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Transport union chief rebuffs right wing TODD SAYS 'NO' TO TUC PLANS

THE TUC right-wing has renewed its campaign to change conference policy to conform to Tory anti-union laws requiring ballots on the closed shop.

Yesterday's 'Guardian' newspaper, which has become a regular publicity vehicle for right-wing attempts to undermine the miners' strike, claimed that the TUC policy changes were imminent.

The moves, planned to be pushed through with a recalled TUC conference, are aimed at sanctioning widespread subservience to the anti-union laws. This would open the door to the plans of Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship to smash independent trade unions and introduce a slave wage economy.

Unions opposed to the anti-union legislation have pledged they will fight any attempt to change TUC policy.

Ron Todd, general secretary-elect of the T&GWU transport union, said yesterday that his union's official policy was for non-cooperation with anti-union legislation.

Minister implicated in priest's murder

TORUN — An unidentified deputy Interior Minister was implicated yesterday in the plot that led to the murder of pro-Solidarity priest Jerzy Popieluszko by police agents last October.

Lieutenant Leszek Pekala, one of four Interior Ministry officers charged with the murder, told the second day of the trial yesterday the minister had

BY BEN RUDDER

'We went to the Wembley conference in 1982 to oppose the anti-union laws. Since then we have not suffered a series of tremendous battles and set-backs, so why should we consider the issue again?'

'What we have seen is the failure of the trade union movement to support the NGA, the position of the NUM, and our own position in relation to the Austin Rover strike.'

Decision

'What do we need a recalled TUC conference for? We have taken our decision at our Biennial Delegates Conference to oppose the legislation and that is our policy.'

The new moves to bow to Tory legislation are centred around an attempt by GMBATU general workers' union general secretary David Basnett to summon a recalled TUC conference over the issue.

The conference would be based on reports from TUC-affiliated unions on their response to the anti-union legislation. These would include a number of instances in which unions or union branches have complied with the anti-union laws in contravention of TUC policy.

He added the ministers was not aware of action to be taken against the priest.

Pekala said he was told about the minister but not given his name by Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, who led the kidnapping of the priest on October 19.

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The 'Guardian' claims that the majority of the reports give the right-wing strong grounds for a recalled conference.

The reports were requested by the right-wing majority on the TUC employment, policy and organisation committee (EPOC) on November 21 and are due in by January 2. They will be considered by EPOC within the next three weeks.

Basnett has been at pains to tell EPOC that his union is not seeking a change in policy, but merely wants to clarify the TUC's official line. However, those unions opposed to a recalled conference argue that unless a change in policy is being sought, there is no reason for such a meeting.

Critics of the new move also recall Basnett's statement on Sunday, December 9, on LWT's 'Weekend World', when he said:

'When it comes to the law itself, I, for instance, would not advise my executive to act contrary to statute or criminal law. I would not advise my union to place itself in contempt and I would always advise them to defend themselves if a case arose.'

The right-wing leadership of unions such as the EETPU electricians and the AUEW engineers are thought to be sympathetic to plans for the recalled conference, but fear that their recent decisions to accept Tory cash for ballots may provoke a hostile reaction if debated by other unions.

By breaching current TUC policy, both unions have made themselves liable for expulsion.

The AUEW are holding a ballot on whether to accept Tory cash with an executive recommendation for acceptance, and the results are due in mid-January. The EETPU executive have accepted the money without a ballot.



T&GWU pickets at Great Howard Street BRS Depot. Left to right: Gerry McIver, David Cowell, Bob Bannister

Drivers' Christmas present — the sack!

LIVERPOOL'S main British Road Services depot at Great Howard Street is at a standstill picketed by drivers sacked on Christmas Eve.

Bob Bannister, elected spokesman for the workforce, told News Line: 'This is the last remaining BRS depot in Liverpool after a policy of steady closures. We service anything between 200-300 vehicles here, including truck rental and contract vehicles.'

'There are 32 of us here, 26 of them drivers and the rest fitters etc, plus staff and ancillary.'

'Redundancies were threatened some time ago and there was a meeting of management and unions before Christmas. But we came away registering a failure to agree.'

'Prior to that they had wanted 16 redundancies and then came down to five, that is, two immediately and three after Christmas. Because they couldn't get them quick enough, they came back to implement ten redundancies.'

'They gave out the notices on Christmas

Eve, so we now have a 24-hour picket, through the holidays as well. Our demand is — reinstate all ten. And then we can talk or we'll be here until they call us in and they get talking.'

'Nine of us are out. The rest are reporting for work, but not crossing the line. Management have already told them that since they were refusing to cross the line they are off pay.'

'In the opinion of all of our members they are deliberately running down the depot.'

'Earlier on, before Christmas Eve, we had a lot of activity around this depot. Mysterious vehicles full of men dressed in overalls hanging around the block or driving around.'

'We advised them to move off and they went. During a previous dispute, we had a situation when the yard was cleared of vehicles and stuff that management wanted, while the pickets made the mistake of taking their holiday while on duty.'

'This time it's a 24-hour picket.'

EUROS REPLY TO 'ANCIENT' HARDLINERS

THE open warfare inside the British Communist Party intensified yesterday with a savage attack on the pro-Moscow minority by two leading members of the Euro-Stalinist executive majority.

Virtually a whole page of the 'Morning Star' was taken up by a broadside from Mick McGahey, the Scottish miners' president, and fellow executive member Ron Halverson.

They were replying to a two-part attack on the party leadership made last week by veteran Sta-

BY PAUL FELDMAN

linists Andrew Rothstein and Robin Page Arnot.

British Stalinism is disintegrating rapidly, and the formation of two parties, each with countless factions, looks inevitable in the near future.

On January 12-13, it is almost certain that 22 leading members of the London district committee will be expelled for refusing to accept an executive decision to shut the London congress on November 24.

The 22 have said they will not meet the leadership as individuals in defiance of the party constitution. Some have re-

fused to hand back their party cards as required.

McGahey and Halverson confirmed that British Stalinism was on the verge of an organisational split when they warned against allowing all those who had political differences the freedom to breach party decisions.

If that was permitted 'we might as well tear up the party rules and abandon the concept of a democratic disciplined party', they wrote.

But the rejection of the leadership's authority was repeated in the presentation of the McGahey-Halverson reply.

Refusing to recognise the article as the executive's position, the 'Morning Star' declared it to have been 'received in the names of Mick McGahey and Ron Halverson'.

Reject

The readers were told: 'We reject absolutely the accusations it makes against the "Morning Star", its editor and staff and the PPPS (People's Press Printing Society) management committee.'

The paper has been removed from party control and placed under the direction of the PPPS management committee; editor Tony Chater refuses to accept the decisions of the political committee.

McGahey and Halverson made it clear that the struggle is not about principles, for both varieties of Stalinism have long ago renounced Bolshevism and the revolutionary struggle for power by the working class.

The reply accused Rothstein and Page Arnot of attacking the British Road to Socialism which the Euro-executive claims to be implementing.



Left to right: Halverson, McKay and McLennan at the Communist Party conference last year

McGahey and Halverson are talking of the utterly reformist, parliamentary programme adopted in 1951 in terms approved by Joseph Stalin himself which insisted on the lie that there was a transition to socialism through bourgeois parliament.

It renounced outright the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and stressed peaceful co-existence with imperialism and formed the foundation of Euro-Stalinism.

Yesterday's article noted that 'ultra lefts' had denounced the programme as a 'betrayal of Marxism' and as a 'reformist strategy characterised by parliamentary cretinism' (!).

Rothstein and Page Arnot were attacked for their uncritical support for every actions of the Soviet bureaucracy under the guise of 'working-class internationalism'.

The Euros, of course, favour direct adaptation to the needs of imperialism through conceding to the anti-communist outlook of middle class layers in Britain and the anti-Soviet capitalist class.

That is why yesterday's article talked of the need for the miners to win support from 'other workers, from church people, from small business people'.

McGahey and Halverson repudiated the charge that the executive had not given political reasons for demanding the removal of 'Morning Star' editor Chater and deputy editor David Whitfield.

Decisions

They wrote: 'When the editors of the "Morning Star" declared that would not carry out decisions of the executive committee relating to the PPPS and the paper with which they disagreed, was this not a political act of the greatest possible significance?'

The reply then detailed other 'political acts' against the party:

- The breaking of the relationship between the party and the PPPS, the co-operative which owns the 'Morning Star';
- An attack on the party's journal 'Marxism Today' behind the backs of all other members of the political committee;
- The refusal by the

PPPS to supply the party with information about a new printing press;

- The ending of consultation with the party about staff appointments, and the recruitment of staff opposed to the party's policy;
- The refusal of the editors to implement party congress and executive decisions on the contents of the 'Morning Star';
- The publication of 'false claims' about the party's position and the encouragement of incomes policy and support for the Common Market.

McGahey and Halverson added: 'If comrades Rothstein and Arnot consider the hijacking of the paper from the party, its use against the party, and the suppression of letters supporting the party leadership, to be only "uncomradely behaviour", it would be interesting to know what would have to happen before they agreed that a serious political act against the party had occurred.'

But in the introduction to the reply, the editors repeat their position and offer merely to 'establish close working relationships with the Communist Party executive'

which the management committee has described as an 'outside body'.

The decision to shut down the London congress on the grounds of alleged malpractices in the selection of delegates is defended, and those who stayed behind to continue discussion are condemned.

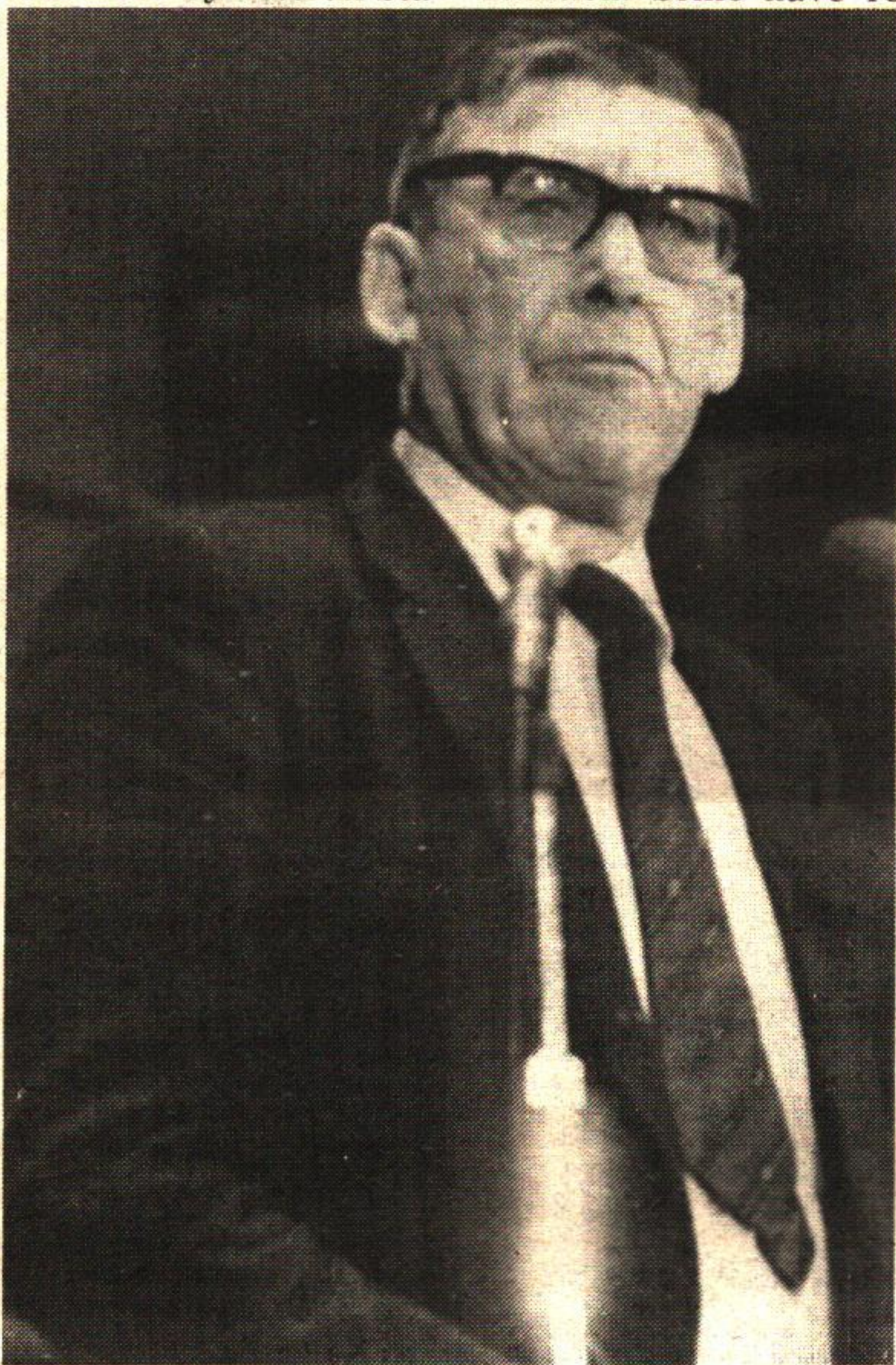
Factional

'This behaviour, which can only be described as factional in character is certainly unprecedented in the history of the party.'

In a warning to the minority, the reply concluded: 'We are completely confident that party members will defend the rules and constitution of the party, (and) defeat factionalism.'

The world crisis of capitalism and the growing revolutionary tide of working class resistance is behind the crisis in international Stalinism.

As the exchanges between the Stalinist factions grow more and more bitter, the scene is now set for mass expulsions and the break-up of the British Communist Party.



Mick McGahey

Bitter rifts in OPEC

GENEVA — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is heading for stormier weather after concluding its two-day emergency meeting last night.

Debate at the meeting was bitter, with accusation and counter-accusation hurled by the 13 members before they agreed to set up a watchdog auditing body to monitor production and price ceilings.

The oil ministers agreed to cut 25 cents off light crude oils and raise by 50 cents the price of heavy crude oil. But they decided to retain their official price ceiling of \$29 a barrel.

Nigeria's Tam David-West held out against the proposal until late in the day before giving his consent. Without Nigeria's agreement, the bloc's proposal would have been a farce.

The accord, however, is

a face-saving device to smooth over OPEC's break-up as a cartel and the crisis of widespread cheating by member producers on production quotas and prices.

In Rotterdam, the main spot (speculative) oil marketing centre where all 13 OPEC members are keen rivals, traders cold-shouldered the proposal.

The reduction of the differential on mixed-grade crude oils — a practice on which the Saudi Arabian government is heavily dependent — was too little too late, the traders said.

They said nothing short of cuts of \$1 to \$2 on the \$28 level of Arab Light — OPEC bases its crude oil ceiling on this grade — could save the oil bloc.

Heavy crude oil prices have risen and light crude oil prices fallen as improved refining technology has enabled more light oil products to be extracted.

Saudi Arabia has financed its growing petrochemical industry

through cut-throat pricing on a range of mixed grades, undercutting its fellow members by millions of dollars a year.

The Geneva scheme provides no hope for the

future of the non-OPEC British National Oil Corporation's North Sea Brent crude oil, changing hands on the spot markets at nearly \$1.50 below its official \$29-price.

Rotterdam's dealers were supremely confident last night the Geneva arrangement would not survive the challenge of a buyers' market.

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BARKING STRIKERS

FIGHT TO WIN

TEN months out on strike and picketing 24 hours a day, the Barking Hospital domestics in east London are as determined as ever to keep up their fight against privatisation.

Camden council worker and NUPE shop steward Dennis Turner, a road-sweeper, yesterday joined the picket line. He said: 'By August next year we'll all be talking about the same fight — the fight for jobs.'

Christmas was hard, the women told News Line, but it had not weakened their resolve to beat the private contractors Crothall's, who are employing scab labour to do their jobs at lower rates of pay.

The women, members of the NUPE public service union and the general and municipal union GMBATU, will be submitting a report to the next meeting of the district health authority, which is due to decide whether or not to end their contract with Crothall's.

Last month the women won an industrial tribunal hearing which ruled that they had been unfairly dismissed.

But Crothall's are appealing and the women say that, in any case, they are not prepared to be

BY PENNY BLOOR

bought off with redundancy payments and compensation.

Alice Clements and Iris Elliot, both members of GMBATU, have each spent five hours every day on the picket line since the strike began last March.

'I have stayed out because of the sheer injustice of it all,' said Alice. 'What we are doing is right.'

'More than half of us are still here. We started with 86 and there are about 50 still picketing. And of those who have left, not one has gone back to the hospital, they all took other jobs.'

'You get days when you're fed up, naturally, especially now the weath-

er's cold, but then your mind goes back to what brought you out in the first place. Somebody's got to take notice.'

Alice was doing 3½ hours a week before the strike but when Crothall's took over they offered her only 15 hours a week.

'And the pay was so low it meant dropping out of National Insurance. All those years I was paying full stamps would have been lost or I would have had to fork out myself.'

'The women there knew their work and knew that it was utterly impossible to keep the hospital up to standard under their new terms.'

The change in Iris's hours would have led to a 60 per cent wage cut.

'If it had been humanly possible to take that contract, I'd have done it,' she said. 'But it wasn't.'

Turnover

There has been a continuous turnover of staff working for Crothall's to break the strike and pickets have persuaded many new people to pack up the job.

'It has changed my life in every way possible,' Iris said. Her family, including a son of 15 and another of 20, have been behind her all the way. 'There is no way my boy would accept what I was offered so of course they support me,' she said.

'Here I am fighting for my job and my existence.'

Dennis Turner said: 'Next year it's rate-capping and we're all going to be fighting for our jobs.'

