Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 The Jacksons. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 Father Murphy. 12.13 HTV News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; HTV News. 5.05 Candid Camera. 5.35 Blockbusters. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Tarby and Friends. 7.45 Punchlines. 8.15 3-2-1. 9.15 News; Sport. 9.30 Snooker. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Fraggles Rock. 10.00 The Saturday Starship. 11.20 Tarzan. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Sport; Weather. 5.05 Candid Camera. 5.35 Blockbusters. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Tarby and Friends. 7.45 Punchlines. 8.15 3-2-1. 9.15 News; Sport; Weather. 9.30 Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

SUNDAY



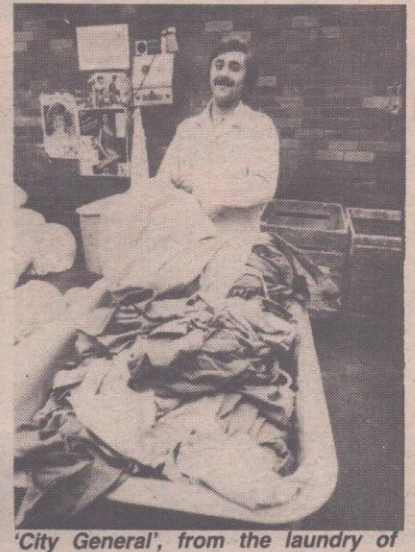
Ann Bell stars in 'Tenko' on BBC1 at 8.50pm



Richard Briers and Bridget Armstrong in 'A Home of Your Own' on 4 at 2.25pm



'He Walked By Night' with Richard Basehart and Felice Ingersoll on 4 at 11



'City General', from the laundry of Stoke City General Hospital, is on 4 at 9.15

BBC1

8.55 Heads and Tails. 9.10 People First. 9.35 Making the Most of the Micro. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Languages for Life. 10.55 Morning Worship. 11.40 See Hear! 12.30 Farming; Weather for Farmers. 12.55 Magic Roundabout. 1.00 This Week Next Week. 1.50 Face the Music. 2.25 Comedy Matinee: *Up in the World* (1956) Window cleaner Norman Wisdom gets involved in a kidnap plot. 3.55 International Show Jumping. 5.10 The Dukes of Hazzard.

6.00 **THE PRISONER OF ZENDA** Episode five of Anthony Hope's classic novel dramatised by James Andrew Hall with Malcolm Sinclair as the English gentleman alias Ruritania monarch

6.30 **NEWS**; Weatherman

6.40 **SONGS OF PRAISE**

7.15 **SPORTS REVIEW OF 1984** 400 famous sportsmen and women gather at the BBC Television Centre to review the memorable sporting events of 1984 and to present an award to the Sports Personality of the Year

8.50 **TENKO** Emotions are running high in the days leading up to departure for home in the last episode of the serial about women in a Japanese prisoner of war camp

9.45 **NEWS** Weatherman

10.00 **PERRY COMO'S CHRISTMAS IN PARIS** With guest Angie Dickinson

10.50 **EVERYMAN** *Render Unto Caesar*

11.30 **Weather**; Closedown

BBC WALES: 1.50-2.40 Weekend Rugby Union. 2.40 Comedy Matinee: *Carry on Sergeant* (1958). 11.30 News of Wales Headlines and Weather

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 11.00 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.00 Living with Technology: Dome is What You Make It. 11.25 Pages from Ceefax. 12.55 Farmers Summing Up. 1.20 Pages from Ceefax.

1.55 **HORIZON A Mathematical Mystery Tour** The intricate and often bizarre world of pure mathematics

2.45 **THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP** Latest news from Moscow

3.10 **GEORGE ORWELL** Final part of Arena's biography of George Orwell *Nineteen Eighty-four*

4.10 **MUSIC FROM ST GEORGE'S** The Bachmann Quartet play music by Haydn and Benjamin Britten at St George's, Bristol

5.00 **GEOFFREY SMITH'S WORLD OF FLOWERS** Geoffrey Smith looks at the world of primulas

5.25 **SKI SUNDAY** Featuring the Men's Downhill from Val Gardena

6.00 **NEWS REVIEW** with subtitles

6.30 **THE MONEY PROGRAMME**

7.15 **SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS** introduced by Richard Stilgoe

7.55 **THE NATURAL WORLD** *Land of Ice and Fire* Anthony Valentine narrates this film of America's spectacular Yellowstone National Park in winter when the bison huddle for warmth near the hot springs and the park takes on a different face to that seen by the summer visitors

8.45 **DID YOU SEE . . . ? Marshall McLuhan: The Man and His Message**

9.30 **DEAR LADIES** *Oh Mr Mayor*

10.00 **SLITHER** (1973) Car thief Dick Kanipsia gets out of prison and immediately finds himself in the middle of a dangerous hunt for huge sums of embezzled money — and an unexpected and moving involvement in a family's life. With James Caan, Peter Boyle and Sally Kellerman

11.40 **Closedown**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 **TENNIS The Davis Cup Final** Simon Reed and David Lloyd bring exclusive coverage of the Sweden v USA match from Gothenburg. Today, the opening singles match

2.55 **A HOME OF YOUR OWN** (1964) Richard Briers, Bridget Armstrong, Ronnie Barker in a short comedy without dialogue about the building of a young couple's dream house on a new estate

3.15 **BRITISH COUNCIL: HAVE CULTURE — WILL TRAVEL** A documentary to mark the 150th anniversary of the British Council

4.15 **BOOK FOUR**

4.45 **KAREN ARMSTRONG** *Sister Frances Sleepers*

5.10 **NEWS SUMMARY** and Weather; followed by

THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME

6.00 **AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

7.15 **THE DISMISSAL** Final part of this dramatisation of the Australian political events that led to the dismissal of Gough Whitlam's elected government in 1975 by Sir John Kerr, Australian Governor-General and representative of the Queen

8.15 **SOUTH SEAS VOYAGE** *Copper, Copra and Volcanoes* Krov and Ann Menuhin complete their South West Pacific voyage with a visit to Papua New Guinea

9.15 **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE** presents *City General* Doctors, nurses, pathologists and orderlies from Stoke City General hospital recall everyday life at the hospital since World War II

9.45 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER** *Hofmeister World Doubles Championship*

11.00 **HE WALKED BY NIGHT** (1949) Documentary-style film with Richard Basehart as a thief who murders a Los Angeles policeman and becomes the object of dedicated manhunt

12.25 **Close**

LWT

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.35 The Smurfs. 9.50 Cartoon Time. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Care Bears. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 London News Headlines; followed by The Smurfs. 2.45 Happy Days. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye.

