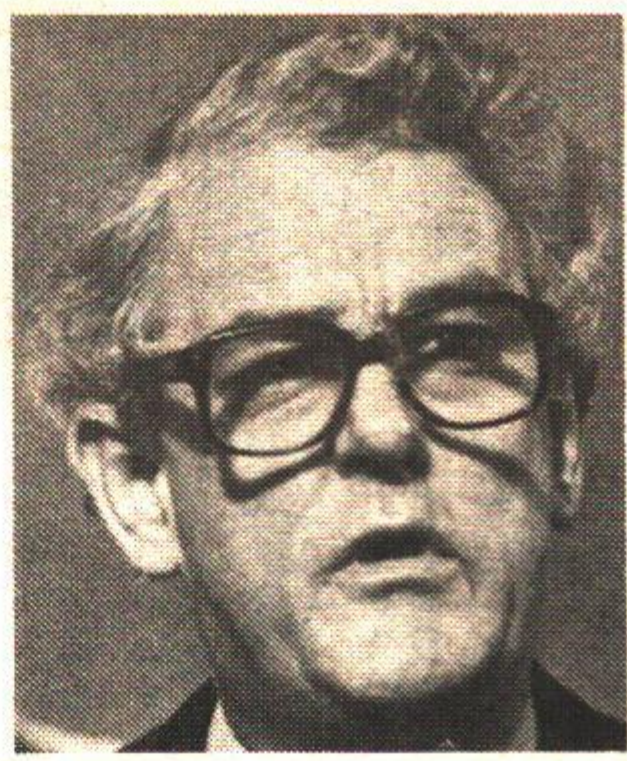


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Major oil price decision ahead TORIES DITCH STERLING

BY PAUL FELDMAN

A DECISION expected by the Tory government in the next few days could spark off an international oil price war.

The state-owned British North Sea Oil Corporation is under market pressure to cut the price for the first quarter of 1985.

This is because the market price for oil is \$2 less than what BNOC buys it at from the producers.

But the crisis-ridden OPEC warned this week that any official cut by Britain, or the abandonment of contract pricing altogether, will produce turmoil.

Sheik Yamani of Saudi Arabia predicted 'world chaos' and a threat to British and US banks if market forces took over.

Yamani has said that Britain would lose a price war because of the high production costs in the North Sea compared with oil pumped up from the desert.

A collapse of prices would destroy the main revenue of the Tory government and lead to a banking crisis because of the massive loans tied up in the North Sea.

Conflict

OPEC is riven by internal conflict, whose source is the glut of oil worldwide produced by the international capitalist slump.

Early this winter it slashed production to keep prices up, but this move failed.

An emergency meeting in Geneva last weekend ended with the effective collapse of OPEC as a price and production cartel.



YAMANI . . . warning of chaos

It decided to maintain present prices and production levels, and to set up an unworkable monitoring system to check against abuses.

Monday's 'Financial Times' noted: 'The inconclusive meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has presented the world with a dramatic possibility: OPEC could lose its control over world oil prices.'

The breakdown of OPEC — Algeria and Nigeria have already repudiated the tenuous agreement made in Geneva — immediately damaged the pound further on the foreign exchanges.

On Monday night it closed at yet another all-time low — \$1.1590 — as dealers took account of

the consequences of an oil price war.

The pound has clearly been abandoned by the Tory government, in a bid to boost the dollar-value of oil sales despite the inflation that will follow from almost daily devaluation of sterling.

The prediction by currency fund manager Charles Ranald that the \$1 pound is due on or about April 1, 1985 looks a little optimistic.

He did tell the 'Observer' however: 'If that seems a little whimsical, I will happily settle for an even earlier date.'

Competitor

Algeria and Nigeria, direct competitors with Britain in the oil market, have refused to have anything to do with a complex pricing arrangement dictated by Saudi Arabia.

Tension was clearly evident when OPEC broke up, with Yamani telling reporters:

'If there is a price war there will be world chaos in the market. We will not create a stable lower price of oil. We will go up and down and hit whatever ceiling we like.'

In a message to Britain and Norway, the two

North Sea producers, to maintain current prices, Yamani said:

'It is time for them to look at their level of production and protect their long-term interests, as well as their short-term interests.'

He warned Britain and the United States that a price war would hit non-OPEC countries like Mexico, which are major debtors to the international banks.

A slump in revenue would lead to Mexico being unable to meet debt repayments and undermine the banking system.

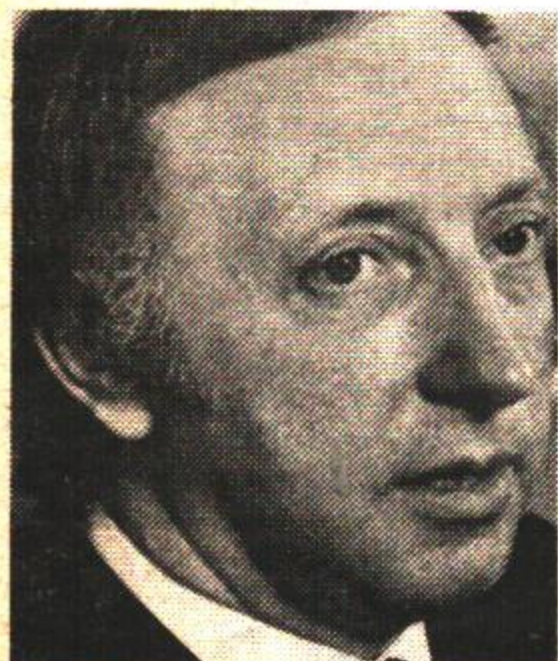
Yamani said that if Britain abandoned contract pricing, it would force Algeria and Nigeria to slash prices of similar crude.

Libya, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates 'would also find it hard to live with it'.