'It's all one campaign — the fight for jobs. That's what these ladies are fighting for, that's what the miners are fighting for, that's what we're all fighting for in the end.'

'Thatcher's got 3 million unemployed but she won't be happy till it's about 5 or 6 million.'

'It's about time the TUC bucked up their ideas and called for a national strike.'

WEATHER

WESTERN districts will be mostly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle in places. The North of Ireland and north-west Scotland will become brighter and drier for a time. Other areas will have fog patches early which will thin and break to give sunny intervals but a little rain could spread into the north-east, the west midlands and central southern England later.



Alice Clements and Iris Elliot at the Barking Hospital picket line yesterday with supporter Dennis Turner of Camden NUPE

Victimised railmen call for strike action

RAILWAY workers victimised for supporting striking miners in Leicestershire are demanding widespread official strike action by national leaders.

A total of four NUR rail union members have been sacked on unsubstantiated allegations by management at the Mantle Lane depot in Coalville, and scab labour has been brought in to try and move coal.

The most recent attack on the local railmen's firm support for their union policy of blacking coal trains involved a signalman replaced by a scab on the grounds that management said he was 'mentally unstable'.

British Rail's actions have already provoked a sharp response from local NUR branches who have decided to take strike action regardless of whether they receive support at national level.

Local union leaders have already met the NUR executive, and were disappointed that a final decision has been postponed until the next meeting of the Railway Federation with ASLEF, due to take place on January 2.

'We want industrial action now over the way our members have been tre-

ated,' Coalville NUR (Traffic) branch chairman Roy Butlin told News Line yesterday.

He warned that the attacks on his members were a threat to all railmen who had stood by the miners throughout the ten months of their strike.

Support for industrial action was widespread amongst NUR branches in his region, and also from London-based branches of the union, he said.

'We plan to hold a massive lobby of the Federation meeting to demand strike action,' he added.

Scab

It is believed that the signalmen brought in to move coal by British Rail are members of an anti-strike scab organisation known as the Free Professional Railwaymen Service.

Their introduction into the Mantle Lane depot follows the appointment of a new manager at the yard who has made several public declarations that he is determined to move coal and break the railmen's solidarity action with the miners.

The railmen have also sought support from leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers, and have asked striking miners to

put pressure on rail union leaders for strike action.

Mick Richmond, a spokesman for the 'Dirty Thirty' striking Leicestershire miners, told News Line last night: 'The railmen have been loyal to their union's policy from the first day. They have followed their executive's guidelines not to move coal to the letter.'

'I personally believe that since they have been loyal to their union, that it

is high time the NUR and ASLEF executives said enough is enough, and action must be taken.'

Richmond said the struggle of the miners against pit closures was inextricably linked to the jobs of the railmen at Coalville.

'Their depot deals only with freight, and if we lose this battle nationally, then the closure of Mantle Lane will come that much sooner.'

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Briefly...**Swaziland's Pretoria pact**

PRETORIA — Swaziland has become the second African country after Malawi to sign an accord for full diplomatic relations with the apartheid South African regime. The exchange of diplomats in Pretoria this week, agreed by South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha and his Swazi counterpart Mhambi Mnisi coincided with a Swazi police round-up of members of the African National Congress (ANC). The arrests yesterday came after a Swazi ultimatum to ANC members to surrender or be deported to South Africa where they are outlawed.

Probe on CIA atrocities

WASHINGTON — Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont has announced an investigation into atrocities committed by US-backed mercenaries against unarmed Nicaraguan civilians. His announcement followed evidence given by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officers and others of rape, torture and murder of Nicaraguans at hearings earlier this month by the House Select Committee on Intelligence. Leahy, a senior member of the committee, said it was likely to investigate the reports next year.

Bolivian ministers resign

LA PAZ — Two Bolivian government ministers resigned on Thursday, taking to five the number of Cabinet members who have quit in the past two weeks. Planning Minister Rene Fernandez and Foreign Minister Gustavo Fernandez said they had tendered their resignation to President Hernan Siles Zuazo. Rene Fernandez was the last member of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) in the Cabinet. Three other MIR ministers quit earlier this month after MIR leader Jaime Paz Zamora resigned as Vice-President, to run for president next June.

Kach party member expelled

TEL AVIV — A member of the ultra-right Kach Party, Israel Fuchs, 21, has been expelled from Israel after serving 18 months of a three-year sentence. Fuchs, a US citizen, was convicted of firing two shots at an Arab car outside Jerusalem in mid-1983. Fuchs, who served as an officer of Rabbi Meir Kahane's anti-Arab Kach Party, was put aboard a New York-bound aircraft last Thursday night after an appeals court ordered his expulsion. He will be permitted to re-enter Israel at the end of next year.

New 'Agent Orange' suit

WASHINGTON — A group of Vietnam War veterans and their families filed a suit on Thursday seeking \$1.8 billion in damages for illnesses which they claim they received from exposure to Agent Orange. The suit was the latest by Vietnam veterans to obtain damages from the government or chemical firms that made the defoliant, which has been linked to cancer, birth defects and other diseases.

World News Line

TRIAL SHAKES UP POLISH BUREAUCRACY

WARSAW — The deeply-divided elite in the Polish Stalinist bureaucracy is heading for a shake-up in the wake of the trial this week of four senior Interior Ministry police agents.

A senior member of the Polish Politburo, Lieutenant-General Miroslaw Milewski, is under pressure to resign in connection with the abduction and murder of pro-Solidarity priest Jerzy Popieluszko last October.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

The high-level moves reflect a serious crisis in the military regime of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, who holds the position of party general secretary and president of the state.

It is the first time in the history of the deformed workers' state that the two posts have been held jointly.

Moves for what amounts to a war of factions within the bureaucracy started just before Christmas, when the party leadership met for two days to discuss the consequences of the Popieluszko murder and trial of the Zomo agents.

Jaruzelski told the opening session of the Central Committee on December 21 that 'organisational matters' would be the main item of discussion.

But it was clearly a warning against opponents in the bureaucracy demanding full support

for the actions of the Zomo agents and of even harsher retribution to crush the political opposition of the Polish working class organised in the Solidarity free trade union movement.

A section of the bureaucracy who support Jaruzelski fear that such measures against the defiant and undefeated Polish working class could backfire, leading to a resurgence of protests that were suppressed only with the declaration of martial law in 1981.

The Jaruzelski followers regard the opposition in the bureaucracy as 'hardliners' but the disagreements are so deep and widespread that the bureaucracy is splintering in several directions.

At Jaruzelski's request, the central committee issued a public condemnation of the murder, agreed to prepare a re-

port in its implications and approved even wider powers for the general to 'consolidate law and order'.

The move was, in fact, designed to pre-empt a coup within the bureaucracy of the type that led to the sacking of Prime Minister Kania in 1980.

It immediately led to Jaruzelski seizing all power and jurisdiction in the Interior Ministry from Milewski. He has, however, remained in the 15-member Politburo and has continued to figure prominently in press reports on party activity.

Milewski has been allowed to retain his position in the Politburo, apparently because the Jaruzelski loyalists feel confident of their strength and in an attempt not to entirely alienate their opponents.



JARUZELSKI

Accused expected reward

MURDERED priest Jerzy Popieluszko was kidnapped to frighten him into abandoning his support for the Solidarity free trade union, a Polish court trying four Interior Ministry officers has been told.

Three of the officers who have confessed to the murder told the court they believed they had high-level protection. They did not regard their action as anti-state and thought they would be rewarded for it.

Lieutenant Leszek Pekala, 32, said in evidence at the opening of the trial at Torun, northern Poland, that he helped kill the priest but contended the death had not been intended.

Pekala spoke after the reading of murder indictments against himself and two other policemen, Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, 33, and Lieutenant Waldemar Chmielewski, 29.

Their Interior Ministry superior, Colonel Adam Pietruszka, was indicted for inciting them to abduct and kill the priest.

All four face a minimum of eight years imprisonment and possible death sentences.

The indictment said Popieluszko was beaten unconscious four times when he tried to escape from the abductors' car.

He was trussed with a rope round his neck, wrists and ankles so that he strangled himself as he struggled. He was dead when thrown into a dam on the Vistula River.

Pekala said Piotrowski called him into his Warsaw office, with Chmielewski, in early October and asked them to take part in 'a dangerous mission connected with Popieluszko' that could result in the priest's death because of his fragile health.

Piotrowski told the men he alone would be responsible to his superiors if anything happened.

The court was told also of an abortive bid on October 13, when the priest's car was stoned in an attempt to make it crash. The driver aimed the car at Piotrowski and escaped.

In the second attempt, the three travelled to Bydgoszcz, near Torun, on October 19 'with the task of abducting him on the road back to Warsaw'. What would happen after the abduction 'was not clear to us', Pekala said.

Television cameras were allowed into the court briefly, at the start of the trial, which also provided the Polish people their first glimpse of the accused.

Jordan acts on West Bank sales

AMMAN — The Jordanian government has approved death sentence on 15 people convicted of selling their property on the Israeli-occupied West Bank to Israelis, the official Jordanian news agency Petra reported yesterday.

It said the 15 had already been sentenced by a special court in absentia. It did not specify their whereabouts.

Jordanian law forbids the sale of property in the occupied territories to Israelis. Such action is considered high treason and punishable by death.

The court ruled the sales null and void and ordered the confiscation of the defendants' property, Petra said. The Cabinet approved the sentences on Thursday.

All 15 defendants, including two women, were from the occupied West Bank areas of Tulkarm, Ramallah and Bethlehem.

The West Bank of the River Jordan was ruled by Jordan until the Israelis occupied it along with other Arab territory in 1967.

Bid to build south Lebanon settlements

TEL AVIV — A group of ultra-nationalist Israelis want to build Jewish settlements in south Lebanon, an Israeli newspaper said yesterday.

Yuri Heller, the group's leader, said in an interview with the Jerusalem newspaper 'Kol Yerushalayim' that he regarded south Lebanon, as part of the Biblical land of Israel, 'divinely promised to the Jews'.

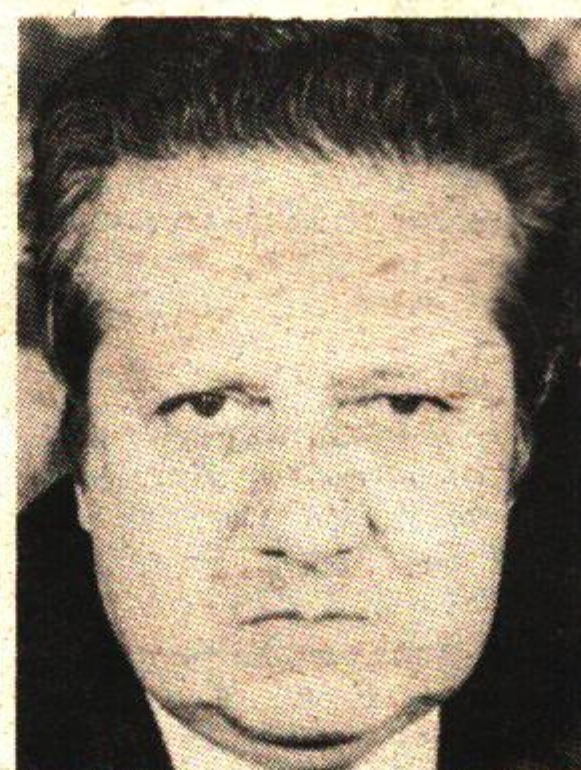
'It is exactly the area given to the Israelite tribes of Dan, Naftali and

Zevulun,' Heller said.

He said 20 Israelis had so far joined the group, including seven families with children.

'If the government does not give us legal permission, we shall take a bus, load up our equipment, put our children aboard and head for the border without permission.'

'Settling Lebanon will prevent Israelis emigrating and relieve the sense of depression among Israeli people,' Heller said.



MARIO SOARES

Soares budget trouble

LISBON — The Portuguese government has approved a 1985 budget Bill more than two months after the official deadline.

Approval of the draft budget Bill, to be sent to parliament by the end of next week, follows the patching up last month of disagreements within the 18-month-old Socialist-Social Democratic coalition. The official deadline

for approval was in mid-October.

Portuguese state radio said the budget forecast an overall deficit of 320 billion escudos (nearly \$2 billion). No date has been set for discussion in parliament.

A government spokesman said Prime Minister Mario Soares's team had appointed a ministerial committee to report back

within 30 days on plans for a major reorganisation of the civil service.

The Cabinet also reviewed plans for economic development and modernisation over the next two years, bearing in mind Portugal's projected entry into the Common Market on January 1, 1986, and Soares's International Monetary Fund-sponsored economic austerities.

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GANDHI TAKES AN EARLY LEAD

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party was declared to be heading for a two-thirds parliamentary majority yesterday as the first votes in India's general election were counted.

Congress (I) supporters rejoiced in the streets overnight and state-run Press Trust of India commented: 'Early trends appeared to indicate the prospect of a big Congress (I) victory.'

But the toll of injured and dead in clashes sparked by right-wing party goons continued to

rise even as first results trickled in from polling booths in remote mountain regions and sprawling cities across the sub-continent.

Congress (I) was ahead in all seven constituencies in New Delhi and had big leads in other areas, including some opposition strongholds outside the federal capital territory.

Election

There are 508 seats at stake in the 644-seat Lok Sabha (Lower House). Gandhi has declared Punjab state and Assam not fit to take part in the election, leaving 36 seats in the void.

BY OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

The Hindu-bourgeois party won a record 353 seats in the 1980 general election that returned the late Mrs Gandhi to power after nearly three years in the political wilderness.

Mrs Gandhi's Emergency Rule government was thrown out of office in 1977 in a landslide to the Janata multi-party coalition led by Morarji Desai.

Congress (I) spokesmen said they expected Rajiv Gandhi to win 350 of the 508 seats being polled.

There was a swing against the more right-

wing Janata Party (BJP) led by Atal Vajpayee, according to PTI.

Vajpayee's BJP, one of India's three main opposition parties, was trailing Congress (I) by 25,000 votes and heading for defeat.

Concede

BJP national secretary K.L. Sharma said: 'We concede the election gracefully and will work as effectively as we can as an opposition.'

India's highest-paid film star Amitabh Bachchan, a Congress (I) candidate was heavily outpolling his veteran opponent Hem Nandan

Bahuguna, who ran the election campaign for the Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party (DMKP).

In Kerala state, where Congress (I) won only six seats in 1980, it was leading in all 20 constituencies, PTI said.

PTI said Gandhi's sister-in-law Maneka, his main opponent in the constituency of Amethi, had polled only 10 per cent of the vote and could lose her deposit.

As Congress (I) supporters took to the streets in delirious frenzy overnight, the death toll rose in a single day to eight, bringing the dead so far to 33 and the number of injured to 250 in three days of balloting.

Deng covers for attack on Marx

PEKING — The Deng Xiaoping leadership has issued a 'correction' against widely-held views that the Chinese Communist Party under his leadership is rapidly dumping any claim to Marxism.

Yu Guanguan, said to be a leading party theorist, was wheeled out in Peking yesterday to explain to foreign journalists that Karl Marx's ideas still formed the basic principles of Deng's restorationist policy of 'one country, two systems'.

Chinese thinkers and policymakers, armed with Marx's system of thought, had created 'the solutions', Yu said.

He said some of Marx's theories were 'far from enough in the issue of socialist (economic) construction'.

He claimed Marx was a great 19th century philosopher and a great revolutionary but was 'weak' when it came to 'advice on how to rebuild a socialist commodity economy' and that it was impossible to find in his

works a clear idea on practical planning, crucial to the 'smooth development of the Chinese economy'.

Yu said: 'The theory of planning has been something left for us to invent and create.'

By accusing Marx of not providing 'advice on how to rebuild a socialist commodity economy', Deng's theorist reveals the utter bankruptcy of Stalinist bureaucracy.

They are caught up in a parasitic existence on the nationalised property relations in a country with little industry and heavily dependent on agriculture, where bourgeois modes of distribution remain and are enforced in a strictly bureaucratic way.

Reactionary

The Stalinist bureaucracy upholds the theory of 'socialism in one country' and glorifies the most reactionary aspects of the money economy which still prevails in China.

Last month, the party mouthpiece 'People's Daily' said in a front-page article that classical Marxist ideas could not solve China's problems.

Apparent disagreements among the Peking bureaucrats themselves resulted in a 'correction' the next day, claiming the paper had really meant to say: '... classical Marxist ideas could not solve ALL of China's problems.'

Roaring trade with the US

WASHINGTON — Trade between the United States and China will expand by between 15 per cent and 20 per cent to \$7 billion next year, according to a research group sponsored by US financiers and speculating conglomerates.

The Washington-based National Council for US-China Trade says the Peking regime has provided a more attractive investment climate with its restorationist policies.

Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's 'economic reforms' will make it easier for US firms to transact business, boosting profitability, the research council says.

US investment in China is increasing significantly through joint-ventures, licensing and other forms of 'exchanging technologies'.

Since 1979, when the Peking Stalinists began to allow foreign investment, US firms have invested \$700 million, including \$100 million in a joint venture project and \$588 million in offshore exploration.

Only the capitalist establishment in Hong Kong has invested more in joint-venture programmes than the US in China.

Two-way trade between China and the US this year is expected to reach \$6 billion.



Sri Lankan plantation workers

Tamil raids expose 'resettlement' policy

THE RECENT raids by Tamil liberation fighters on the 'Dollar' and 'Kent' farms in Vavuniya and in the fishing village of Kokkilai have exposed the sinister 'resettlement' policies of the UNP government.

By raiding the so-called farms, the fighters for a separate state of Tamil Eelam (Tamil Nation) have focussed attention on how the regime of President Junius Jayewardene is using prisoners, peasants and fishermen as cannonfodder in its racist war in the Tamil areas.

