

Chief cop faces discipline charge

CHARGES under police disciplinary regulations were served yesterday on suspended Derbyshire chief constable Alf Parrish.

A private tribunal will sit, probably in February or March.

Parrish, 54, was suspended on full pay in June after claims that he spent £28,000 on his office suite without authorisation.

London solicitors Titmuss, Sainer and Webb,

appointed by the Derbyshire police authority to present the allegations at the tribunal, said yesterday they could give no details of the charges, or say how many there were.

The tribunal will consist of Arthur Mildon QC and two assessors, the ex-Chief

Constable of Surrey Sir Peter Matthews and G.R. Prentice, former chief executive of Lincolnshire county council.

In such cases a tribunal has power to recommend dismissal if allegations are found proved. The final decision is made by the police authority.

Parrish could not be contacted for comment last night and Derbyshire police had no comment.

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Oil talks hit the £

BY AN ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE POUND plunged to a new record low of 1.1665 against the dollar on the money market yesterday in direct response to the failure of OPEC ministers to stop the slide of oil prices at their crisis meeting in Geneva.

An announcement that OPEC had decided to hold production ceilings — already considered too high — immediately took its toll on the foreign exchanges. Dealers speculating over the crisis involving an estimated total of \$7 billion in British banking debts in North Sea oil production began a frantic dumping operation.

Having fluctuated wildly all day, sterling closed at 1.1665 against the dollar, losing three-quarters of a cent. Yesterday's fall took the pound's loss to more than 25 per cent of its value in January, when it traded at 1.4082.

The grim news brought prices tumbling on the London Stock Exchange. The 'Financial Times' index fell a hefty 12.3 points.

Stockbrokers Phillips and Drew chief economist Dr Paul Neild slammed Chancellor Nigel Lawson's policies and said they were responsible for the pound's devastating fall.

He said: 'Mr Lawson claims to be a sound money Chancellor. Surely that encompasses the external value of currency as well as its internal value.'

'The Chancellor is imposing income tax on us all, thereby enhancing his oil revenues through a lower pound so he can cut income tax in the budget. The sum total is that no-one will be any better off.'

In Geneva, the OPEC ministers kept a cautious lid on bitter arguments over covert price-cutting by members and threats by others to openly slash the oil bloc's prices ceiling

TORIES MAY MOVE COAL OVER XMAS

GLC CHIEF PLAYS SANTA TO HOMELESS

Greater London Council leader Ken Livingstone, alias Santa Claus, and deputy leader Illyd Harrington were in Camden, north London, last night to bring Christmas presents to the children of homeless families who are occupying the town hall

GOVERNMENT plans to move coal from stocks to starved power stations may be set into action over the Christmas period, local miners' leaders warned last night.

A series of power station breakdowns, a two-week holiday by scabs in Nottinghamshire, and the latest action by London tanker drivers and European dockers and seamen are posing a critical situation in the power industry.

Local power cuts, and widespread voltage reductions have been reported over wide areas of central England, Jimmy Millar, NUM secretary at

Armthorpe, South Yorkshire, told News Line.

'These reports are a warning light for miners that the government must be getting ready to move stockpiles. They could try to shift coal from the large stockpiles as soon as Christmas, and miners must be on the alert.'

Millar suspects that two large stockpiles are being considered by the government. The largest stocks in Yorkshire are at Grimethorpe, while several hundreds of thousands of tons are stocked at Wearmouth in the north east.

Hordern branch secretary Brian Williams said that the Coal Board are near completing a new roadway to the Wearmouth stocks capable of carrying a large convoy of heavy trucks.

'Rumours are rife in this area that the government plan to move these stocks,' he said.

The greatest shortage of coal affects power stations in the Yorkshire area, and local union officials believe the Coal Board may try to wash north-east coal at the Kellingley Washery to supply the four large power stations nearby.

The problems in power production have been dramatically intensified in recent days with the loss of half production at Thorpe Marsh power station due to a broken turbine. Two broken generators at each of the Drax and Ferrybridge power stations have also hit power production.

While stocks are fairly high at Trent Valley stations, this is only enough to meet the coming two-week holiday for scabs in Nottinghamshire. In addition, problems at Cottam power station, which is developing difficulties due to excessive oil burning, may impel the government to move stocks

BY BEN RUDDER

to Drax power station in Yorkshire.

With London-based tanker drivers now involved in industrial action over their blacking of substitute oil, three Thames power stations are now out of action (see page 7).

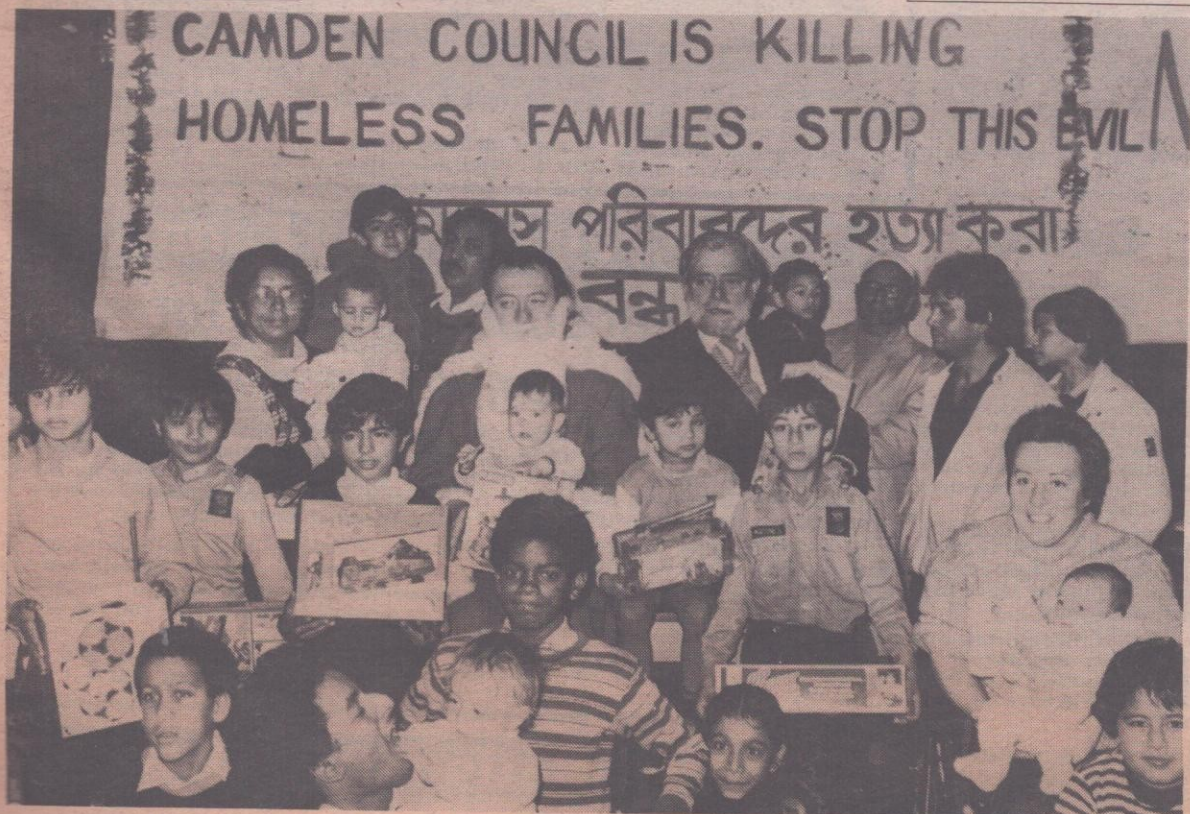
On the continent, Rotterdam dockers and seamen have refused to ship coal, and coal supplies from most countries except Poland are drying up fast.

Millar has received increasing numbers of reports that local factories

are on short-time working and power rationing. Arc furnace steel plants in Rotherham are now on a three-day week through power restrictions.

'We may be facing another Orgreave operation in the near future,' Millar warned. 'It could even happen over Christmas, even though the police are claiming they are having a two-week break.'

'Although the Ridley plan involved using a large number of scab drivers to move coal, we may be facing the first use of troops, even though the government may not want to use them.'



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Yesterday's press conference of the Commission for Racial Equality at St Georges Hotel in Liverpool. Left to right: Ray Quarless, Ian Law, Alex Bennett, Gideon Ben Tovim, Surendra Kumar, Archbishop Warlock, Bishop David Shepherd, Alfie Stocks (Chief Executive of the Liverpool Corporation)

Racism charge against housing department

THERE is widespread racial discrimination in the allocation of council housing in Liverpool, says a report out today.

A study carried out by the Commission for Racial Equality shows that black people are concentrated in the poorest houses, in the least desirable areas of the city.

The findings in Liverpool are similar to those of a number of studies which have shown consistently that black people are both disadvantaged and discriminated against in the provision of public housing.

The report reveals a definite policy of concentrating black families in the Liverpool 8 area. This is shown very clearly by the fact that 62 per cent of black people who are rehoused are put in the Granby area, while only 12 per cent of white applicants were allocated Granby.

It is also argued by housing officials that so many black people live in Granby because they choose to. This is a complete racial stereotype, in fact only 27 per cent of blacks specifically chose Granby on their application.

A particularly disturbing

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

trend is that the only part of the south city district of Liverpool which contains attractive suburban estates, Aigburth, had over 15 per cent more whites than blacks rehoused there.

There are two other main areas of racial discrimination in allocation of council housing in Liverpool.

Discrimination was shown clearly in the allocation sheltered accommodation.

There were no black families from any category rehoused in sheltered accommodation in the south city district of Liverpool, whereas white allocations to sheltered accommodation were drawn from a wide variety of categories.

Overall black families are given council houses, of the poorest quality and in the worst state of repair.

White households were allocated proportionally more new-built housing: 27.5 per cent white compared with 22.3 per cent black.

Whites were also allocated more of the high quality, high demand property, with 38 per cent white and only 19.6 per cent black

families allocated 'excellent' property.

The report also deals with the issue of racial harassment by the housing department. 24 per cent of black people interviewed said they had suffered such discrimination.

There were complaints of only being offered houses in Liverpool 8, being offered poorer quality accommodation and a racist attitude of staff.

A Chinese woman said: 'I feel that the housing department are racist in their allocations to black and Chinese people, that's why they're all living on the Granby and Falkner estates and there's none in Allerton or Aigburth'.

One white mother with Malaysian children said: 'They have put all the foreigners on one estate (Granby) so racial prejudice must have affected me.'

It calls for the review and monitoring of allocations policy and practices, systematised training of more specialised staff and a significant increase in the number of black staff in the housing department, particularly black housing officers.

The report covers a period from October 1981 to March 1982. 'Race and Housing in Liverpool' is available from the Commission for Racial Equality.

DHSS to appeal on pill

THE DHSS was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords against banning a circular advising doctors they can give contraceptives to girls under 16 without their parents' consent.

Three judges upheld the Appeal Court action of mother-of-ten Victoria Gillick, 38, to have the DHSS circular banned.

Gillick, from Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, also won a declaration that none of her five daughters — aged two to 15 — will be given contraceptives or advice while under 16 without her prior consent, 'save in cases of emergency'.

Gillick had appealed against Justice Woolf's refusal to outlaw the circular in July, 1983.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

THE FATE of 22 suspended members of the Communist Party looks sealed following their refusal to accept the executive's right to take disciplinary action.

Yesterday's 'Morning Star' carried a statement from the 22 which described themselves as 'supposedly suspended comrades'.

They appealed for an open rebellion against the executive committee which was elected at last year's congress.

Their statement said: 'We urge our party to ensure the lifting of the suspensions and the restoration of an atmosphere of open political discussion.'

In the statement they attacked the executive's 'violation of rule' and insisted that they would meet the leadership as a group or not at all.

What they effectively said was that individual members of the party could decide for themselves which decisions they would accept or reject.

Cards

A number of the suspended members have refused to hand in their party cards as required in another clear violation of the constitution.

All look certain to be expelled when the executive meet again on January 12-13, confirming that British Stalinism has openly split into warring groups.

The expulsions will be the first of many as the Euro-Stalinist majority attempts to purge the party of its pro-Moscow opponents who have hijacked the 'Morning Star' from party control.

All 22 are members of the London district committee. They include three members of the executive committee and three full-time workers in the London area.

They were all suspended in a series of individual votes — not collectively as the 22 claimed yesterday — at an emergency meeting of the executive committee held on November 30.

The action was taken because the London leaders refused to follow party general secretary Gordon McLennan when he closed down the London district congress on November 24 and staged a walk-out.

Dikko wants asylum

NIGERIAN kidnap victim Umaru Dikko, who was discovered drugged in a crate at Stansted airport, in July has applied for political asylum in Britain.

Under immigration rules the Nigerian exile, wanted in Lagos for alleged corruption, was due to leave Britain yesterday.

Home Office officials will refer the application to Home Secretary Leon Brittan, who will have the final say.

'Hardliners' move to split CP

The special executive meeting issued a stern warning to its opponents, declaring:

'The executive committee, as the custodian of congress policy and decisions, will not allow them to be subverted by factional activity.'

'Factionalism, if tolerated, will destroy the party.'

Referring to the 22, the executive said: 'The members who refused to accept the decision, by holding a meeting purporting to speak as the "1984 London district congress", and declaring it "adjourned for a maximum of three months" in the resolution passed at the meeting, were in clear breach of party rules and were operating as a faction.'

There is absolutely no question of the executive meeting the suspended

members as a group, because that act in itself would violate the rules and undermine the authority of the leadership.

Each was suspended in an individual vote. And under the party's rules the executive's representatives are obliged to seek a meeting with each member separately before the period of suspension is up.

Violation

If individual members refuse to meet the executive it will be considered as a further violation of the rules and make expulsions inevitable.

In yesterday's statement, the 22 who have effectively provoked the split, said the actions of the executive 'can only divide and weaken the party' and urged 'our party' to draw back from the brink.

The repudiation of the elected party leadership was made absolutely clear. The statement said:

'We are prepared to meet together with the executive committee for collective and comradely (!) discussion on ways of resolving the difficulties that have been created by the executive's action in suspending us.'

It added: 'Individual discussions with political committee members would not achieve this. On the contrary they could be seen as a continuation of the disciplinary action and therefore as legitimising the executive's violation of rule.'

By refusing to accept party decisions, the group have effectively declared for another party altogether. All the signs are that on January 12-13 they will be given the opportunity to form it.

Thatcher approved top appointment

PRIME MINISTER Thatcher personally approved the appointment of the head of one of Britain's top arms companies to a £95,000-a-year post as head of defence buying, it emerged yesterday.

The man at the centre of the scandal is Peter Levene, 43, currently head of United Scientific Holdings, which makes tank turrets, gun sights and the Alvis range of tanks.

Labour leader Neil Kinnock said: 'The appointment and everything connected with it stinks.' What possible justification could there be, apart from Levene's personal friendship with Heseltine, he asked.

Levene recently acted as a personal adviser to Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine, earning the label 'Heseltine's henchman'.

Kinnock asked John Biffen, who was standing in for Thatcher at question time: 'By accepting a mere £95,000-a-year do you think

Mr Levene is pricing himself into a job?'

Challenged by Willie Hamilton (Fife Central, Labour) Biffen confirmed that 'of course the prime minister approved of the appointment and salary'.

Hamilton asked him to tell Thatcher 'when she comes back from her world junketing at the taxpayer's expense, that the natives are getting increasingly restless and angry at the overt corruption and incompetence of her government.'

Deal

Biffen later denied a suggestion from Liberal Alex Carlile (Montgomery) that it was part of the deal that Sir Frank Cooper, former permanent secretary at the Defence Ministry will become chairman of Levene's former company.

But despite the denial, Cooper is indeed stepping into Levene's post as chairman of United Scientific Holdings.

Labour defence spokesman Denzil Davies slam-

med the moves as 'totally and utterly scandalous' and 'a game of musical chairs for the boys'.

The announcement 'called into question Heseltine's impartiality in the area of defence procurement'.

Labour MP Gordon Brown said the appointments were 'an outrageous abuse of public money, a reversal of established civil service principles, and a further reinforcement of the incestuous relationship between the MoD and the arms world'.

Brown, MP for Dunfermline East, went on: 'Never has the business world so penetrated the MoD and never had the MoD had so much to offer the business world.'

'Levene will only be in the job for five years. Then from being chief buyer of arms he will move back to his career as arms salesman.'

MPs were concerned that the appointments ignored the advice from the Treasury select committee this year about such transfers.

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Secret service killed aunt

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

— MP claims

INTERNATIONAL rose expert Hilda Murrell died after a fight with British intelligence officers searching her home for sensitive 'Belgrano' documents, MP Tam Dalyell claimed yesterday.