Nigeria's Prof Tam David-West said that the complex pricing formula had diminished OPEC's credibility. 'This is not a compromise, it compromises OPEC.'

The Nigerians have already broken ranks by following Britain in the official price cut made by BNOC in October.

Scargill confident



SCARGILL . . . victory prediction

NUM president Arthur Scargill said yesterday that he was more confident than ever that the miners would win the fight against pit closures.

Standing with his wife Anne on the picket line at Thorpe Marsh power station near Doncaster, Scargill said: 'We are out on the picket lines on January 1 1985 with the same determination and the same fervour that we showed in March 1984.'

'The only difference is that we are more con-

vinced and confident of winning now than we were then.'

Scargill repeated his New Year message to the 144,000 miners on strike, urging them to 'stand firm and we will win'.

South Wales NUM research officer Kim Howells scoffed at suggestions by a leader of scabs in the area that more men would break the strike when most pits are due to reopen today.

Welsh miners remained loyal to the union and

were determined to stay out, he said. Howells described the Coal Board's latest anti-strike propaganda as 'a complete waste of money'.

The Coal Board took out full-page advertisements in many national newspapers on Monday with the bogus offer of tax-free earnings for the first three months if men return to work. But strikers were quick to point out that they would not be liable to tax during this period in any case.

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DID FBI MURDER HILDA MURRELL?

THE American FBI was involved in the case of a woman killed, MP Tam Dalyell claims, by British intelligence trying to find information about the General Belgrano affair.

Miss Hilda Murrell, a 78-year-old anti-nuclear campaigner, was found dead last March, and an inquest last month brought in a

verdict of unlawful killing.

Dalyell maintains that she stumbled on a search of her home for documents concerning the sinking by the Tories of the Belgrano with the loss of 368 lives in 1982.

Murrell's nephew, Rob Green, sent the signal to sink the Argentine cruiser as she headed for her home port.

Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow, said yesterday that he had tabled a Commons question to Home Secretary Leon Brittan asking why

the FBI was called in.

He told News Line: 'I do think it's odd that if, as the police say, it was simply an old woman being murdered by some stray burglar, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States is brought in.'

'I absolutely know this happened because it came to me in a letter. I thought the writer had confused Special Branch with FBI. But it was confirmed to me that the FBI had indeed been involved.'

Giles Shaw (Home Office minister) makes the bland assertion that

British intelligence were not involved. He also admits that the Special Branch was.

'Then why say at the inquest that the Special Branch wasn't.'

'The facts don't tally and this is the story of the Belgrano as a whole. It doesn't add up.'

Dalyell added: 'What we have instead of the truth is a state cover-up.'

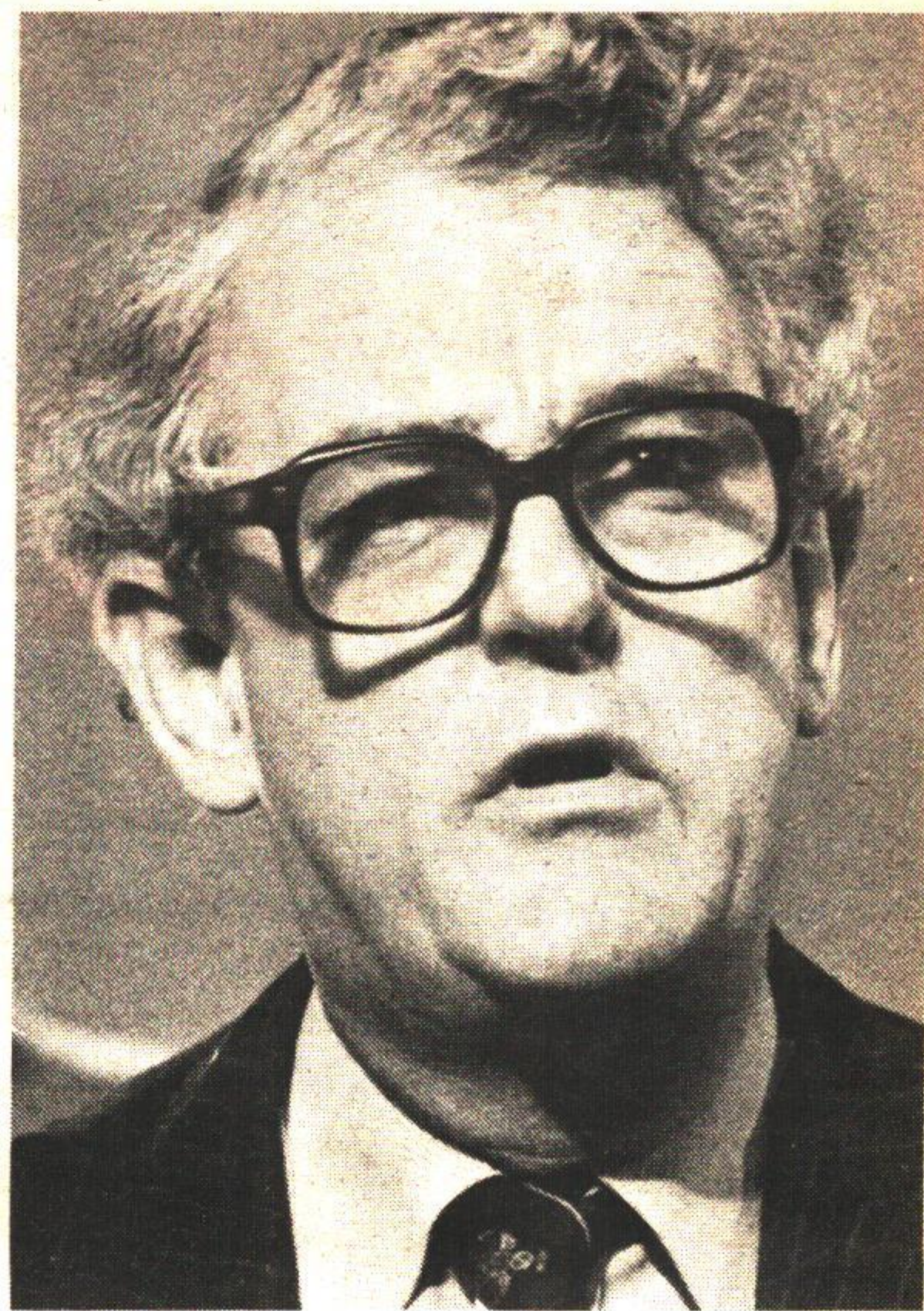
He thought it 'extraordinary' that detectives investigating Murrell's death had been suspended for playing golf.