The entire responsibility for the raids is with the UNP regime. Jayewardene made the raids necessary by converting the 'farms' into open 'prison camps' with the clear intention of using these convicted criminals in its pogroms against the Tamils.

The state propaganda machine — the 'Media Committee' — and the capitalist and Stalinist

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN COLOMBO

press are working as never before to incite anti-Tamil hysteria across the country.

Jayewardene's Cabinet and his senior bureaucrats, all agents of the racist Sinhala ruling class, face an unprecedented crisis. Inspired by the guerrilla units of the Tamil liberation organisations, the Tamil masses are daringly defying the military in the north and north-east.

Inroads

Tamil guerrillas have also begun to make inroads in the central regions, which had been regarded as a Sinhala region out of their reach.

The movement has exploded the racist policy of 'Sinhalaisation' of the Tamil areas — a discredited programme from the 1950s, resurrected since the state-organised pogroms of 1983.

People who had settled at 'Kent' farm were victims of previous attacks. Many were Tamil labourers from the tea plantations.

It was only after a brutal campaign of evictions against these peaceful settlers that hand-picked prisoners from the Anuradhapura prison were 'resettled' there.

Sinhala families were brought in from Batticaloa in the north-east and settled in the 'Dollar' farm, while Colombo planned to expand these prison settlements in the Vavuniya region.

At the fishing village of Kokkilai, the government had started another scheme to build 1,000 houses and settle Sinhalese families.

The new-arrivals were hand-picked, just like their lumpen compatriots from the prisons, for their racist hatreds against the Tamil people.

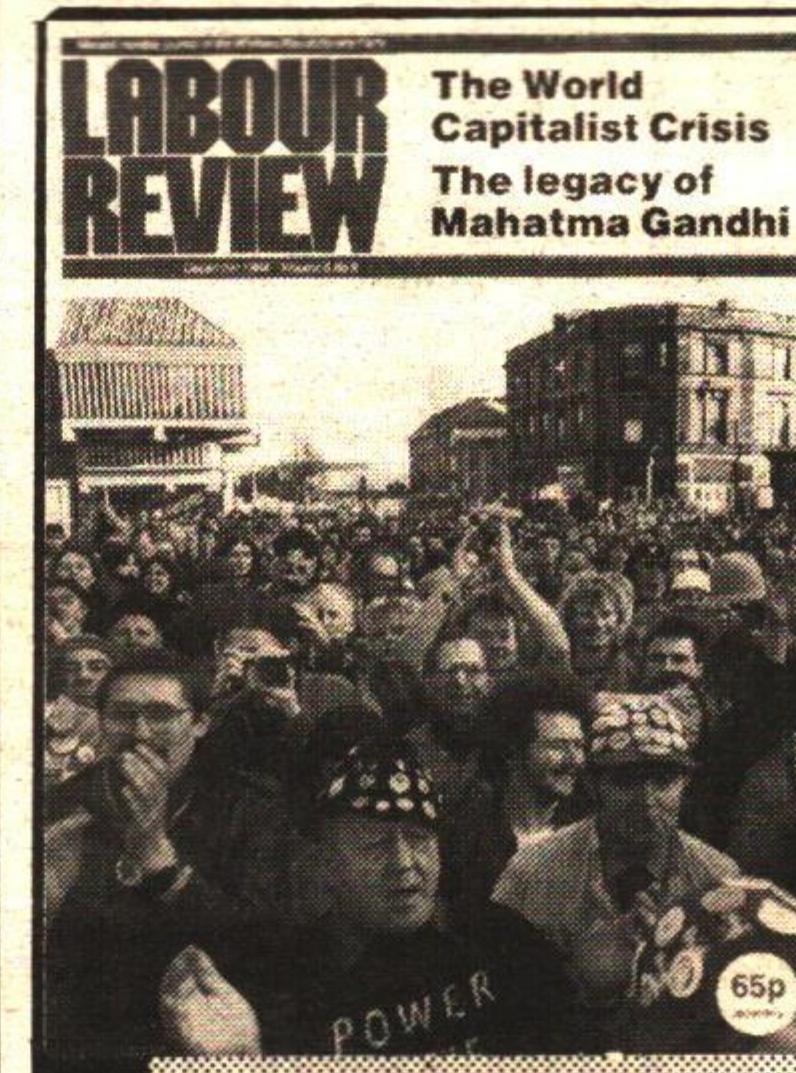
In 1980, the government approved the appointment of three 'assistant government agents' (AGAs) to Vavuniya. It was an intrinsic part of the 'Sinhalaisation' — seizure — of Tamil areas in Mullaithivu, Mannar and surrounding regions.

Jayewardene was planning to set up four Sinhalese AGA divisions and three Tamil AGA divisions when the escalation of the armed struggle by the Tamils blew the entire scheme apart.

Accord

The army began making its open provocations against the Tamils under the cover of the so-called autonomous regions accord with the reformist Tamil United Liberation Front in 1980.

The Sinhala racists mounted a simultaneous militarisation of the Tamil regions, with army camps and barracks being set up across the now 'prohibited' regions.



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Sewing machinists leaving the meeting in Liverpool after the decision

Machinists return at Ford's

THE 270 striking machinists at Ford's Dagenham and Halewood plants have voted to return to work on Wednesday after settling for arbitration over their claim for skilled status.

Despite the return to work, there are still many worries held by the women that the binding nature of the arbitration may work against them.

However, their determined six-week strike brought car production to a halt, with over 10,000 workers laid off at Ford's main plants.

The women were promised skilled status and pay 16 years ago, but the company never honoured its pledge.

When the last pay round opened in November, the company again refused to consider giving the women skilled status, and the official strike began.

The women mounted a 24-hour picket to stop foreign-machined materials from entering the Halewood and Dagenham plants, and the factories were soon at a standstill.

After a series of negotiations, lobbied by large delegations, the company and the unions agreed to arbitration by the government-funded ACAS organisation.

While the demand for independent arbitration was central to the strike, the eventual settlement has given cause for concern amongst many strikers.

Firstly, there are suspicions about the alleged 'independence' of ACAS as an arbitration body. Secondly, there is no time

limit on the arbitration procedure, which could drag on for months.

Thirdly, the unions' annual pay deal, which has still not been signed because of the machinists' dispute, includes a clause freezing any further union demands for re-grading until next November.

If the women come out on strike again over the result of the arbitration or delays in its verdict after the current pay deal is signed, then neither the company nor the unions will recognise it as an official dispute.

● **MACHINISTS at Ford's Halewood plant voted by 67 to 34 yesterday to accept a recommendation of their national stewards' meeting to return to work.**

As at Dagenham, the machinists have claimed a regrading up to C (skilled) grade, as they have all had to submit to a test before acceptance for employment.

There were several machinists who shared the same anxieties as those in Dagenham.

'It seems we just got to accept it now. They are saying they have got to see us working to make their assessment,' said one.

Another added: 'Wasted years! We are returning to work on Wednesday. We don't want to. If we had stayed out, something more could have been got out of it.'

District organiser Bill Broderick told News Line: 'There was no pressure put on the meeting by the national stewards' committee which was made up of three from Halewood, three from Dagenham plus their full-time officials and Ron Todd.

'The resumption of work will permit the evaluation panel to commence its work.'

Broderick admitted that the meeting was 'lively' and that the mood of many of the women was bitter.

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

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

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

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)

NORTH EAST

MURTON: Thursday January 10, 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** (Jarow 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)

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); **Alan Jones** (North Wales WRP, Point of Ayr NUM in personal capacity)

SKELMERSDALE: 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)

HATTERSLEY: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Hattersley Community Centre. Speakers: **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee); **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); Speaker from Bold NUM

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)

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

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. Ladywood Community Centre. Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Staffs NUM

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, Humberstone Gate. Speakers: **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Mick Childs** (YS Regional Committee); **In personal capacity: Tony Benjamin** (T&GWU); **Malcolm Pin-negar** (Leicestershire striking miners)

EASTERN

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)

FELIXSTOWE: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. The Grand Hotel, Undercliff Road West. Speakers: **Linda Mee** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Athow** (WRP Central Committee); **Henry Santamara** (Chairman Felixstowe Port Committee, in personal capacity)

CAMBRIDGE: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. The Bath House, Gwydir Street. Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Martin Booth** (Cambridge WRP)

NORWICH: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Spinney Community Centre, Five Ways, Earham. Speakers: **Mark Harrison** (Norwich YS); **Roberta Colling** (Norwich WRP)

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

WESTERN

BRACKNELL: Tuesday January 15, 7.30p.m. Coopers Hill Centre, Bagshot Road. Speakers: **Laura Bangs** (Bracknell YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Wales NUM

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

EXETER: Friday January 18, 7.30p.m. The Devonport, Fore Street. Speakers: **Beverley Lake** (YS Regional Committee); **Matthew Robertson** (Bristol WRP)

OXFORD: Sunday January 20, 7p.m. Cowley Community Centre. Speakers: **Roger Martin** (Oxford YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Wales NUM

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

NORTH WALES

RHYL: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Rhyl YMCA, Kings Avenue. Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Allen Jones** (Point of Ayr NUM, in personal capacity)

SOUTH WALES

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

SWANSEA: Tuesday January 29, 7.30p.m. AUEW Building, Orchard Street. Speakers: **Mark Vivian** (YS Regional Committee); **Jim Bevan** (Port Talbot WRP)

KENT

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

HERTS

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

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

MIDDLESEX

ISLEWORTH: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Public Hall, South Street. Speakers: **Steve Mott** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Lugg** (WRP London district committee); **Lynne Roberts** (NUPE West Middlesex hospital, in personal capacity)

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SURREY

KINGSTON: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. The Cricketers, Fairfield South. Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (South London YS Regional Committee); **Simon Vevors** (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)

HARLESDEN: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Harlesden Library, Craven Park Road, NW10. Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Dany Sylveire** (Harlesden WRP)

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)

TOTTENHAM: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Cissbury Road Library, St Annes Road, N15. Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (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** ('Young Socialist' editor); **Geoff Pilling** (Acton WRP)

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

HOLLOWAY: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. Manor Gardens Library, off Holloway Road, Archway, N7. Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee)

HACKNEY: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Hackney Town Hall, Reading Lane entrance, Mare Street, E8. Speakers: **Graham Campbell** (Hackney YS); **Bill Rogers** (WRP London district committee); **Monique Watson** (COHSE shop steward German hospital, in personal capacity)

Three-page special

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

'STOP THE SNIPING AT SCARGILL'

STRIKING miners must defend Arthur Scargill from attacks coming both from outside — and within — the NUM, a Lanarkshire strike leader warned yesterday.

Vic Carr, Polkemmet miner and president at the Monklands NUM strike centre in Airdrie, said orchestrated criticism of the NUM president was already intensifying.

Particular concern was expressed by Carr at the readiness with which Scottish area NUM leaders have joined in this criticism.

'We should stop this sniping at Scargill,' said Carr. 'That man was put in that position to fight for the miners and that's exactly what he's doing.'

'I'm proud of the job Scargill is carrying out, and I'll stick by him all the way — even if I'm starving,' he said.

George Bolton, Scottish area NUM vice-president, made bitter criticisms of Scargill in a speech to a gathering of strike leaders in Edinburgh following the NUM national delegate conference earlier this month.

Speech

Reports have since been filtering back to the various strike centres about the speech made by Bolton — who is national chairman of the Communist Party.

Bolton complained that his Scottish delegation had been out-voted in its bid to get the conference to agree to allow the £200,000 court fine to be seized by sequestrators. He claimed this would have 'taken the heat off the union.'

In the vote, however, this retreat was heavily defeated — and Scotland found itself in the minority along with Nottinghamshire.

The subsequent criticisms made against Scargill in Edinburgh were



Vic Carr

part of a smoke-screen attempted by the Stalinists after the conference vote exposed the policy of Bolton and area president Mick McGahey which was to capitulate to the courts.

Bolton and McGahey have themselves been the target for criticism by Monklands miners before... principally over the controversial closure of Bedlay colliery, Lanarkshire, five years ago.

'The miners at Bedlay opposed that closure and took strike action against it,' Vic Carr recalls vividly.

'But Bolton and other Scottish NUM leaders were in favour of the pit closing. In fact, Bolton came down and tried to frighten us, saying that if we didn't accept it and transfer to other pits, other people would be found and we'd be left on the dole.'

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

'Anyone will tell you there were good, perfectly workable reserves of coal in Bedlay. If it had not been closed, that pit would still be alive and kicking.'

Carr continued: 'There are enough people outside the NUM having a go at Arthur Scargill without people inside the NUM leadership getting their bit in.'

'I would like to see more members of the general public being brought along to hear Scargill at public meetings. Then they can listen and figure things out for themselves. After hearing him, they will go away with a new opinion on the strike.'

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'People will think about everything else that's happening, such as the Tories stopping dole money to 16-year-olds, and they'll need to think about what needs to be done.'

● TRANSFERS are being organised by the coal board at Polkemmet colliery, West Lothian. Pickets believe the move could mean permanent closure of Polkemmet is planned.

The local strike centre has heard reports that miners are to be transferred to Bilston Glen, or Castlehill or Frances, in Fife. Carr and other local strike leaders are warning NUM members to fight any such moves and to refuse to sign any forms connected with transfers.



On the picket line at Polkemmet colliery

Hand over your pay rise MPs are urged

DENNIS SKINNER, Labour MP for Bolsover, who is giving all his salary to the National Union of Mineworkers, yesterday called on all other Labour MPs to give the 5 per cent pay increase they will receive on New Year's Day to the miners.

Skinner has written to Labour leader Neil Kinnock urging him to press this course on the Parliamentary Labour Party when the Commons resumes next month.

He started giving his salary to the NUM in March, when the miners' strike started, and has so far handed over about £9,000.

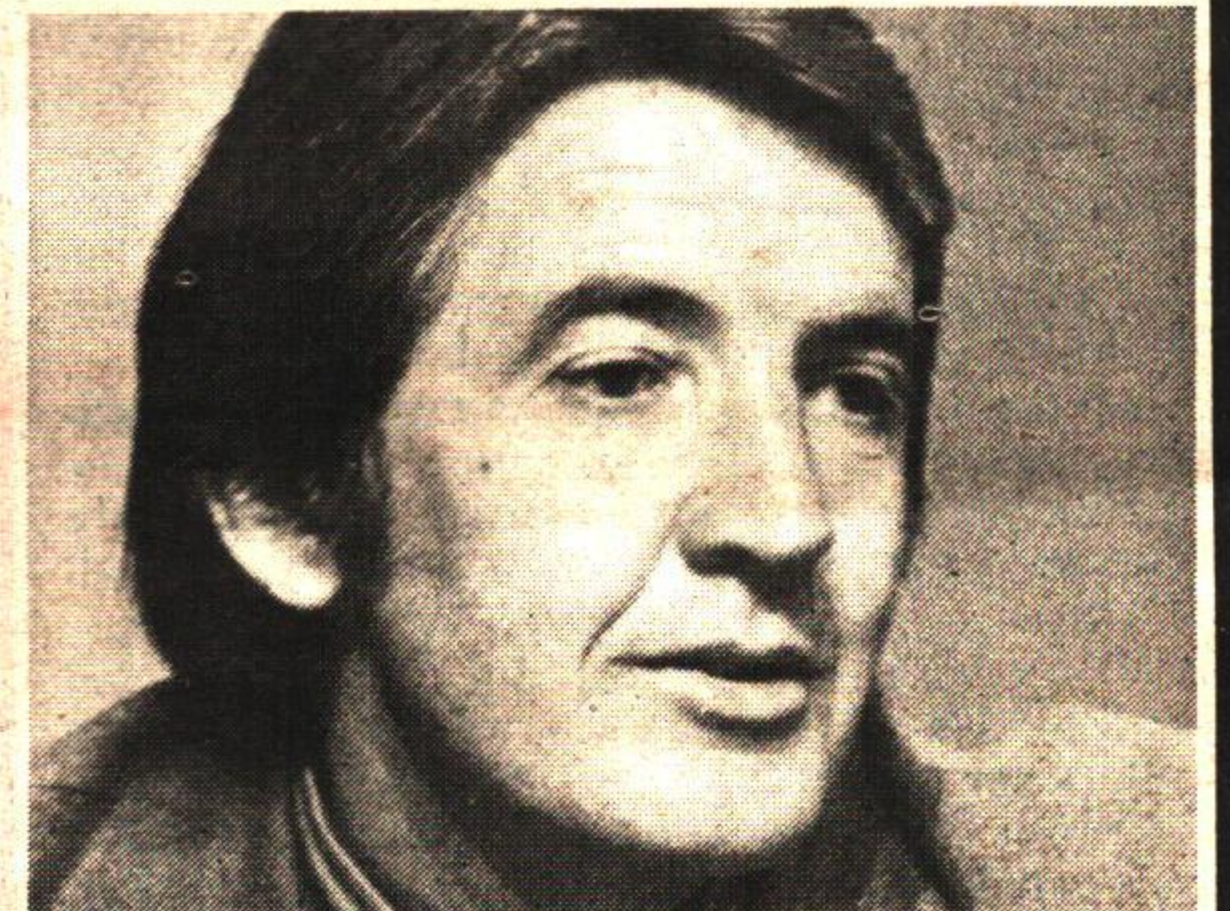
Skinner has told Kinnock: 'The miners and their families are suffering great hardship.'

'The NUM has been deprived of its funds, and several of the areas of the NUM have been attacked and put under siege by the decisions of the courts car-

rying out government policy.'