5.30 **SUNDAY, SUNDAY**

6.30 **NEWS FROM ITN**

6.40 **APPEAL**

7.15 **CHILD'S PLAY** Presented by Michael Aspel

7.45 **MURDER, MYSTERY, SUSPENSE: Murder by Death** (1976) With Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers, Maggie Smith, David Niven and Peter Falk. Five of the world's most famous detectives — from Jessica Marbles to Sam Diamond — are brought together as guests of an eccentric millionaire who invites them to 'dinner and murder'

9.15 **NEWS FROM ITN**

9.45 **A KIND OF ALASKA** TV adaptation of the play by Harold Pinter with Dorothy Tutin and Paul Scofield

10.55 **SOUTH OF WATFORD** Tonight's programme looks at Colin McInnes trilogy about London life in the late 50s and how the Soho, Pimlico and Notting Hill he wrote about compare to today

11.25 **LONDON NEWS HEADLINES** followed by

SNOOKER The Hofmeister World Doubles Championship

12.30 **Night Thoughts** and **Closedown**

GRANADA

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9.35 Survival. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 A Sense of the Past. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30 Down to Earth. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 The Champions. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 The Love Boat.

6.30 **ITN NEWS**

6.40 **APPEAL**

6.45 **HIGHWAY**

7.15 **CHILD'S PLAY** Contestants and celebrities try to guess children's definitions of everyday words hosted by Michael Aspel

7.45 **MURDER, MYSTERY, SUSPENSE: Murder by Death** An invitation to 'dinner and murder' has been sent by eccentric millionaire Lionel Twain to five of the world's most famous detectives. He reveals that someone in the house will be stabbed to death at midnight and defies the criminologists to solve the crime. With Peter Sellers, and David Niven

9.30 **ITN NEWS**

9.45 **A KIND OF ALASKA** An award-winning Pinter play, inspired by a true case history. Deborah wakes up in a bare white room not knowing where she is or how long she has been there. She does not know the man sitting by her bed but he knows her . . .

10.55 **COMEDY TONIGHT The Greats** Who were the greats and what made their comedy timeless?

11.25 **SNOOKER** The Hofmeister World Doubles Championships

12.30 **Closedown**

S4C

12.00 The Davis Cup. 2.40 The Living Body. 3.10 The World — A Television History. 3.35 Basketball. 4.35 Henllys Fawr. 5.15 The Business Programme. 6.00 American Football. 7.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 7.20 Newyddion Amaeth. 7.25 Newyddion. 7.30 Caryl. 8.00 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.40 Hywel Morgan. 9.15 Dechrau Canu. Dechrau Canmol. 9.50 International Snooker. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour until 11.30a.m., then 2.30p.m., 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30, and at 12 midnight.
5.55 The Radio 1 Chip Shop. 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Steve Wright. 12.30 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.30 Adrian Juste. 4.00 Hitsville USA. 5.00 Top 40 (S). 7.00 Anne Nightingale (S). 9.00 Robbie Vincent (S). 11.00-12.00 Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations (S).

2 News on the hour (except 8p.m.). Headlines 7.30a.m.
4.00 John Turner (S) (5.02 Cricket Desk). 6.00 George Ferguson (S) (6.02, 7.02 Cricket Desk). 7.30 Paul McDowell (S) 9.00 David Jacobs (S) (9.02, 10.02 Cricket Desks). 11.00 Desmond Carrington (S) (11.02, 12.02 Cricket Desks). 12.30 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (S). 12.59 Sports Desk. 1.00 Jimmy Young presents Two's Best (S). 2.00 Benny Green (S). 3.00 Alan Dell (S). 4.00 String Sound (S). 4.30 Sing Something Simple (S). 5.00 Charlie Chester (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.30 Brain of Sport. 7.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 William Davis at the Piano. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Jimmy Young presents Two's Best (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Austrian Baroque Music (S) Biber, Emperor Leopold I. Froberger, Schmelzer, Fux, Haydn, Leopold Mozart: records. 8.00 Brahms Chamber Music. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Requests: Berlioz, Beethoven, Gordon Jacob, Ravel. 10.30 Music Weekly (S). 11.15 Domingo and Friends (S) a programme of music from Zarzuelas performed by tenor Placido Domingo, Virginia Alonso and Paloma Perez-Inigo and the Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Garcia Navarro. 12.45 Petworth Festival 1984 (S) Chamber music: Haydn, Robert Walker (1.35-1.55 Poetry Now) Elgar. 1.35 Poetry Now. 2.30 Beethoven Sonatas (S) Recital by Peter Serkin. 4.00 Lutoslawski and Copland (S) Concert. 4.45 The Vassier Songbook (S) Songs by Debussy 5.30 New Premises. 6.15 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: 50th Anniversary (S) Bruckner's 8th Symphony. 7.30 Folkeraad (S) Political satire by Gunnar Heiberg, with music by Delius. 9.00 Borodin Piano Trio (S) Shostakovich (9.30-9.50 Diderot) Beethoven. 10.30 The Reith Lectures 1984: Minds, Brains and Science. 11.00 Stephen Bishop Kovacevich (S) Piano recital: Bach, Beethoven. 11.57-12.00 News.

VHF: 7.05-11.15 Cricket: Second Test, India v England.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Appa Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Henry Cooper. 8.55 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers. 11.15 Weekend. 12.00 Four Romantic Heroes. 12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend: News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 The Afternoon Play (S) *The Friend of the Family*. 4.00 News; Talking About Antiques. 4.30 The Living World. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 Down Your Way. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 The Case Against God (S). 6.45 Silent Night. 7.00 Travel; Father Brown Stories. 7.30 Bookshelf. 8.00 Evening Service. 8.45 Theatre of Blood. 9.00 News; Masters' India (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 The Snow-Baby (S). 11.00 Mindful of the Love. 11.15 Inside Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 6.55-7.15a.m. Open University. 4p.m. Study on 4.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Marc Chagall: The Colours of Passion. 11.25 Lookaround. 11.30 Batman. 11.58 North East News. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 One O'Clock Sport. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 North East News. 5.32 Falcon Crest. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Child's Play. 7.45 Film: *Murder by Death*. 9.30 News. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska. 10.55 Viewpoint. 11.25 Snooker. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Wattoo, Wattoo. 9.30 The Flying Kiwi. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Fascinating Thailand. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Star Fleet. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Falcon Crest. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Child's Play. 7.45 Film: *Murder by Death*. 9.30 News. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska. 10.55 Beyond the Fig Leaf. 11.55 Snooker. 12.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather; followed by Getting On. 10.00 Morning

Worship. 11.00 Kongur. 11.30 Farming Diary; Weather. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 The Champions. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Chips. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Child's Play. 7.45 Film: *Murder by Death*. 9.30 News. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska. 10.55 Struggle. 11.25 Snooker. 12.30 Five Minutes; Closedown.