Speaker of Prime Minister Thatcher's role,

Dalyell said: 'I don't think that mendacious people should be in the great offices of state. She's a proven liar and ought not to be in Downing Street.'

'There is a complete analogy between the Belgrano and the provoking of the miners' strike with the appointment of Ian MacGregor. It is the enemy without and the enemy within.'

'This is how she operates. Not only does she who sank the Belgrano have a finger on the nuclear trigger, but it is also she who engineered the miners' situation.'



TAM DALYELL . . . it's a state cover-up

Outrage over PTA arrests

TWO MPs have demanded an inquiry into the case of two drunken Irishmen arrested last week under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The men were detained on Christmas Eve as they tried to slip aboard a Dublin bound ferry. They were held in a Liverpool police station.

Home Secretary, Leon Brittan signed an order extending their detention and they were eventually brought to court a week later.

James McCormack from Dublin and Henry Bishop from Liverpool, admitted failing to furnish information to an examining officer under the terms of the Act.

Stephen Ralph, defending the men told the court how McCormack had travelled to England for Christmas shopping. He then went drinking with Bishop and 'because they were drunk and behaved stupidly they found themselves arrested under the Act and spent Christmas in custody.'

Powers

Now Labour's Martin Flannery and Harriet Harman have demanded to know why the Act was used against the men.

Harman said: 'I want to know why this Act, with its exceptional powers, was used against two men who the police acknowledge have no connection with terrorism.'

She said she was asking the Home Secretary and the Attorney General for an inquiry.

Flannery, chairman of Labour's Northern Ireland Committee added his voice to the demand for an inquiry into what he described as 'this deplorable affair'.

He said: 'This was a disgraceful incident and a persecution of people with Irish names and Irish accents.'

He called for a full inquiry into the working of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

'No hiding place' says Heffer



ERIC HEFFER . . . Labour must back miners

LABOUR'S former chairman Eric Heffer warned the labour movement yesterday against hiding itself away in the face of the political enemy.

In a New Year statement implicitly criticising party leader Neil Kinnock, Heffer said Labour must not shrink from giving all-out support to the miners.

Kinnock is due to launch another attack on

the miners in this week's 'Labour Weekly', claiming picket-line violence is responsible for a decline in the party's support.

Heffer, a member of the party's national executive, accused the Thatcher government of 'increasing political savagery' against the trade union and labour movement.

'Labour must fight back decisively and courageously. Trying to hide away in the face of the political enemy only makes them bolder,' he said.

'That is why we must not shrink from giving all-out support to the miners who are fighting for

the entire trade union and labour movement.'

He quoted the words of Nye Bevan: 'Parliamentary institutions have not been destroyed because the left was too vigorous — they have been destroyed because the left was too inert.'

Heffer went on: 'In 1985 the trade union and labour movement must step up its fight against the government. It is essential that we recognise that whatever we do to create a nice image our political enemies will not be satisfied.'

'That is why the movement should reaffirm its socialist ideals and concepts and go out to expose the Tories and their shadows, the SDP-Liberal alliance, believing that what is required is both parliamentary and peaceful extra-parliamentary action involving the entire movement.'

Bologna bombing cover-up

BOLOGNA — Two officers of the Military Intelligence Service (Sismi) tried to confuse an investigation into the 1980 terrorist bombing of Bologna railway station that killed 85 people by blaming foreign groups, a court official said last night.

Bologna state prosecutor Guido Marino said General Pietro Musmeci, the head of Sismi, and his subordinate, Colonel Giuseppe Belmonte, falsely implicated French, West German and Spanish groups in the atrocity.

The two men will stand trial, probably in March, on charges of illegally possessing explosives and trying to divert a judicial inquiry. Details of the charges were made public on Tuesday.

The two officers sought 'to subvert Italian democratic institutions and ensure the impunity of those who placed the bomb', the indictment says.

Marino said Musmeci sent investigating magistrates a report in 1981 that attempted to implicate the French right-wing group FANE, the West German Hofmann and Basque separatist group ETA in the Bologna station bombing.

Teachers 'working 50 hours a week'

TEACHERS work an average of at least 50 hours a week, according to evidence being compiled by the National Union of Teachers.

The union claims it has details of one woman teacher who works an extra 50 hours a week on top of school hours.

Another teacher said: 'My wife is on the teaching staff at the same school. We don't see each other for days and nights on end and only meet in the playground.'

The union asked members to keep a diary of hours they put into teaching during November. They were urged to log not only classes but staff meetings, parents' night, preparation and work done at home.

Diaries are now arriving at union headquarters at the rate of 100 a day. The claim of a 50-hour week is based on a preliminary examination.

It compares with a study made 10 years ago by the National Foundation for Educational Research which showed that the average working week of a secondary teacher was 40-41 hours and for a junior school teacher 39-40 hours.

Doug McAvoy, NUT deputy general secretary, said: 'The evidence demonstrates a massive professional commitment

by Britain's teachers.'

The teacher who claims to put in an extra 50 hours a week works in Leeds.