'For these reasons I believe it would be a great gesture if you joined me in calling upon the members of the Parliamentary Labour Party to contribute the recently-announced MPs' pay increase to the solidarity fund of the NUM, thus enabling the miners and their families to carry on the fight against unemployment.'

'Not only the NUM, but all sections of the labour movement will benefit when the miners are victorious. Let us dig deep for that victory and set the pace for 1985.'



DENNIS SKINNER

Thatcher's Falklands message condemned

LABOUR MP Tam Dalyell yesterday accused Prime Minister Thatcher of handing over 'a Christmas gift' to the military elements in Argentina.

Dalyell was commenting on Argentina's critical response to Thatcher's Christmas message to the inhabitants of the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands, in which she said that their wishes concerning the islands' future were paramount.

Argentina has dismissed Thatcher's message as 'arrogant and excessive' and 'a typical expression of a shrinking empire'.

Dalyell said: 'What she is doing is to make it more difficult for the most favourable government that Britain is likely to get in Buenos Aires.'

'She simply brings a Christmas gift to the military elements in Argentina who have not gone away and who are better armed than they ever were before.'

'She is speaking for herself but not, I suspect, for the cautious and caring men of the British Foreign Office.'

'Why the contrast in behaviour, now that Argentina has a democratic government, between Gibraltar and Hong Kong on the one hand and 1,800 Falklanders on the other?'

'The real truth is that the Falklands was never about sovereignty or potential hydrocarbon deposits. It is about British domestic politics.'

'Sooner or later the facts of geography will dictate that the Falklands will revert to Argentina.'

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This **SATURDAY**
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TUC and the state

EVERY trade unionist fighting for basic democratic rights against 'Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship' comes into immediate conflict with the capitalist state machine.

The ten-month miners' strike for jobs has brought into sharp relief how the forces of the state do the bidding of the government in its objective of smashing the NUM and all trade unionism.

The experiences made by the miners followed the court attack on the National Graphical Association and the banning of trade unions at GCHQ Cheltenham.

The nature of the state and how to fight it has therefore become a vital and concrete question for the whole working class to answer in the fight for jobs and democratic rights.

By resisting the state's onslaught, the miners have revealed before the whole working class the reactionary nature of the Labour and TUC leadership.

Labour leader Neil Kinnock has covered up for the capitalist state from the start of the miners' strike; similarly, the TUC right wing have refused to take action which would bring them into a confrontation with the courts.

Bureaucracy is the agency of the ruling class inside the workers' movement, and it unconditionally supports the capitalist state and its machinery of oppression.

That is clear from the TUC's evidence to a parliamentary committee on the Special Branch, Britain's political police for whom trade unionists are the number one target for a whole range of 'dirty tricks' operations.

The TUC has said it 'fully accepts' a need for the Special Branch and wants only those 'safeguards' which 'would not detract from its effectiveness'.

Congress House wants 'safeguards' while Home Secretary Brittan has published 'guidelines' which set the Special Branch the task of 'defending the realm against attempts at espionage and sabotage or from the actions of persons and organisations whether directed from within or without the country which may be judged to be subversive to the state'.

Thatcher herself has made it clear that trade unionism is 'subversive' and is to be regarded in the same light as terrorism.

Miners who have had their phones tapped, their strike leaders watched and provocateurs on the picket lines will feel nothing but revulsion for the TUC's statement on 'the operational needs and flexibility of the Special Branch'.

The call for a 'statute establishing official surveillance, including mail interception and telephone tapping with strict safeguards' is nothing more than the acceptance of the embrace of the capitalist state.

It is in line with plans to abandon TUC policy and comply with the anti-union laws. The right wing leaders are prepared to walk Thatcher's road and abandon trade unionism independent of the state.

If the working class cannot resolve a single problem without facing state oppression, then it is faced with the task of smashing the capitalist state machine which imprisons, fines and outlaws trade unionists.

The struggle for power and the creation of a Workers Revolutionary Government based on Community Councils (Soviets) follows on the analysis of the state elaborated by Lenin on the eve of the 1917 Russian Revolution.

He wrote: 'The theory of the class struggle, applied by Marx, to the question of the state and the socialist revolution, leads as a matter of course to the recognition of the *political rule* of the proletariat, of its dictatorship, i.e. of undivided power directly backed by the armed force of the people.'

'The overthrow of the bourgeoisie can be achieved only by the proletariat becoming the *ruling class*, capable of crushing the inevitable and desperate resistance of the bourgeoisie, and of organising *all* the working and exploited people for the new economic system.'

'The proletariat needs state power, a centralised organisation of force, and organisation of violence, both to crush the resistance of the exploiters and to lead the enormous mass of the population — the peasants, the petty bourgeoisie, and semi-proletarians — in the work of organising a socialist economy.' (State and Revolution, page 25).

ORGANISE A GENERAL S

Throw out leaders wh

Hatfield Main strikers determined

TRADE union leaders who have refused to back the miners, should be thrown out of office and replaced with people prepared to fight the Thatcher government, says Hatfield Main striker Peter Gruszczac.

'It's them that are trying to break us and sell us down the river,' he told News Line. 'We have to have leaders who are going to lead and do what they say they're going to do.'

Gruszczac is confident that NUM president Arthur Scargill will lead the miners to victory in the struggle against pit closures.

'We can't turn back now and Scargill knows that. If he did then it would be the end of him too, but he won't. You wouldn't find other union leaders going down to the picket line like he did Christmas Day.'

Stanley Bowman, who has worked for 34 years at Hatfield Main, is equally hostile to the stance of TUC leaders.

Resign

'In my view all these in the TUC should resign because they are not doing the job they were put there for and are being paid to do by us,' he said.

'The TUC should have brought the country to a stop long ago with a General Strike. It should have happened long before the miners' strike — when the number on the dole reached 3 million.'

'But the union leaders did nothing then and they are doing nothing now. Take Moss Evans. He promised the NUM that lorry drivers in the T&GWU would not cross picket lines. But there are plenty of them scabbing.'

John Blair, who came down from the Scottish mining community of Comrie 20 years ago, insisted: 'They'll not starve us back to work because there is a community spirit here.'

'Christmas was bound to be a struggle, and it was. But now we're over that, we'll stay out as long as it takes.'

'The women have been the soul of this strike, without them we couldn't have kept going,' added Blair, whose own wife works every day at the strikers' canteen in Thorne.

Hatfield miners and their families have experienced first hand the brutality of Thatcher's national riot police force.

In August hundreds of police swamped Stainforth village to escort just two scabs. The back-to-

Interviews by
SIMON VEVERS

work drive failed, but the police sought revenge by savagely beating up local residents.

Several miners have been hauled before the courts following the clashes on a variety of trumped-up charges.

'You can't call them police,' fumed Blair. 'They are stormtroopers, worse than the SS. In the last few weeks they've even sunk to picking on the little kids playing in the street, because none of the pickets will talk to them.'

Bowman believes the scale of the police violence has drawn the community even more together behind the miners' fight for jobs.

Bowman then explained: 'Before people saw it on the telly or in newspapers, but they never experienced it. Now they have seen it with their own eyes and it's shaken them up a bit.'

NUM strike committee member Roy Curran said the undying loyalty of the young strikers to their union and its cause had been a crucial factor in maintaining picket lines and the unity of the strike over the last ten months.

'Lads of 28 and 30 years of age know that it's their jobs and their future that's on the line. There's nowhere else to go with 4 million on the dole,' he said.

Support

Curran, whose brother Peter is branch secretary at Hatfield Main, said the NUM urgently needed support from other unions.

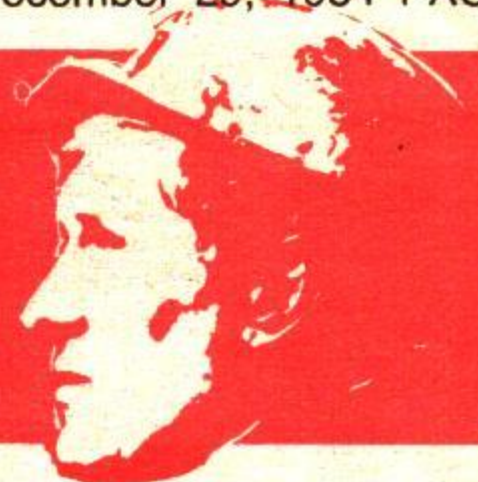
'With the rate-capping of councils in South Yorkshire we could see NUPE come into it in its own battle alongside ours,' he said.

'Obviously their struggle would be identified with ours, because in each case we are fighting for jobs.'



South Kirby NUM branch member MARTIN TIGHE with the letter from management

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



o won't fight



Pickets at Hatfield Main yesterday



MICHAEL HAIGH at home without a gas supply yesterday

Gas supply cut off

ONE WEEK before Christmas South Kirby striking miner Michael Haigh woke up to a loud knock on his front door. It was two Gas Board officials who told him bluntly that his gas supply was to be cut off.

They brushed aside his appeals for more time to meet a bill of £139.90 and proceeded to disconnect his supply — leaving him with no means of heating his flat during the freez-

ing weather.

Thanks to a fellow striker, and women who work at the strikers' canteen, Haigh was provided with a heater over the holiday period when temperatures plunged below zero.

He said: 'I couldn't have lived here if they hadn't lent me a heater. As it is it's been murder not having the gas. I think it's really rough to do this just before Christmas.'

'They are trying to force me back to work. But I'm not going. Not until we've won this strike.'

'I'm determined to stick it out despite the problems.'

As a single man, 42-year-old Haigh doesn't receive a penny from the DHSS. Occasionally he gets a fiver from his mother, who is a pensioner. But as he told News Line, she can't afford it

all the time, 'so I don't really have a penny to my name.'

'I told all this to the Gas Board. But the Board wouldn't listen.'

Haigh was bombarded with letters in recent weeks threatening to cut off the gas.

'They let it go all summer, and then chose a week to cut it off. They could have waited until after the holiday but they wouldn't,' he added.

Pickets reject 'back to work' appeal

MINERS at South Kirby colliery in Yorkshire received a letter from their colliery manager yesterday begging them to go back to work.

It wasn't the first they'd had over the last ten months and it certainly won't be the last. Like every previous letter it soon found its way into the rubbish bin or on to the fire.

In fact News Line had some difficulty tracking down a copy because many pickets had got rid of their own.

Branch committee member Martin Tighe said the letter was 'just another underhand attempt by the Coal Board to break the men from their union.'

'Like all the other dirty

tricks they used, it won't break us.'

The letter has a form at the bottom which strikers are asked to fill in if they intend going back to work.

The manager John Lumb arrogantly refers to 'our pit in the letter. But as Tighe pointed out: 'We don't even know him, because he only started a

Letters straight into the bin

week before the strike.

'In any case, it's our pit, not his.'

'He told us that the ropes had been "tapped". Well that's been done by scab labour for a start.'

'It's an NUM job and it has been carried out by members of BACM (the colliery managers' association).'

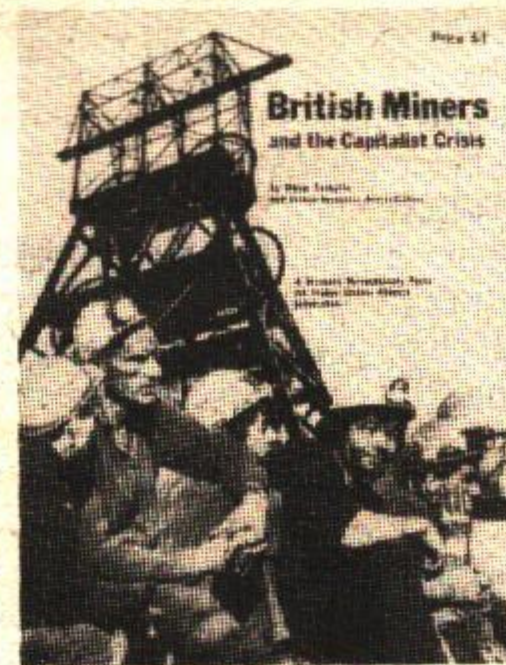
Tighe scorned suggestions from the NCB that miners would be exempt from tax for three months and that this was a suitable reason for going back to work now.

'Of course they would. If I started back tomorrow, I would have to work for more than three months, probably, before my income became taxable.'

He said that the Coal Board had ensured a lucrative market for coal merchants who were exploiting the strike and selling bags of coal for up to £8 per hundredweight.

'As a result of this kind of policy, about 400 pensioners in this area went without their allowance of coal this Christmas.'

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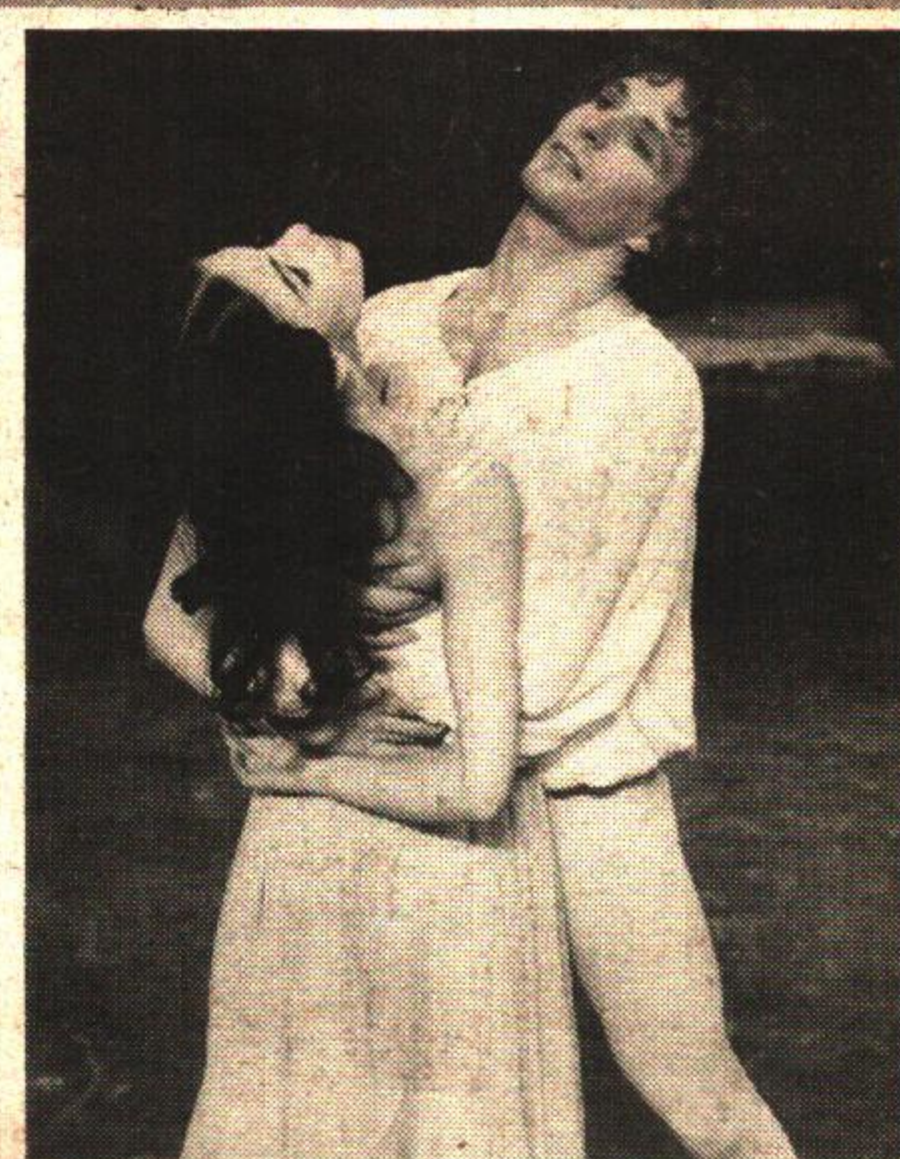
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YOUR TV GUIDE

SATURDAY



Paul Newman and Robert Vaughn star in 'Towering Inferno' on BBC1 at 5.55



On BBC2 at 5.55 is 'The Saturday Alternative: Romeo and Juliet'

BBC1

8.30 The Perishers. 8.35 The Littlest Hobo. 9.00 Saturday Superstore. 10.45 Take Two. 11.25 The Kids from Fame in Concert. 12.12 Weather.

12.15 GRANDSTAND: (12.50 News Summary); 12.20 Football Focus; 12.55 Racing from Newbury (1.00, 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 races); 1.40, 2.10, 4.10 Basketball — The Philips World Invitational Club Championships from Crystal Palace; 2.40 Rugby League — The first semi-final of the John Player Special competition, live; 4.40 Final Score.

5.05 NEWS; Weatherman

5.15 SPORT

5.20 JIM'LL FIX IT Jimmy Savile realises 'vellers' dreams, among them today a five-year-old from Surrey sings with Status Quo and a nine-year-old from Devon sets fire to £6 million!