TSW

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 The Invisible Man on the Jesus Beat. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30 The South West Week. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Gardens For All. 1.30 Farming News. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.35 The Fall Guy. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Child's Play. 7.45 Film: *Murder by Death*. 9.30 News; Weather. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska. 10.55 Struggle. 11.25 Snooker. 12.30 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Action Line. 9.30 Atom Ant. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Farm Focus. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Operation Raleigh. 1.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 The Adventurer. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Terrahawks. 5.55 TVS News. 6.00 The Human Factor. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15

Child's Play. 7.45 Film: *Murder by Death*. 9.30 News. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska. 10.55 Teachers Only. 11.25 Snooker. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Vicky the Viking. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Harpsichord Builder. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 1.30 West Country Farming; Weather for Farmers. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Magnum. 6.30 News; HTV News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Child's Play. 7.45 Film: *Murder by Death*. 9.30 News. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska. 10.55 Struggle. 11.25 Snooker. 12.30 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV Wales: 1.00-1.30 Stress.

ANGLIA

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 The Greatest Thinkers. Marx 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Wells Cathedral. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Just Our Luck. 1.25 Weather Trends. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Snooker. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 The Fall Guy. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Child's Play. 7.45 Film: *Murder by Death*. 9.30 News; Weather. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska. 10.55 Shelley. 11.25 Snooker. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Von Trappe to win at Ascot

SELECTIONS

ASCOT:
12.15 Buckbe, 12.50 Northern Trial, 1.20 Richdee, 1.55 Von Trappe (nap), 2.30 Ragafan, 3.00 Bickleigh Bridge.

DONCASTER:
12.45 Judy's Dowry, 1.15 Dover, 1.45 Townley Stone, 2.15 Mossy Moore, 2.50 Cybrandian, 3.20 Afzal.

TOWCESTER:
12.30 Clara Mountain, 1.00 Goldspun, 1.30 Ridgeway Girl, 2.00 Tar Knight, 2.30 Netherbridge, 3.00 Rheffanosa.

DONCASTER

ITV 1.45, 2.15, 2.50

12.45 GLASGOW PADDOCKS SELLING HURDLE

1	00	ESTEE (FR) D W Chapman 4 11 10	S Kelghtley
2	00	GAME ROCKET Hbt Jones 4 11 10	J J O'Neill
4	000-00	SOLAR LIGHT F J Yardley 4 11 10	R Crank
6	0	CHANGATRE Mrs G Reveley 4 11 5	A Lang (7)
7	0	DRAKE HOUSE E J Alston 4 11 5	M Alston (7)
8	0	IT'S HEAVEN G M Moore 4 11 5	R O'Leary
10	0	FAVOURITE NEWPHEW I Vickers 3 10 10	P Tuck
12	300010	HALL'S PRINCE G B Balding 3 10 10	B Reilly
13	0P20	PRINCE BUBBLY M Avison 3 10 10	G W Gray
18	0	ABSENT LOVER F J Yardley 3 10 5	C Smith
19	0	ARATI Mrs E Adair 3 10 5	Mr P Avery
20	14340	CLUEDO R J Williams 3 10 5	J Barlow
21	P0	DARING PRANK T Kersey 3 10 5	D Wilkinson
23	1	JUDY'S DOWRY W Wharton 3 10 5	M Brennan
25	0	MISS RAPID W A Stephenson 3 10 5	Mr P J Dun (4)
26	302F0	RECORD SUPREME M J Lambert 3 10 5	P A Charlton

BLINKERS: 13
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Hall's Prince, 7-2 Judy's Dowry, 9-2 Cluedo, 6-1 Miss Rapid, 10-1 Prince Bubby, 12-1 Game Rocket and Record Supreme, 16-1 others.

1.15 TEAL NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE £800

1	1311	HAND OVER Mrs M Dickinson 5 11 11	J D Davies (7)
7	011	DOVER M H Easterby 4 10 8	A Brown
8	0032-0P	TORONTO STAR A W Potts 4 10 6	S J O'Neill
11	00-01	CAMP KELPIE B E Wilkinson 5 10 2 (7 ex)	Mr G Harker (7)
14	32F-240	KEYCORN J W Boundell 4 10 1	J J O'Neill
15	3P0402-	LEAVE IT TO BALLY M J Lambert 4 10 0	P A Charlton
16	0430-0	BUSORM S B Avery 4 10 0	P A Charlton
19	00-P02	SPANISH BOLD M J Ryan 4 10 0	J McLaughlin
20	0000-0	MILL BRAE O Brennan 6 10 0	M Brennan
23	BU0	ROTHERLEIGH J P Leigh 4 10 0	P Blackburn (7)
27	P0-P	PEMELIA J Dooler 4 10 0	M Pepper
28	0F0400	DEMON KING J G Thorpe 5 10 0	Miss J Vergette (7)

BLINKERS: 8
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Hand Over, 9-4 Dover, 5-1 Camp Kelpie, 7-1 Leave it to Bally, 8-1 Spanish Bold, 16-1 others.

1.45 FREEBOOTER NOVICE CHASE £10,000

1	2113-11	TOWNLEY STONE J Webber 5 11 11	G McCourt
2	04-2133	SULA BULA M H Easterby 6 11 8	J J O'Neill
4	0022-22	ABU TORKEY J W Blundell 7 11 4	C Grant
6	01-1F22	GOLDEN FANCY I Vickers 7 11 4	P Tuck
8	0-12121	STATE CASE Mrs M Dickinson 6 11 4	Mr R J Beggan
10	2/4-3F11	THE WELDER Mrs M Dickinson 6 11 4	R Earnshaw

BLINKERS: 2
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 State Case, 7-4 Townley Stone, 6-1 The Welder, 8-1 Sula Bula, 12-1 Golden Fancy, 16-1 Abu Torkey.