Duties

A junior school teacher in Bradford claimed an extra 40 hours a week unpaid duties, while a nursery teacher in New castle calculated she put

in 30 hours above her normal working week.

The Northumberland teacher who said he rarely saw his wife estimated he worked an extra 40 hours a week.

A woman teacher in Manchester returned a blank diary with the comment: 'It would be easier to document the hours not spent doing something for the school — is there life after school?'

Cleaners' wages cut

DOMESTIC cleaners employed by millionaire David Evans are to have their pay cut in the New Year.

The cut will affect many of the 22,000 cleaners employed by subsidiary companies to Evans' Brengreen Holdings.

Hourly rates will be cut from £1.60 an hour to £1.52 an hour, and the cut will be backdated to the beginning of December.

Evans told reporters that the wage cut was necessary to make his company 'more competi-

tive'. The company made £1.5 million in profits last year from a turn-over of £40 million.

The cut caused a walk-out by 60 cleaners working for the Exclusive cleaning company at the Camberley army base in Surrey.

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Rajiv takes 14 portfolios

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's 'new-look' Cabinet has been berated as an 'improvisation' by a leading establishment newspaper, 'The Hindu'.

It hit out at Gandhi's iron monopoly over 14 ministries: Prime Minis-

ter, External Affairs, Science and Technology, Atomic Energy, Culture, Electronics, Ocean Development, Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Space, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Youth Affairs and Sport.

The paper's influential political commentator G.K. Reddy, said in a front-page article: 'The whole exercise smacked of improvisation in a hurry to complete the

Cabinet formation on New Year's eve, leaving many wide gaps in both the allocation of portfolios and the choice of his colleagues.'

It was a blistering attack on Gandhi's blatant drive to dominate both the party and state machine and the stacking of the ministries with loyalists.

Gandhi dropped six ministers and ten ministers of state in his

new, 39-member Council of Ministers with an inner Cabinet of 14, sworn in by President Zail Singh on New Year's Eve.

The widely-supported Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister since 1981, was among the first to be sacked. He was replaced by Vishwanath Pratap Singh, 53, a political unknown.

Singh quit as Commerce Minister four months ago to reorganise

the Congress (I) Party for Mrs Gandhi in the key northern state of Uttar Pradesh, where the former Prime Minister held her seat and her son now holds his.

The only two prominent Congress (I) leaders to retain their portfolios were S.B. Chavan (Home Affairs) and P.V. Narasimha Rao (Defence and Planning).

The massive polarisation that gave Gandhi his

landslide and led to the trouncing of the Stalinist Communist parties across the sub-continent has also given birth to a new opposition.

Andhra Pradesh state Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao's Telegu Desam (Telegu Nation) party, founded less than three years ago, has emerged as the country's main opposition.

Telegu Desam won 28 of

42 seats in Andhra Pradesh State to replace the Stalinists as the biggest opposition group in the Lok Sabha (Lower House).

Andhra Pradesh state delivered Mrs Gandhi her worst political crisis last August before her assassination in October after her son bungled an operation to bribe Rao's deputy, Bhaskara Rao, to topple the Chief Minister.

1954 Cabinet papers

The lobby: ignorant but happy

A GLIMPSE of the Churchill government's propaganda machine, and how it manipulated the parliamentary Lobby journalists, is given in Cabinet papers for 1954 released yesterday.

They reveal the mutual satisfaction of the Tory government and the Lobby journalists with the exception of a small minority of 'dissidents', headed by 'Daily Express' correspondents Derek Marks and Robert Carvel.

A comparison of the Cabinet minutes with what appeared in the newspapers reveals that the political correspondents entirely missed a number of key developments, like the decision to build the H-bomb and the monumental row between Churchill and Lord Salisbury over the former's plan to visit Moscow.

This does not appear to have affected the cosy relationship described by T. Fife Clark, the Prime Minister's spokesman, in a memorandum to Churchill.

'The goodwill of the Lobby journalists is well worth keeping,' Fife Clark maintained. Commonwealth Secretary Lord Swinton had acted for 2½ years as 'Lobby Minister' and relations with the Lobby had steadily improved.

'Not only has the flow of news swelled but the prestige of the Lobby itself, which slumped following the Dr Dalton 'leak' and the report of the Committee of Privileges criticising two other evening newspaper correspondents, has been enhanced.

'Three years ago ministers were not sure that they could "trust the Lobby"; now they know they can; and it is well recognised that Lord Swinton, spreading his enthusiasm and his faith, has much contributed to the change.

BY JOHN SPENCER

'For all these things the Lobby is very grateful to him, just as they have become very fond of him personally.

'Their gratitude has been expressed not once but many times in the secrecy of the Lobby room and although this confidential relationship is usually kept out of the newspapers, there have also been references in print.'

Issues

As for Marks and Carvel, 'it is fair to say that this group is dissident on most issues and it would not be easy for any minister to provide them, week in week out, storm or calm, with all the news they think they ought to have.'

Swinton's own cynicism about the Lobby is neatly summed up in a note to Churchill explaining the arrangements under which ministers could hold special briefings apart from the normal weekly meetings with the press.

'As you know,' Swinton wrote, 'ministers attend at the invitation of the Lobby; and the Lobby like this little bit of prerogative.

'But I can always arrange for the Lobby to invite a minister when that is desirable.'



Pickets at the BRS depot in Liverpool yesterday

BRS dispute deadlocked

THE DEADLOCK in the dispute between T&GWU road hauliers and their BRS employers at Liverpool's Great Howarth Street depot continues.

There were talks on site between the union and employers on Monday morning to no avail.

Henry Bradley, union negotiator, told News Line: 'No formula for a settlement or further negotiations has emerged. Management's insistence on their position (enforced and arbitrary redundancy)

means an escalation of the dispute.