5.55 THE TOWERING INFERNO (1974) With Steve McQueen and Paul Newman leading an all-star cast in the first and most spectacular of 'disaster' movies, about the day when San Francisco's tallest skyscraper catches fire

8.35 DYNASTY A Little Girl

9.25 NEWS AND SPORT; Weather

9.40 COME ON DOWN! Barry Norman explores game shows in America, from the costliest yet dreamed up to a nude show on the 'Playboy' channel. Losers, big winners, hosts and producers all tell their stories

10.30 MATCH OF THE DAY Action highlights from two Canon League First Division matches with Jimmy Hill

11.20 DICED CARROTT A shot in the funnybone from Jasper Carrott — highlights from the award-winning 1983 series

12.00 ALL TIME GREAT MOVIES *High Noon* Gary Cooper makes a lone stand for justice on his wedding day as Marshal Will Kane in the classic western. Grace Kelly co-stars (1952)

1.25-1.30 Weather Close

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

3.15 THE CHAPLIN REVUE Two short comedies starring Charlie Chaplin: *Shoulder Arms* (1918), an anti-war film with Chaplin as a soldier; and *The Pilgrim* (1923), which has Chaplin as an escaped convict turned religious, with hilarious results

4.35 BEARHEART OF THE NORTH-WEST (1976) With Marshall Reed, Denver Pyle, Joey Young and Dana Dillaway. The Adams family come to Babylon, Oregon, where they hear the tale of 'Bearheart' — not a bear but a dog — and a pretty special one

5.55 THE SATURDAY ALTERNATIVE The Royal Ballet in *Romeo and Juliet* From the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Alessandra Ferri and Wayne Eagling star as Juliet and Romeo; choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan to the music of Sergei Prokofiev, conducted by Ashley Lawrence

8.10 SATURDAY REVIEW 1984 Russell Davies presents the best and worst of the year's arts and media

9.25 FANNY AND ALEXANDER Part three concludes Ingmar Bergman's magical journey into childhood with Bertil Guve as Alexander and Pernilla Allwin as Fanny (A Swedish series with English subtitles)

11.45 HAMMER HORROR The Mummy (1959) Continuing a season of classic tales from Hammer, with Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee. An Egyptian mummy returns from the dead to seek revenge in this chilling tale

1.15 Close

S4C

1.20 Golf Highlights of the Year. 2.20 Realms of Darkness. 3.20 Hiawatha. 4.50 Film: *Captain Stirrick*. 6.30 Amateur Naturalist of the Year. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion A Sian. 8.15 Noson Lawen. 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.15 Barron Knights. 11.15 Film: *The Tall Target*. 12.40 Close.

CHANNEL 4

12.30 TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER (1971) Ballet movie based on five of Beatrix Potter's famous children's stories, choreographed by Sir Frederick Ashton and danced by members of the Royal Ballet

2.10 THE JOLSON STORY (1946) Fictionalised biopic of the great entertainer Al Jolson, played by Larry Parks, with Jolson himself supplying the songs. With Evelyn Keyes, William Demarest, Ludwig Donath and Tamara Shayne

4.35 CITIZEN 2000 Rachael: A Child With Special Needs With this film, Rachael, a handicapped child, is added to the group of 15 babies who are being followed by a film crew to the year 2000. The programme shows how her family is accepting and dealing with the stresses and challenges

5.05 BROOKSIDE

6.00 NEWS SUMMARY and Weather

6.05 THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY The TV transfer of the Royal Shakespeare Company's nine-hour stage version of Dickens's novel, transmitted in Channel 4's opening weeks, is now repeated across two consecutive evenings. In part one, following their father's death, Nicholas (Roger Rees), Kate (Emily Richard) and their mother (Jane Downs) are thrown upon the mercy of the cold charity of their uncle Ralph (John Woodvine)

10.00 MR SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON (1939) James Stewart plays an all-round local hero who is nominated for office following the death of a state senator. Also with Jean Arthur, Claude Rains, Edward Arnold and Guy Kibbee

12.25 Close

LWT

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Smurfs. 9.35 Film: *The Legend of the Lone Ranger* (1981). 11.15 Magnum.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT 12.20, 2.00, 2.50 Darts from the Rainbow Suite, Kensington; 12.45 News from ITN; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.15 Racing from Ayr (1.20, 1.50, 2.20 races); 1.30 Motor Sport from Wimbledon Stadium; 2.30 Hot Rod Racing from Wimbledon Stadium; 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-up; 4.00 Wrestling from Bury; 4.45 Results.

5.00 ITN NEWS AND SPORT

5.05 POP GOES NEW YEAR Some of the top names in pop celebrate the approaching New Year with a non-stop music spectacular

5.35 GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW NEW YEAR SPECIAL

6.05 THE A-TEAM With George Peppard, Dirk Benedict, Dwight Schultz and Mr T

7.00 RUSS ABBOT'S SCOTTISH MADHOUSE With Russ Abbot, Michael Barrymore, Susie Blake, Les Dennis, Bella Emberg, Dustin Gee, Sherrie Hewson and Jeffrey Holland

7.45 THE PRICE IS RIGHT Presented by Leslie Crowther

8.45 TARBY AND NEW YEAR FRIENDS Jimmy Tarbuck's guests this week are Michael Aspel, Michael Parkinson, Gloria Hunniford, Gary Wilmot and Cilla Black

9.45 NEWS FROM ITN

10.00 THE VERY BEAST OF SPITTING IMAGE

11.00 DURAN DURAN — BLUE SILVER Documentary following the lives of the members of this top band; followed by

LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

THE JACKSON ROUTE

12.50 PEACE

1.00 Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.35 The Legend of the Lone Ranger. 11.15 Magnum.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT: 12.20, 2.50 Darts; 12.45 ITN News; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.15 Racing from Ayr (1.20, 1.50, 2.20 races); 1.30, 2.00 Motor Sport from Wimbledon; 2.30 Hot Rod Racing; 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-up; 4.00 Wrestling from Bury; 4.45 Results.

5.00 ITN NEWS

5.05 POP GOES THE NEW YEAR With Culture Club, Eurythmics, Limahl, Style Council and Tracey Ullman

5.35 THE GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW

6.05 THE A-TEAM

7.00 RUSS ABBOT'S SCOTTISH MADHOUSE A live show from Invercockaleekie Castle to see in the New Year the Hogmanay way

7.45 THE PRICE IS RIGHT

8.45 TARBY AND NEW YEAR FRIENDS

9.45 ITN NEWS AND SPORT

10.00 THE BEST OF SPITTING IMAGE The satirical puppets return in this 'best of the bunch' special to precede a new series

11.00 DURAN DURAN — BLUE SILVER A documentary capturing the excitement and hysteria, both on stage and behind the scenes, that surrounded Duran Duran's gruelling tour of the US earlier this year. 'Blue Silver' shows what the audiences didn't see: the stresses and strains of living out of a suitcase, the rare moments of relaxation and the euphoria and emotion backstage after a good show

12.00 THE LATE FILM Otley With Tom Courtenay. Born loser Otley is sleeping off a hangover when his host is murdered. He becomes involved in the dangerous world of espionage (1969)

1.40 Closedown

RADIO

1 News on the half-hour until 12.30p.m., 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight.

5.55 The Radio 1 Chip Shop. 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Lenny Henry (S). 2.00 Paul Gambaccini (S). 4.00 Saturday Live (S). 6.30 In Concert (S). 7.30 Phil Kennedy. 9.30-12.00 Dixie Peach.

2 News on the hour until 1p.m. then from 6.00 (except 8.00p.m., 9.00); Headlines 6.30a.m., 7.30.

4.00 Lorri Newman (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S) (7.50 Racing Bulletin). 8.05 David Jacobs (S). 10.00 Sounds of the 60s (S). 11.00 Album Time (S) (11.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 Radio Active. 1.30 Sport on 2: Football Preview; Rugby League; Racing from Newbury (1.30, 2.00 races); Cricket; Football; Sports Report. 5.00 Classified Football Results; 5.20 Rugby round-up/cricket; 5.25 Racing round-up. 5.30 Knockout Cup 1984. 6.00 Folk on 2. 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Joe Loss — In the Mood (S). 8.30 Roger Whitaker in Concert (S). 9.30 Big Band Special (S) (10.02 Sports Desk). 10.05 Ken Bruce (S). 12.05 Night Owls (S). 1.00 Peter Dickinson (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00-4.00 Stuart Hall's Year of Sport (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Aubade (S). Playel, Archduke Rudolf of Austria, Beethoven.

Mozart, Danzi, Boccherini (mono); records. 9.00 News. 9.05 Record Review (S). 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Mozart, Monteverdi, Schubert, Handel; records. 11.15 Scottish National Orchestra (S) Prokofiev, Stravinsky (12.10-12.15 Interval Reading) Dvorak. 1.00 News. 1.05 Ravel and Piston (S) Chamber music. 2.00 Verdi's Operas: La Traviata (S) Riccardo Muti conducts this performance on records, with Renata Scotto, Sarah Walker, Richard Van Allen (sung in Italian) (2.35-2.40 Julian Budden talking about the opera). 4.25 Dorian Wind Quintet of New York (S). 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Critics' Forum. 6.45 The Octave of the Nativity (S). 7.45 A Revolution in Music (S). 8.40 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Italy (S) Bax, Ravel (9.20-9.40 The Poetry of Robert Southwell) Rachmaninov (Symphony No.2). 10.45 The Leg. 11.00 Haydn (S). A Symphony, string quartet and mass on records. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's

Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 The Dracula Tour. 8.30 Smash of the Day (S) The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 9.00 News. 9.05 The Countryside in Winter. 9.50 The Collier and the Lancaster. 10.00 Pick of the Year (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Pride and Prejudice (S). 12.00 News; Money Box. 12.27 News Quiz of the Year. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Sporting Questions 1984. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) Daughters of the Late Colonel. 3.00 News; My Music (S). 3.30 Rats! 4.15 The Oldest News. 4.40 The Thunder and Lightning Man. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 La Belle Irlandaise. 5.35 Asterix in Britain. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel. 6.00 News; Sports Round-Up. 6.30 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less (S). 7.00 The Way the Normans Rode. 7.45 Letters from Madras. 8.00 Saturday-Night Theatre (S) The Maltese Falcon. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 You the Jury. 11.00 Evening Service (S). 11.15 Great Liners. 11.30 Son of Cliche (S). 12.00 News; Weather. 12.15 Tales from a Palm Court. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. 1.55-2.00; 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Fraggles Rock. 10.00 Film: *Jumbo*. 12.13 North East News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 The Road to LA. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 Tarby and New Year Friends. 9.45 News. 10.00 The Best of Spitting Image. 11.00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver. 12.00 The Master. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Smurfs. 9.35 Film: *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*. 11.15 Magnum. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Pop Goes New Year. 5.35 Grumbleweeds Radio Show New Year Special. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 Tarby and New Year Friends. 9.45 News and Sport. 10.00 The Best of Spitting Image. 11.00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; followed by The Smurfs. 9.35 Film: *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*. 11.15 Magnum. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Pop

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TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Smurfs. 9.35 Film: *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*. 11.13 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 11.15 Magnum. 12.12 TSW Regional News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Sport. 5.05 Pop Goes New Year. 5.35 Grumbleweeds Radio Show New Year Special. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 Tarby and New Year Friends. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 The Best of Spitting Image. 11.00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver. 12.00 Short Story Theatre: *David*. 12.30 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

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HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Smurfs. 9.35 Film: *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*. 11.15 Magnum. 12.13 HTV News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; HTV News. 5.05 Pop Goes New Year. 5.35 Grumbleweeds Radio Show New Year Special. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 Tarby and New Year Friends. 9.45 News and Sport. 10.00 The Best of Spitting Image. 11.00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver. 12.00 HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.30 Film: *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*. 11.15 Magnum. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Sport; Weather. 5.05 Pop Goes New Year. 5.35 Grumbleweeds Radio Show New Year Special. 6.05 The A-Team. 7.00 Russ Abbot's Scottish Madhouse. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 Tarby and New Year Friends. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 The Best of Spitting Image. 11.00 Duran Duran — Blue Silver. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend: Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

SUNDAY



Linda Purl and Duncan Regehr in 'The Last Days of Pompeii' on ITV at 7.15



Roger Rees as Nicholas Nickleby and David Threlfall as Smike in 'The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby' on 4 at 6



'Weekend in Wallop' with Wayne Sleep on ITV at 10



'Phantom of the Opera, with Claude Rains on 4 at 10.45

BBC1

9.00 The Flumps. 9.15 Olympic Challenge. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Bonanza. 11.20 Morning Worship. 12.05 See Hear! 12.30 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.55 Tom and Jerry. 1.00 News Headlines; Weather. 1.05 Wildlife on One: **Out in the Cold**. 1.30 The Rock Gospel Show from America. 2.05 Film: *Zulu* (1964) With Michael Caine and Stanley Baker. 4.15 HRH The Prince of Wales. 4.35 Holiday. 5.10 This Office Life.

6.30 NEWS Weatherman
6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE

7.15 **LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE** Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde

7.45 **BIG DEAL** Ray Brooks as poker player Robby Box, with Sharon Duce as girlfriend Jan in *Home and Dry*

8.35 **KRAMER VS KRAMER** Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep star in the Oscar-winning film as separated parents fighting for the custody of their son (Justin Henry). Made in 1979

10.20 NEWS Weatherman

10.35 **THE TOUCH** John Lee meets some inspiring individuals who are both deaf and blind in this film which challenges our attitudes towards them

11.25 **IT'S MAX BOYCE** Stephanie Lawrence is Max's guest in the last programme of the series

11.55 **GOLF The One Club Challenge** Seve Ballesteros and Lee Trevino play one another over nine holes of the Old Course at St Andrews, each man armed with one club

12.45-12.50 **WEATHER**

BBC WALES: 1.30-2.05 Weekend Rugby Union. 12.45-12.50 Weather; News of Wales Summary and Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 1.50 Chaplin: *City Lights* (1931) With Charlie Chaplin as the Tramp. The Tramp falls in love with a blind girl and befriends a millionaire. 3.15 Rugby Special. 4.00 One Man and His Dog. 4.45 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers. 5.10 Film: *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) With Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr and Jack Haley. In the land of Oz, Dorothy discovers the famous Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion.

6.50 **CARTOON Monkey Fishes the Moon**

7.00 **SKI SUNDAY** Featuring ski jumping from Oberstdorf, West Germany

7.35 **NEWS ON TWO** Weather

7.45 **THE NATURAL WORLD Secret Weapons** Barry Paine narrates this film which shows Professor Tom Eisner unravelling some of the fascinating stories of unseen insect warfare

8.35 **THE EVERLEY BROTHERS REUNION CONCERT** An 'Arena' special recorded in September 1983 when Don and Phil Everley performed together for the first time in ten years at the Royal Albert Hall, London

9.45 **THE TIMES AT 200** Fleet Street journalist Hugo Young takes a critical look at 'The Times' newspaper, past and present as it celebrates its second century

10.35 **LOOKING FOR MR GOOD-BAR** (1977) A teacher of deaf children leads a dangerous night-life cruising around Manhattan's singles bars which becomes increasingly dangerous for her. With Diane Keaton, Tuesday Weld and Richard Gere

12.50 **Closedown**

CHANNEL 4

1.00 **IRISH ANGLE**

1.30 **REFUGEES OF FAITH**

2.00 **JOLSON SINGS AGAIN** (1949) Larry Parks plays Al Jolson once again in this sequel to 'The Jolson Story' shown yesterday. It traces his life from World War II to his retirement and come-back

3.45 **THE HEART HAS ITS REASONS**

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

AMERICAN FOOTBALL Nicky Horne and John Smith bring gridiron fans news, views and action from two divisional play-off games

6.00 **THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY** The second half of this marathon TV version of the Royal Shakespeare Company's rendering of Dickens's novel continues. Nicholas finds employment with the Cherryble brothers, which is the beginning of a turning point — but all is by no means over as Wackford Squeers is back in town. With Roger Rees, Emily Richard and Jane Downs

10.45 **PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** (1943) Claude Rains in the great horror classic about a violinist in the Paris Opera who composes a major work only to have it rejected by a publisher, and, he suspects, stolen. He wreaks terrible revenge on the publisher and conducts a reign of terror from beneath the sewers of the opera house. With Nelson Eddy and Susanna Foster

12.30 **Close**

LWT

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Disney at Christmas. 9.30 Terrahawks. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper* (1981) with Diana Rigg, Charles Grodin and John Cleese. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 London News Headlines; followed by The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars* (1977) With Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Alec Guinness. 5.00 Duran Duran — As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 **NEWS FROM ITN**

6.40 **HIGHWAY**

7.15 **THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII Part 1** (1984) With Ned Beatty, Anthony Quayle, Brian Blessed and Ernest Borgnine. Historical drama recreating the decadence of the ancient doomed society, using 1,400 extras and extensive location filming in Pompeii itself. A tangle of love affairs combine to expose the strains that lie at all levels of society. The drama continues throughout this week

9.45 **NEWS FROM ITN**

10.00 **WEEKEND IN WALLOP** Tired of Edinburgh and sick of Salzburg, Stephen Pile jokingly suggested that the next major festival should be at Nether Wallop. In the pageant at this most extraordinary village festival are Billy Connolly, Rik Mayall, Rowan Atkinson, Mel Smith, Peter Cook, Bill Wyman and Jools Holland

12.10 **LONDON NEWS HEADLINES** followed by

THE JACKSON ROUTE

Night Thoughts Closedown

GRANADA

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Disney at Christmas. 9.30 Window on the World. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Terrahawks. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper* With Diana Rigg. A jewel robbery is headline news in every paper except one (1981). 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 Cartoon Time. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars* With Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness (1977). 5.00 Duran Duran — As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 **ITN NEWS**

6.40 **HIGHWAY**

7.15 **THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII** Drama spectacular re-creating the decadent and doomed civilisation of Greco-Roman Pompeii. A trio of interwoven love affairs exposes the various strata of life in Pompeii. Wealthy Glaucus is in love with lone, the gladiator Lydon yearns for Nydia and the prostitute Chloe plies her trade to the dismay of her lover

9.45 **ITN NEWS**

10.00 **WEEKEND IN WALLOP The Villagers of Nether Wallop** Nether Wallop has been missed by most of the great events of history. But last September everything changed when the first Nether Wallop International Arts Festival was launched by the villagers, helped by Jenny Agutter, Maria Aitken, Rowan Atkinson and other well-known names

12.00 **THAT'S HOLLYWOOD The Great Entertainers** From 1939 and Al Jolson to the 1970s with Liza Minnelli and Julie Andrews

12.30 **Closedown**

S4C

2.10 Citizen 2000. 2.40 Chips Comic. 3.05 A Lineside Look at Model Railways. 4.05 Henllys Fawr. 4.45 American Football. 6.00 We're Gonna Sing. 6.40 Putting up the Pickles. 7.10 Wil Cwac Cwac. 7.15 Newyddion. 7.20 Apel. 7.30 Galw Gari. 8.10 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.50 Hywel Morgan. 9.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 10.00 Venice in the East. 11.00 Film: *National Lampoon's Animal House*. 12.30 **Close**.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour until 11.30a.m., then 2.30p.m., 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30, and at 12 midnight.
5.55 The Radio 1 Chip Shop. 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Steve Wright. 12.30 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.30 Adrian Juste. 4.00 Hitsville USA. 5.00 Top 40 of 1984 (S). 7.00 Anne Nightingale (S). 9.00 Robbie Vincent (S). 11.00-12.00 Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations (S).