2.15 SHEILA'S COTTAGE CHASE LTD HANDICAP (Grade 2) £15,000 2m (4 runners)

1	2-31222	LITTLE BAY (C-D) (BF) G Richards 9 11 10	D Coakley (4)
2	1/40-224	RYEMAN (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 7 10 9	R Earnshaw
3	F23-411	MOSSY MOORE K Oliver 8 10 7	T G Dun
6	1/2-03F2	ALDRO W Clay 8 10 7	S J O'Neill

BLINKERS: 2
PROBABLE SP: evens Mossy Moore, 2-1 Little Bay, 11-4 Ryeman, 25-1 Aldro.

2.50 EMBASSY PREMIER CHASE (Q'FIER) £3,000 2m 4f (2 runners)

2	13-1111	CYBRANDIAN (D) M H Easterby 6 11 10	A Brown
5	U2-UP32	EMMASON (BF) J L Spearing 9 11 5	P Warner

3.20 NIGHT NURSE HANDICAP HURDLE £3,000 2m 4f (8 runners)

1	00P31-0	NEWLIFE CONNECTION (D) W A Stephenson 5 11 10	Mr P J Dun (4)
2	201-F23	AFZAL (BF) R Hollinshead 4 11 6	J J O'Neill
3	032-004	CELTIC CRACKER R W Hartop 6 10 8	J Barlow
4	00003-0	HIGH OLD TIME J L Harris 8 10 0	J A Harris
5	00-2203	MAYHEM J Dooler 11 10 0	M Pepper
7	331P-0	LISARDA W N Guest 5 10 0	P Blackburn (7)
8	000014-	MOUNTAINEER (D) J P Leigh 5 10 0	R Earnshaw
9	10400	SILVER SNOW Mrs E Scott 6 10 0	R Earnshaw

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Afzal, 9-2 Newlife Connection, 6-1 Celtic Cracker, 8-1 Mayhem, 12-1 Lisarda and Mountaineer, 16-1 others.

RESULTS

DONCASTER:

12.45 (2m): NERO WOLF M Brennan (5-4 on fav); Jester's Night (9-4); Sportsman Haconby (7-2); 3 ran, 30, dist. (O Brennan) T: £1.90, CSF: £2.68.
1.15 (2½m): OUT OF THE GLOOM J J O'Neill (6-5 fav); Wassam (7-1); Nohaldun (6-1); Quiet Fall (8-1); 12 ran, 4, (R Hollinshead) T: £2.10, £1.20, £2, £2.10, CSF: £12.28.
1.45 (2½m): DIRECT LINE R O'Leary (3-1 it fav); Far Bridge (3-1 it fav); Don't Forget (6-1); Press Gang (8-1); 8 ran, 15, 3, (J Fitzgerald) T: £3; £1.60, £1.10, £2.30, CSF: £12.08.
2.15 (2m): ISHKOMANN R Linley (11-2); Rhythmic Pastimes (7-4 fav); Turl (5-1); Emandar (25-1); 4, 11 ran, 3, 1½, (J L Spearing) T: £8.60, £2.30, £1.30, £1.60, CSF: £16.37.
2.45 (3m): ZAMANDRA R O'Leary (6-4 on fav); Antiguan Moon (13-2); Welfare (7-2); Caldwell Case (20-1); 9 ran, Nk, 15, (J Fitzgerald) T: £1.60, £1, £2, £1.40, CSF: £6.46.
3.15 (3m): RIGTON SALLY P Corrigan (5-4 fav); Even Deeper (7-2); Whitley Burn (8-1); Conway Grove (33-1); 7 ran, 12, 3, (H Wharton) T: £1.80, £1.40, £1.40, CSF: £26.28, NR: Twelter.

WARWICK

12.30 (2m): ROGAIRO S Morshead (25-1); Wyford (5-4 fav); Connaught River

VON TRAPPE (1.55) who missed a winning opportunity at Haydock earlier in the week when the horsebox broke down, can spring a surprise on hot favourite Crimmon Embers in the Long Walk Hurdle at ASCOT today.

Michael Oliver makes no secret of his high regard for the son of Normandy, narrowly beaten on his fencing bow at Clonmel back in March and on course for a novice chase at the Lan-

cashire track before disaster struck.

Von Trappe should not be underestimated as a hurdler, however, having shown a lot of ability on each of his three ventures over timber in this country.

He kicked off by finishing second behind Little London at Wolverhampton last month, having looked capable of smothering the leader whenever he liked. In the end he was beaten a neck, with the third horse 25 lengths behind.

Von Trappe again proved hesitant to go through with a promising-looking run at Cheltenham on Mackeson day when beaten by Spaced Out and Kristenson, but came up with the goods in a Coral Hurdle qualifier at

Warwick, where he beat Kristenson's stable companion, Run Leah Run, more easily than the three-length winning margin suggests.

A 6lb swing in the weights in Kristenson's favour would seemingly give Von Trappe no chance with Roger Fisher's horse this time, but with his true potential yet to be revealed, the midland raider could pop up at rewarding odds.

Record

Richdee (1.20) bids to extend his unbeaten Ascot record to five in the SGB Handicap Chase, and Neville Crump's chestnut should get the better of a close finish with fellow northerner Danny Danny.

ASCOT BBC1 12.50, 1.20, 1.55

12.15 KILLINEY NOVICE CHASE £7,500 2m 4f (6 runners)

2	021-P1U	HANDY BILLY J Webber 5 10 13	G Mernagh
3	1314-32	BROWN TRIX (BF) F T Winter 6 10 12	J Francome
4	00/3222-	CLAUDE MONET D R Gandolfo 6 10 12	P Barton
6	01P-F4	SIGN AGAIN J C Fox 6 10 12	S Moore
7	3BP-343	IVACOP B Stevens 5 10 10	S Smith Eccles
8	1B0-10F	BUCKBE D R Elsworth 5 10 8	C Brown

BLINKERS: 7
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Brown Trix, 3-1 Buckbe, 4-1 Claude Monet, 5-1 Handy Billy, 8-1 Ivacop, 16-1 Sign Again.