'We regret the inconvenience cause to our customers but we have failed to find a formula.'

Conditions

The men claim working conditions have deteriorated as the depot has been run down.

They say that assistance with repairs offered by the council has been turned down indicating a definite decision to move out.

As one picket put it:

'They want to work out of here as a clearing house without commitment to rolling stock or manpower. 'This is unfair to general hauliers.'

Plans are to close Great Howarth Street and move to Bankhall under the management of Fleetcare (which is British Rail under different conditions).

At a later meeting of the union side, it was decided to extend the strike. Other BRS depots are being contacted and flying pickets have started operating.

Union peers under fire

PEERAGES awarded to Len Murray and Frank Chapple were attacked by other trade union leaders yesterday.

Bill Keys described the award to the former electricians leader as a 'reward' from Thatcher.

Keys, General Secretary of the print union SOGAT, said:

'Frank Chapple worked hard for it, he was unopposed of the trade union movement and his whole attitude was one which was encouraging to the Tories.'

He added: 'It came as no surprise to me to hear that he was rewarded by

Thatcher with a peerage, I do not expect to see him sit on the Labour Party benches in the Lords, I believe he will sit on the cross benches.'

Fitting

Sheffield Euro-MP Bob Cryer, described the life peerages as a fitting reward for services to the Tory government and a confirmation of the criticisms made of both during most of their careers.

He went on: 'It is time that members of the

trade union movement stopped bolstering up the anti-democratic and antidiluvian House of Lords.'

Labour MP, Bob Clay said: 'There could not be a clearer demonstration of those who do their utmost to sell the movement down the river getting their reward from the establishment.'

But Terry Duffy of the AUEW welcomed the awards saying the two men had earned the right to sit in the Lords.

He said: 'I have never been opposed to the Lords, my two predecessors were there, it is a powerful body and the trade union movement should be represented.'

Record business failures

LAST year was the worst on record for business failures with thousands of firms going broke, it emerged yesterday.

The total number of company liquidations in England and Wales was 13,647, an increase of nearly ten per cent on 1983.

The number of firms and individuals made bankrupt rose by almost 20 per cent to nearly 8,000, says the report by the business information company Dun and Bradstreet.

The worst hit industries were retailing, the motor trade, the building trade, engineering and textiles, with London, the south-east, the north-west and the north-east accounting for more than 70 per cent of total liquidations.

● The construction industry faces a 'bleak' year in 1985 according to Michael Millwood, President of the Building Employers' Confederation.

In his new year message he said last year's modest recovery in construction output was likely to be at least halved to two per cent

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Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Wintry showers in the east, dry with sunny periods in the west. Rather cold or cold, overnight frost.

Briefly ..**War games threat to nature**

PANAMA CITY — Panamanian conservationists have accused the government of endangering plant and wild life with proposed war games next month with US troops and have demanded their cancellation. The Panamanian Defence Force is preparing to launch Operation Minuteman II with 10,000 US troops and an unspecified number of Panamanian soldiers near the Azuero peninsula on the Pacific coast.

El Salvador's civil war toll

SAN SALVADOR — Auxilliary Archbishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez has revealed that 3,418 people died in El Salvador during 1984 as a result of the civil war. He says the toll, which he called incomplete, included civilians Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front fighters and government troops. The church legal aid office Tutela Legal says more than 50,000, mainly non-combatant people have been killed since civil war erupted six years ago.

Neo-nazis hit the Greens

BONN — The West Berlin branch of West Germany's radical Greens party had been infiltrated by neo-nazis and some had secured important posts, according to a party statement. 'Habitués of the neo-nazi scene have recently become members and office-holders,' Bonn party leaders said after a meeting earlier this week. They said the branch leadership had stripped the offenders of their authority, suspended their membership and sought their expulsion.

Zia plans party-less poll

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's military dictator General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq is proposing to announce party-less general elections by January 10 and hold them in mid-February. He has outlawed political parties in Pakistan since 1979 but wants some opposition politicians to run as individuals. A fraudulent referendum last December 19 on 'Islamic reforms' has assured him five more years in power.

ANC man injured

MBABANE — A member of the African National Congress (ANC), the main guerrilla group fighting white rule in South Africa, broke both legs after allegedly jumping from the fourth floor of a building last Sunday in an attempt to escape from Swazi police, according to a government statement. The unnamed man was one of 23 ANC members ordered to leave Swaziland. He is in a Mbabane hospital where he is handcuffed to his bed.

Nujoma for Pretoria talks

TUNIS — Sam Nujoma, leader of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) liberation movement has announced readiness for more talks with the South African government but only to discuss South Africa's withdrawal from Namibia and plans for holding free elections. Nujoma met senior officers of the apartheid regime at Cape Verde last May but the talks collapsed because of the presence of a US envoy.

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NAKASONE HIKE ARMS SPENDING

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TOKYO — The Japanese government has pushed up its Defence spending by 6.9 per cent, the highest in three years, in a national budget of economic austerities.

The budget will be presented to the Diet (parliament) before April 1. The increase is a victory for the Gambatsu (defence clique) over the Zaibatsu (finance clique) in the Japanese ruling hierarchy.

President Reagan has long been pushing the Yasuhiro Nakasone government to increase de-

fence expenditure and take a leading role in the Pacific and among the pro-imperialist Association of South-East Asian Nations.

Meeting

Nakasone has made the turn clearly in preparation for his meeting today with Reagan in Los Angeles, where arms and bilateral negotiations top the agenda.

The increase has pushed the defence cost for the financial year starting in April to 3,137 billion yen (\$12.5 billion), equivalent to 0.9972 per

cent of the projected gross national product (GNP).

It fell barely short of the post-World War II Japanese constitution that limits Defence spending to 1 per cent of the GNP and was only 0.1 per cent less than the Defence chiefs had demanded.