But police said they had investigated the matter and found no evidence to support the allegations.

Detectives are no longer following that line of inquiry at this stage, a spokesman for the West Mercia force said.

Dalyell has repeatedly questioned the Tories'

motives for the sinking of the Argentine cruiser.

He told MPs early yesterday that Miss Murrell, 78, was the aunt of Commander Bob Green, who had held a key position in naval intelligence and passed the signal ordering the sinking.

It was known that he thought the war 'unnecessary' and had since left the navy.

Miss Murrell — a friend of gardening expert Percy Thrower — was found dead last March in a wood six miles from her Shropshire home.

There were signs of a break-in at the house in

Sutton Road, Shrewsbury.

Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said: 'It was thought that some of Rob Green's supposed records might be in the home of his aunt, to whom he was close.'

Search

He said he was given to understand there was 'no premeditated intention to do away with her' — only to search her house while she was out.

But on March 21, he said, she returned to find intruders.

'Being a lady of cour-

age and spunk, often found in that generation of women, Miss Murrell fought them. They too had to fight, injured her and panicked.

'I am informed that the intruders were not after money, not after nuclear information, but were checking to see if there were any "Belgrano" related documents, of Commander Green in the home of his aunt.

'Things went disastrously wrong. They had no intention of injuring, let alone, killing a 78-year-old rose grower.

'Yet being the lady she was, and in her home, Hilda Murrell fought, and was severely injured.

'She was then killed or left to die from hypothermia — and the cover-up had to begin because the

searchers were members of British intelligence, I am informed.'

At an inquest earlier this month the head of West Mercia CID, Det. Chief Supt. David Cole, said he had been led to 'the inescapable conclusion' that Miss Murrell was attacked by a burglar looking for cash.

Stabbed

He told the coroner, Col. David Crawford-Clarke, that she was driven in her Renault 5 car to a wood six miles away, stabbed and left to die from the cold.

Miss Murrell was an anti-nuclear campaigner and was preparing a paper for the inquiry into the Sizewell B project.

But, said Cole, police

had failed to find evidence to connect her death with her anti-nuclear views.

He said his conclusion was that Miss Murrell, who lived alone, returned after a morning's shopping to disturb an intruder.

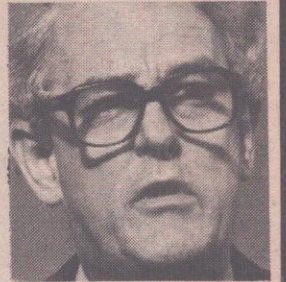
She had been beaten and there were signs of a struggle in the house.

Money she drew from a bank that day could not be found.

The coroner recorded a verdict that she was unlawfully killed.

Dalyell said there were inconsistencies in police accounts given to her family after the discovery of her body.

Local police had admitted that Special Branch



TAM DALYELL

was involved in the murder inquiry.

And the police version of some wandering burglar breaking in 'did not tally with what was obviously a sophisticated break-in, in which the telephone had been cut leaving it so callers could ring in but not out,' said Dalyell.

Shopworkers fight apartheid



South Kirby miner Jim Gill with striking shopworker Mary Manning in central London yesterday

TWO striking Irish shopworkers fighting apartheid have come to London to seek support for their 23-week-old struggle.

Mary Manning and Cathryn O'Reilly yesterday met members of the USDAW shop union and CPSA civil service union in the capital and today will speak to Kent striking miners at Aylesham.

The 13 shop workers at Dunnes Stores in Henry Street, Dublin, walked out in July after Mary was suspended for refusing to sell South African-made goods.

The unionised shopworkers, members of the Irish Distributive and Administrative Trade Union, were carrying out a boycott of all goods from the racist regime in line with policy passed at their annual delegate conference in Westport at Easter.

Mary Manning politely informed a customer of the union's policy and was suspended indefinitely for refusing to check out the goods in question, two Outspan grapefruits.

Official pickets have been outside the shop every day since July 19.

The strikers are seeking Mary's reinstatement and an arrangement whereby the wishes of those workers who refuse to handle South African goods will be respected.

Mary and Cathryn told News Line yesterday: 'The shop is mainly run on part-timers who are not in the union. The way it's going, the manager is not going to give in. He has already refused to go to the Labour court.'

'But we are not going to give in either. There is absolutely no question of us going back.'

They said the shop had

lost £60,000 a week turnover since the strike began.

The pickets had won warm support from customers and passers by and other stores have now taken up their demand to boycott South African goods.

These include Clery & Co, which withdrew South African shoes, and IDATU members in a number of Quinns stores, who are refusing to handle food-stuffs from South Africa.

Bests Ltd have returned all South African clothing to their suppliers and Roches Stores have withdrawn some South African produce from their Henry Street supermarket.

When the strike began, one of their first sources of support was from striking miners who donated £100 and who have joined the picket line.

Common

Mary said: 'There is a lot in common with the two strikes. We are both fighting for our rights.'

Striking Yorkshire miner Jim Gill from South Kirby, who met the strikers yesterday, told News Line: 'They are getting kicked and shoved in the same way as we are and the common reason is we are standing for our rights — that is, to do what we want, and not what somebody else wants to tell us.'

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Disabled man faces eviction

DISABLED Bill Alden has asked to be rehoused, but Teinbridge district council, which is threatening to evict him over £94 rent arrears, says no other home is currently available.

Bill, 51, from Newton Abbot, Devon has a flat so damp that his artificial leg became covered in mildew and had to be scrapped.

Bill, who lost his leg in a stone-crushing machine 16 years ago, also had a stroke four years ago which left him partially paralysed and unable to speak.

Years

His wife Margery, 44, said: 'At night we have to spend £3 on the electric fire just to keep one room warm enough for Bill to sit in. That's one reason why we got behind with the rent.'

'The council knew the place was saturated when they put us in here a year ago, because the last two tenants left through the damp.'

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Adams at funeral

THE funeral took place yesterday of the man shot dead by the RUC in County Tyrone on Tuesday. Six leading Republicans carried the coffin of Sean McIlvenna from a family friend's home in the Andersonstown area. Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams was among the mourners who followed the coffin which was draped with an Irish tricolour.

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Briefly ..**Strikers face sack threat**

WELLINGTON — Air New Zealand has threatened cabin crews with the sack unless they end their strike over computerised rostering. Eight international flights were cancelled and only ten of the state-owned airline's 210 scheduled domestic flights took off yesterday. Labour Prime Minister David Lange summoned union and airline officers for talks at Parliament House.

Japan privatises Telecom

TOKYO — The Diet (parliament) yesterday passed laws for privatising the state-owned telecommunications industry. A host of domestic and foreign firms are trying to grab a share of markets, including phone services, computer network systems, satellite data transmission and equipment sales. Under the new laws the government monopoly Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) will become a special joint stock company next April 1.

Soares fights off censure

LISBON — The Portuguese government defeated a censure motion on its economic record put by the opposition Christian Democrat Party yesterday. The early-morning vote followed two days of debate on the austerity programme of the 18-month-old Socialist-Social Democratic coalition led by Socialist Prime Minister Mario Soares. Soares defended the austerity measures that have sparked protests by workers against rising prices.

Kanak death toll totals 15

NOUMEA — Two people died on Wednesday night from injuries sustained during pro-independence protests in the French Pacific colony of New Caledonia, bringing the death toll to 15 since the rebellion erupted last month. One of the latest victims was Viale Thiorama, 24, who French police claimed supported the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) which is fighting for independence from French colonial rule.

Kyprianou's peace shuttle

ATHENS — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou began talks yesterday with Greek leaders on his planned meeting with Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş next month and recent Cyprus developments. Cyprus has been divided since Turkey invaded and occupied the northern 37 per cent of the island after a short-lived coup by Greek officers in 1974. Kyprianou and Denktaş are to meet in New York on January 17 for the first direct talks in five years.

Negotiating a military pact

TEGUCIGALPA — Honduran negotiators, after a second round of talks with US officials on revisions of a 1954 military and economic assistance treaty on Wednesday, said they dealt with military matters only during the four-hour talks.

World News Line

U.S. REJECTS ALLIES' 'STAR WARS' DOUBTS



WEINBERGER

WASHINGTON — Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has rejected suggestions that the major west European governments were opposed to President Reagan's 'star wars' space militarisation programme.

He described the programme as 'inseparable from the defence of western Europe' and claimed it was the 'key' to a reduction of offensive weapons.

Weinberger was answering questions after addressing the Foreign Press Centre in Washington on Wednesday night, when he asserted the space militarisation did not mean a US pull-out from west European defences.

He rejected suggestions that French President Mitterrand, British Prime Minister Thatcher and West German Chan-

cellor Kohl opposed Reagan's anti-Soviet war-mongering project.

The Weinberger speech and comments to the press corps were aimed at dashing Moscow's hopes of clinching a west European accord in preparation for arms talks in Geneva next month between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

His speech followed remarks he made on US television earlier that day, slamming Soviet Politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev's British tour as a 'public relations exercise to win Western approval for Moscow's arms proposals'.

Negative

Weinberger admitted Mitterrand had made some 'negative' comments but alleged: 'I don't think he has the full information. The security of the United States is inseparable from the security of western Europe.'

Some Europeans feared the 'star wars' programme, officially known as the Strategic Defence Initiative, would 'decouple' American de-

fences from west Europe's defences.

'This is quite wrong. America cannot live in a world where Europe is overrun,' he said.

The new defence, employing lasers and other purportedly non-nuclear means to destroy incoming Soviet missiles, would be used against intermediate-range missiles as well as intercontinental missiles.

Weinberger said the proposed space defence would knock out missiles at all stages of flight and would be more effective against shorter-range missiles aimed by the Kremlin at targets in west Europe.

He claimed such defences would help deter alleged Soviet aggression against NATO members by protecting essential alliance facilities such as airfields, ports, depots and communications (intelligence surveillance) centres.

A 'choice' was necessary but it was between a policy (Reagan's 'star wars' plan) that would make missiles impotent and so move towards their reduction, and one that was bound to lead to the build-up of arsenals of 'mutual destruction'.

Weinberger's message



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was a clear warning to the west European governments and Moscow that Washington will not tolerate any interference in its imperialist war-mongering.

Emphasising Reagan's virulent anti-Sovietism, he said the alternative 'condemns us to a future in which our safety is based only on the threat of avenging aggression'.

'Our safety and that of our allies should be based on something more than the prospect of mutual terror.'

The actual 'mutual terror' lies with US imperialism which is employing its military hard-sell to extract the maximum advantage from the Kremlin Stalinists' pursuit of secret diplomacy with the imperialist regimes.

Weinberger's remarks were designed also to bring to heel the west European governments' hopes for independent dealings with Moscow.

School heads back students against draft

HARTFORD, Connecticut — Opposition is building up against the Reagan government's conscription of school leavers, who have won the backing of administrators.

High school teachers and other officers in Connecticut have refused to provide student records to the Selective Service System (SSS), according to the 'International Herald Tribune'.

The opposition has come as a blow to the Pentagon's war planners who have mounted a multi-million-dollar advertising campaign with giant posters of 'Uncle Sam' pointing a menacing finger, with the notorious caption: 'I want you for the US Army' and underneath 'Nearest recruiting station'.

According to the 'Herald', which is this week running a series of four front-page articles on the recruitment campaign, the SSS needs the records to compile lists of draft-age males.

'The Selective Service sent letters to 120 high schools in an effort to use school records to find the names of draft-age males,' the paper said in a separate, one-column story on page 4.

'Some of the districts have complied but many have not. One school official, in denying the request, cited a policy that prohibits the distribution of students' names and addresses.'

Files

Assertions by SSS officials that the files were intended only so that students could be informed of their obligation have fallen on deaf ears.

Under the regulations cited by the SSS agents, students are liable to lose their federal school grants and loans and failure to register is considered a felony offense.

Several students have complained that the SSS could use the lists to track down and prosecute violators.

'Post' defends shuttle exposure

WASHINGTON — The 'Washington Post' has defended its publication of a leaked report saying next month's top-secret space shuttle mission will place a military spy satellite in orbit over the Soviet Union.

The White House and the Pentagon have denounced the paper for publishing the report on

the purely military launch scheduled for January 23.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger described it as 'journalistic irresponsibility' and attacked the paper's publishers for ignoring a request for news media to protect the secrecy of the mission.

'Post' executive editor, Ben Bradlee, said: 'We think Secretary Weinberger's reaction is not justified. We take it very

seriously when anyone says that a story we printed breached national security.'

'We kept out of our story information we knew the Pentagon considered sensitive. The Pentagon itself, in public congressional testimony, has gone into far greater detail about surveillance satellites than we did in our story.'

Weinberger's attack was supported by White House chief spokesman

Larry Speakes, who said President Reagan considered the report 'harmful'.

The attack on the liberal newspaper highlights growing efforts by the Reagan government to clamp down on reports on a range of the Pentagon's war-mongering activities on the grounds such information might be of military use to the Kremlin.

Quoting unidentified sources, the 'Post' said the shuttle would place a spy satellite 22,500 miles out in space in a stationary orbit over the western Soviet Union to collect electronic signals.

Data collected on the snoop shuttle could include information from missile tests that the Pentagon alleged helps it to ascertain compliance with arms control agreements, according to the sources who spoke to the paper.

Weinberger, who delivered the barrage against the 'Post' in a television interview, said, however, he was not ordering an investigation into the Pentagon staff.

EEC docks member states

BRUSSELS — The Common Market's executive commission has docked payments running into millions of dollars to five member states for failing to collect a 'super-levy' on excess milk production.

Senior EEC officers said a quarter of January's dairy advances to Britain, France, and the Benelux countries would be withheld as a penalty for flouting an order to raise the levy by the end of last week. The cash is paid to

member states to reimburse them for administering the 10-nation bloc's dairy policy and currently totals over a third of the entire farm budget.

The EEC had earlier said it would block all payments from January 1 if the levy, aimed at draining the Community's costly dairy surplus, remained unpaid.

But the executive body was divided at its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday and was

forced to compromise on a 25-per-cent figure alongside a decision to begin lengthy legal proceedings.

Under the levy farmers were told to cut production or face a punitive charge every three months.

But the demands for production cuts have aroused strong opposition from the farmers who have continued to maintain production levels in excess of those demanded by the Commission.

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'Sell-out' cries greet Thatcher

HONG KONG — A barrage of accusations that Prime Minister Thatcher had sold out to Peking greeted her arrival in Hong Kong yesterday after signing an accord handing back the British colony to China in 13 years.

Thatcher denied the sell-out charges but refused to discuss a range of thorny issues her two-day visit will raise among the pro-British business fraternity.

A reluctant Thatcher entourage will face strong demands from the capitalist business community that her government guarantees rights of citizenship and immigration to Britain.

The strident criticism of British policy by some of the staunchest pro-imperialists in the Hong Kong capitalist establishment is an aggravation in a week of humiliations for the Thatcher government.

In Peking she was obliged to make reassurances to improve China's trade imbalance with Britain and speed up the Sino-British joint liaison group that will oversee the transfer of power over the island to its rightful owners.

Announcements by the White House rejecting West European mediation in next month's arms talks in Geneva have dashed Thatcher's hope of using the British tour by Soviet Politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev for a diplomatic triumph at Camp David, where she is due to meet President Reagan this weekend.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister said she would not 'raise specific issues causing concern for Hong Kong residents'.

Thatcher is scheduled to address a special joint session of the executive and legislative councils to explain the handover.

Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang, who saw her off at Peking airport early yesterday, reminded her in a farewell speech of his government's demands.

He said he hoped to see a steady growth in trade, economic and technical co-operation between the two countries and was 'looking forward' to a visit by a high-level British trade delegation next March.

Arafat wants summit

ABU DHABI — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yassir Arafat was quoted yesterday as saying he was trying to canvass support for an Arab summit to map out a common Arab strategy.

He told the Emirates News Agency (WAM) he had discussed the need for a summit with Arab leaders during his current tour of the region.

The last Arab summit was in Fez, Morocco, in 1982 and efforts to hold another in Saudi Arabia have been hampered by inter-Arab disputes.



ARAFAT

Arafat arrived in Abu Dhabi overnight on the latest leg of a tour that has already taken him to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, North Yemen and Qatar, as

well as Arab states in north Africa, to brief their leaders on the outcome of last month's Palestine National Council meeting in Amman.

Faction war in Finnish CP

THE PRO-MOSCOW minority faction in the Finnish Communist Party has posted notice of war against the majority 'Eurocommunist's' proposals to set up rival branches in its strongholds.

The notice is the result of a head-on confrontation engineered by the 'Euros' in order to oust the faction from the party.