12.50 H.S.S. HIRE SHOPS HURDLE £6,500 2m (5 runners)

1	2110-3	DESERT ORCHID (C-D) (BF) D R Elsworth 5 11 8	C Brown
2	1121-3	SEE YOU THEN (D) N J Henderson 4 11 8	J Francome
5	P	CONCLUSIVE G Richards 5 10 8	N Doughty
6	11	JOY RIDE (D) J S King 4 10 8	S Smith Eccles
8	210-1	NORTHERN TRIAL (D) P A Kellaway 4 10 8	J Suthern

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Desert Orchid, 2-1 See You Then, 11-4 Northern Trial, 6-1 Joy Ride, 25-1 Conclusive.

1.20 SGB HANDICAP CHASE £15,000 3m (7 runners)

1	3-423-32	RICHDEE (C-D) N F Crump 8 11 10	K Whyte
2	2B02-22	CANNY DANNY (D) J G FitzGerald 8 11 8	M Dwyer
3	41-P011	TOM'S LITTLE AL (C-D) W R Williams 8 11 8 (3 ex)	A Jones (7)
4	U114-10	DUKE OF MILAN (C-D) N A Gaselee 7 11 1	S Smith Eccles
5	03-1114	FORTINA'S EXPRESS (D) W A Stephenson 10 11 0	R Lamb
6	U1-0F21	GREENWOOD LAD J T Gifford 7 10 12 (3 ex)	R Rowe
9	1-U2031	BASHFUL LAD (D) M Oliver 9 10 0 (3 ex)	R Rowe

BLINKERS: 3
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Canny Danny, 100-30 Richdee, 4-1 Tom's Little Al, 11-2 Fortina's Express, 8-1 Duke of Milan, 10-1 Greenwood Lad, 14-1 Bashful Lad.

1.55 LONG WALK HURDLE (Grade 2) £10,000 3m 2f (11 runners)

2	112-010	NIALAN (C) J R Jenkins 4 10 11	J Francome
3	424-231	VON TRAPPE M Oliver 7 10 11	J Francome
4	0-00240	AMRULLAH J J Bridger 4 10 8	A Jones
5	0U203-1	CRIMMON EMBERS F Walwyn 9 10 8	S Shilston

TOWCESTER

12.30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICE HURDLE (DIV I) £800 2m (18 runners)

1	0-03221	AIRWAIR R J Hodges 5 11 7	R Linley
2	03/000-1	BOSSANOVA BOY (D) P J Makin 5 11 7	Steve Knight
3	041	CLARA MOUNTAIN (D) T A Forster 5 11 7	H Davies
8	0	BLUE DART J T Gifford 4 10 11	P Nicholls
9	00-00	CODGER R C Armytage 4 10 11	A Webber
14	0	FIEFDOM G M Vergette 4 10 11	S Johnson
17	00-34	GASOOF (USA) D S Ringer 4 10 11	S McNeill
19	32P4-4	HENRY BELL K C Bailey 6 10 11	A Webb
20	0	HOPWAS B A McMahon 5 10 11	M Caswell (4)
29	00-0	OYSTONS WINDMILL P Oliver 5 10 11	M Caswell (4)
30	0	POINT CLEAR P W Harris 4 10 11	R Stronge
33	402-04	SUPER GRASS S Mellor 5 10 11	M Perrett
35	PP-	TROOP THE COLOUR D Nicholson 4 10 11	P Scudamore
36	PP-	CLAIR SOLEIL Mrs J Croft 4 10 6	R Dickin
37	0	LOUISE JESSICA C F Jackson 4 10 6	J Burke
39	0	NICOLA LOUISE Mrs J Pitman 4 10 6	B de Haan
40	0	PREMIER SUSAN S Christian 6 10 6	W Newton (4)
41	2404-FF	QUELLE FARCE D R Gandolfo 4 10 6	M Harrington

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Bossanova Boy, 7-2 Clara Mountain, 9-2 Airwaire, 8-1 Super Grass, 10-1 Blue Dart and Fieldom, 12-1 Gasooft and Henry Bell, 20-1 others.

1.00 MISTLETOE NOVICE CHASE £1,000 2m 5f (16 runners)

2	00003-1	NOTRE CHEVAL S Mellor 5 11 7	M Perrett
4	100-F0-1	VALE OF WELTON N J Henderson 8 11 7	P Croucher (4)
6	22200-	BATCHWORTH N J Henderson 6 11 0	J White
10	P-F	DANILOU P A Pritchard 7 11 0	J Bryan
13	3323-3P	DOUBLE PAST T A Forster 7 11 0	R Dunwoody
15	000-00	FORCE OF DESTINY N A Gaselee 5 11 0	V McKevitt
16	334322	GOLDSPUN (BF) D Nicholson 6 11 0	P Scudamore
17	3F0-332	GRENORE PRIDE P O'Connor 7 11 0	P Double
18	000/P0	JOAT R W Hartop 8 11 0	P Dever
19	0/3000-4	LISBONEY HILL T A Forster 8 11 0	H Davies
21	0P-P	MY MAJOR P W Harris 5 11 0	R Stronge
22	U	PANDA MAN R S Gow 5 11 0	A Webber
26	F0-F3FF	SMOKER P W Harris 6 11 0	NON-RUNNER
28	040-3FP	WISE WORDS P G Bailey 6 11 0	R Linley
29	04-003F	HAND ME DOWN D R Gandolfo 7 10 9	M Richards
30	0	RYE GRASS D R Tucker 10 10 9	S McNeill

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Goldspun, 9-2 Notre Cheval, 6-1 Vale of Welton, 10-1 Greenore Pride and Lisboney Hill, 12-1 Double Past, 20-1 others.

1.30 TURKEY AND HAM SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £500 2 (8 runners)

3	030034	LOOKING FOR GOLD P A Pritchard 6 11 7	N Fearn (7)
4	033000	MASTER BOON D R Tucker 5 11 6	S McNeill
5	40P-00	RIDGEWAY GIRL P Burgoyne 4 11 5	R Dunwoody
6	4F2-F2F	LORD CHARLES (BF) R A Perkins 5 11 3	G Charles-Jones (4)
9	00-00P0	SHIRLSTAR MISS J E Long 4 10 8	P Upson (7)
10	00/000-0	VILLACANA Mrs D Onions 5 10 8	J Nolan
11	U000-00	KELLY'S FESTIVAL Mrs P Sly 5 10 8	M Bastard

WINNING POST

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RACING



Leg trouble restricted Richdee to three outings last season, but after a pipe-opener at Ayr, he failed by only three-quarters of a length to give 20lb to Tudor Folly at Wetherby last Saturday.

Peter Easterby, who has sent out ten winners on the last three Saturdays, looks poised for a DONCASTER double with Dover (1.15) and Cybrandian (2.50).