2 News on the hour (except 8p.m.). Headlines 7.30a.m.

4.00 Lorri Newman (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S). 7.30 Roger Royle (S). 9.00 David Jacobs (S). 11.00 Desmond Carrington (S). 12.30 The Grumbelweeds (S). 12.59 Sports Desk. 1.00 David Hamilton Presents Two's Best (S). 2.00 Benny Green (S). 3.00 Alan Dell (S). 4.00 String Sound (S). 4.30 Sing Something Simple (S). 5.00 Charlie Chester (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.30 Sports Quiz 84. 7.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 Eddie Thompson. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Nightrain. 3.00-4.00 David Hamilton presents Two's Best (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Baroque Christmas Pictures (S) Rebel, Charpentier, Schmelzer, Kerll, Williams, Usser, Vivaldi, Mouret: records. 8.00 Brahms Chamber Music. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Albeniz orch Surinach, Strauss arr Schulz-Evler, Mendelssohn arr Rachmaninov, Rimsky-Korsakov arr Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky arr Wild, Musorgsky arr Howarth: record requests. 10.30 The Octave of the Nativity (S). 11.30 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany (S) Concert: Richard Rodney Bennett and Beethoven. 12.35 Edita Gruberova (S) Song recital from the 1984 Bregenz Festival: Mozart, Wolf, Brahms (1.20 Interval reading) Strauss. 1.55 L'Europe Galante (S) Leclair, Vivaldi, Telemann: records. 2.45 Kodaly and Mendelssohn (S) Celio and piano recital. 3.45 Dvorak's Requiem (S) Vaclav Neumann conducts. 5.30 News Premises. 6.15 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra 50th Anniversary (S) Giles Swayne's *Pentecost Music* conducted by Nicholas Cleobury. 7.00 The Primrose Path (S) play *Le Bourgeois* (7.50-7.55 Interval). 9.00 Itzhak Perlman and Bruno Canino (S) Violin and piano recital. Mozart Prokofiev (9.50-10.05 Tell Me What You Want) Dvorak, Kreisler. 10.50 Northern Sinfonia of England (S) Lusoslowski. Haydn, Britten. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 -Prelude (S). 6.30 News: Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Week's Good Cause. 8.55 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers. 11.15 News Review of the Year. 12.00 News: Smash of the Day. 12.30 Mel Brooks Takes the Michael. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend; News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 The Afternoon Play (S) *The Killing of Mr Toad*. 4.00 News; Talking About Antiques. 4.30 The Living World. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 The Year Ahead. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less (S). 7.00 We always Prosecute. 7.35 A Kindly People. 8.00 Pick of the Year (S). 9.00 News; Masters' India (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 Weather-Wise. 11.00 Mindful of the Love (S). 11.15 The Countryside in Winter. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.15 Tales from a Palm Court (S). 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Terrahawks. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper*. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars*. 5.00 Duran Duran — As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Film: *Last Days of Pompeii* (Part 1). 9.45 News. 10.00 Weekend in Wallop. 12.00 The Streets of San Francisco. 1.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Contact. 9.35 Terrahawks. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper*. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars*. 5.00 Duran Duran — As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Film: *Last Days of Pompeii* (Part 1). 9.45 News. 10.00 Weekend in Wallop. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

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

Worship. 11.00 Terrahawks. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper*. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars*. 5.00 Duran Duran — As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Film: *Last Days of Pompeii* (Part 1). 9.45 News. 10.00 Weekend in Wallop. 12.00 Late Night Drama. 12.30 Five Minutes; Closedown.

TSW

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Disney at Christmas. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Terrahawks. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper*. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars*. 5.00 Duran Duran — As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Film: *Last Days of Pompeii* (Part 1). 9.45 News; Weather. 10.00 Weekend in Wallop. 12.00 The Moviemakers. 12.30 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Action Line. 9.30 Terrahawks. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper*. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars*. 5.00 Duran Duran —

As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Film: *Last Days of Pompeii* (Part 1). 9.45 News. 10.00 Weekend in Wallop. 12.00 Company; Closedown.

HTV

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Disney at Christmas. 9.30 Terrahawks. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Film: *The Great Muppet Caper*. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 One More River. 2.30 The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Star Wars*. 5.00 Duran Duran — As the Lights Go Down. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; HTV News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Film: *Last Days of Pompeii* (Part 1). 9.45 News. 10.00 Weekend in Wallop. 12.00 Epilogue; HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

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'The Wizard of Oz' is on BBC2 at 5.10



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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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One in four U.S. families are suffering from hunger

CHICAGO — The deadly disease Kwashiorkor and other debilitating illnesses caused by malnutrition have reached epidemic proportions in the United States' largest industrial city.

More than one family in four has suffered from hunger during the past year, during President Reagan's so-called 'economic recovery', so decisively shattered by the real world of economic slump.

Children are the worst hit and incidents of Kwashiorkor — characterised by edema, the swollen pot-belly of a starving child — have become horribly familiar.

The disease is not only occurring in the drought and famine-ridden countries of North and East Africa: it has become rampant in the most powerful centre of basic industry in the US, Chicago.

The devastating problem has emerged alongside the soaring unemployment caused by President Reagan's economic policies.

Unemployment in the neighbourhood of US Steel's South Works and the closed Wisconsin Steel mill is about 60 per cent, according to a report published last month; far higher than the official estimate of 9.5 per cent for April 1984.

As many as 20 cases of Kwashiorkor and Marasmus a year are recorded at Children's Memorial Hospital and Mount Sinai Medical Centre, according to paediatricians there.

Larry Brown, a Harvard University nutritionist and chairman of the 22-member Physicians Task Force on Hunger, describes the appearance

of these diseases as 'always the tip of the iceberg, by definition'.

He says: 'You don't get these diagnoses unless you have a very large population of malnourished individuals.'

Sackings

Drastic cuts in Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps and school lunch programmes; numerous permanent plant shutdowns, and thousands of sackings have contributed to the growth of mass hunger in the city.

Between 1981 and 1983



The US government's savage cuts in social security and services is driving an ever-increasing number of workers and youth on to queues at soup kitchens that are also starved of funds

requests for emergency food rose by 945.7 per cent. More than 11 million pounds of food was distributed in 1983 by Chicago's major food bank and yet 102,000 requests for assistance were denied.

Persons suffering periodic hunger include not only those below poverty level, but the 'near poor', those at 150 per cent or less of the official poverty line. About

882,929 Chicago residents are 'at risk of hunger'.

There was a 24-per-cent increase in admissions of children who displayed lack of growth, diarrhoea and dehydration between 1981 and 83, according to Dr Agnes Latimer of the American Academy of Paediatrics.

The 1982 figures for infant mortality show the national average to be

11.2 for every thousand people, while in Chicago it is 18.6 per cent. Among blacks in Chicago, the rate is 25.7.

Hunger also affects a child's brain growth and subsequently his mental health, according to Dr Howard Levy, chairman of Paediatrics at Mount Sinai Hospital.

At Cook County Hospital, virtually the only major facility serving Chicago's impoverished masses, there has been a 32-per-cent increase in tuberculosis, both among adults and in its paediatric form, between 1982 and 1983.

Last resort

At Marillac House, a last resort for food for more than 1,250 families, Joe H. Mitchell, 41, an unemployed worker, said: 'I eat meat maybe three times a month. Other times, it's soup and turnip greens. I weigh about 135 pounds. I used to weigh 205 pounds at 5 foot 11 inches.'

Lenzie Reed said: 'I'm on General Assistance. I pay \$110 rent. I used to eat breakfast, buy sandwiches — now I eat beans and neck bones.'

Tony Owens said: 'I just got cut off from General Assistance because I missed a day's work. From \$144 a month to nothing. I can't even get my own place to stay.'

Capitalism, in its greatest historic crisis, has created mass hunger in a city that lies at the hub of the most abundant food-producing region in the world.

The US imperialist policy of 'hunger as a weapon' against the semi-colonial countries is being carried out with a vengeance against the American working class.



The devastating problem has emerged alongside the soaring unemployment caused by Reagan's economic policies

YEAR-END SPORTS REVIEW

MONEY — 1984's BIG SPORT

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ATHLETICS ruled the sporting scene, as it usually does in an Olympic year, and Sebastian Coe ruled athletics.

The year 1984 will be remembered above all for his performance in the Los Angeles Games where he retained the 1,500 metres title and won the silver medal in the 800 metres.

This exactly matched his achievements in the Olympics of 1980 and in events four years apart, and in such contrasting environments as Moscow and Los Angeles, is unique. There should be a special medal struck for it.

Daley Thompson, the supreme decathlete, also took his second successive gold medal. Tessa Sanderson won the women's javelin and has not stopped smiling since, and those gold medal deeds by the athletes were supplemented by the victories of rifleman, Malcolm Cooper, and a marvellous rowing four.

Five gold medals and a large haul of silver and

bronze made these a great Games for the British, a result helped along by the absence of the Eastern bloc.

If the Soviets and Cubans and East Germans had been there the picture would have been vastly different.

Strange

It was a notable Olympics. It was also a strange Olympics, commercialised to an indecent degree. For a start, it actually made a profit, which is not really in the spirit of the Olympic movement.

But there is no law against it, and a \$25 million surplus gave much more satisfaction to the citizens of the host city than 1976 gave to the Montreal ratepayers who will be footing the bill for their own Games until the end of the 20th century.

There was an un-

pleasant side to the Games, the alleged showpiece of amateur sport, it was the smell of money which hung over the proceedings.

Mary Decker's fall in the women's 3,000 metres is supposed to have cost her \$1 million. If Decker is an amateur how can that be? Carl Lewis was a multi-million-dollar corporation even before he won his four gold medals and a much richer one afterwards.

Ed Moses, the prince of hurdlers was quoted as saying he had collected half a million on his way to the Games. Nobody actually gets a fistful of dollars for competing in the Olympic Games but the fringe benefits of becoming a champion are enormous.

In the boxing ring the potential difference between a gold medal and a silver is the familiar \$1 million, and there was

some outrageous judging in L.A. which ensured that the host country took most of the spoils. The absence of the USSR and Cubans was another major factor in the sweeping American successes in the boxing ring.

Britain also, unwittingly provided the catalyst for the biggest incident of the whole fortnight.

Better

Zola Budd, the tiny South African, whose presence in the British team will always be argued, met Decker in the most publicised single confrontation of the Olympics. Little Miss Budd, all 84lbs of her, brought down the experienced American just short of the halfway mark, in the 3,000 metres and could not have done it better if she had tried.

America went mad, but had to admit next day

that the ungracious Decker had no-one to blame but herself. But Budd's flirtation with British athletics was doomed from that moment. For all her protestations about feeling British and 'coming home', she is back in South Africa and likely to stay there.

The warmest memories are of the gold medal successes of the rowing four and rifleman, Malcolm Cooper, true blue amateurs on a scene relentlessly dominated by professionals.

They do not normally attract attention. Except on rare occasions, nobody pays to watch their sports. Shooting is about as exciting as watching paint dry.

In the popular acclaim department, Torville and Dean were clear winners. Their Olympic and world titles in ice dancing followed the great tradition established by John Curry and Robin Cousins in figure skating.

Television gave Britain the excuse to stay up night after night, and the enduring couple from Nottingham did not let them down.

Move

Television was also instrumental in the move towards multi-millionaire status of world snooker champion Steve Davis, who grosses some £700,000 a year and should pray for the long life of the colour camera.

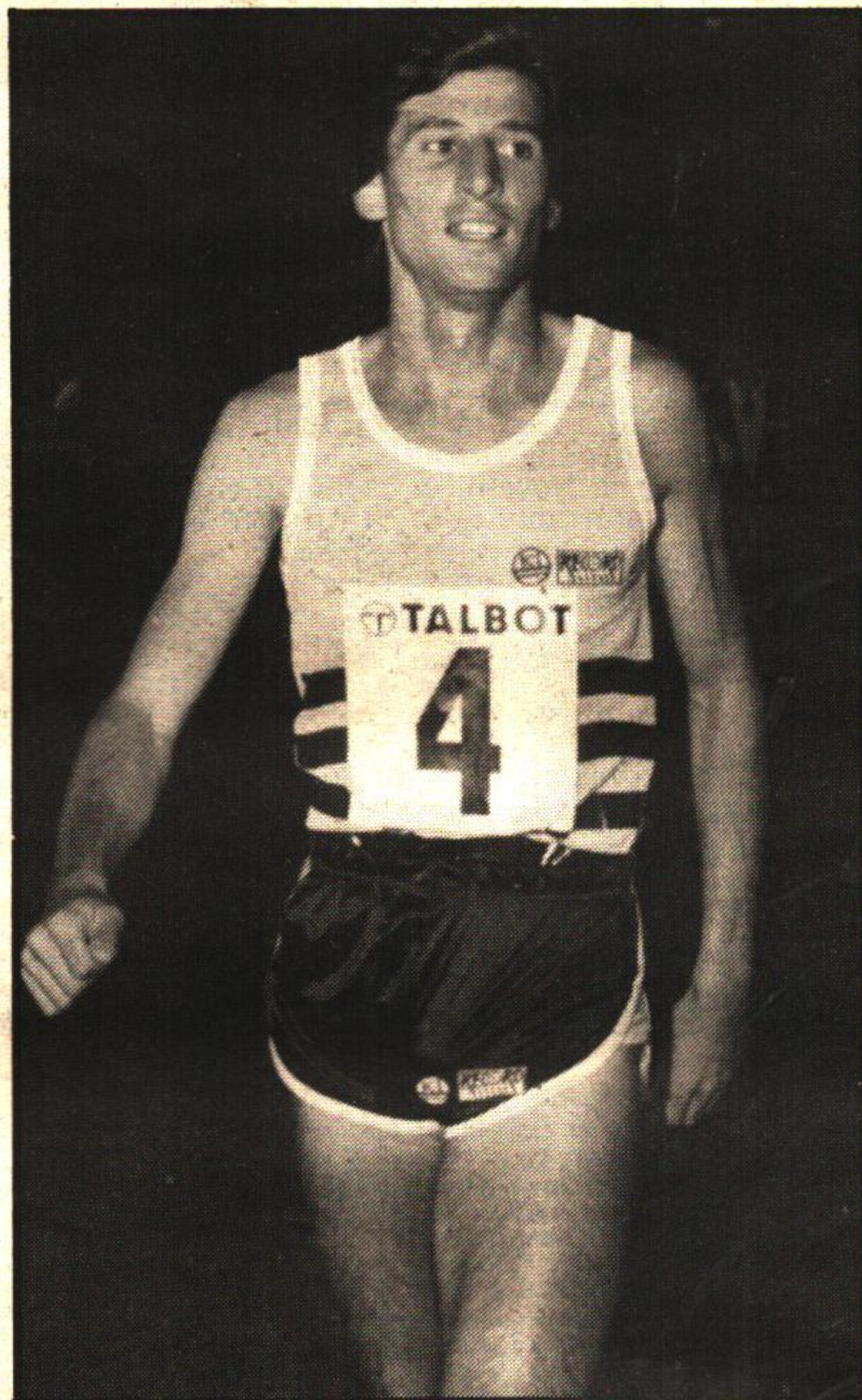
Snooker is big television business and sponsorship generates an enormous amount of money as a result — almost £3 million this season. Steve Davis is now so good that even the reputation of his legendary namesake, Joe Davis, as the greatest of all times, is in danger.

Football produced little for Britain at international level, bar England's win in Brazil, success for British clubs in Europe, and the customary woeful catalogue of mischief by travelling supporters.