The 'hardliners' (whom the 'Euros' have dubbed 'Third Liners') had demanded an Extraordinary Party Congress next March to settle serious conflicts on party and government policies following the spring party congress.

But in an abrupt about-turn, they have threatened to boycott the scheduled congress,

while the majority has insisted the congress go ahead to consolidate their party leadership.

A report on Helsinki home service radio this week said: 'The SKP minority would oppose the majority's plans to establish parallel organisation by the side of minority-controlled district organisations, declared the deputy chairman of the 'Tiedonantaja' (minority faction newspaper) association, Urho Jokinen.

'According to Jokinen, the minority districts would convene their own

district meetings after the turn of the year in order to gather their forces to preserve the unity of the SKP.'

The radio, reflecting the views of the 'Euros', warned that the tactics of the 'Third Liners' coincided with 'attempts by the bourgeois press and even within the party to attach an over-dramatised significance to the Central Meeting (of December 15)'.

CORRECTION — Today's report corrects the error in the report yesterday, which referred to the majority as the pro-Moscow faction.

TEL AVIV — Labour Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday resolved a Cabinet crisis in his shaky nine-party coalition but faced new rows over US rejection of the government's plea for increased aid and on the occupation of south Lebanon.

Funds

The crisis over the resignation of Shas party Cabinet member Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz was resolved yesterday, when he was persuaded to share funds in the Religious Affairs Ministry

with the National Religious Party (NRP).

But the government came under fire from the US ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis, who attacked its economic policies, while Peres's Foreign Minister, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, publicly contradicted him over proposals for a pull-out from Lebanese territory.

The worst of the crises was Lewis's sharp response to demands for \$4 billion in aid in 1986 and an extra \$800 million next year.

Lewis bluntly told Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai at a special ceremony in Jerusalem no amount of aid could solve

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Israel's difficulties if it did not completely adopt austerity measures.

He told Modai Washington had its own problems with its attempts to trim its federal budget deficit and would 'scrutinise Israel's request carefully'.

Deficit

The ambassador said: 'We have about a \$200 billion deficit in our national budget and the President is in the process right now of proposing to the Congress a budget for this year

which will have very, very deep cuts in all-out domestic programmes and cuts in defence as well.'

It was a humiliation for Modai who pleaded with Lewis: 'Once you help us get over the hurdle, we hope this ceremony won't repeat itself.'

Even as the Shas party row was being negotiated, Shamir had gone on television overnight to warn Peres he could not have his own way on the south Lebanon pull-out talks.

Shamir said Israeli troops would not pull out of the occupied territory unless his Likud bloc's de-

mands for security guarantees on the northern borders were met.

The statement contradicted one by Peres this week in the 'Haaretz' newspaper, which quoted him as saying he was losing patience with the deadlocked Naqoura talks.

Border

'I'm in favour of the army's pulling back to the international border ... and taking the risk,' he told the paper.

Shamir said: 'No decisions will be taken by this government without my approval and that of the Likud.'

Gaddafi warns Spain on NATO

PALMA, Majorca — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi yesterday warned the Spanish government against remaining in NATO and told them the two Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla were Arab territory.

Gaddafi made the remarks after meeting the Spanish Socialist Party Prime Minister, Felipe Gonzalez, who flew out to the Spanish Mediterranean island for a four-hour discussion on Wednesday.

Gaddafi was visiting Majorca to meet former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, a staunch supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and defender of chairman Yassir Arafat's chairmanship of the organisation.

Gaddafi described the imperialist war grouping as an enemy of the Arab people. 'Any state which is related or integrated with NATO is entering a zone of hell and destruction,' he said.

The remarks came hard on the heels of heated debate on NATO at Gonzalez's party national congress which eventually was swung over to back his bid to keep Spain within the imperialist alliance.

Gaddafi made his comments on Ceuta and Melilla after insistent questioning by journalists who demanded to know the fate of the two territories in the wake of the Rabat-Tripoli accord of last August.

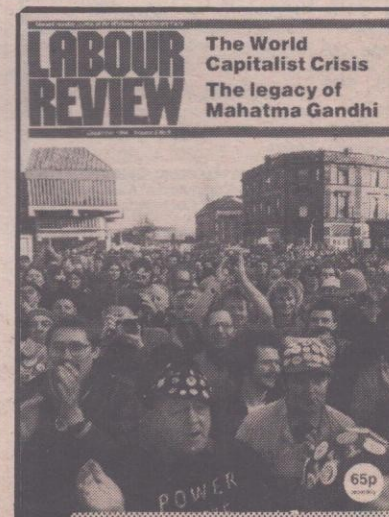
He said: 'Our position over this cause is very clear ... Those who worry, why should they worry about Arab cities?'

The Libyan leader briefly discussed the breaking of relations between the PLO and Tripoli last year, saying the rift was not a personal one.

Libya had relations between peoples and not between individuals, he said. He said Arafat was 'free to come to Libya at any time'.



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Acid rain cards sent to Lawson

FRIENDS of the Earth (FoE) yesterday delivered the first of a wave of 'Acid Rain' Christmas Cards, each accompanied by £1, to the head of the Treasury, Chancellor Nigel Lawson, in Downing Street.

The Treasury is one of the government departments most opposed to

cleaning up power station emissions causing acid rain.

Friends of the Earth say £1 is the amount that would be added to the average electricity bill each year, if the govern-

ment fitted pollution control equipment to a dozen major power stations to meet a forthcoming EEC directive.

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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 Fogg** (SCEBTA Monktonhall, in personal capacity)

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

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

ABERDEEN: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. St Katherine's Community Centre, West North Street.
Speakers: **Alan MacKie** (Aberdeen YS); **Terry Brotherton** (Edinburgh WRP); **John McAlpine** (Oakley NUM chairman strike committee in personal capacity)

DUNDEE: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Westgate.
Speakers: **Alan MacKie** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Lovie** (Aberdeen WRP)

GOVANHILL: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Daisy Street Resource Centre, Daisy Street.
Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National Committee); **Alec McLarty** (WRP Central Committee)

YORKSHIRE

LEEDS: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Kitson College, Lecture Theatre, Cookridge Street.
Speakers: **Kevin Warren** (Leeds YS); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); **Sandra Widdington** (Selby wives support group, in personal capacity)

HALIFAX: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. AUEW Club, St James Street.
Speakers: **Stephen Wey** (YS Regional Committee); **Chris Talbot** (Huddersfield WRP); **Jeff Ferguson** (Emley Moor NUM, in personal capacity)

WEST MIDLANDS

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

NORTH WEST

LIVERPOOL: Thursday January 3, 7.30p.m. Haigh Hall, Liverpool Poly students union, Maryland Street, off Hope Street.
Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Allen Jones** (North Wales WRP, Point of Ayr NUM, in personal capacity)

SKELMERDALE: Wednesday January 9, 7.30p.m. Main Hall, Quarrybank Community Centre, Ormskirk Road.
Speakers: **Royston Smith** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee); **Tommy Davies** (Skelmersdale WRP, Bold 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)

BURNLEY: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Burnley Central Library, Parker Lane.
Speakers: **Lynne Waring** (Burnley YS); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Larry Cavanagh** (Birkenhead WRP)

EAST MIDLANDS

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)

LEICESTER: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberside Gate.
Speakers: **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Mick Childs** (YS Regional Committee); **In personal capacity: Tony Benjamin** (T&GWU); **Malcolm Pinnegar** (Leicestershire striking miners, in personal capacity)

NORTH EAST

MURTON: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Colliery Inn.
Speakers: **Kevin Townsend** (YS National Committee); **Dave Temple** (WRP Central Committee)

HEBBURN: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. The Clock.
Speakers: **Kevin Townsend** (YS National Committee); **Dave Temple** (WRP Central Committee); **Nick Brown** (Jarrow WRP)

BISHOP AUCKLAND: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. The Green Tree, Newgate Street.
Speakers: **Frank Wilson** (Durham YS); **Dave Temple** (WRP Central Committee); **Bruce Guthrie** (Bishop Auckland WRP)

EASTERN

YARMOUTH: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Gorleston.
Speakers: **Mark Harrison** (YS Regional Committee); **Fiona Cairns** (Norwich WRP)

ST NEOTS: Wednesday January 2, 7.30p.m. The Kings Head Hotel, South Street.
Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Chris Bailey** (Cambridge WRP)

PETERBOROUGH: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. AUEW Hall, Lincoln Road.
Speakers: **Linda Mee** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Athow** (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

PENRHUWCEIBER: Wednesday January 2, 7.30p.m. Penrhwyceiber Workingmen's Institute.
Speakers: **Vanessa Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); **Ann Pickard** (YS Regional Committee); **Travis Gould** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Wales NUM

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Shepherds Hall, David Street, Old Market.
Speakers: **Hollis Byrne** (YS National Committee); **Matthew Robertson** (Bristol WRP)

READING: Tuesday January 29, 7.30p.m. Room K, South Reading Community Centre, 252 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley Wood.
Speakers: **Jim O'Sullivan** (Bracknell YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee)

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

CHATHAM: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Carlton House, Purcival Room.
Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

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

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

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

BOW: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Bow Baths Community Centre, Sutherland Road, E3.
Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London district committee)

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



Jeremy Corbyn MP addressing a meeting of Addenbrooke's workers before the lobby of the health authority

Domestics lobby health authority

DOMESTICS who have been on strike since October 1 at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, lobbied the health authority this week.

The lobby was supported by delegations of miners from South Wales and Nottinghamshire, print workers, UCATT members, city councilors, unemployed and students.

The health authority was due to take a decision on whether or not to continue its contract with the private company OCS (Hospital Services) Ltd, following their dismal performance since taking over the cleaning contract at the beginning of October.

The unions, NUPE and COHSE, insist that the reason for the contractors' 'poor' performance is the low contract price, which has meant drastic

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cally reduced staffing levels and abolition of sickness and holiday rates.

However, the authority would not allow the domestics or the press to attend the discussion on the contractors' performance, claiming that the matter was going to be the subject of a court case by the union and therefore could not be discussed in public.

Rally

At a rally held outside the hospital before the lobby, the strikers and their supporters were addressed by NUPE-sponsored Labour MP Jeremy Corbyn, who told the hospital workers they should draw inspiration from the ten-month struggle of the miners.

'The Tory government

is pushing health service privatisation all over the country, so you at Addenbrooke's and other places won't be alone on an island, but will soon be joined by thousands of others. Stand firm and you will win.'

Phil Lyon, a South Wales miner, paid tribute to the Addenbrooke's strikers: 'We feel that your struggle is in some ways even more important than ours, because we all need the health service.'

He called on the TUC to stop aiding the Tories and to bring out the whole trade union movement alongside the miners and hospital workers.

'If the trade union movement does not wake up quick, then there won't be a trade union movement. The TUC talks about us 'losing a battle, but not the war', but this battle is the war and we must join it.'

Martin Booth, NUPE branch secretary, said that the hospital workers' fight was the same fight as that of the miners. 'We have every right to demand that our leaders, who are pledged to support the miners, call the whole membership out alongside the miners and against privatisation as part of a General Strike against the Tories.'

'It doesn't matter what the health authority decides, because this government is being forced into confrontation with every section of the community by the economic crisis and we won't be standing on our own.'

'Our strike is now "illegal", like the miners, because we haven't had a ballot and we won't be having one. That's why we have to have the whole trade union movement and community behind us.'

Booth quoted a local British Medical Association representative, who had said: 'The Addenbrooke's strikers are keeping a flame alight, not only in Addenbrooke's, not only in East Anglia and not only in 1984. They are fighting for the whole National Health Service.'

● **AMBULANCEMEN** in Belfast went on strike yesterday after a row over Christmas overtime pay.

They walked out suddenly when their demand to be paid in advance for all the overtime they expect to work during Christmas week was rejected.

Tory cuts mean downhill slide for arts

THE government's announcement of the latest cuts in the arts budget is the beginning of the downhill slide for the arts in Britain — and especially for London, it was forecast by the Greater London Council yesterday.

The GLC said the cuts announcement came at a time when the National Theatre and London Festival Ballet are just two among many major national arts organisations struggling to survive financially.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of the smaller arts organisations, including theatres, dance companies, music groups, art galleries, film workshops, etc, now face extinction.

Peter Pitt, Chair of the GLC's Arts and Recreation Committee, warned: 'It can be no coincidence

that the announcement comes simultaneously with the news that the GLC may have its arts and recreation programme slashed by some £20 million through next year's ratecapping.

Heritage

'Surely this is proof of the government's intention to virtually wipe out the country's cultural heritage. Lord Gowrie himself admits to being a scrooge.'

'The GLC's Arts and Recreation Committee is funding recreation and the arts in London this year to the tune of £60 million. It will be impossible to slash it by a third without forcing dozens of small groups — and

perhaps some of our major arts institutions — into bankruptcy.'

Pitt said: 'The arts world recognise this is inevitable if the GLC is abolished in 1986 as plotted by the government. ... It cannot wait to destroy them by surreptitiously trying to bring the date forward by a year.'

WEATHER

NORTHERN and western Scotland will have a rather cloudy day with wintry showers, heavy and prolonged in places. North-west England, southern and eastern Scotland will have sunny intervals and isolated showers. Other districts will be mainly dry with sunny periods after the dispersal of morning mist or fog patches. Temperatures will range from a little below normal in many areas to rather cold in the north and westerly winds will reach gale force at times in the north.

Outlook for next 48 hours: Cloud and further rain spreading from the west on Saturday, followed by showers in the north on Sunday. Mild in the south on Sunday.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



Kent and Staffordshire miners have been picketing oil supplies at Dagenham dock and won support from local drivers. Some of those still going in are non-union drivers recruited from the dole

Notts rule change is attacked

MINERS' president Arthur Scargill yesterday accused the Nottinghamshire area council of violating the rules of the national union after it had voted to change its constitution.

The Notts area council, which is dominated by scabs, decided at a three-hour meeting in Mansfield to throw out national rule 30. This action directly undermines the authority of the NUM national executive.

Scargill said: 'The decision taken today by the Nottinghamshire area council violates the rules of the National Union of Mineworkers under which all constituent areas must adopt the union's model rules and carry out the directions, regulations and instructions of its national executive committee.'

'The national executive committee will consider this development and take whatever action is necessary in accordance with the union's rules and constitution.'

Rule 30 gives the national executive the authority to decide any conflict between areas and national interpretation of the rules.

The Notts area council decided to defer a decision on whether to break the national overtime ban. Area president Ray Chadburn said the matter would be discussed at a meeting of the area executive next month.

Yesterday's area council meeting went ahead after the NUM lost a High Court bid to have it postponed.

After the meeting Chadburn was asked by reporters whether the vote signified the start of a breakaway union.

He said: 'It could happen, but I sincerely hope not because, at the end of the day, our loyalties are in the NUM, and that is of paramount importance.'

'As far as I am concerned, as president, I am the custodian of the rule book in Nottinghamshire.'

'I have to look after the rules of Nottinghamshire but I also, along with the area, owe allegiance to the NUM, so it is of paramount importance that I prevent at all costs any breakaway in Nottinghamshire.'

Chadburn made a scathing attack on the scabs' National Working Miners' Committee, both nationally and in Nottinghamshire.



SCARGILL



CHADBURN

He said the vote by the area council to disassociate itself from the committee was taken by an overwhelming majority.

He said: 'They have set themselves up as judge and jury. They have set themselves up as leaders and the Nottinghamshire miners, the working miners, are saying: "We are fed up with them because all they are doing is trying to create problems for those who are actually working."'

DON'T SACRIFICE US STRIKER TELLS TUC

THE TUC leadership should stop using the miners as 'sacrificial lambs' and mobilise the rest of the working class behind the fight for jobs, according to Kent striker Chris Woodcock.

He is angered by the TUC's failure to implement Congress policy decided four months ago in Brighton which was to halt the movement of scab coal, coke and oil.

'The kind of support we'd like to see is everybody out behind us. Financial support is not enough and I for one am fed up with us being used as sacrificial lambs by the TUC,' Woodcock, from Betteshanger colliery, told News Line yesterday.

For the last week he and other miners from the Kent and North Staffordshire coalfields have been picketing oil depots at Dagenham Dock in east London.

Scab labour is being used to ferry oil supplies from storage tanks to bolster dwindling stocks at power stations in the region.

Earlier this week drivers at the Texaco oil depot at Dagenham Dock walked out on strike after management suspended them for taking action in support of the miners.

They had refused a management ultimatum to

'work normally' and run supplies from other depots.

Industrial action in support of the suspended men soon spread to other depots — including Chequers Lane and Canvey Island.