Dover should complete a hat-trick in the Teal Novices' Handicap Hurdle, having won convincingly at Market Rasen earlier in the month, despite his saddle slipping at the final flight.

Cybrandian, one of the

most improved horses in training, can consolidate his position in the ante post lists for the Cheltenham Gold Cup by beating sole opponent Emmason in the Embassy Premier Chase qualifier.

Fulke Walwyn's Hunter River will be all the rage for TOWCESTER'S Second Division of the Christmas Pudding Novices' Hurdle, but may find one too good for him in Rheffanosa (3.00) who skated up at Kempton last month.

Goldspun (1.00) who kept finding one too good for him over hurdles last season, can make a successful transition to fences in the Mistletoe Novices' Chase.

6	10/40-	HAL'S JOY (USA) M C Pipe 5 10 8	P Leach
7	0243-12	KRISTENSON (BF) R F Fisher 7 10 8	M Williams
8	00-0000	MAC'S TREASURE J A Old 7 10 8	P Murphy
9	1100-30	STAR OF SCREEN (USA) J A Edwards 4 10 8	P Barton
10	000-133	VIVAQUE D R Elsworth 5 10 8	C Brown
11	01123	VOYANT R A Perkins 5 10 8	Dal Williams
12	2230-22	CAMELLE N R Mitchell 6 10 3	B Powell

BLINKERS: 4, 5
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Crimon Embers, 7-2 Kristenson, 6-1 Vivaque, 10-1 Nialan, 12-1 Voyant and Von Trappe, 16-1 others.

2.30 FROGMORE HANDICAP CHASE £9,000 2m (6 runners)

3	0111-04	LEFT BANK (FR) D Morley 6 11 7	J Francome
4	00P-432	RAGAFAN (C-D) B Stevens 7 11 7	C Brown
5	F/U11-13	BRAVE GEORGE (D) P D Haynes 7 11 0	R Rowe
6	20-0F000	OYSTER POND (D) M McCourt 7 10 13	R Kingston
7	2320-31	RIVER RHEIN (D) J Webber 7 10 11	G Mernagh
10	2F4221-	MOOD MUSIC (D) R J Hodges 12 10 0	J Hurst (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Ragafan, 3-1 Brave George, 4-1 River Rhein, 5-1 Left Bank, 7-1 Mood Music, 10-1 Oyster Pond.

3.00 HAMPTON COURT HANDICAP HURDLE £2,500 2m 4f (16 runners)

2	0P-1100	TUGBOAT (D) P Mitchell 5 11 10	Mr M Bosley (7)
3	1030-0P	FORTUNE COOKIE J C Fox 12 11 10	Mr S Bush (7)
4	122	MAGANYOS (HUN) N J Henderson 4 11 7	Mr A J Wilson
5	P13-400	FIONNADOIR FT Winter 6 11 3	Mr C Brooks (7)
6	1-UP000	BRITISH CROWN M Madgwick 8 11 0	Mr D Madgwick (7)
8	0F1-110	CHRYSAOR S Christian 6 10 9	Mr T Reed (4)
10	0-300F0	BLEATHWOOD KB White 8 10 7	Miss L Wallace (7)
11	04-024	MY CULLEN DT Thom 4 10 7	Mr D Murphy (4)
12	2000F/P	LADY SWEETAPPLES DR Elsworth 8 10 7	Mr M Armytage (7)
13	0	FATA MORGANA Mrs P Pile 9 10 7	Mrs D Mitchell (7)
14	FF400-1	BICKLEIGH BRIDGE JD Roberts 10 10 7	Mr L Harvey (7)
15	4344-22	MENDALEAK (D) W Price 7 10 7	Mr A Price (7)
16	3324P0	GAZAN WT Kemp 6 10 7	Mr D Townsend (7)
17	100/200-	BRANDO (C-D) RJ Holder 7 17	Miss A Dare (7)
19	0-3F040	PIN TUCK PM Taylor 10 10 7	Mr J Dewhurst (7)
20	F0-P0P0	DOM PERIGNON (D) MJ Gibson 9 10 7	Mr G Bae (7)

Sports Line

Resolute Robinson — England's key

Walk-off threat by Kiwis

PAKISTAN'S second innings was overshadowed by two heated exchanges between the umpires and the New Zealanders in which the touring team threatened to walk off on the fourth day of the third cricket Test in Karachi yesterday.

At close, Pakistan had struggled to 77 for two, still 21 runs behind New Zealand's first innings total of 426 all out.

The visitors, resuming at 316 for four, crashed to 361 for eight at one stage before staging a creditable recovery.

The trouble flared in the closing minutes when the New Zealand players clashed with umpire Shaikoor Rana after he had

TIM ROBINSON, playing in only his second Test, could hold the key to England's hopes of beating India in Delhi.

When play resumes today, after a rest day, England at 107 for two will require another 201 runs to overhaul India's 307 all out.

England cannot afford to spend more than a complete day achieving that first objective, but the Delhi pitch, with wide cracks and uneven bounce is not ideal for stroke-making.

DAVIS CUP

SUNDSTROM GETS SINGLES ROLE

HENRIK SUNDSTROM received the news he has been anxiously awaiting yesterday when he was given a vital role in Sweden's Davis Cup final team against the United States.

Sundstrom, 20, who lives in London, has edged out Anders Jarryd and will share the singles' responsibility with Mats Wilander when the tie begins tomorrow.

Swedish non-playing captain Hans Olsson said he had chosen Sundstrom, who stands one place below Jarryd in the world rankings at No.7, because of his better performances on clay recently.

'Henrik is slightly more of a clay court player and I thought it better to let Anders concentrate on the doubles,' said Olsson.

Jarryd will partner 18-year-old Stefan Edberg in Monday's doubles against John McEnroe and Peter Fleming.

McEnroe, who will be playing in his fifth Davis Cup final, appeared at a press conference on Thursday with his left arm encased in an ice-pack, but insisted he was fully recovered from the injury which kept him out of the Australian Open in Melbourne.

McEnroe has been without match practice for over a month because of the wrist injury and a

This is why 26-year-old Robinson's resolute style could prove more effective than flamboyance of captain David Gower, and Allan Lamb.

Useful

'On the third day 250 runs would be very useful, but we have to play well to get them,' said Gower yesterday.

'It is the sort of pitch where you can accumulate runs rather than force the pace easily. To try to force the pace we would have to take risks

and that could back fire.