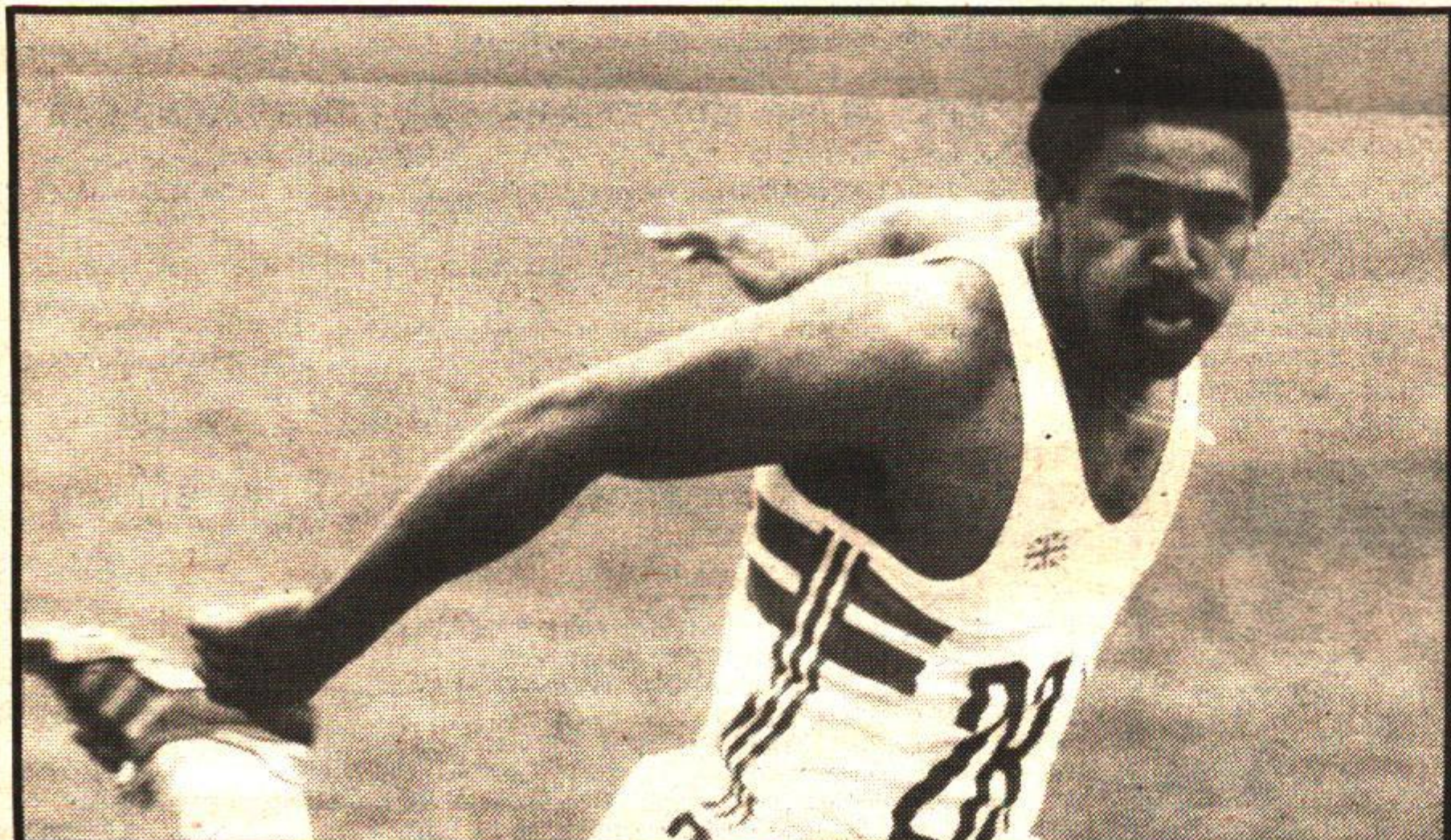
There were still fine achievements, however, at club level. Liverpool won the European Cup, Spurs the UEFA Cup, and Manchester United and Aberdeen reached the semi-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

Wimbledon produced a record profit and singles titles for Martina Navratilova, the money machine, and lovable John McEnroe, whose mild manner, maintained for the whole of the fortnight, was eventually shattered, thus bringing him a six weeks' suspension in late season.

In the Davis Cup final in Sweden, in which the Americans were crushed, McEnroe was completely overshadowed in the matter of bad taste by his old



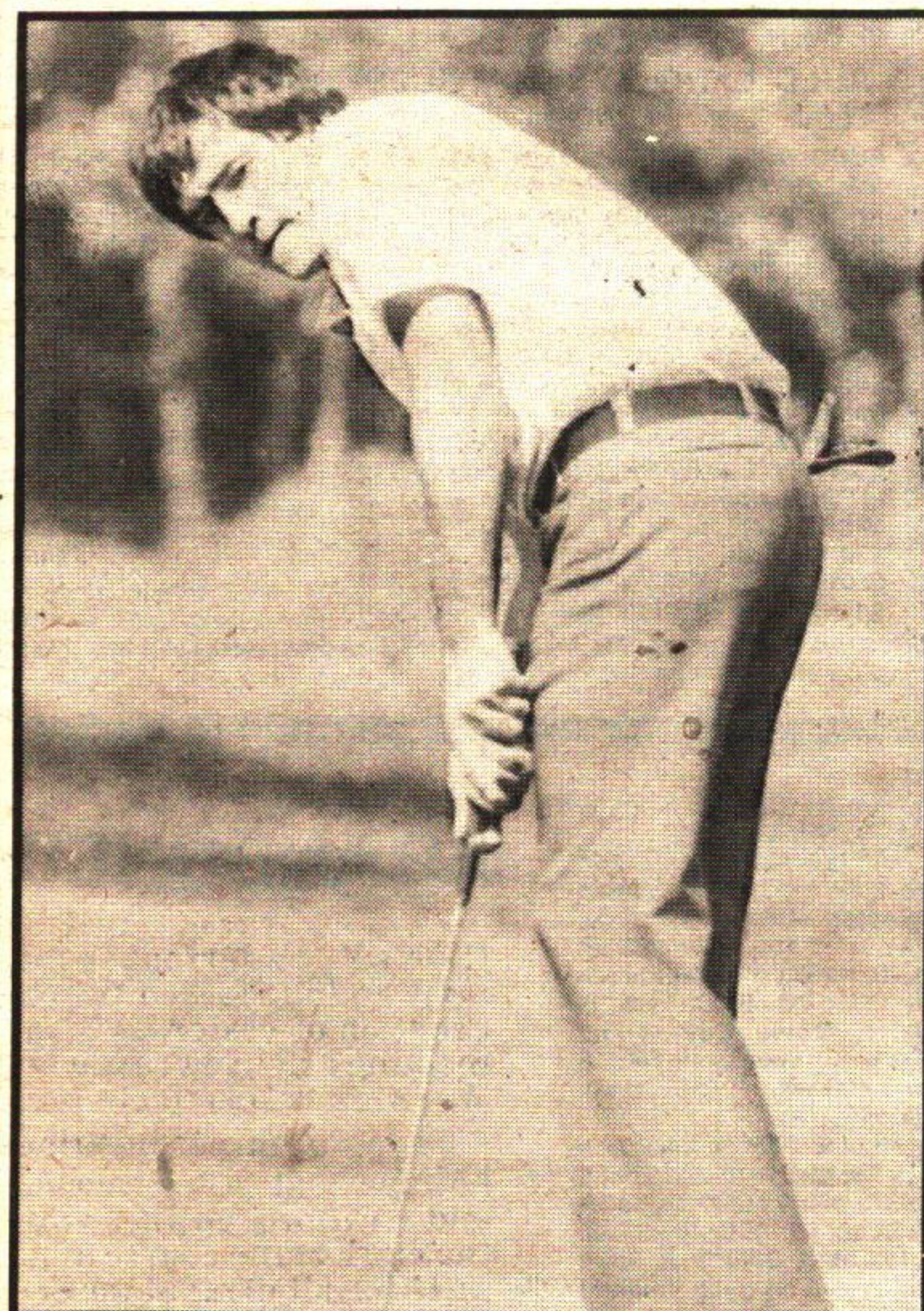
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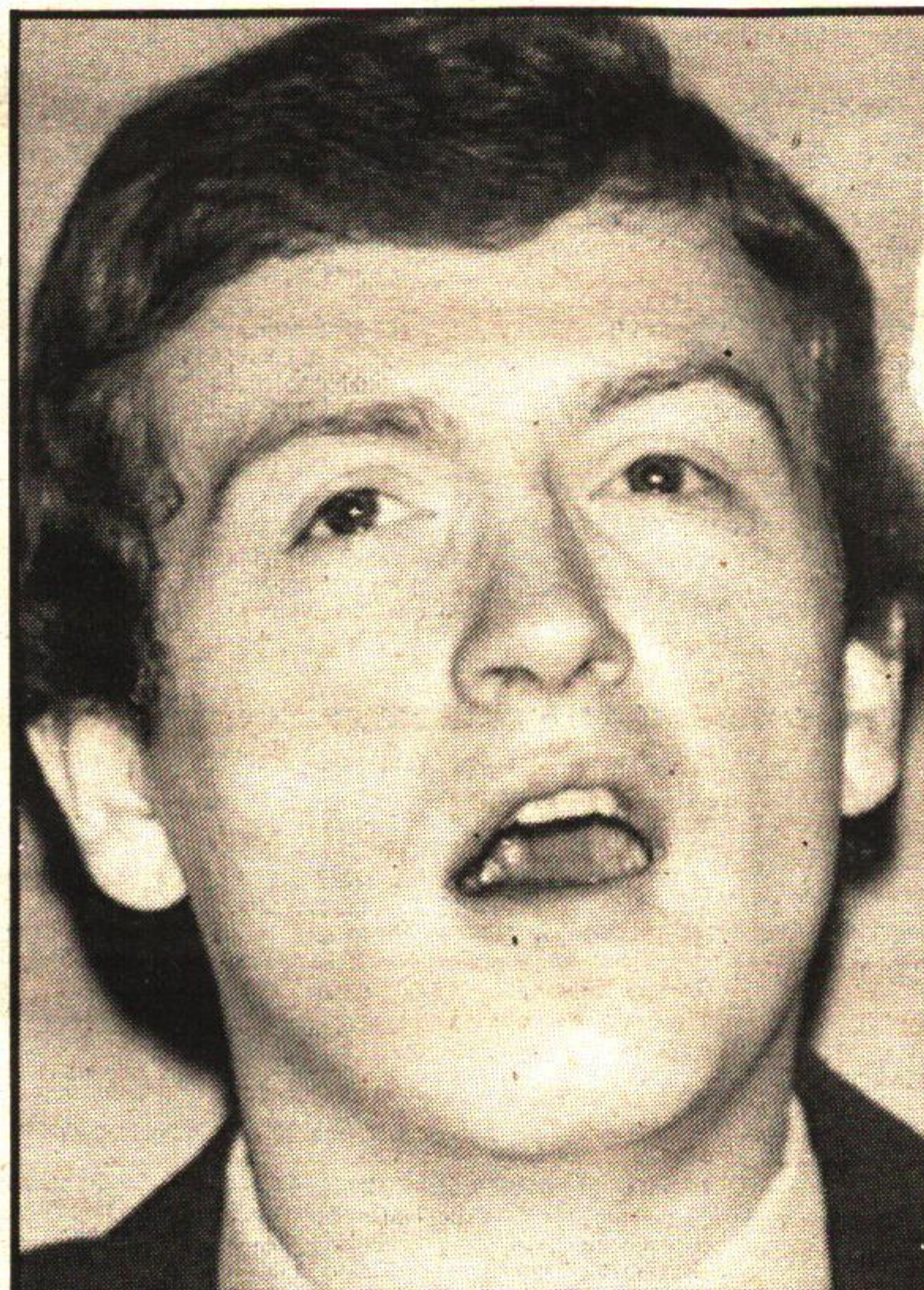
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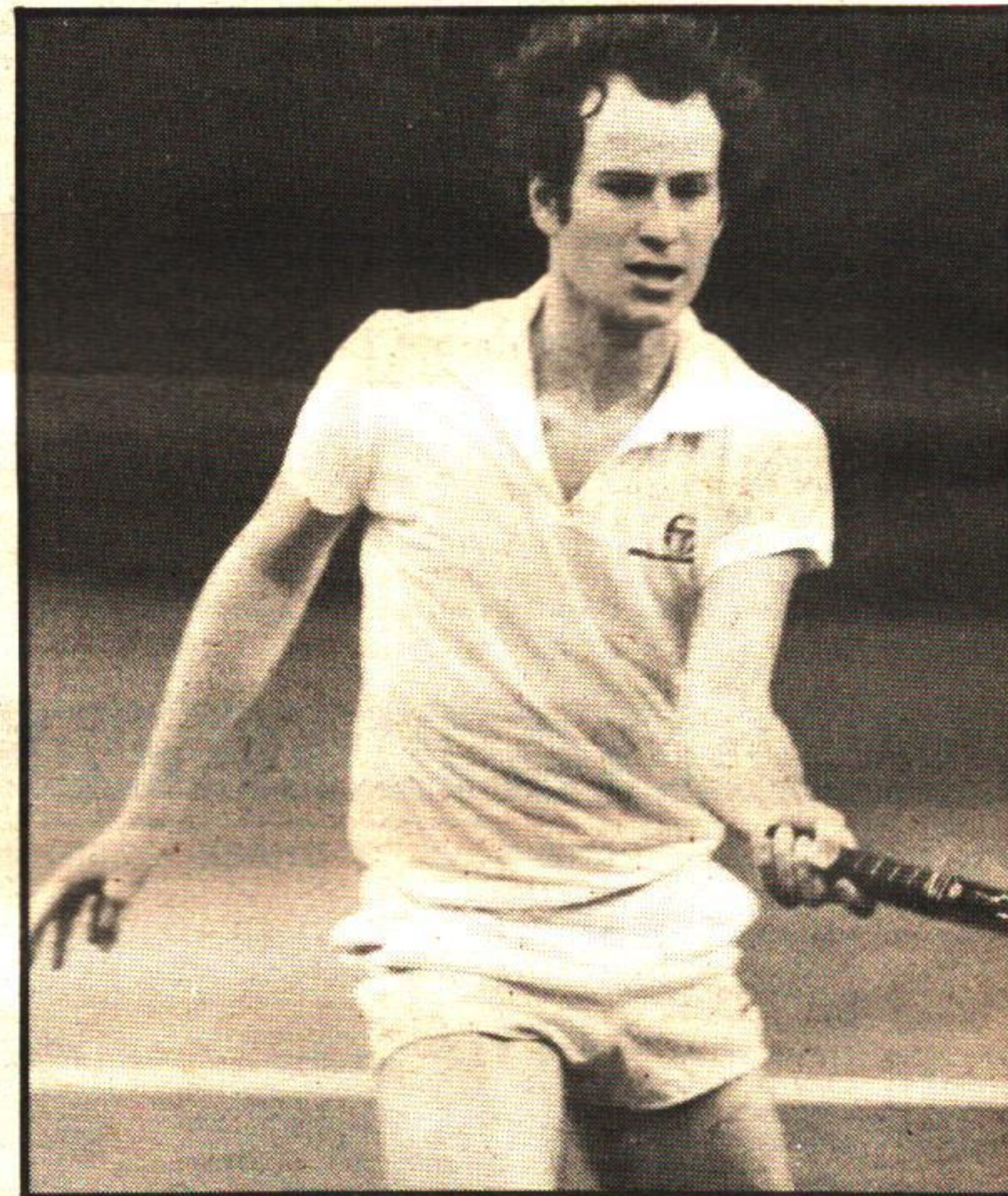
ZOLA BUDD . . . One disaster after another



SEVERIANO BALLESTEROS won the British Open



STEVE DAVIS . . . Snooker millionaire



JOHN McENROE . . . A Wimbledon hero

buddy, Jimmy Connors, from whom he may have learned some of his tricks in the first place.

In India, England's cricketers finally broke their long-standing losing streak, winning the Test match in Bombay after a sequence of 13 matches without a victory.

Beating the Indians at their own spin-bowling game on their own wicket was a real achievement and it brought a smile to David Gower's face despite his batting average of six or thereabouts.

Rugby brought two Grand Slams in the same year — one for Scotland for the first time since before the war, and the other for Australia who slaughtered the four home countries.

No-one found the answer to Australia's running three quarters, and if the British are prepared to accept the Australian tour as a timely lesson they may get back to the thought that rugby was meant to be a run-

ning game in the first place, and do something about it.

Spaniard, Severiano Ballesteros, ruled the British golfing roost. He won the Open at St Andrews after a final round duel with Tom Watson, and the World Matchplay Championship at Wentworth.

But it was the placid old game of three-day county cricket that produced the most remarkable story of the year. At the end of a long hot summer, Essex won the County Championship — so near the end in fact, that only one ball remained of the whole season.

In the last over of the last day of the last month, Mike Bore of Nottinghamshire was caught by a substitute on the boundary at Taunton when Notts needed three runs to beat Somerset and win the title.

And to think that they invented one-day cricket to make the game more exciting!

Sports Line

ANFIELD SHAKE-UP

DANISH international Jan Molby and Liverpool's prodigal son Craig Johnston are dropped as the Champions try to open the second half of the season by closing the gap on pacemakers Tottenham, Everton, Manchester United and Arsenal today.

Kevin MacDonald makes his debut and Kenny Dalglish returns to face struggling visitors Luton, but Mark Lawrenson and Ian Rush are again ruled out by injury.

MacDonald, a £400,000 signing from Leicester six weeks ago, comes in as manager Joe Fagan continues his search for a midfielder to fill the gap caused by the pre-season departure of Graeme Souness.

Hectic

Molby has been given every opportunity to fill the gap, but has found the First Division frequently too hectic for him.

Johnston spent the early weeks of the season in Australia where his wife was expecting a baby, but won an immediate recall on his return.

Leaders Tottenham bring back Glenn Hoddle for the visit of Sunderland, while second-placed Everton must attempt to make up their goal difference leeway at Ipswich without Andy Gray.

Squad

Arsenal manager Don Howe names five central defenders in his squad of 14 for the trip to Newcastle but promises it will not be 'a defensive line-up' and Manager United's Ron Atkinson awaits a fitness test on Gordon Strachan as he looks for 'a satisfactory turning point in our away form' at Chelsea.

Shaken by his side's lack of creative play in the Boxing Day draw with West Ham, Spurs' manager Peter Shreeves gives Hoddle his first League outing since the elegant



CRAIG JOHNSTON . . . Out at Anfield



GLENN HODDLE . . . In at Tottenham



ANDY GRAY . . . Out for Everton

midfielder bore the brunt of Bohemians' rough-house tactics in Prague a fortnight ago.