Finance Ministry officials had warned that if a 5.1 per cent rise in Defence expenditure were exceeded, then wage rises in that field during

the year could push the overall allocation above the GNP limit of 1 per cent.

Total expenditure has been set at 52,499 billion yen (\$210 billion) — an increase of 3.7 per cent on the financial year 1984-85.

Increase

The only other large increase permitted was for official Development Aid to the semi-colonial countries. This was raised 10 per cent to 580.9 billion yen (\$2.32 billion).

Welfare was permitted a rise of only 2.77 per cent, to 9,573.6 billion yen

(\$38 billion). Public works spending was cut back by 2.3 per cent to 6,368.9 billion yen (\$25 billion).

Reflecting the growing burden of government debt was the outlay of 10,224 billion yen (\$41 billion) for payment of dividends to holders of government bonds and other related costs — the largest single item in the budget.

Bond issues in fiscal 1985-86 will amount to 20,640 billion yen (\$82 billion). About 22.2 per cent of revenue will be met by new bond issues, representing a huge borrowing programme by Nakasone.

Gaddafi exposes Tory hostility

CHURCH of England envoy Terry Waite was shocked by Interpol documentary proof of British government collaboration with forces hostile to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (People's Congress), according to a Libyan radio report.

Waite 'regretted' the 'mistake' and assured Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi it was 'inevitable that it should be corrected'.

He pledged to intercede on behalf of the Jamahiriya to ensure that 'dignity and status' were restored to Libyan students imprisoned in Britain on trumped-up charges of terrorism.

Waite visited Tripoli for a week at Christmas as the envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, to plead for the release of four Britons imprisoned in Libya.

Gaddafi has assured Waite the Jamahiriya, expected to meet this week, will consider their release.

The Britons were imprisoned after Prime Minister Thatcher broke off diplomatic relations last June in the wake of the Home Office-



TERRY WAITE

engineered siege of the Libyan bureau at St James Square, London.

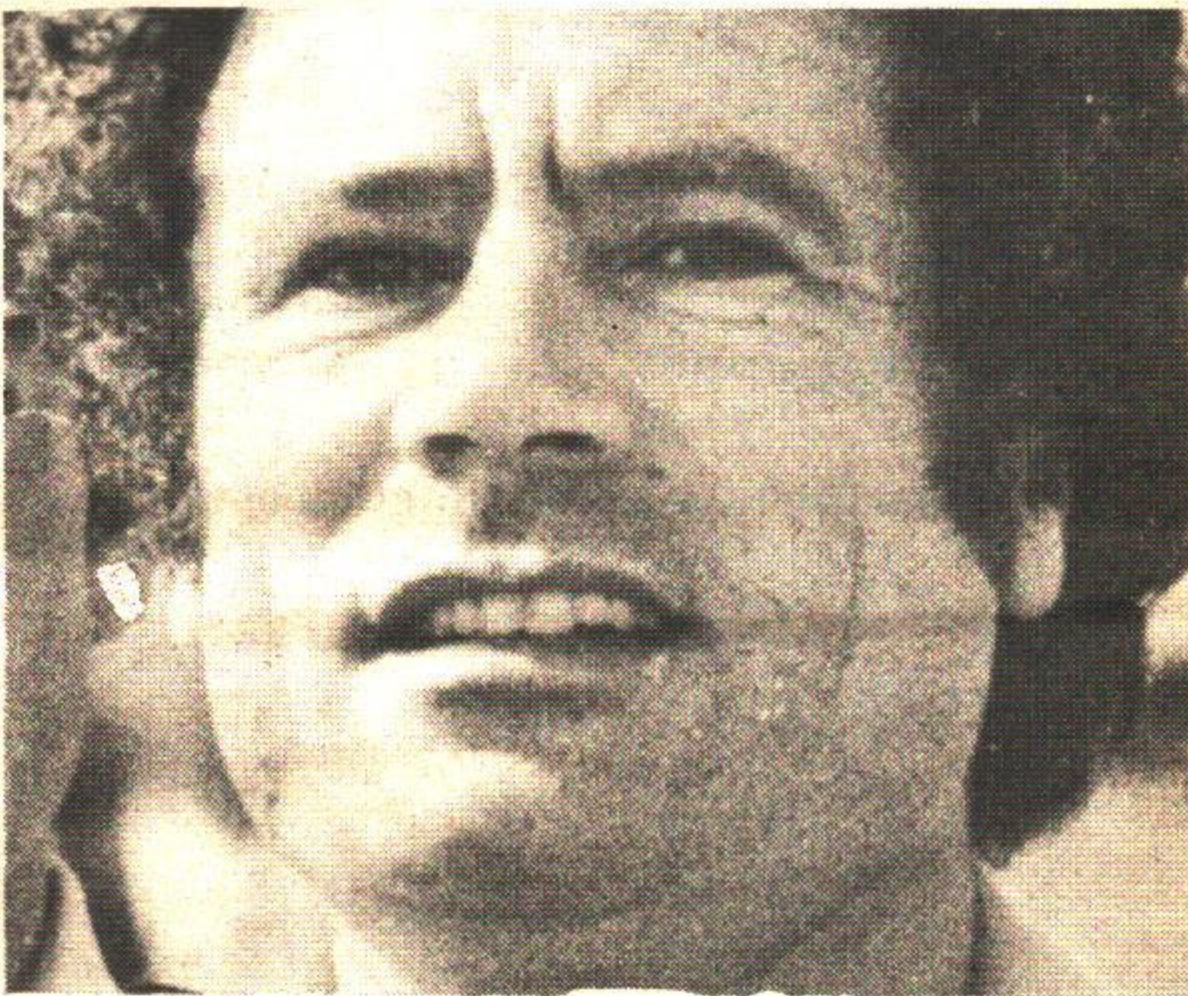
The Libyan broadcast of December 26, quoted Gaddafi as telling Waite that the British government had adopted a hostile attitude to the Jama-

hiriya and sheltered counter-revolutionaries who had fled Libya and were conspiring against the people's authority.