However the drivers returned to work, apparently after being warned by a local official of the Transport and General Workers' Union that they would be breaching their contracts of employment if they refused to drive to other depots.

Woodcock said the pickets had evidence that management at the depots were taking men straight from the dole queue to drive scab lorries.

'Last week one driver we stopped said he'd been on the dole for 18 months. They are sneaking into the depots by coming as part of big convoys,' he said.

Jailed Scots miner found not guilty

EDINBURGH — Lothian NUM strike leader David Hamilton, who has spent two months in prison, was cleared yesterday of assaulting a strike-breaker.

An Edinburgh jury took only half an hour to return a unanimous verdict of not guilty on two counts.

Hamilton, chairman of the Lothian NUM strike committee and NUM delegate at Monktonhall pit, had been held in Saughton Prison since October awaiting trial.

He denied assaulting John Hughes in the Dalkeith miners' club, by pun-

ching him, knocking him to the floor, and kicking him on the head and body to his severe injury.

He lodged a special defence of self-defence stating that Hughes had attacked him. The jury of seven men and eight women at Edinburgh Sheriff Court also found Hamilton not

guilty of committing the assault while on bail.

During the two-day trial Hamilton told the court that the fight had started when Hughes 'swung a punch' at him after Hamilton had told Hughes that he was not interested in hearing his reasons for returning to work.

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This **FRIDAY**
morning... **December 21, 1984**

TUC back-peddalling on miners' strike

ALL the pious words of support from TUC leaders and the offers of charity to the families of striking miners really serve one outrageous purpose — to keep the ten-month struggle for jobs isolated from the rest of the trade union movement in order that it can be defeated.

After its meeting on Wednesday the TUC General Council issued a statement. It called on unions to 'redouble their efforts in support of the NUM' but stressed that they should 'maximise financial assistance to alleviate hardship'. We propose to examine this statement a little more closely, and reveal what it really means.

TUC general secretary Norman Willis reported that the TUC Miners' Hardship Fund had raised £500,000. But this fund was only launched by the TUC bureaucracy and various archbishops in the first place on the strict understanding that none of the money would go to help directly sustain and develop the strike for jobs.

The Labour leaders, who sponsored another 'hardship' fund, gladly accepted £100,000 from millionaire John Paul Getty II on exactly the same basis. Mr Getty insisted that his donation should not fall into the hands of the NUM — and Kinnock and company duly obliged.

Mr Getty himself then underlined the deeply reactionary nature of this charity when he promptly handed the scabs a bumper Christmas gift of £120,000.

This was entirely consistent with the whole system of charity do-gooding which is perfectly legal in Britain. The Tory ruling class regards it as permissible for people to give charity just so long as the recipients — in this case the miners — are brought to their knees, starved back to work and beaten.

But the miners are not beaten. They have powerfully demonstrated that fact for the last ten months by withstanding the full force of the Bonapartist state — its national riot police force and its judiciary.

Nor do they stand alone. Resistance to the Thatcher government is growing on all fronts. Thousands of workers in rate-capped Labour councils are poised to join the miners in a life-and-death battle to defend jobs, services and entire communities.

But after 42 weeks on strike miners are rightly demanding to know: What has happened to the TUC's pledges to mobilise industrial action behind the NUM made at the Brighton congress — almost four months ago?

The TUC is in a position to bring the whole working class into action behind the miners. Why then has it not responded to the constant calls from NUM president Arthur Scargill for the mobilisation of industrial action?

The resolutions passed at Brighton specifically stated that the TUC should co-ordinate action among affiliated unions to stop the movement and use of scab coal, coke and oil. They certainly did not give the TUC bureaucracy a licence to ally itself with church leaders and indulge in a sickening bout of philanthropy at the expense of the miners' struggle.

Leaders of NUPE, NALGO and the transport union, who have spoken out in support of the miners, represent workers in local authorities. Their members are now forced — like the miners have been for ten months — to confront the capitalist state in order to wage their fight for the right to work.

The leaders of these unions must act now. They should call their members out on strike. This would greatly strengthen the struggle of the miners and the whole trade union movement.

It would give a powerful impetus to the struggle to mobilise the entire working class behind the miners through the organisation of the General Strike.

ORGANISE A GENERAL

'Council workers should stand alongside u



Arkwright miners on the picket line yesterday. Left to right: Antony Brooks, Steve Brunt and Steve Bennett

WITH the TUC fight alone for y encourage coun action against through rate-cap

Steve Brunt, A member from the News Line he was TUC general secre on Wednesday that strike 'for years'.

'These sort of rem do not help us at all we still know that are defeated, this will be decimated w 18 months.

'We hope that the ple who are going in before Christmas, come out again a wards because the t to their jobs is just as if not worse, than it when we came out.

Future

'I believe that the important thing fo future of the miners battle coming up council workers.

'They are among most badly paid peo work, and I think would respond with action if their jobs threatened in the Year.



Miners children enjoy their Christmas party at the Dodworth strike headquarters on Wednesday

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



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FROM OUR REPORTING TEAM

'They took strike action
here recently, during
February. There were no
road gritters and move-
ment on the roads was
virtually impossible.

'If the TUC are not
going to make a move for
us, then that kind of ac-
tion by local government
workers would help our
fight.

'There are thousands of
jobs under threat from
the abolition measures
and I'm sure that Thatch-
er can't take them on at
the same time as us. My
only worry is that she
might try to buy them off
or postpone the struggle
in order to keep us iso-
lated.

Stand up

'But council workers
have got to understand
that what is happening to
us will happen to them.
The only way to fight is to
stand up to it.

'They will be next in
line if we are defeated, so
they should stand along-
side us.'

Two younger striking
miners at Arkwright also
believe the time has come
for other unions to take
industrial action along-
side the miners.

'Other workers should
realise that Thatcher
hopes to create a police
state, where you will have
to stand in line for work
and wait to be picked out,
as in the old days,' said
Steven Bennett.

Support

'This fight is not just
our fight, it is a fight for
the whole trade union
movement. People should
stop thinking they are
alright, and that it won't
happen to them. They
should come and support
us now.'

Antony Brooks said the
time had come for action
from other trade unions,
and that despite the con-
tributions from other
workers, finance and food
was no longer enough.

'We want action, parti-
cularly from the trans-
port unions. The TUC
should instruct the unions
to support us.'



Pickets at Manton Colliery stopped the NACODS secretary as he drove into work yesterday

Manton men expose Coal Board lies

PICKETS at Manton pit
gate yesterday counted
only two lorries of coal
leaving the colliery, even
though the Board have
claimed that 600 are
working.

Despite last week's ma-
jor Coal Board propaga-
nda output claiming the
first coal mined in York-
shire by scabs, produc-
tion is virtually zero.

The truth is that less
than 150 NUM members
are actually at work, and

that production from the
face manned by scabs
cannot go ahead without
the removal of pit chocks
from another face.

The coal shown pouring
from a conveyor belt ear-
ly last week on television
can no longer be seen,
and the likelihood is that
the coal was literally
swept from the floor of
the workings.

The 600 men the Board
claim are working in-
clude another 150 NUM

men who are off sick, and
all the clerical staff in
COSA, the NACODS de-
puties, and trainees from
Dinnington and
Shireoaks.

Striking miners have
been particularly
angered by the breach of
NUM picket lines by de-
puties. Manton is the only
Yorkshire area pit at
which the majority of de-
puties have broken their
own code of respecting
miners' picket lines and

carried out underground
inspections which allow
the scabs to work.

Picket Archie Young
said the propaganda ab-
out Manton had failed to
dampen the spirits of a
majority at the pit still on
strike. Over 600 miners
attended a pickets' party
on Wednesday night.

The striking miners be-
lieve the government is
desperate for coal to feed
the Trent Valley power
stations.

General Strike call

NORTH Wales building
workers passed the fol-
lowing resolution in sup-
port of striking miners at
a meeting on Tuesday:

'In the light of the sei-
zure of NUM funds and
increasingly violent
police tactics against
pickets, this trades coun-

cil calls upon the TUC to
organise an unlimited
General Strike against
the Tory government in
defence of trade union
rights.'

The resolution was due
to go before the Beaumar-
is and District Trades
Council.

Court grabs T&G cash

HIGH COURT officials
have collected the £200,000
contempt of court fine im-
posed on the T&GWU trans-
port union. No further ac-
tion is expected against the
union's £54 million.

The fine was imposed on
November 26 after the un-
ion defied orders to call off
a strike at Austin Rover
which had been called with-
out a secret ballot. It was
given a three-week dead-
line to comply. This passed
on December 10.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



The case for Community Councils

EVERY trade unionist and worker must come to the aid of the miners in their struggle for jobs against the capitalist state, the Thatcher dictatorship and the National Coal Board.

The working class as a whole and their professional allies must share the burdens and sacrifices of the fight which the miners are waging in defence of the most basic of rights — the right to work and to organise freely in trade unions independent of the state.

Trade union branches, shop stewards' committees, trades councils and other labour movement organisations must take the initiative now in the setting up of Community Councils which will act immediately to meet the needs of the miners.

Thatcher and the state are out to smash up pit communities, driving families into destitution and starving the miners back to work. Their aim is not only to destroy the miners' union, but all trade unions.

Miners are, therefore, fighting on behalf of the whole working class. They cannot be left to shoulder the burdens of the strike alone. All workers must ensure that the miners can continue the struggle under the best conditions, and that a common front is presented to the class enemy.

As well as the trade unions, the Community Councils must draw in representatives of every section of the working class and their middle-class and professional allies involved in the anti-Tory fight — miners' wives, youth groups, voluntary organisations and local Labour councils.

At the very same time the Tories are attacking the miners, they are also establishing a central government dictatorship over local Labour councils, threatening cities like Liverpool with financial destruction and abolishing seven authorities covering the major industrial areas of England. Community Councils will take responsibility for the defence of local councils, jobs and services.

There are immediate and practical tasks which flow from the defiant resistance of the miners to the provocations of the NCB, an unprecedented military-style police operation directed by the Home Office through Scotland Yard and the organised harassment by social security, gas and electricity bureaucrats.

The Workers Revolutionary Party believes that the tasks of Community Councils, which should extend beyond mining districts, will be to:

- Provide food for families and children of those on strike. No miner to be starved back to work by the Tories.
- Pay urgent bills for electricity and gas, calling on workers not to carry out cut-offs as an act of solidarity with the strike. Raise funds for new clothing and footwear for strikers.
- Ensure that no miner is evicted by local councils for not being able to pay rent or rates. Make certain that medical supplies are paid for so that miners and their families can get the treatment prescribed.
- Arrange for the care of the elderly dependent on support from miners' families, ensure nursery provision so that miners' wives can participate fully in winning support for the strike.
- Organise the provision of free legal representation for miners who need it. Provide accommodation for miners from other areas.
- Watch out for and organise against provocateurs. Organise the defence of union offices and funds from state attacks.
- Rally other workers to support and back up miners' pickets and organise marches and rallies.

LABOUR COUNCILS must be asked to:

- Provide free school meals and transport for miners' children.
- Make office accommodation in council offices available to miners, with facilities for printing and communications.
- Make sure that no evictions take place because of mounting debts. Wipe out rent and rate arrears.
- Provide free public transport for strikers and their families. Make all council facilities available free to miners. Lay on entertainments and outings for miners' families.
- Resist having to foot the bill for the cost of the Downing Street directed police operation against the miners' union.

This is the best way to answer the challenge of the capitalist state, and the Tory dictatorship. Community Councils — as Soviet-type organisations — will give the working class confidence in its own independent strength to defeat the class enemy and provide the basis for the successful struggle for power which has now been joined.



'Ideally I'd like to see Britain self sufficient in imported coal'

West German call for shorter week

FROM OUR WEST GERMAN CORRESPONDENT

DORTMUND — West German miners and energy workers have called for a four-day working week.

The decision on reduced hours taken at a recent conference reflects delegates' fears over job losses and pit closures as 'unprofitable' pits in West Germany's North Rhine Westphalia industrial zone face closure.

The union's leader, Adolf Schmidt, warned that 'very difficult times' lay ahead.

The IG Bergbau und Energie union (IGBE) has called for reduction in working hours, to be achieved by shortening

each shift so that there is no loss of jobs.

Early retirement is also recommended 'where job prospects exist for younger workers or unemployed'.

Motion

The motion, which was passed unanimously, also said that there should be no loss of wages when hours were reduced.

The executive was defeated on a motion which said that wages should be calculated from the time a miner entered and left the cage.

Delegates instead insisted that they should be paid from the moment they donned protective gear.

Due to cuts in the workforce, miners have to check their lamps and breathing equipment themselves before starting work, when previously this had been done for them.

Central Ruhr district delegate Heinz Töpe described how miners were asked to do more and more jobs before actually beginning work. They were not paid for this and it could lead to injuries being caused.

Eberhard Grahl from

Ruhr North East said: 'This is not an argument about reducing the working week, but about being paid for the amount of time I am working.'

The Socialist Party economy minister in Westphalia state, Jochimsen, has warned pits will be closed when contracts with both the steel industry and Ruhrkohle AG expire in 1988.

The 20-year Ruhrkohle contract means that the company intends to pay out dividends to its shareholders which, according to the minister, would mean limiting coal production to the most profitable pits.

Dividend

Jochimsen has asked the Kohl government in Bonn to influence the shareholders to forego dividend payments so that 'a balance could be maintained between security of employment, social peace in the coal mining areas and public spending'.

Jobs at the Sophia Jacoba pit in Hückelhoven, near the Dutch border, are being threatened.

Its owners, the EBV company, have begun negotiations for the sale of the pit.

EBV, which also owns 96 per cent of the Luxembourg company Arbed, last year shut the Erin pit in Castrop-Rauxel in the Ruhr.

A delegate at the IGBE conference said: 'A further run-down is impossible. The alternatives are the maintenance of demand — and production that meets this demand — or a further closure of installations and with it, the end of the Aachen coalfield.'

Havers accused of 'abusing the law'

TORY Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers was accused by a Labour MP yesterday of 'abusing the law' over his decision to pay the costs of sequestrators Price Waterhouse in their attempts to seize the NUM's funds.

Havers is ill and was not in the Commons to reply to his critic, barrister Brian Sedgmore, MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch.

The Solicitor-General Sir Patrick Mayhew tried to defend Havers in angry exchanges with Sedgmore.

Funds

In covering the costs of Price Waterhouse's attempts to seize the funds of the NUM 'he (Havers) acted with entire constitutional propriety', claimed Mayhew.

Havers claimed during angry exchanges last week

that his unprecedented move was because of his duty to see that court orders were not frustrated.

Sedgmore called for Havers to resign. 'He has advised the Conservative Party on how to gain political advantage, and in that process he has abused the law, parliamentary sovereignty, and the constitution.'

Sedgmore added: 'It is part of a pattern by this Attorney-General. The Commons should stand up and say tonight we have had enough of this Attorney-General.'

Labour's legal affairs spokesman, John Morris, complained the government now said its action was based on common law.

But he said 'common law is based on precedent. You can't make up common law as you go on'.

Stan Orme, shadow Energy Secretary, said the reason the government agreed to pay Price Waterhouse was because it was about to withdraw from its task of finding NUM funds.

Problems

'They indicated it was not worth a candle and the government then realised the problems that would be created if the company withdrew.'

Mayhew attempted to defend the Attorney-General and told Sedgmore he should have given notice of his attack on Havers.

Sedgmore angrily shouted: 'I expected him to be here for the debate, you bloody fool.'