Clive Allen fails to make a squad of 14, however, as Shreeves keeps faith with Mark Falco and Garth Crooks.

Everton's Howard Kendall would welcome the chance to choose from so many strikers. With Andy Gray ruled out by an ankle injury and Adrian Heath out for the rest of

the season, he is forced to use winger Terry Curran alongside Graeme Sharp.

'It may not be his normal role but he hasn't been in the team for a few months so he'll just be happy to get out there,' said Kendall.

Full back Gary Stevens hopes to return after a thigh injury and young reserve striker Robbie Wakenshaw could win the number 12 shirt.

Ron Atkinson's problems are at the back. Having seen his defence toss away precious points he brings back 25-year-old Paul McGrath. Who drops out depends on a late fitness check on Gordon Strachan.

Injury

If, as expected, the busy Scot recovers from a foot injury, it looks a straight choice between John Gidman and Mike Duxbury.

'It's about time we got our away form on the right road again,' said Atkinson. 'We have won our last seven home games only to toss away chances of going top with poor away results.'

Despite facing the division's top scorer Kerry Dixon and holiday hat-trick man Gordon Davies, Atkinson is optimistic. 'We couldn't have a tougher game. I am hoping we can hit our best form and reach a satisfactory turning point,' he said.

Arsenal, equally unhappy away from home, are without England left back Kenny Sansom at Newcastle.

Colin Hill is the likely

replacement, though Chris Whyte also joins the three central defenders who played at Norwich on Wednesday.

'Sansom and Viv Anderson enjoyed the attacking freedom they got from our playing three central defenders, but without Kenny I may have to re-think the situation,' said manager Don Howe. 'But the names in the squad don't mean we

will be defensive.'

Charlie Nicholas can expect a return against a Newcastle side strengthened by the re-appearance of striker Peter Beardsley and midfielder David McCreery after injury.

West Bromwich, pressing to join the leaders after winning seven of their last nine games, have Mick Forsyth standing by for the visit of Norwich

because central defenders Martyn Bennett and Alistair Robertson each missed Friday training. Bennett has a knee injury, Robertson a cold.

Norwich expect to be without ex-Albion midfielder Asa Hartford, who has a calf injury.

Among the relegation candidates, managerless Coventry bring back Kenny Hibbitt and Lloyd McGrath against West

Ham, and Stoke are forced to use teenage goalkeeper Stuart Roberts against QPR.

Manager Bill Asprey failed to persuade on-loan Joe Corrigan to stay for a further month, and 17-year-old Roberts makes only his second League appearance. Opponents Rangers make a late decision on whether to draft in new striker Mike Robinson.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

COYLE ON CALL

BY OUR SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

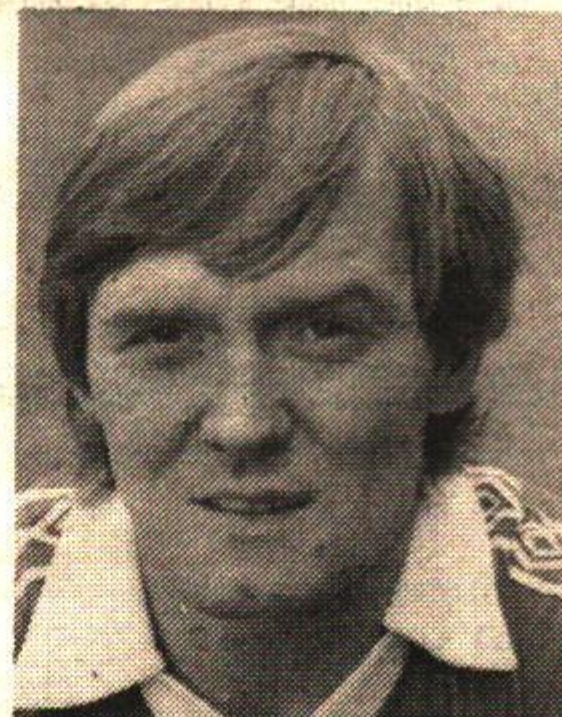
RONNIE COYLE, Celtic's 23-year-old reserve defender, is set to make a surprise debut against Dundee United at Parkhead today.

Coyle has forced his way into the reckoning due to the recent crop of injuries which has robbed Celtic of the services of Tom McDermott, Willie McStay, Paul McGugan, and now Murdoch McLeod.

McLeod, who deputised in the unfamiliar role of sweeper against Rangers last Saturday, took a knock in training yesterday and manager David Hay admitted: 'We are running out of options.'

'There is still a possibility that McLeod will be fit, but if not Coyle will play. It's a matter of necessity, but I have every confidence in the lad, who has done well in the reserves.'

Celtic captain Danny



DAVID HAY

McGrain, injured in the 1-1 draw with Rangers, is fit again to lead the club's Premier Division title push over the crucial New Year period.

Aberdeen have seen their lead cut by a point on successive Saturdays, and are now just three points clear of Celtic, with 17 games remaining.

Dundee United, still ten points adrift of Aberdeen in

spite of their win over the League leaders last week, have striker Paul Sturrock available again after a three-game absence with a hand injury.

Aberdeen midfielder Doug Bell returns after three months on the sidelines with fractured ribs. The former St Mirren player faces his old club at Love Street as Aberdeen aim to halt the slide, which has seen them drop three points in the last two games.

Manager Alex Ferguson, who also brings back striker Eric Black after injury, declared: 'Dropping those points has given us a kick up the backside, and I can promise that things will be different tomorrow.'

St Mirren have defender David Winnie suspended, and Tom Wilson is set to take over at fullback.

Dundee and Hibernian, currently lying eighth and ninth respectively in the cut-throat ten team League, meet at Dens Park.

Dundee are three points ahead of the Edinburgh club, who bring back their captain, Jackie McNamara, after a four-match suspension to shore up their suspect defence.

Hibs' manager John Blackley said: 'It's a game that we must win to keep in touch with Dundee. We cannot afford to allow a five-point gap to open up at this stage of the season.'

Bottom club Morton, with just nine points from 19 games, welcome back goalkeeper Murray McDermott after a ten-week absence with ankle ligament trouble. McDermott replaces youngster Craig Adams against Hearts, who will introduce Andy Watson, their new £40,000 signing from Leeds.

Rangers will make three changes for their visit to Dumbarton. Ian Redford, Dave Mitchell and the suspended Cammie Fraser will make way for Robert Prytz, Ted McMinn and Iain Ferguson.



MIKE DUXBURY . . . Victim of United shake-up!

Rest day reward

ENGLAND's cricketers were given a surprise day off yesterday as a reward for their four wicket win over India in the one-day international at Cuttack.

The tourists will now only practise today and Sunday in preparation for the third Test against India, which starts in Calcutta on New Year's Eve.

Captain David Gower said: 'The lads deserve the breaks to recover after a long day yesterday.'

The team rose at 7a.m. to travel to Cuttack and it was nearly midnight on Thursday night before they settled back into their Calcutta hotel.

India's 14-strong squad for the Test began practising in Calcutta yesterday morning, still not knowing whether they would be joined later by star all-rounder Kapil Dev.

He was dropped for reckless batting during the second Test, but a Christmas summit between Kapil, captain Sunil Gavaskar and the president of the Indian Board, N.K.P. Salve, led to a recommendation that he should be reinstated.

The full Indian selection committee was meeting in Calcutta yesterday afternoon to consider Salve's initiative. They are under pressure from Kapil Dev's supporters in Calcutta who have threatened to disrupt the match unless he plays.

GOULD GOES

Coventry sack their manager

BOBBY GOULD became the seventh manager in as many months to part company with a First Division team yesterday.

Neither Gould or Coventry chairman John Poynton, a Jersey-based multi-millionaire, would make any comment last night.

A former Coventry City player, Gould joined the struggling Midlands club in May 1983. He took them to fourth place in Division One within six months but

BY A SPORTS LINE REPORTER

since then they have struggled to stay clear of the relegation zone.

After their initial revival they collapsed, winning only four of their last 25 League games during the 1983-84 season to finish 19th.

This season they have won just five of their 21 games and stand second from bottom of the table.

Gould's assistant, Don

Mackay, has been placed in temporary charge.

Thirty-eight-year-old Gould moved from Bristol Rovers to take charge of his hometown club after the departure of Dave Sexton.

A likeable, extrovert character, he began his playing career with Coventry and included Arsenal, Wolves, West Brom and West Ham among the nine clubs he served in a 16-year career.

At Coventry he inherited a club in the forefront



BOBBY GOULD . . . The end has come at Coventry

of modern marketing methods and with one of the few all-seater stadiums.

Several of the senior players, however, were at the end of their contracts and he scoured the lower divisions for low-cost replacements.

Mackay admitted last night that he had shelved his soccer principles and agreed to 'manage' Coventry for the rest of the season.

'I hesitated about taking the job because of my

great loyalty to Bobby,' he said.

'I considered resigning in support, but then I thought of my family who are very important to me. We have just sold our house in Dundee and bought another in the Coventry area.'

'Bobby shook hands with me and wished me well. We had talks in the past about what might happen in such circumstances and he always told me I would be stupid not to accept the job if it was offered to me.'

PHILIPS WICB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Solent — fading stars

THIS is the darkest hour for the Solent Stars.

They are playing in the Philips World Invitation tournament at Crystal Palace with no money and few players. The club is in the hands of the receiver. The next few weeks could see the end of the English Champions.

Solent coach Jim Kelly says the fortune of the Stars could go either way. 'The team is either gonna go down the tubes,' he says, 'Or someone's gonna take us over.'

BY ROBERT JAMES

Harry Smith, the former building company boss who claims to have invested £250,000 in setting up the club five years ago, boasted in the December issue of 'Basketball' magazine that Solent's £200,000 income would ensure a profit this season.

By the time his words were in print, he was admitting that the club was broke!

The transformation from

English basketball's rich-kids to orphans in the storm has proved too abrupt for some of Solent's brightest stars.

Dan Callandrillo, top scorer in the National League last season, flew home to America this week.

John Johnson, shooting star of the Great Britain team, is spending the tournament looking for a new club to play for. Tony

Watson, the England forward, announced his retirement on Thursday.

Kelly failed to sign England's guard, Joel Moore, on loan this week. 'We don't even have £10,' he explained. 'How can we sign any players?'

Then guard Roy Lewis chipped a bone in his foot.

Kelly was forced to bring in 17-year-old Pete Hesselgrade to make his senior debut in yesterday's first-round game against Scottish champions Murray International Edinburgh.

In the circumstances, Solent did well to lose only 67-54.

'If we could have scored any points, we would have worried them,' said Kelly.

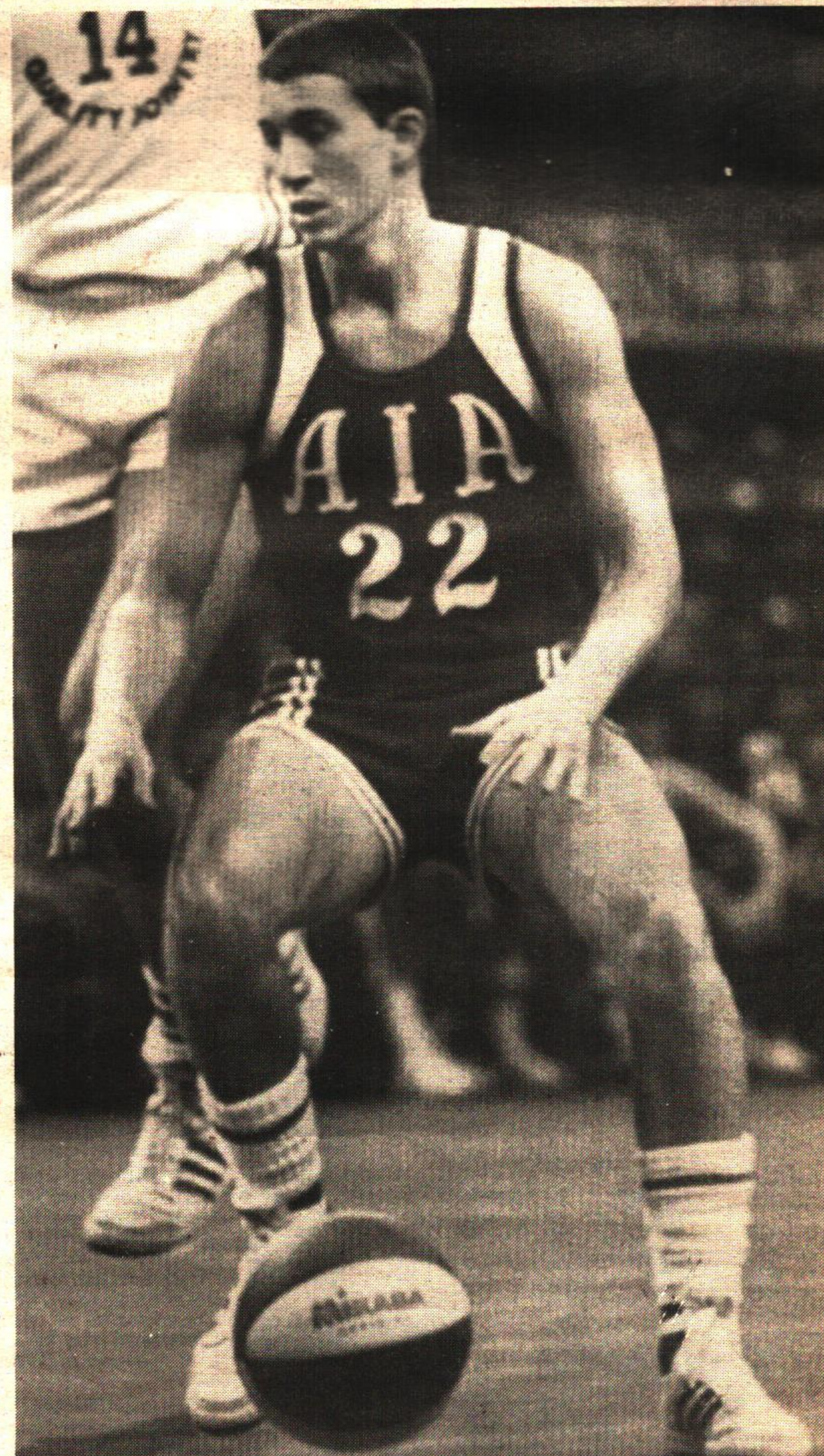
In the absence of their usual bombers, Solent sunk only 36 per cent of their shots from the field.

T J. Robinson, the six-foot ten-inch American forward, was the Star's one bright spark, hitting 11 of 21 of his shots for 22 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out.

Murray big men Sam Foggin (18 points, 16 rebounds) and Ralton Way (15 points, 13 rebounds) led the Scottish champions' scoring.

Manchester Giants became the first English club to reach the last eight of the men's tournament by beating Swedish champions Solna Stockholm 79-76. They will play the American evangelists Athletes In Action (AIA) this morning.

Manchester's nine-point half-time lead was just enough to see them through despite Jonte Karlsson's second-half long-range bombardment. Craig Robinson led their scoring with 18 points.



STEVE BONTRAGE . . . The former AIA player is now the player-coach at Kingston Kings

DIVISION I

- 1 Chelsea v Man United
- 2 Coventry v West Ham
- 3 Ipswich v Everton
- 4 Liverpool v Luton
- 5 Newcastle v Arsenal
- 6 Nottm For v A Villa
- 7 Southampton v Sheff Wed
- 8 Stoke City v QPR
- 9 Tottenham v Sunderland
- 10 Watford v Leicester
- 11 West Brom v Norwich

DIVISION II

- 12 Barnsley v Notts Co
- 13 Birmingham v Fulham
- 14 Blackburn v Huddersfield
- 15 Brighton v Wimbledon
- 16 Charlton v Grimsby
- 17 Leeds v Cardiff
- 18 Man City v Wolves
- 19 Middlesbrough v Oldham
- 20 Oxford v C Palace
- 21 Sheff Utd v Portsmouth
- 22 Shrewsbury v Carlisle

POOLS CHECK

DIVISION III

- 23 Bradford C v Bolton
- 24 Brentford v Reading
- 25 Bristol C v Burnley
- 26 Cambridge v Rotherham
- 27 Gillingham v Bristol R
- 28 Millwall v Bournemouth
- 29 Newport v Plymouth
- 30 Orient v Doncaster
- 31 Swansea v Derby
- 32 Walsall v Lincoln
- 33 Wigan v Preston
- 34 York v Hull

DIVISION IV

- 35 Aldershot v Wrexham
- 36 Blackpool v Hartlepool
- 37 Bury v Tranmere (3.15)
- 38 Chester v Swindon
- 39 Chesterfield v Peterboro
- 40 Darlington v Crewe
- 41 Exeter v Hereford
- 42 Halifax v Stockport (P)

- 43 Northampton v Torquay
- 44 Scunthorpe v Rochdale
- 45 Southend v Mansfield

SCOTTISH PREMIER

- 46 Celtic v Dundee Utd
- 47 Dumbarton v Rangers
- 48 Dundee v Hibs
- 49 Hearts v Morton
- 50 St Mirren v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH DIV I

- 51 Airdrie v Meadowbank
- 52 Brechin v Clyde
- 53 Falkirk v East Fife
- 54 Hamilton v Ayr
- 55 Kilmarnock v Motherwell
- Partick v Forfar
- St Johnstone v Clydebank

SCOTTISH DIV II

- Albion v Queens Park
- Alloa v E Stirling
- Arbroath v Raith
- Berwick v Stranraer
- Cowdnb'th v Stenhousemuir
- Montrose v Queen o'Sth
- Stirling v Dunfermline