'It is going to depend on someone like Tim staying there and accumulating with steady control. Then Lamb and I can build on that.'

Robinson set the tone by batting for three hours for 53.

Gower commented: 'He looked very solid and proved he is in good form. He also showed that the 2,000 runs he scored for Notts last summer and the two centuries in zone games were by no means a fluke.'

Gower's positive thinking about the possible

course of the England innings is based on watching the Indian tail-end bat yesterday.

Their last four wickets added a crucial 99 runs, showing that the pitch is not quite the devil it looked on the first morning.

Bowlers

Gower said: 'When we reduced India to 140 for 6 it somewhat flattered our bowlers. Although we bowled very well, their batsmen played some rather helpful shots for us.'

'But we have still to bowl India out again if we are going to win.'



TIM ROBINSON has the style and patience to see England through

Gary Waddock's QPR file

Eventful times at Loftus Rd

AS I'M sure you can imagine, it has been quite an eventful 10 days at Loftus Road.

Last Tuesday week, following our 2-0 home League victory against Stoke City our chairman, Jim Gregory, decided that manager Alan Mullery wasn't the man for the job.

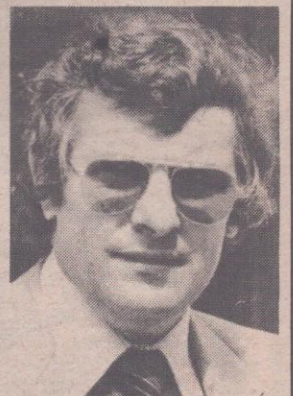
It came as a complete surprise to all the players — I only found out the following morning when a friend of mine telephoned me at home. Such are the ways of professional football.

There has been many names mentioned since as a possible replacement. Indeed, any football coach or manager who is out of work has been linked with the club. Quite honestly, I haven't got a clue who will get the job eventually.

Shortly after the departure of Alan Mullery, the chairman hired Bobby Campbell to work with Frank Sibley as first team coach. I must admit that I have been very impressed with Bobby Campbell so far and his combination with Frank (Sibley) has worked well so far.

If the present partnership continues to do well then I cannot see the chairman being rushed into signing a new manager. Indeed, he could very well wait until the end of the season if results go our way.

I think we shocked a



ALAN MULLERY

few people on Wednesday night when we knocked Southampton out of the Milk Cup 4-0.

It gave me great pleasure to score the first of those four goals and it was a real bonus to beat Peter Shilton, possibly the best goalkeeper in the world.

That result was brought about by a great team performance, our best for a long while, and one that gave us a lot of confidence going into our League clash with Manchester United at Old Trafford this afternoon.

Many people may have written us off lately, but there is still a good team spirit at Loftus Road and I fancy us to do well against United this afternoon.

Speak to you all again very soon.

Gary Waddock was talking to Matthew Nugent.

three-week suspension which he incurred at last month's Stockholm Grand Prix.

Both Olsson and his American counterpart Arthur Ashe say the recently-completed indoor clay court, built by the

Swedes in an attempt to slow down the Americans, is faster than they had expected, and even Jimmy Connors appeared fairly comfortable on the surface during a practice match against compatriot Aaron Krichstein yesterday.

Clay court specialist Jimmy Arias completes the US squad which is hoping to lift the trophy for the 29th time.

Sweden have won the Davis Cup just once under the leadership of Bjorn Borg in 1975.

Liverpool avoid Juventus

LIVERPOOL and Juventus heaved a collective sigh of relief yesterday when they were kept apart in the quarter-final draw for the European Champions' Cup.

The English holders and the glamorous Italians, who would be happy to avoid one another until the final in Brussels on May 29, were paired with Austria Vienna and Sparta Prague respectively.

Liverpool, European champions in 1977, 1978, 1981 and 1984, appear to have the slightly tougher task, though they have the benefit of playing away in the first leg on March 6 before the Austrians visit Anfield two weeks later.

Dark horses Bordeaux, bidding to become the first French club to lift one of the three European trophies, meet Soviet champions Dnepropetrovsk, who may be short of match practice next spring following the winter break.

The remaining quarter-final will be between Gothenburg of Sweden, the 1982 UEFA Cup winners, and Panathinaikos

of Greece, Champions' Cup finalists back in 1971, when they were beaten by Ajax.

The projected Cup-Winners' Cup 'dream final' between Bayern Munich of West Germany and Italy's Roma will not go ahead in Rotterdam on May 15.

Bayern, Champions' Cup winners from 1974-6, and Roma, who lost last season's final to Liverpool on penalties, were paired together with the Italians gaining the advantage of playing away in the first leg.

Reprieve

Austria's Rapid Vienna, controversial conquerors of Glasgow Celtic in the last round, should make the most of their reprieve by reaching the semi-finals at the expense of East Germany's Dynamo Dresden.

Liverpool's city neighbours Everton, the current English First Division leaders, meet Sittard of Holland and Larissa of Greece play Dynamo

Moscow in the remaining ties.

The UEFA Cup quarter-final draw produced two intriguing ties which should guarantee four sell-out crowds.

Three days ago holders Tottenham would have viewed the prospect of meeting Real Madrid with undisguised optimism. But that was before the Spaniards' vintage display against Anderlecht of Belgium on Wednesday night.

Real, who lost their third round, first-leg tie 3-0 in Brussels, crushed the Belgians 6-1 in the Bernabeu Stadium and they will be hoping to continue their renaissance at White Hart Lane.

The draw also gave West German Karl-Heinz Rummenigge a second crack at his compatriots when Internazionale were paired with Cologne, the first leg to be played in Milan's famous San Siro Stadium.

In the remaining ties, Manchester United meet Videoton of Hungary and Sarajevo of Yugoslavia meet Dynamo Minsk of the Soviet Union.



PAKISTAN'S Javed Miandad

rejected a loud appeal for a catch behind off Javed Miandad.

During a heated argument in the middle the two umpires started walking towards the pavilion. New Zealand skipper Jeremy Coney waved his players to follow, but vice-captain John Wright stepped in and play resumed after a discussion lasting several minutes.

Earlier in the day off-spinner John Bracewell clashed with umpire Javed Akhter and it was Coney who intervened to calm down both bowler and official.

Windies struggle

TASMANIA, boosted by a pep talk from a sports psychologist, dismissed West Indies for a modest 184 in Devonport yesterday on the opening day of their four-day game.