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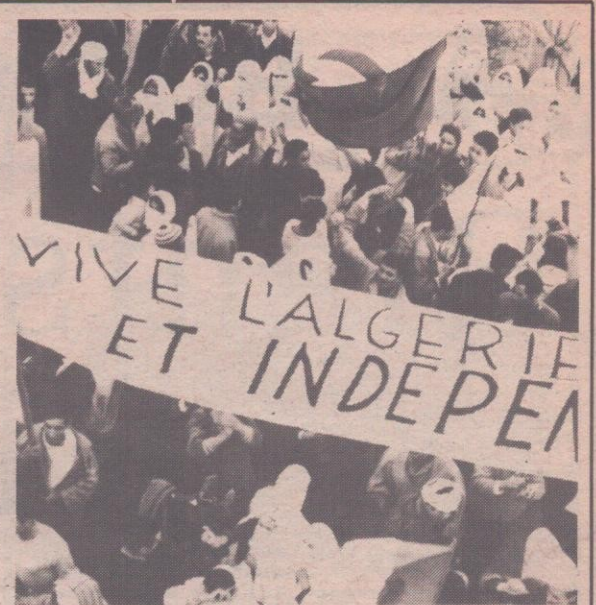
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6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Food and Drink. 9.30 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men. 2.00 Living on the Land. 2.25 Star Movie: Lucille Ball in *Too Many Girls* (1940). 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Friday. 4.10 The Family-Ness. 4.15 The Land of Green Ginger. 4.30 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince. 4.50 Hartbeat. 5.10 Crackerjack. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES
6.55 BUGS BUNNY

7.05 MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE
Queen's Park Rangers v Liverpool
QPR have an excellent home record since they installed their £350,000 artificial playing pitch at Loftus Road

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS;
Weekend weather

9.25 BURT LANCASTER IN *Scorpio*
(1972) Burt Lancaster as Cross, an ageing CIA agent, in this globe-trotting spy thriller, co-starring Alain Delon. *Scorpio* has the task of killing Cross, but finds it is not easy job. Directed by Michael Winner

11.15 MACMILLAN AT WAR In the last of three programmes former Tory Prime Minister Harold MacMillan talks to Ludovic Kennedy

11.45 LATE NIGHT IN CONCERT
Linda Ronstadt with Nelson Riddle and his orchestra, filmed in Santa Barbara

12.45 Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 4.30 Hartbeat. 4.50 Crackerjack. 5.30 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-7.05 The Good Life.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.35 Sports Review of 1984. 5.15 News Summary; with subtitles; Weather. 5.20 Open To Question.

6.00 THE INVADERS *Storm* with Roy Thinnies as David Vincent

6.50 CHOIR OF THE YEAR 1984

7.30 WILDLIFE ON TWO *Aliens from Inner Space* David Attenborough narrates this film with looks at cephalopods — cuttlefish, squids and octopus, about which scientists are just beginning to unravel a host of new facts

8.00 CALL MY BLUFF

8.30 ITALIANS *The Bride of Calabria* Natina will be alone with her husband for the first time after their elaborate wedding feast. The celebrations include a ten-course lunch for 600 guests and the dancing of the tarantella

9.00 M★A★S★H As *Time Goes By* With Alan Alda and Mike Farrell

9.25 FANNY AND ALEXANDER A preview of Ingmar Bergman's magical extravaganza to set the scene for the extended TV version which begins on Sunday

9.30 ARENA *What's Cuba Playing At?* In the 25th anniversary year of the revolution, *Arena* traces the Afro-Spanish roots of Cuba's rich musical history

10.45 NEWSNIGHT

11.30-1.15 MIDNIGHT MOVIE *Roseland* (1977) with Geraldine Chaplin, Christopher Walken, Teresa Wright and Lila Skala. *Roseland* is a ballroom in New York which provides an escape from the harsh and cold reality outside for its elderly habitués. The scenarios are closely observed and convincingly portrayed. Directed by James Ivory; screenplay by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala; Produced by Ismail Merchant

CHANNEL 4

2.30 TREASURE HUNT *Lake District*
3.30 WILD STALLION (1953)

4.15 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE ADDAMS FAMILY *Uncle Fester's Toupee*

5.30 THE TUBE Jools Holland and Paula Yates are joined by Paul Weller, The Waterboys and Rory Bremner

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY chaired by Gus MacDonald

8.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

8.15 A WEEK IN POLITICS An interview with Northern Ireland Secretary Douglas Hurd, and a look back at the year of the miners

9.00 TELL THE TRUTH

9.30 GARDENER'S CALENDAR *December* With Hannah Gordon and the RHS team

10.00 NEWHART *Lady and the Tramps*

10.35 IAN BREAKWELL'S CHRISTMAS DIARY

10.45-12.55 BATTLE OF ALGIERS British television premier of Gillo Pontecorvo's undisputed masterpiece about the Algerian national liberation struggle between 1954 and 1962. With the exception of French actor Jean Martin, who plays Colonel Matthieu, there are no professional actors. Many of the characters re-enact the true part they played in the independence struggle. The Italian director Pontecorvo achieved a brilliant realism through his cast, settings and the newsreel style cinematography by Marcello Gatti. Although completed in 1966, when it won the Golden Lion award in Venice, the film was not shown in France for many years and only opened in London in 1971

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 10.25 Let's Pretend. 10.40 Razzmatazz. 10.05 BMX Beat. 11.30 Rainbow Christmas Show. 12.00 The Sooty Christmas Show. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Father Murphy. 3.15 Thames News Headlines. 3.20 University Challenge. 3.50 Illusions. 4.15 Theatre Box. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK SHOW

7.00 BRUCE FORSYTH'S PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

7.30 HALLELUJAH! A Goose For Mrs Scratchit

8.00 FINNEGAN, BEGIN AGAIN With Mary Tyler Moore and Robert Preston. Has-been journalist Michael Finnegan may solve the problems of Liz's love affair with a married undertaker

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by London News Headlines

10.30 JAMES MASON — The Star They Loved To Hate James Mason made more than 150 films before he died this year. During the 1930s and 1940s, Mason headed the popularity polls, although many of his roles were those of a ruthless nasty

11.30 GEORGY GIRL With Lynn Redgrave, James Mason, Alan Bates and Charlotte Rampling. (1966) A gawky, soft-hearted but emotionally immature girl envies her flatmate's casual approach to love in this well-acted, entertaining comedy-drama

1.20 BAND AID The Making of the record 'Feed The World'

1.45 Night Thoughts, followed by Closedown

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00-2.15 5 Lon Goch. 3.00 Years Ahead. 3.45 Book 4. 4.15 Cartoon Carnival. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cyn Dydd Y Dydd. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le; News Headlines. 9.15 It's Going to be Alright. 9.45 Tell the Truth. 10.15 Film: *Winter Flight*. 12.10 Newhart. 12.35 Soap. 1.05 Close.

RADIO

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

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

2 News on the hour (except 9p.m.); Headlines 5.30a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford's Christmas Concert (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and classified results). 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night (S). 9.15 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Nights at the Paris Olympia. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Peter Dickinson and Charles Nove (S). 3.00 Big Band Special (S). 3.30-4.00 String Sound (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Holst, Korngold, Haydn, Smetana (8.00-8.05 News) Rachmaninov, Ibert, Mozart, Handel, C.P.E. Bach. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Bizet. 10.00 Three Romantic Piano Sonatas (S) Recital by Edith Vogel: Brahms Op.5. 10.40ournemouth Sinfonietta (S) Finzi, Vaughan Williams. 11.40 Cameristi of London (S) BBC Scottish S.O. Vaughan Williams, Mozart (1.00 News). 1.05-1.20 The Secret Sin of Septimus (S) Stravinsky. 1.55 Poulenc and Satie (S) Chamber Music. 2.40 Britten and Bridge (S) Concert. 3.25 W.F. Bach Keyboard Music (S). 4.00 Choral Harpsichord (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) trad arr Bonell, Villa-Lobos, Pujol, Ponce. 7.00 Broomhouse Reach (S). 7.30 Nash Ensemble (S) Mozart, Barber (8.10-8.30 Ancient Medicine) Hummel, Poulenc. 9.15 Seasonal Music (S) Stephen Dodgson (9.35-9.55 Pleasure, Voyages and the Mad Doctor of Canton) Britten. 11.00 Ayres for the Theatre (S). 11.20 Malcolm Bilson (S) Haydn Sonatas. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.50 Your Letters). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs (S). 9.45 Silent Night. 10.00 News; International Assignment. 10.30 Morning Service: A Family Affair. 10.45 S.O. Vaughan Williams, Mozart (1.00 News). 1.05-1.20 The Secret Sin of Septimus (S) Stravinsky. 1.55 Poulenc and Satie (S) Chamber Music. 2.40 Britten and Bridge (S) Concert. 3.25 W.F. Bach Keyboard Music (S). 4.00 Choral Harpsichord (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) trad arr Bonell, Villa-Lobos, Pujol, Ponce. 7.00 Broomhouse Reach (S). 7.30 Nash Ensemble (S) Mozart, Barber (8.10-8.30 Ancient Medicine) Hummel, Poulenc. 9.15 Seasonal Music (S) Stephen Dodgson (9.35-9.55 Pleasure, Voyages and the Mad Doctor of Canton) Britten. 11.00 Ayres for the Theatre (S). 11.20 Malcolm Bilson (S) Haydn Sonatas. 11.57-12.00 News.

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TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Kum Kum. 10.45 Illusions. 11.05 BMX Beat. 11.30 The Rainbow Christmas Show. 12.00 Sooty's Christmas Special. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Film: *The Black Swan*. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Smurfs. 4.15 Theatre Box. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Three Little Words. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Play Your Cards Right. 7.30 Hallelujah. 8.00 Finnegan, Begin Again. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.30 James Mason — The Star They Loved to Hate. 11.3 Film: *Five Fingers*. 1.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Star of Bethlehem. 9.25 Once Upon a Time... Man. 9.55 Falcon Island. 10.20 A Christmas Story. 11.05 BMX Beat. 11.30 Rainbow Christmas Show. 12.00 Sooty's Christmas Special. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *The Amazing Mr Blunden*. 3.15 News Headlines. 3.20 University Challenge. 3.50 Illusions. 4.15 Theatre Box. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Play Your Cards Right. 7.30 Hallelujah. 8.00 Finnegan, Begin Again. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.30 James Mason — The Star They Loved to Hate. 11.30 Film: *The Wages of Fear*. 1.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 The Jacksons. 11.00 The Star of Bethlehem. 11.05 BMX Beat. 11.30 Rainbow Christmas Show.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Born to Run. 10.45 White Days, Red Nites. 11.00 The Star of Bethlehem. 11.05 BMX Beat. 11.30 Rainbow Christmas Show. 12.00 Sooty's Christmas Special. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Film: *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. 3.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 3.20 University Challenge. 3.50 Illusions. 4.15 Theatre Box. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 Play Your Cards Right. 7.30 Hallelujah. 8.00 Finnegan, Begin Again. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.35 Film: *Cry Terror*. 12.20 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Holiday Time. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 Santa's Pocket Watch. 10.55 The Christmas Visitor. 11.05 BMX Beat. 11.30 Rainbow Christmas Show. 12.00 Sooty's Christmas Special. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Jerima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Hotel. 3.05 Mr Magoo; TVS News. 3.20 The Young Doctors. 3.50 Illusions. 4.15 Theatre Box. 5.12 TVS News

HTV

Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Keep it in the Family. 7.00 Play Your Cards Right. 7.30 Hallelujah. 8.00 Finnegan, Begin Again. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 The Star of Bethlehem. 10.35 James Mason — The Star They Loved to Hate. 11.35 Film: *Georgy Girl*. 1.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

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HTV CYMRU: 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 11.30-12.15 Wales This Year. 12.15 Weather and Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.45 Illusions. 11.05 BMX Beat. 11.30 Rainbow Christmas Show. 12.00 Sooty's Christmas Special. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Gorgo*. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Cartoon Time. 4.15 You Must Believe All This. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 Play Your Cards Right. 7.30 Hallelujah. 8.00 Finnegan, Begin Again. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 James Mason — The Star They Loved to Hate. 11.30 Film: *Georgy Girl*. 1.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

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BOOKS

A weekly review of

Rights on trial

Rights On Trial —
The Odyssey of a
People's Lawyer by
Arthur Kinoy —
Published by Harvard
University Press, £7

IN the course of a desperate last-minute attempt to save the lives of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Arthur Kinoy and a fellow lawyer went to see Jerome Frank, one of the most liberal judges on the Supreme Court.

For over an hour they pleaded with him to sign a stay of execution. Judge Frank's reply was one Kinoy never forgot: 'If I were as young as you are, I would be sitting where you are now and saying and arguing what you are arguing. You are right to do so.'

Words

'But when you are as old as I am, you will understand why I cannot do what you ask. I cannot do it.'

Those words haunted Kinoy for years. He was

determined that never would he become 'as old' as Frank, so immersed in the system that he would betray all his principles.

At 8 o'clock that night the Rosenbergs were judicially murdered in the electric chair. Years later, after the Watergate scandal when it became possible to unearth official government papers, it was found that the death sentence had been decided on before the trial had even opened, as part of a state-organised conspiracy to terrorise all political opposition to America's Cold War policies.

Kinoy decided to become a lawyer soon after his discharge from the army at the end of World War II, but a very special sort of lawyer.

He would put his training and skill at the service of the working class, the poor and oppressed — a 'people's lawyer'. He abandoned a promising academic career, and then a position in a well-paid successful legal firm

to work for the trade union movement.

His first real job was with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), one of the largest and most militant industrial trade unions in the country, which was under constant attack from the employers and the state.

It was there that he learned the main strategy which was to guide him throughout the rest of his legal career — the job of a people's lawyer is not just to win in the courtroom: 'Again and again, the real test was the impact of the legal activities on the morale and understanding of the people involved in the struggle.'

Struggles

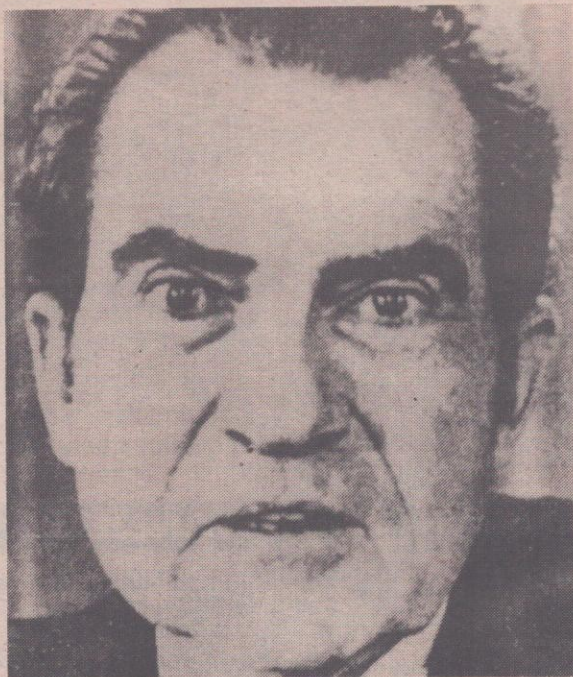
It was the understanding that the real struggles were not conducted in the courts but by the movement of thousands of people in the factories and on the streets that was to be the key to Kinoy's work throughout his working life.

And what work! To read this book is to read a history of all the major struggles of the American working class over the last 40 years: the Cold War period with the attacks on trade unionism and basic rights, the Rosenberg trial, the 'dirty decade' of McCarthyism, the explosive development of the Black civil rights movement in the 1960s and then the anti-war movement which grew up against the Vietnam war.

Precedent

His last case was during the Nixon era when the administration tried to establish the legal precedent that if the President declared that something he wanted to do concerned national security, no court had the authority to challenge it. Shades of Thatcher and GCHQ!

Kinoy's passionate commitment to the struggle is manifest in this long but always exciting book. His weakness is political, and particularly his lack



NIXON



Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

of understanding of the role of Stalinism.

There are few Communist Parties more cravenly tied to the policies of 'the peaceful road' and popular frontism than that of the USA.

Thus it is that whenever a mass movement has arisen in America since the development of Stalinism, it has had to do so in the face of opposition from the CP leadership.

Kinoy was shocked by the way in the 'left' drew back from defence of the Rosenbergs, or ran for cover during the McCarthy period. The Communist Party of America deliberately abandoned the Rosenbergs in the interests of 'peaceful co-existence'.

It is this lack of political understanding that

leaves him unable to formulate any clear conception of how to carry the struggle forward. He is tied to a fight to defend constitutional rights.

Party

He sees the need to break with both the Democratic and Republican parties, but sees their replacement with some vague 'grass-roots' party developing out of the spontaneous mass movement themselves.

These political weaknesses apart, this is a book well worth reading. It is a record of a lifetime given to the fight against oppression, as well as a valuable historical record of the struggles of the American working class in the post-war period.

Christmas truce 1914

IT WAS very late in the evening of December 24, 1914 and General Haig had just finished wrapping 36 Christmas presents, provided by Lady Haig, for his staff and servants.

He wrote in his diary: 'What an amount of pleasure it gave me to distribute Doris's Christmas gifts in the midst of all my anxiety.' Next day he was to have lunch with the Commander in Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, Sir John French.

While Haig was wrapping his presents, something unusual was happening at the Front, the two lines of hastily constructed trenches that faced each other from Ostend to the Vosges Mountains.

The German Army, or at least several regiments, were setting up and lighting Christmas trees along the muddy parapets.

Crops

At some places the distance between the trenches was less than ten metres; crops which had been planted in the spring were still withering there and among them were lying the bodies of hundreds of young men, British, German, French, Belgian and Indian. Some of the bodies had been there since September.