It said: 'The British government colluded with them in sabotage operations, assassinations and the destruction of the achievements of the Libyan Arab people.'

'During the meeting, the brother leader of the revolution acquainted Mr Terry Waite ... with documents issued by Interpol in connection with pursuing the fleeing stray dogs which Britain refused to hand over to Interpol according to international law, in violation of this quite clear legal right.'

'Mr Terry Waite ex-



MUAMMAR GADDAFI

pressed his shock after having seen these documents, and expressed his profound regret at the fact that the British government had not responded to the requirements of international law.

'He stressed the necessity that the British government should comply with this law and hand over those who were wanted to Interpol.'

'Mr Terry Waite also expressed the deep regret of the British church as a consequence of the bad treatment of Libyans in Britain, and said:

'This is a mistake and it is inevitable that it should be corrected; the church will do its utmost to convince the British

government to refrain from treating Libyans in such a way and should take into consideration their circumstances and academic status in a matter that preserves their dignity and status. I personally have experienced here in the Jamahiriya tolerance, amity and sincerity.'

Gaddafi told Waite Britons working in the Jamahiriya 'receive every appreciation and respect from the Libyan Arab people and enjoy all the facilities and good treatment that the latter provide for them'.

He reminded Waite that Libyan students had been jailed in Britain for political reasons and at the behest of US imperialism.

Pertini calls for justice

ROME — Italian President Sandro Pertini has called for those responsible for bomb attacks that have killed 140 people in Italy in the past 15 years to be brought to justice.

In his traditional New Year's Eve message to the Italian people, the 88-year-old president said no-one had yet been convicted of any of the five attacks, which began in 1969.

The latest bomb, which exploded on a crowded passenger train passing through a tunnel near Bologna ten days ago, killed 15 people and injured more than 100.

'The relatives of the

victims and the Italian people are not asking for revenge but they are asking for justice,' the President said.

'They must know that I am at their side. I share their sorrow,' added Pertini in the message recorded at his holiday home in the Dolomites and broadcast on state television and radio.

Victims

'They ask for justice and we must grant justice to these families of the victims of the horrific, hideous massacres that have been carried out. Carried out by the same group of criminals in my

opinion because these five massacres carry the same disgraceful mark.'

Responsibility for last week's bomb has been claimed by at least 23 anonymous callers purporting to represent 12 groups. Indiscriminate bombings have traditionally been a hallmark of neo-fascist extremists.

The Social Democratic President also appealed to the United States and Soviet Union to negotiate a nuclear arms accord.

'We anxiously await for the leaders of these two nations to sit down around a table for discussions,' he said.

Nazi SS major stays in jail

ROME — Survivors and relatives of victims of one of Italy's bloodiest wartime massacres have voted overwhelmingly against the release from prison of the former Nazi SS major who ordered it.

The people of the northern Italian town of Marzabotto voted in a referendum against the release of Austrian-born Walter Reder, 69, the last Nazi war criminal behind bars in Italy.

Reder had signed a statement renouncing his wartime crimes to obtain

freedom six months ahead of his scheduled July release.

The almost unanimous vote (there was only one dissenter among the 238 people who voted) by a show of hands is not legally binding but serves as advice for the Italian Cabinet.

The Bettino Craxi government had postponed discussing Reder's release pending the vote last Sunday. The people voted against the criminal's release in 1967 and 1980.

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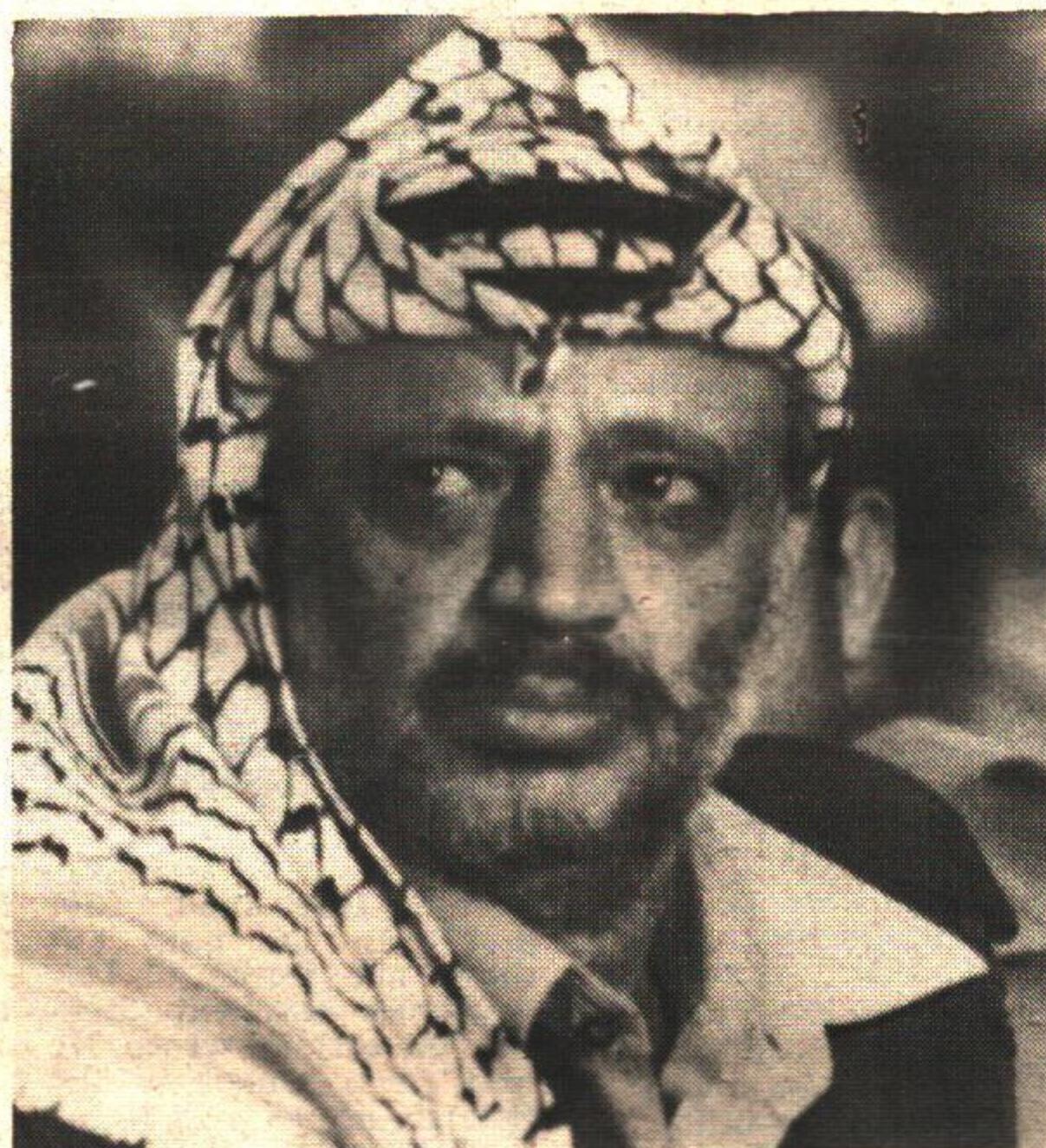
LIMA — Peruvian police have arrested a former university professor and Maoist guerrilla commander, blamed for leading 46 attacks around Puno, a southern lakeside city.