The West Indies appeared out of sorts in the colder climate of Tasmania after the Adelaide sunshine of the second Test and surrendered fairly tamely. At the close Tas-

mania were 34 without loss.

It could have been worse for the touring team, who at one stage had sagged to 34 for four.

But thanks to Eldine Baptiste (54) and skipper Clive Lloyd (30), who put on 80 together, they salvaged some pride, although Viv Richards failed again, scoring only 16.

WBA launch challenge

King to face trial

FLAMBOYANT US boxing promoter Don King, who has a powerful hold on many of the sport's top fighters, was indicted by a grand jury yesterday on charges of evading \$211,000 in income tax.

King, 53, who has staged some of the biggest fights of the past decade, faces up to 46 years in jail if found guilty.

He was accused of creaming off more than one million dollars from the

Don King Productions company and failing to pay tax on the money.

King's promotions over the past 11 years earned more than \$100 million and included former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali's match against the current holder of the title, Larry Holmes, in 1980.

He and rival Bob Arum are considered to be the two major forces in boxing

WEST BROMWICH could become the seventh side to sit on top of the First Division tree by Christmas, says Steve Hunt.

The England midfielder misses today's vital clash at Arsenal through suspension, but insists: 'We are playing well enough to be at the very top by the time I get back.'

Hunt turned down the chance of a fortune in America to link up with manager Johnny Giles, who has transformed last

season's relegation strugglers into a side capable of challenging for their first title in 65 years.

With fellow 'American' imports David Cross and Jimmy Nicholl settled in, Albion have won five of their last six games to go into the match against Arsenal lying only six points behind leaders Everton.

Surveying a holiday fixture list which includes Luton, Newcastle and Norwich, Hunt said: 'It de-

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pends on what other teams do, but we have been scoring goals away as well as at home and it is not beyond our reach to aim for the top.

'There's never a good time for a suspension, but the new players have settled in now and this gives us the chance to prove we have the squad strength needed to make a serious challenge for the League.'

Albion, who have defender Martyn Bennett back after 'flu, have gained a reputation for hardness, with Ally Robertson sent off in the players' tunnel with Watford's George Reilly last weekend and both facing charges of bringing the game into disrepute.

But Hunt said: 'We have taken a bit of unfair criticism recently. People tend to look at Johnny Giles and Norman Hunter running things and make comparisons with the old Leeds teams. That's unfair. We are not an intimidating team. In fact, we play entertaining football.'

Arsenal, inconsistent since their brief stay as leaders, bring Charlie Nicholas into the reckoning as substitute. Tommy Caton replaces David O'Leary in defence, but there is no recall for goalkeeper Pat Jennings.

Manchester United, who have yet to feature at the top, have axed European hero Arnold Muhren for the home game against QPR.

Manager Ron Atkinson has recalled Danish international Jesper Olsen, fearing that Rangers will revert to their offside tactics.

Muhren scored the winner against Dundee United in the UEFA Cup on Wednesday, and Atkinson said: 'Arnold is a very good player and will have a lot more games for us this season. He is unlucky to be out, in fact he's always unlucky to be out.'

'But after a lot of thought I have decided to play four men up front and revert to our early season pattern. Olsen has had a rest and I am confident he will come

back and play as well as he did in the early part of the season.

'If QPR revert to their off-side plan I'm sure Olsen and Gordon Strachan can break it down.'

Alan Brazil returns for the suspended Mark Hughes to spearhead the attack with Frank Stapleton.

Rangers, revived by caretaker manager Frank Sibley, are likely to field the side that beat Southampton 4-0 in the Milk Cup replay. Winger Ian Stewart has shaken off a thigh strain.

Gary Mabbutt will be given the midfield responsibility by Tottenham at Watford in the absence of Glenn Hoddle, Mike Hazard and Ossie Ardiles.

Mabbutt came on when Hoddle was carried off injured in the bruising UEFA Cup tie in Czechoslovakia, and is retained in midfield after playing all November at left back.

'That's no problem for him,' said manager Peter Shreeves.

Line-up

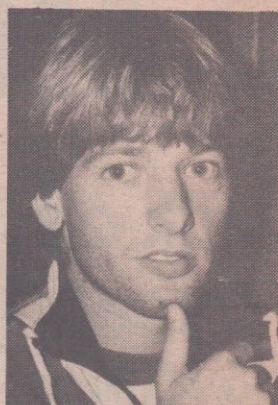
Watford add full back David Bardsley to their squad, and are expected to reinstate Reilly in the starting line-up.

Leaders Everton have Graeme Sharp and Derek Mountfield fit to take their places in an unchanged side, looking for their first win in four games at home to Nottingham Forest.

Southampton, unbeaten in the League for 14 games, are also expected to stage a Christmas charge. But they are unlikely to recall either of their unhappy England stars, Steve Williams or Mark Wright, at Coventry.

Coventry give midweek signing David Bowman, £75,000 from Hearts, his debut in midfield. They also bring in Dutchman Martin Jol, to cover the absences of Ian Butterworth and the suspended Terry Gibson.

Mark Lawrenson is again unavailable for Liverpool's



JESPER OLSEN... recalled by Manchester United this afternoon



GARY MABBUTT replaces Glenn Hoddle today

defence at Aston Villa, suffering from hamstring trouble. Gary Gillespie, who deputised in Tokyo in the World Club Championship, is retained as the Champions attempt to bring the leading pack in sight.

Villa recall Frenchman Didier Six and midfielder Paul Birch, but Steve McMahon is ruled out by injury. Gordon Cowans is likely to be rested and former captain Dennis Mortimer is ignored.

Luton's new signing Mick Harford has been passed fit to join in their survival battle at unchanged Leicester. Harford, a £250,000 capture from Birmingham, has been out of action for a month with a foot injury. Captain Steve Foster has recovered from a groin strain.

Stoke, without a win for three months, will again be without Alan Hudson against his former club, Chelsea. Kerry Dixon is unlikely to be risked, even though he trained yesterday and was added to a 15-man squad. Dixon had scored 20 goals for Chelsea before damaging his knee against Liverpool, a fortnight ago.

WEEKEND SOCCER COLOUR

WATFORD, currently enjoying a mini-revival, will be hoping to repeat their 3-2 win over Tottenham at Vicarage Road last season when the teams meet there again this afternoon.

After a bad start to the season Watford have managed to pull up their socks and will provide a stiff challenge for Spurs who will be looking for all three points to go top of the First Division



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