The war had stopped moving, at any rate in the west; rain had been falling for weeks and men were already drowning in the liquid mud that filled the trenches. That night the rain had stopped.

'Christmas Truce' is the story of a remarkable episode. It is documented from sources as various as the German Social Democratic 'Vorwarts' and 'The Daily Telegraph' as well as numerous personal reminiscences and many letters and diaries and includes photographs taken at the time by soldiers.

Trees

In many parts of the line the men stopped shooting at each other when the Christmas trees went up. It was spontaneous.

In many places they were encouraged by their officers, some of whom were already sick of the

Christmas Truce by Malcolm Brown and Shirley Seaton — Leo Cooper/Secker and Warburg, £14.95

war while others saw it as a convenient opportunity to bury the dead.

In the long run that was the main achievement of the truce, but for nearly twenty miles on the British sector the troops on both sides took advantage of the ceasefire to swap badges and bits of equipment (the German Army was replacing the Pickelhaube spiked helmet and an amazing number of them were given away) and Germans swapped sausage for tins of British corned beef.

Barrels of beer liberated from a brewery held by the Germans were distributed on both sides, a pig was shot and eaten by both sides.

Football

There were even impromptu football matches.

The High Command on both sides was furious. One local commander threatened boy soldiers with the death penalty if they fraternised with the enemy. 'It was not war, but it was magnificent!' one soldier said afterwards.

The book does not give much analysis of what was happening in the war but it collects together large numbers of pictures and quotations.

Many soldiers who served at the time did not believe that the truce had taken place. The book is worth reading because it is authentic — the evidence of the common soldier.



BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

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Written by one of Lenin's closest collaborators, highlights the long struggle for Marxist principles on which the Bolshevik Party was built.
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Kronstadt and Petrograd in 1917 by F.F. Raskolnikov
Account of how the Kronstadt sailors played a central part in the Russian Revolution. In English for the first time.
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One Long Night by Maria Joffe
Eye-witness account of Stalin's prison camps in 1937, the worst year of the purges.
247pp. £5.99

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Christina Rossetti's poems

'Christina Rossetti:
Selected Poems', edited
by C.H. Sisson,
Carcenet, £3.95

SISSON's selection of work of that most introspective of the pre-Raphaelites, Christina Rossetti, shows her range and power, from the light, almost nursery verse to the shadows of death.

None of the poems are assigned dates, but the collection includes the title poem from her first published work, 'Goblin Market', and a remarkable,

wry short story, clearly autobiographical, 'Maude, a story for girls', written when she was in her late teens. It includes the sonnet:

Yes, I too could face death
and never shrink:
But it is harder to bear
hated life;
To strive with hands and
knees weary of strife;
To drag the heavy chains
whose every link
Galls to the bone; to stand
upon the brink

Of the deep grave, nor
drowse, though it be rife
With sleep; to hold with
steady hand the knife

Nor strike home: this is
courage as I think.
Surely to suffer is more
than to do:
To do is quickly done; to
suffer is
Longer and fuller of
heart-sicknesses:
Each day's experience
testifies of this:
Good deeds are many, but
good lives are few;
Thousands taste the full
cup; who drains the lees?

'Chaos of the Night:
women's poetry and verse of
the Second World War',
selected by Catherine Reilly,
Virago, £3.95

IMAGES of the war, a little
evacuee trying to walk
home, a child asleep in a
tube shelter, the death of an
illegitimate baby, and the
grim echoes of Hiroshima
and Belsen are some of the
themes of this unusual collection.

The editor says: 'In a
sense, any war poem is a
statement against war',
and while there is sometimes
resolution, there is
certainly no glorification of
war in these poems.

One woman writes, after
Wallasey was bombed in
1941:

I saw a broken town beside
the grey March sea,
Spray flung in the air and
no larks singing,
And houses lurching
twisted, where the
chestnut trees
Stand ripped and stark; the
fierce wind bringing
The choking dust in clouds
along deserted streets,
Shaking the gaping rooms,
the jagged, raw-white
stone.
Seeking for what in this
quiet, stricken town? It
beats
About each fallen wall,
each beam leaving no
livid, aching place alone.

the latest publications



British and Germans photographed in no-man's land on Boxing day by Second Lieutenant Cyril Drummond

Rise and fall of St Peter's banker

MICHELE SINDONA clawed his way up from a family of Sicilian moneylenders to one of the most influential men in international banking — the Pope's own banker and the controlling shareholder in America's twelfth largest bank, the 'Franklin National'.

Former financial consultant Luigi di Fonzo describes graphically the poverty and deprivation suffered by most Sicilians and the power of the Mafia were the background to Sindona's rise to power.

Di Fonzo also reveals the intimate connections between the Mafia and the Roman Catholic Church: 'The Mafia, the Christian Democrats and the church are the major perpetrators of Sicily's wretched poverty. So strongly connected are the three institutions that a Mafia leader who is blessed with two sons placed one in politics and one in the church.'

This triangle remained Sindona's power base in his rise to positions of financial might and grew to extend far beyond the boundaries of Italy.

Also in Sindona's triangle was the notorious P2 Freemasons clan, controlled by the Fascist Licio Gelli.

The P2 masons, who included army generals, judges, police chiefs and leading members of the business community were all sworn to destroy Italy's parliamentary form of government.

Sindona was not only

St Peter's Banker — Michele Sindona by Luigi Di Fonzo — Mainstream Publishing, £9.95

'St Peter's Banker' but was a key connections man between the CIA and the right-wing Christian Democrats.

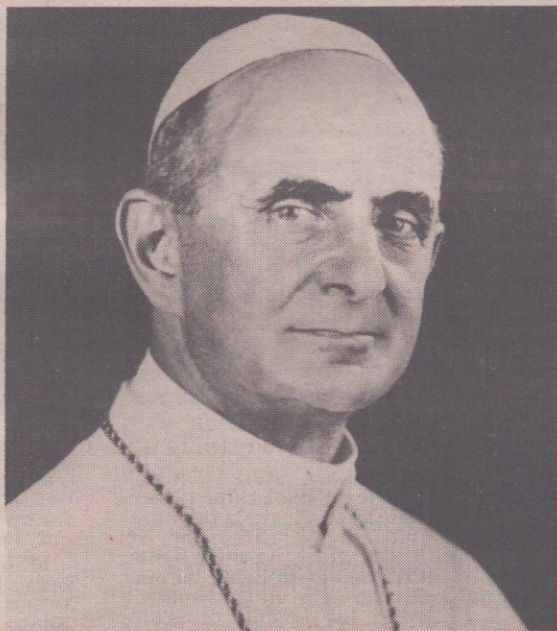
Di Fonzo describes this state within a state in Italy: 'Beneath the structure of that nation's official government, there exists another more potent government, which serves the special interests of its members and financial supporters. Still deeper below, another government operates in complete darkness. It has been called the Mafia, the High Mafia and Propaganda Due.'

Link

A virulent anti-Communist, Sindona was a key link in the web of connections between these forces.

As a successful tax attorney, he built up a large financial and banking empire.

In 1960, he arranged the sale of major Italian banks, such as Milan's Banca Privata Finanziaria (BPF) to the Vatican's IOR (Istituto per le



Pope Paul IV . . . Milan mafia

Opere di Religione).

Together with Giovanni Montini, Archbishop of Milan and the future pope, he organised a campaign in 1955 to destroy Communist Party influence inside Milanese factories and mills.

Through his CIA connections he was able to raise vast sums of money — on one occasion he obtained £2 million in a single day to help Montini establish his power.

Pope Paul VI, whose entourage became known as the 'Milan Mafia' when he brought his own advisors from Milan to the Vatican, was engaged in a massive tax fiddle from 1962 onwards.

The rise in working

then secretly moved the Vatican's resources out of Italy.

Their first target, however, was Greece. The April 21, 1967 army coup was bankrolled by a \$4 million Sindona transaction.

The money was transferred from the Continental Bank of Illinois to Colonel Papadopoulos through Sindona's Banca Privata Finanziaria.

Five years later, with the American government and the Italian ruling class again concerned about the radicalisation of the Italian working class and the electoral successes of the Communist Party, plotting to overthrow the government began again, with Sindona as a key figure.

According to an affidavit by MI6 agent John McCaffrey, Sindona met with McCaffrey and a high ranking Italian military official in Rome to discuss plans for a 'political' coup. The coup failed, but Sindona's career continued until the failure of the Franklin National Bank in 1974.

Jail

Sindona is today in an Italian jail awaiting trial, having been extradited from the United States, where he was serving a 27-year sentence for fraud, misappropriation of bank funds and perjury.

In Italy he is charged with ordering the murder of Giorgio Ambrosoli, as well as being a chief operator in the \$600 million-a-year heroin trade between Sicily and America.

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WINTER SYLLABUS 1984-1985

WEEKLY FROM NOVEMBER 4, 1984

The reformist and Stalinist bureaucracies and the struggle for revolutionary leadership in the working class

1. The economic and political crisis of world capitalism

The world capitalist crisis as the driving force of the world socialist revolution; the objective laws of capitalist decline and socialist revolution; the revolutionary nature of the political situation in Britain; the transformation of the capitalist state under the Tory Bonapartist dictatorship; the miners' strike and the struggle for power.

Reading: Lenin 'The State', 'State and Revolution', 'What is to be Done?'; 'State Within the State', a News Line investigation; Political letters of the WRP Political Committee 1-6; British Perspectives and International Perspectives, documents of the Seventh Congress of the WRP

2. The reformist Labour and trade union bureaucracies: 'The backbone of British imperialism' (Trotsky)

The history and significance of trade unionism in Britain: the trade union and labour bureaucracies as opportunist products and agencies of imperialism; the corporatist nature of the trade union bureaucracy; the distinction between bourgeois democratic rights and the democratic rights of the working class; the independence of the trade unions from the capitalist state as a revolutionary question; the reformist bureaucracies and the miners' strike.

Reading: Engels 'The British Labour Movement'; Lenin 'Imperialism, the Highest State of Capitalism'; Lenin 'The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky'; Trotsky 'Writings on Britain' Volume 2, 'Marxism and the Trade Unions'; Mike Banda 'Open Letter to Trade Unionists'. Political letters of the WRP Political Committee.

3. Stalinism: the most counter-revolutionary force in the world working class

The significance of the Russian Revolution October 1917; the isolation and economic backwardness of Russia as the objective source of the Stalinist bureaucratic degeneration of the Soviet state; the Stalinist bureaucracy not a new ruling class; unconditional defence of the nationalised property relations of the USSR; significance of Trotsky's struggle against Stalinism; the national reformist nature of 'socialism in one country'; the lessons of the Stalinist betrayals of the 1930s; Third Periodism and Popular Frontism; the counter-revolutionary role of Stalinism today; the crisis within British Stalinism.

Reading: Trotsky 'Revolution Betrayed'; 'The Class Nature of the Soviet State', 'Germany 1931-1932', 'Whither France?'; Alex Mitchell 'Behind the Crisis in British Stalinism'; Robert Shaw — 'Fighter for Trotskyism' by Mickie Shaw.

4. Revolution versus Reform: The Building of the Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists

The crisis and bankruptcy of reformism and Stalinism and their common opportunist source; the building of the revolutionary leadership of the working class; the Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists. The struggle to oppose and defeat the counter-revolutionary bureaucracies and their revisionist defenders; the role of Labour governments; the tactic of the United Front; the organisation of the General Strike as the struggle for power; the smashing of the bourgeois state and the dictatorship of the proletariat; the fight for Community Councils (Soviets) and for a workers' revolutionary government.

Reading: Lenin 'Left Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder'; Trotsky 'Transitional Programme'; Programme for a Workers Revolutionary Government; Letter of the WRP Political Committee No.7.

Lecturer: P. Jones (WRP Central Committee)
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Nice One Andy learns fast

SELECTIONS

GEOFF HUFFER, better known for his exploits on the flat, should see his jumping recruits **Nice One Andy** (2.30) and **Humberside Lady** dominate the finish of **FAKENHAM's** West Norfolk Novices' Hurdle today.

The filly **Humberside Lady** had the better flat form this summer, winning three races, but **Nice One Andy** will have learned a lot from his hurdling bow at Warwick earlier in the month and should come out on top.

Huffer went for a 'touch' on **Nice One Andy** at the Midland course, the colt being backed down to favourite, and he looked to be in control at the head of affairs when falling at the second last.

Provided **Nice One Andy** does not remember that inci-

dent, he should help pay the stable's Christmas expenses by beating his stablemate.

Glenhawk's (3.30) last five jumping form figures — all 'duck eggs' — would appear to leave him with a stiff task under top weight in the **Fakenham Caravan and Camping Site Handicap Hurdle**.

This may not be the season for caravaning, let alone camping, but for **Glenhawk** there is no better occasion than when the heavens open and he can bring into play his bottomless stamina.

Lingfield resembled a ploughed field when **Glenhawk** finished fifth of 16 in a much hotter handicap earlier in the month, and **Mick Ryan's** eight-year-old again showed a liking for it, moving up to dispute the lead turning for home only to gradually weaken in the straight.

Five days later he found

upwards of 12 stone anchoring him at Southwell, although once again he moved up menacingly turning for home, only to weaken into 14th of 18. Those efforts should have brought him to the boil and **Glenhawk** can beat the in-form **Eurolink Boy**.

Fox-U-More (12.45), one of the most consistent but luckless horses in training and runner-up in four of his five

races this season, looks set to kick the losing habit in the **Keilder Handicap Chase** at **KELSO**.

When beaten by **Blue Reef** at **Catterick** last time, **Fox-U-More** had **Jetharts Here** three lengths adrift in third, so it is not surprising that, on similar terms, **George Renilsson's** gelding does not reoppose.

Another who deserves a change of luck is **Miss Gold-**

ingay (12.15), who can make up for narrow defeats at **Catterick** and **Wetherby** in the **Charterhill Juvenile Novices' Hurdle**.

Miss Goldingay was backed to open her account at **Wetherby** earlier in the month but caught a tartar in **Nohalmdun**, who beat her half a length in a driving finish. It's worth remembering that the third home, **Savoir Vivre**, was a further eight lengths adrift.

FAKENHAM

1.00 Oversway
1.30 The Knife
2.00 Prince Carlton
2.30 Nice One Andy (Nap)
3.00 Smiling Cavalier
3.30 Glenhawk

KELSO

12.15 Miss Goldingay
12.45 Fox-U-More (n.b.)
1.15 Yank Brown
1.45 Mr Pongee
2.15 Palm Cross
2.45 Part-Ex

FAKENHAM

1.00 COTTESMORE NOV. CHASE £1,000 2m 5f (12 runners)

1	40-1221	OVERSWAY Mrs D Haine 7 11 12	S Smith-Eccles
2	300-30P	ABO ACE R Champion 6 10 12	G McCourt
3	403210	ALUMNUS R P Hoad 6 10 12	M Hoad (7)
4	0420-P	COMMANDER CHRISTY H O'Neill 8 10 12	M Hammond
5	040-P00	ITALIAN AFFAIR C Holmes 8 10 12	A Webb
6	1P-FB00	LING P W Harris 6 10 12	R Strange
7	F3F000	SLIP O'GRACE G King 7 10 12	S McNeill
8	000-003	BANTEL BOY Mrs N Macaulay 5 10 10	K Sims
9	3P0P00	BEECHWOOD LAD M B Connell 5 10 10	S J O'Neill
10	P-34030	MOUNTVILLE R P Hoad 5 10 10	S J O'Neill
11	43-22-PP	THE GOVERNOR (FR) J R Jenkins 5 10 10	R Rowell
12	004-33P	KINGMON'S GIRL J E Long 7 10 7	R Rowell

BLINKERS: 13
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 On Oversway, 5-1 Kingmon's Girl, 13-2 Ling, 12-1 Abo Ace and Mountville, 16-1 others.

1.30 FITZWILLIAM SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £700 2m (9 runners)

1	F00	SCOTTISCHE R P Hoad 4 12 0	M Hoad (7)
2	00-00	VAIGLY REL P Mitchell 4 11 10	Mr S Sherwood
3	4024P0	NO BUTTS J J Scallan 4 11 6	J McLaughlin
4	0010-P0	VESTAL TELEGRAPH P B Allingham 5 11 4	M Hammond
5	0111P4	THE KNIFE (D) M B James 6 11 3	Sharron James (7)
6	4F-4000	LEGS OF MAN O Brennan 5 11 3	M Brennan
7	44P000	BARFRETON W T Kemp 4 10 7	S Shilton
8	00F4-00	STAR OF SALFORD J E Long 6 10 6	R Rowell
9	20-000	SOVREIGN SHOT Mrs E Andrews 6 10 4	Mrs L Gibbon

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Vaigly Rel, 7-2 The Knife, 9-2 Legs Of Man, 8-1 Star Of Salford, 12-1 Barfeton, 16-1 Vestal Telegraph, 25-1 others.

2.00 WAVENEY HANDICAP CHASE £1,500 3m (6 runners)

1	01P44U	SEAMUS O'FLYNN (C-D) C Holmes 9 11 11	A Webb
2	431UP0	SEA SPLASH (C-D) O Brennan 8 10 13	M Brennan
3	00-3143	MEGGIE'S DENE W A Barrett 8 10 3	S Johnson
4	3P24-PP	BETTER RED J J Scallan 9 10 0	J McLaughlin
5	23U333	PRINCE CARLTON (C-D) Mrs J Bloom 9 10 0	Miss C Saunders (7)
6	1133-00	GOLDE CASTE (USA) (D) K A Morgan 7 10 0	S McNeill

BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Meggie's Dene, 9-4 Prince Carlton, 7-2 Sea Splash, 6-1 Seamus O'Flynn, 12-1 Golde Caste, 20-1 Better Red.

2.30 WEST NORFOLK NOVICE HURDLE £800 2m (15 runners)

1	0	ABOUT TIME TOO D T Thom 10 12	Mr D Murphy (4)
2		AESCLAPLUS I Campbell 10 12	R Campbell (4)
3		BASSETT BOY P T Brookshaw 10 12	S J O'Neill
4		DOWNTOWN HUSTLER D S Ringer 10 12	S McNeill
5		GULFLAND G P-Gordon 10 12	S Smith Eccles
6		KIDSWOOD H O'Neill 10 12	K Caplen (7)
7		MR MENACING J R Jenkins 10 12	J McLaughlin
8		NICE ONE ANDY (BF) G A Huffer 10 12	J McLaughlin
9		PAGAN SUN A Bailey 10 12	A Carroll
10		POLYNOR (FR) M J Ryan 10 12	G McCourt
11		STATE BUDGET W J Musson 10 12	C Smith
12		SYLVAN BARNUM P Mitchell 10 12	Mr S Sherwood
13		TAMERTOWN LAD J R Jenkins 10 12	R O'Leary
14		HUMBERSIDE LADY G A Huffer 10 7	S Shilton
15		PENNY LADY R R Leger 10 7	S Shilton

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Nice One Andy, 7-2 Pagan Sun, 11-2 Gulland, 7-1 Sylvan Barnum, 8-1 Downton Hustler, 10-1 Humberside Lady, 14-1 Tamertown Lad and Polynor, 20-1 others.

3.00 BELVOIR COND. JOCKEYS H'CAP CHASE £1,500 2m (5 runners)

3	24212/0	COLE PORTER (D) M C Banks 9 11 7	G Williams
4	P43010	SMILING CAVALIER (C-D) A Madwar 9 10 11	Angus Madwar
5	1P0000/	LEITH HILL FLYER P Mitchell 8 10 10	A Wright
6	03004P	VITINGO C Holmes 5 10 10	K Burke
7	00F002	DEE PARK M B James 9 10 5	M Caswell

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Dee Park, 2-1 Smiling Cavalier, 7-2 Vitingo, 8-1 Cole Porter, 14-1 Leith Hill Flyer.

3.30 FAKENHAM CARAVAN & CAMPING SITE H'CAP HURDL £1,200 2m (11 runners)

1	200-000	GLENHAWK M J Ryan 8 11 11	G McCourt
2	1-02112	THE DIPLOMAT D S Ringer 6 11 4	S McNeill
3	13/10	DIDDELO B J Wise 7 10 12	R Rowell
4	FF00P23	SNITTERFIELD C Holmes 6 10 7	A Webb
5	1400-00	PRINCESS HENHAM N A Callaghan 4 10 6	J Sutherland
6	41-00F4	GOLDORATION (C-D) H O'Neill 9 10 5	M Hammond
7	00F0-P0	CAPTAIN OATES M B James 5 10 4	Sharron James (7)
8	4-4F0P0	FRIDAY STREET R P Hoad 5 10 1	M Hoad (7)
9	200-413	EUROLINK BOY P Mitchell 5 10 0	A Wright (7)
10	2004-0	ALAN STUART W A Barrett 4 10 0	S Johnson
11	0-P0	EXPEDITIONS I Campbell 4 10 0	R Campbell (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Eurolink Boy, 7-2 The Diplomat, 4-1 Diddelo, 6-1 Snitterfield, 7-1 Glenhawk, 8-1 Goldoration, 14-1 others.

KELSO

12.15 CHARTENHALL JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE £500 (3-Y-O) 2m (16 runners)

1	0401	MENINGI (D) N Tinkler 11 6	N Tinkler
2		BUNRANNOCH HOUSE R F Fisher 10 10	M Meagher (4)
3		HALF SHAFT (USA) W A Stephenson 10 10	R Lamb
4	00	MAGNOX N Chamberlain 10 10	M Pepper
5	0P0	MOHAR N Tinkler 10 10	D Oldham
6	0	MR SPONGE D A Lamb 10 10	
7	B	POONA EXPRESS J Parkes 10 10	Lyn Whiffen (7)
8	30	SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (USA) R Allan 10 10	N Doughty
9	14	STAN'S FOLLY S G Payne 10 10	Mr C Storey (7)
10	4	TAELOS A Scott 10 10	P A Charlton
11	0F00	TOP O'THE CREAM R Gray 10 10	S Charlton
12	30100	UNCLE OLIVER (D) V Thompson 10 10	Mr M Thompson (7)
13	0	JOCA J Parkes 10 5	R Balfour (7)
14	21	LADY LOCKET M J Lambert 10 5	A Charlton (7)
15	22	MISS GOLDINGAY (BF) M W Easterby 10 5	M Hindley (7)
16	0	WINTER BONNET B McLean 10 5	

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Miss Goldingay, 5-2 Meningi, 7-2 Taffos, 6-1 Bunrannoch House, 10-1 Special Settlement and Uncle Oliver, 14-1 Half Shaft, 16-1 others.

12.45 KEILDER HANDICAP CHASE £1,300 2f 6f (6 runners)

1	012P10	STAND BACK W A Stephenson 7 12 4 (8 ex)	R Lamb
2	13030-P	LITTLE FRENCHMAN (C-D) E H Robson 11 11 9	C Pimlott
3	0-21222	FOX-U-MORE (C-D) K Oliver 7 11 0	T G Dun
4	30-3043	GEARYS COLD ROLLED Denys Smith 7 10 13	D Leadbetter (7)
5	U32P-41	SUPER SOLO (C) T Craig 8 10 0 (4 ex)	S Charlton
6	14100-U	COMMAGH S J Leadbetter 8 10 0	G W Gray

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Fox-U-More, 5-2 Gearys Cold Rolled, 7-2 Super Solo, 5-1 Little Frenchman, 10-1 Stand Back, 16-1 Commagh.

1.15 MANITOU NOVICE HURDLE (Q'FIER) £1,500 2m 4f (20 runners)

1	00-F31	TARGET MAN W A Stephenson 4 11 11	M Maguire (4)
2	0-0	BLACKADDER BRIG R McDonald 5 11 6	K Jones
3	30	GLEN LOCHAN N F Crump 4 11 6	D Wilkinson
4	40000	GOLD LAME V Thompson 5 11 6	Mr M Thompson (7)
5	22-0034	HASTY IMPORT T L Robson 5 11 6	Miss R Lock
6	34P32-1	LITTLE HARRY (D) P Calver 7 11 6	J J O'Neill
7	003233	PATCHWORK SAINT F Watson 6 11 6	N Doughty
8	P00	RETRIBUTION T Craig 5 11 6	M Ennis
9	P32	RISING FOREST (BF) J G FitzGerald 5 11 6	M Dwyer
10	F-4101	ROMAN DUSK (D) J Charlton 4 11 6	Mr T Reed (4)
11	P-10033	SECRET LAKE D W MacDonald 5 11 6	M Barnes
12	00-122	SILVER DREAMER (BF) W H Harrison 4 11 6	
13	43	YANK BROWN (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 4 11 6	R Earnshaw

RESULTS

HEREFORD:

12.30 (2m): CHUMMY'S BOY Mr M Richards (10-1); Master Boon (2-1 fav); Looking For Gold (10-1); Solar Light (11-2); 8 ran. Hd, 12. (D Burchell) T: £13.50; £3.10, £1.20, £2.30. CSF: £27.43.
1.00 (2m 4f): WILL BOREEN P Barton (33-1); Voice of Progress (evens jt fav); Dishcloth (33-1); 5 ran, 3 finished. T: £19.50; £3.40, £1.40. CSF: £63.17.
1.30 (3m 1f): MENDALEAK N Coleman (10-1); Rebeg (5-1); Rington Beau (7-1); Kevin Evans (5-1); 4 ran, 3, 12. (W Price) T: £12.60; £1.40, £1.80, £3, £2.50. CSF: £58.18.
2.00 (3m 1f): FREDWEL S Morshead (8-1); Mr Gumboots (14-1); Pucka Fella (13-8 fav); Shamrock Bridge (12-1); 10 ran, 10, 10. (P Bailey) T: £11.10; £2, £3.20, £3.20, £1.40. CSF: £95.27.
2.30 (2m): MARINA STAR J Sutherland (7-1); Just Joking (8-1); Brother Geoffrey (6-4 fav); Sovereign Island (25-1); 16 ran. Sh hd, 2. (O O'Neill) T: £6.90; £1.50, £1.90, £1.50. CSF: £54.82.
3.00 (2m): PETIT PAIN J Francombe (3-1); Nader (5-4 fav); Record Red (25-1); Alcinous (25-1); 17 ran, 15, dist. (F Winter) T: £3.50; £1.70, £1.30, £2.30. CSF: £7.71.

CARLISLE:

CHIPCHASE Mr G Harker (7-4 fav); Starshot (8-1); Prince Reviewer (11-2); Prince Sweet (4-1); 10 ran, nk, 20. (B Wilkinson) T: £2.90; £1.60, £1.30, £2.10. CSF: £15.31.
1.15 (2m): EDWEET K Teelan (11-4 fav); Richards Bay (9-2); Calaman (14-1); Teucer (11-1); 8 ran, 6, 6. (W Storey) T: £2.80; £1.80, £1.10, £1.20. CSF: £14.06.
1.45 (3m): BITTERMAN C Grant (14-1); Strawhill (9-2); Preben Fur (2-1 fav); Twilight (4-1); 6 ran, 4, 10. (J Jefferson) T: £18.70; £5.70, £2.20. CSF: £62.63.
2.15 (2m 4f): THE DIVIDER T G Dun (15-8 fav); Secondary Image (5-1); Supreme Bid (8-1); Binge (50-1); 15 ran, 2½, 3. (Mrs T Calder) T: £2.70; £2, £2, £1.30. CSF: £10.39. NR: Shiny Son.
2.45 (2m): BOARDMANS CORONET N Doughty (11-8 fav); Heartbreak Hotel (16-1); Lucky Fen (6-1); Gun-Carriage (15-2); 15 ran, 3, 6. (G Richards) T: £2.90; £1.80, £3.40, £1.60. CSF: £21.55.
3.15 (2m 4f): THE MAN HIMSELF N Doughty (8-1); 5Abercata (5-1); Night Errant (7-1); Flying Oats (5-2); 11 ran, nk, 8. (G Richards) T: £7.50; £2.60, £1.90, £4. CSF: £44.05. NR: Cutn Dry.

EUROPEAN SOCCER

IMPORTS FIND IT TOUGH

ITALY'S imported soccer stars are feeling the rigours of life in the Italian First Division with half the season still to go.

England striker Mark Hateley's swift return to action after a cartilage operation has backfired and AC Milan have now resigned themselves to being without his services until January 6 when the League programme resumes after Sunday's games.

Roma's Brazilian ace Paulo Roberto Falcão has been in America for examination of his left knee. He hopes to be back for Roma's home game against bottom-of-the-table Cremonese, but a decision to operate could frustrate his plan.

A question mark also hangs over Diego Maradona, the \$7.5 million Argentine striker of luckless Napoli, who has muscular pains.

Meanwhile, from Rio de Janeiro comes news that Udinese's Zico will be out until the end of February with an injured thigh.

Udinese's visitors on Sunday, Fiorentina, do not even

have a manager. Ferruccio Valcareggi has been suspended until December 26 for managing the team without authority last Sunday.

Match of the day looks like being the clash in Milan between third-placed Inter and Sampdoria, one place behind. Inter must be the favourites now that Sampdoria's international defender Pietro Vierchowod has been suspended for one match for misbehaviour last Sunday.

Fixtures

The two top teams both have away fixtures against weak opposition. Leaders Verona face 11th-placed Como and second-placed Torino play Atalanta, who are in ninth position.

In France, League leaders Nantes, still two points ahead of Bordeaux, battle with middle of the table Brest tonight.

Nantes have not been beaten in 15 games, and their only two defeats this season have been against Bordeaux and Brest.

For Brest a defeat against lowly Toulouse meant they dropped from fifth to ninth place, but manager Robert Dewilder will have key players Joel Henry, Gerard Buscher and Bernard Pardo back after injury.

Spanish League leaders Barcelona, whose 15-match unbeaten run was broken when they lost 1-0 away to Athletic Bilbao on Sunday, take on Racing De Santander this weekend in what should be an ideal warm-up for their December 30 showdown with second-placed Real Madrid.

The Catalans should out-gun Racing, who are still without an away victory this season.

Real, trailing three points behind Barcelona, are confident that their dramatic comeback, marked by a 6-1 UEFA Cup triumph over Belgium's Anderlecht and a 1-0 League win against Valencia last week, will be maintained.

Today's meeting at Plumpton has been cancelled

Sports Line

EVERTON'S CHRISTMAS CHEER?

FOOTBALL'S festive tree will not look quite the same this Christmas. For only the second time in seven years, December 25 will find the Liverpool star missing from the top of it.

An Everton win over Chelsea tomorrow would ensure the honour at least stays on Merseyside, though a slip could easily let in either Tottenham or those almost perennial Yuletide runners-up, Manchester United.

Four times in the last five years Christmas has found the Old Trafford side in second place. Not once have they managed to go on to take the title.

Christmas 1981 found Swansea, under ex-Anfield favourite John Toshack, top of the table with Liverpool twelfth. Victory at Queen's Park Rangers in tonight's live TV game would move Liverpool into the top six for the first time, and sound a New Year warning to the early season pacemakers.

Everton must reproduce the form which shattered Nottingham Forest to beat a lively Chelsea side which has earned draws at Manchester United, Tottenham, Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday so far.

Mark Falco, four behind 21-goal Dixon, has a testing duel with Norwich's Dave Watson.

Unbeaten at Carrow

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

Road this season, Norwich have conceded only eight goals in nine home games and title hopefuls Everton slipped up there only last month.

Last season Norwich won the fixture 2-1 and with Glenn Hoddle ruled out, Tottenham will look to Mike Hazard to reverse the outcome.

Arsenal, enjoying a far happier Christmas than last season, meet Watford looking for a repeat of last season's 3-0 win. Then new manager Don Howe introduced Raphael Meade and was rewarded with a hat-trick.

Ian Allinson, also brought in by Howe, is now the Highbury goal hope and will test a Watford defence which has slipped recently following a sound start by new central defender John McClelland.

Saturday's First Divi-

sion fixture list has been cut to seven games, with Aston Villa (home to Newcastle) and West Ham (home to Southampton) each hoping to halt a disappointing run.

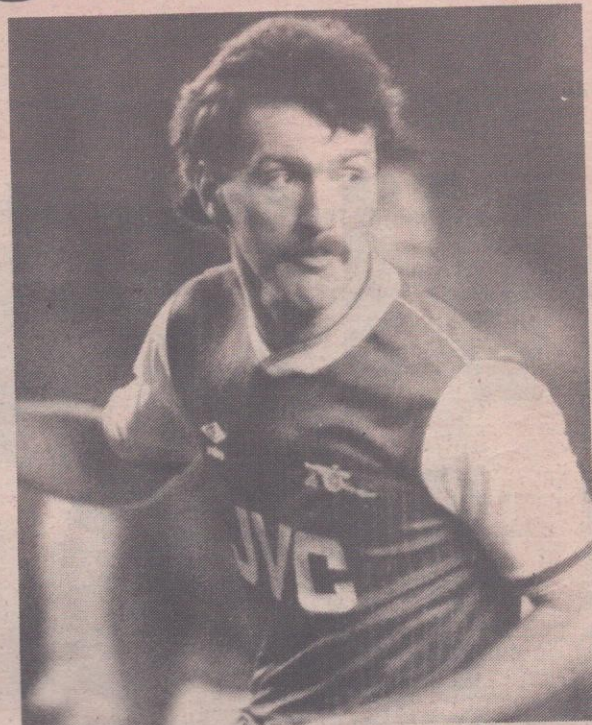
Lawrie McMenemy's patching up of a first team hit by internal problems was finally exposed with defeats against QPR and Coventry, so there would be a return for Mark Wright as Saints try to stay in touch with the top six.

Oxford, top of the Third Division last Christmas, will confirm their position as promotion favourites if they move to the top of Division Two with a win at Portsmouth.

With the section's two top scorers, John Aldridge and Billy Hamilton, Oxford have the power to overwhelm a defence which had conceded nine goals in four games.



MARK FALCO . . . Chasing Dixon's top spot



IAN ALLINSON . . . The new hero of Highbury

McGuigan hungry for title

CLYDE RUAN earned his Christmas money the hard way when he became Barry McGuigan's 19th successive inside-the-distance victim in Belfast's Ulster Hall on Wednesday night.

McGuigan, who has stopped every opponent over the last three years, brushed aside Ruan's challenge for the British and European featherweight titles by knocking him out in the fourth round.

It was another impec-

able performance by the quiet little man from Clones on the Irish border. It brought his 1984 record to six wins out of six and underlined his position as the finest performer the British ring has produced since Howard Winston.

But McGuigan is getting impatient. For the past year the possibility of a World Championship fight has been dangled tantalisingly in front of him and, being of an independent nature, he spoke out strongly after Wednesday's fight.

'I realise negotiations take time and there are politics and problems involved but I really want to show what I can do and win the world title before the whole of Ireland,' he said.

'Hopefully my manager will now get me someone really big. I am willing to fight anybody and I want it now.'

Ranked

The next move in fact is likely to be a meeting in February in Belfast with former world champion Juan Laporte, who is still ranked in the top three. Getting the current champion to bring his ti-

tle into McGuigan's own backyard, however, may be a different proposition.

In any case McGuigan faces a crowded schedule. Holding the European title obliges him to defend it every six months on the orders of the European Boxing Union and the purse offers for his next defence against Falid Gallouze of France closed yesterday.

Fight

By every measurement this is an easy fight for McGuigan who has no real challengers in Europe, but it still has to be fitted in for he is adamant that he will not give up the European crown.

Wednesday's performance was superb. McGuigan allied his boxing skills and his speed to some increasingly severe punching before knocking a brave challenger out with a left hook to the chin with ten seconds of the fourth round remaining.

Ruan, who was ready to go, probably never even felt it. He said afterwards: 'It was like fighting a ghost, he is never there when you want him. I am certain he will beat anyone around.'

TENNIS ••• TENNIS ••• TENNIS

Wilander leads Swedish challenge

BY A TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THREE MEMBERS of Sweden's young and outstanding Davis Cup side which thrashed the United States 4-1 in the final in Gothenburg earlier this week, plus a couple of others who just missed places in the side, will be all in action in the Young Masters tennis tournament at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, next month.

Australian Open champion Mats Wilander, Henrik Sundstrom and

Stefan Edberg, who all made large contributions to the defeat of the Americans, will be in this 21-and-under event which carries prize money of £160,000.

So, too, will two other talented young Swedish players, Joakim Nystrom and Thomas Hogstedt.

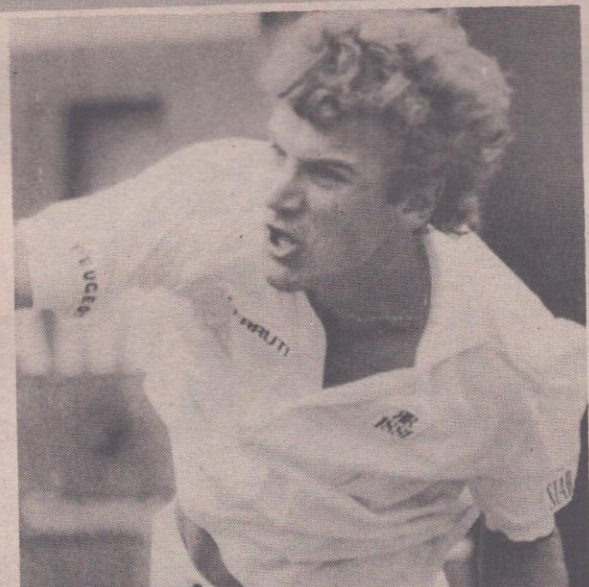
Stars

In the middle of all these young stars, which also includes the Australian Pat Cash, a semi-finalist at both Wimbledon and the US Open this year, are the two

British players Stephen Shaw and Stuart Bale.

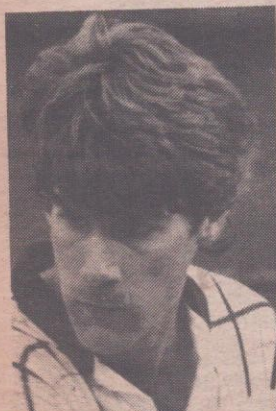
Although the British Lawn Tennis Association have not given approval to the tournament, because it clashes with the traditional World Doubles Championship at the Albert Hall, both Shaw and Bale have gone ahead and accepted invitations to play in Birmingham.

In each case their opening matches will be tough and a long survival can hardly be expected in this class of competition.



MATS WILANDER . . . Birmingham bound

Mayotte fined in Adelaide



TIM MAYOTTE

'GENTLEMAN TIM' Mayotte of the United States was fined \$850 for an audible obscenity during his second-round match against Britain's Jonathan Smith at the South Australian men's open tennis championships in Adelaide yesterday.

Grand Prix supervisor Bill Gilmour slapped the fine on the tournament's second seed after he swore loudly during his 7-6, 6-2 win.

Mayotte, 24, was not warned by the umpire for the outburst, which came when a bad bounce cost

him the point in the close-fought first set.

But several complaints from court-side officials and members of the public prompted Gilmour to act.

The incident marred an otherwise fine match for Mayotte, who served with tremendous authority. He lost only four points in his 10 service games and the tie-breaker and just one on serve in the first set.

'The thing I was most worried about going into this tournament was my serve,' he said.

'I served badly in the

first two tournaments in Australia. But I think I improved in my first-round match here and today I served as well as I can remember, the best I served in years.'

Mayotte, dubbed 'Gentleman Tim' by the British press during Wimbledon last year, also said he was embarrassed about his outburst.

'But it was a frustrating match. In the first set I think I had break points in five games but he kept coming up with a good serve or hit the corners,' Mayotte added.

SOCCER'S NEW WEMBLEY DATE

THIRD and Fourth Division clubs are to have their own Wembley cup final.

The Football League has landed a £50,000 sponsorship for the Associate Members' Cup competition and the final will take place at Wembley on June 1.

The competition, won by Bournemouth last season, will again be divided into northern and southern sections with the two area finalists meeting for the trophy.

Detailed prize money for the closing stages has yet to be agreed, but the national finalists will each receive the bonus of a £10,000 mini-

bus in club colours to transport reserve or youth team players.

Birmingham-based Freight Rover, manufacturers of the Sherpa range of commercial vehicles, is backing the competition which was introduced last season at the insistence of the lower section clubs.

'With our sponsorship and a Wembley final as the carrot, there is bound to be a surge of interest in this season's competition,' said Sandy Mathieson, market-

ing director of the company at yesterday's launch in London.

The 48 associate members will play 'the first round' over two legs. The remaining rounds will be on a knock-out basis, though to bring the number of third-round clubs up to 16, the 12 second-round winners will be joined by the four top-scoring losers from the first two rounds.

First-round matches will be played on January 21 and February 4, with the remaining rounds on February 18, March 18, April 15 and May 13.

Wembley's UEFA final!

WEMBLEY could offer a lifeline to England manager Bobby Robson if Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur reach the final of the UEFA Cup this season.

England have a World Cup qualifying match in Finland on May 22, the same day as the second leg of the UEFA final. But a Wembley spokesman yesterday suggested a switch to a one-leg final, staged at Wembley earlier in May.

UEFA agreement would be needed, while the clubs themselves might have

to settle for a smaller cash return than a two leg final where each keeps most of their own gate.

● LUTON CHAIRMAN David Evans has offered a glimmer of hope to the supporters who are fighting to prevent the club moving to Milton Keynes.

The club are considering moving from Kenilworth Road because of the effects of a new relief road on the ground.

But Bedfordshire county council are

now drawing up fresh compensation proposals and Evans promised the fans on Wednesday night: 'If they are ready to replace all the facilities and amenities in full we will stay at Kenilworth Road.'

Evans described the previous offer of £600,000 as 'totally inadequate' and warned that unless there was a significant improvement the club would move, despite the current boycott which some of the club's supporters are carrying out at Luton's home games.

VIC LEAVES HIS MARK

SCORECARD

OVERNIGHT: England 277 for eight (Fowler 114)

ENGLAND 1st innings cont:
French c Deora b Doshi..... 13
Foster n.o..... 26
Cowans c Bharadwaj b Kumar..... 1

EXTRAS..... 15

TOTAL 290

FALL: 9-277
BOWLING: Randirsingh 8-1-19-0; Sinha 8-1-37-0; Kumar 38.2-14-81-5; Doshi 37-6-90-2; Jayaprakesh 11-0-53-2

EAST ZONE 1st innings
Dubey lbw b Foster..... 0
Lal b Marks..... 42
Mitra lbw b Edmonds..... 7
Jayaprakesh b Marks..... 16
Bharadwaj c and b Marks..... 0

Das c French b Marks..... 7
Deora c French b Gattling..... 12
Randirsingh n.o..... 9
Sinha c Gattling b Cowans..... 9
Doshi c French b Cowans..... 4
Kumar b Edmonds..... 2

EXTRAS..... 9

TOTAL 117

FALL: 1-0, 2-26, 3-69, 4-69, 5-70, 6-83, 7-95, 8-106, 9-112
BOWLING: Foster 10-4-14-1; Cowans 9-2-18-2; Edmonds 33-16-25-2; Marks 29-11-48-4; Gattling 4-1-4-1

EAST ZONE 2nd Innings
Dubey n.o..... 1
Arun Lal n.o..... 0

TOTAL (1 wkt)..... 1
BOWLING: Foster 1-0-1-0; Cowans 1-1-0-0

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

VIC MARKS produced his best bowling performance on tour in India to set England up for a quick victory over East Zone at Gauhati yesterday.

The Somerset offspinner took four wickets in the space of 57 balls, at a cost of only eight runs, to send East Zone tumbling to 117 all out.

They were forced to follow on 173 behind England's 290. When dusk closed the second day seven minutes early, East Zone were one with-

out loss. But on a turning pitch it is difficult to see them surviving two complete day's play to avoid a heavy defeat.

Marks struck in mid-afternoon just as a 43-run third wicket partnership between former Indian Test opener Arun Lal (42) and Ashjit Jayasprakesh (16) was beginning to frustrate the tourists.

In seven previous weeks on the tour Marks has claimed only two wickets at a cost of 239 runs from 84 overs.

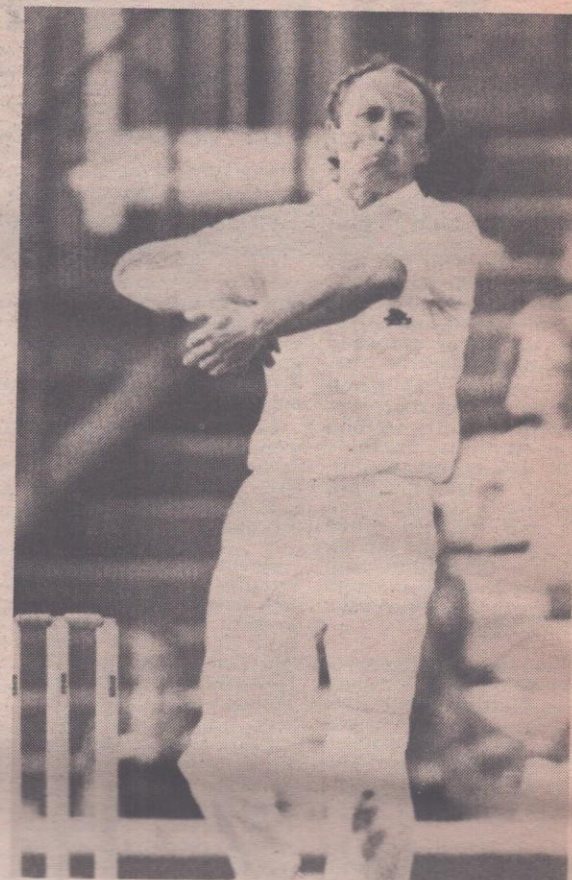
Yesterday he doubled that tally by bowling Lal and then accepting a

sharp return catch from Anil Bharadwaj two balls later.

He followed up by bowling Jayaprakesh and when he tempted Amal Das into edging a catch behind, East Zone had crashed from 69 for two to 83 for six.

England ruthlessly took the new ball as soon as it was due and with Norman Cowans quickly taking two wickets East Zone's tail folded.

It was convenient for England, who, faced with a poor hotel, are anxious to leave Guahati as soon as possible to start their Christmas celebrations in Calcutta.



VIC MARKS . . . His best figures of the tour so far

Earlier yesterday England's first innings was wrapped up in 20 minutes.

Resuming at 277 for eight they added only 13 more runs before losing

their last two wickets.

Twelve of them were scored by Neil Foster who, finishing on 26 not out, took his tour average to 86 from five innings.

Wright's public apology

MARK WRIGHT has attempted to patch up his differences with Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy by issuing a public apology.

The centre half, who sold the story of his dressing room bust-up with McMenemy to a Sunday newspaper, also attempted to repair the damage by donating all proceeds of that action to the Save The Children (Ethiopia) appeal fund.

Wright, who posed behind a warped, v-shaped tree for the article, apologised through a statement issued by the players' union secretary Gordon Taylor.

His statement read: 'After discussing with the PFA and having taken the advice of Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the PFA, Mark Wright

wishes to publicly apologise to Southampton FC for comments published in the media.

'He accepts that he was wrong to do this and wishes to state quite categorically that he did not appreciate the significance of the photograph taken which was used by the newspaper concerned in an insulting manner without his knowledge.

'Having made statements to the newspaper concerned he did make attempts to try and retract the situation following a meeting with the manager on Thursday December 6. He wishes to reiterate his intention of giving a full commitment to the manager and the club under the terms of his contract.



MARK WRIGHT . . . Making his peace at the Dell

'He appreciates the debt he owes to Lawrie McMenemy for the progress his career has made so far. He also wishes to confirm through the PFA that he has as yet received no money for the articles, and any fees so due will be paid by him direct to the Save The Children (Ethiopia) appeal fund.'

Wright, who has played one game in the lower Southampton sides since his row with McMenemy last month, hopes his apology will heal the rift at the Dell.

Taylor said yesterday: 'We hope that this will bring the matter to a close, that it will be the last word. We have done our best at this end to try and clear the situation.'

McMenemy was unavailable for comment, but with his side's unbeaten run recently ended he is under pressure to bring Wright back, especially if he sells Steve Williams to Arsenal.

It is understood, however, that despite his apology, Wright would still welcome a move from the south coast club.

Liverpool lift-off

LEAGUE champions Liverpool intend to give the rest of the First Division their own brand of Christmas 'present' tonight.

Victory against managerless Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road would send the Merseysiders into the top six for the first time this season and that would be a Yuletide warning to the rest of the country that the champions are back.

'We've had our problems and an unprecedented run of injuries at the club,' their international defender Mark Lawrenson said last night.

'But now everything is back on an even keel. We are the Liverpool of old and we intend to be right up there with the top three or four by the end of the Christmas and New Year holidays.'

After tonight's clash with Rangers, Liverpool face Leicester City at home on Boxing Day, Luton at Anfield on December 29 and are away at Watford on January 1.

That is possibly the easiest programme of all the teams vying for the League Championship and Lawrenson stresses that



MARK LAWRENSON . . . Ready for a title challenge

the lads from Anfield are all too aware that these could be the games to put them back in the driving seat.

'We have been written off a couple of times this season already but if we manage to take maximum points from our next four fixtures then we could very well be in the top four before anyone notices us,' he added.

For the first time since the Charity Shield way back on August 18, Liver-

pool have a full squad to pick from tonight at Loftus Road.

Lawrenson, who has missed the last two games with a hamstring injury, is likely to replace Garry Gillespie and Kenny Dalglish is also likely to return in place of John Wark or Craig Johnston.

QPR's temporary boss, Frank Sibley, is likely to keep faith with the team that went down 3-0 at Old Trafford last weekend.