Eight members of Javier Orihuela Paredes' cell of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas were also captured during a nationwide swoop in which police rounded up 2,000 people last weekend.

The swoop, the latest in a series of mass arrests, failed to prevent attacks on four towns last weekend.

The Sendero began their guerrilla campaign four years ago.

A telephone exchange and a university agricultural institute in Huaral, 60 miles north of Lima, were bombed this week. No casualty was reported.

ARAFAT PLEDGES
ARMED STRUGGLE

ARAFAT

AMMAN — Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday vowed to step up the armed struggle against Israel to seek an independent homeland for the Palestinian people.

Speaking on the 20th anniversary of the PLO's first guerrilla attack on the Zionist state, Arafat denounced the policies of the United States and Israel in the Middle East.

He said: 'Armed struggle which restored the Palestinian people's identity... has been and will remain the fundamental method and choice and it will be escalated.'

'I recommend to the revolutionary generation the path of Jihad (struggle) towards Palestine and Jerusalem. The target of the gun is to liberate the land... there is no life for a nation which loses the military option,' he said.

Of American imperialism, he said: 'The United States' so-called Middle East peace initiatives are essentially aimed at consolidating the outcome of (Israeli) aggression.'

Arafat said Palestinian dialogue with Jordan would 'continue with a positive spirit and open heart for joint, co-ordinated moves to confront serious challenges inside and outside the occupied territory'.

The statement coincided with a diplomatic offensive he and Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi have launched, with the backing of the Saudi Arabian

government, following the successful Amman meeting last November of the Palestine National Council.

The Fez, Morocco, summit of September 1982 decided to hold the next summit in November, 1983 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia but anti-Arafat forces, led mainly by the Syrian regime of Hafez al-Assad, have so far sabotaged it.

Honours

In Amman, a senior PLO official, Fahd al-Qawasmī, assassinated outside his Amman home last Saturday, was buried with full honours in a Jordanian cemetery on New Year's eve.

Many among the grieving thousands who gathered at the cemetery wall in an Amman suburb

shouted: 'Oh, Assad! Oh, coward!'

Among the chief mourners at Qawasmī's interment was King Hussein's representative Prince Raad, Jordanian Cabinet ministers and Palestinian leaders.

In a brief oration at the funeral, Arafat hit out at Assad: 'When the Zionists in the occupied territory failed to kill you, they deported you from Palestine.'

'The Zionists of the Arab world, represented by the rulers of Damascus, implemented the plot of executing martyr Qawasmī.'

The murdered PLO leader was at the centre of the struggle of West Bank Palestinians against Zionist occupation until his expulsion in 1980.

He was elected to the PNC last November in a move to increase the representation of the people who have borne the brunt of brutal repression by the Israeli forces.

Qawasmī was buried at the same cemetery as Issam Sartawi, another leading Palestinian leader shot dead in Portugal last year.

Cover

Abu Jihad, Arafat's military aide, slammed Damascus for using the name of Black September as a cover for the bloody work of Syrian intelligence.

The real Black September was created in 1970 by a section of the Fatah leadership in response to a crackdown on Palestinian guerrillas in Jordan but was dissolved ten years ago.

Peru credit crisis

LIMA — The shaky government of Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry is facing another crisis over interest arrears of more than \$200 million to 230 creditor banks, unpaid since last June.

With the economy worsening at a rapid rate and Peruvians resisting the regime's economic austerities and its police and military repression, key officials and Cabinet members have resigned to return to their former businesses.

Belaunde Terry who lost them in the run-up to Christmas has appointed

new ministers for the Economy and Justice and created a new Information (propaganda) department under the charge of a new minister.

Urgent

Former Deputy Economy Minister Guillermo Garrido Lecca succeeded Jose Benavides as Economy Minister with an urgent brief to negotiate with US creditors over the government's unrepayable arrears.

Alberto Muzzo was named Justice Minister and Arturo Arrarte has been appointed Informa-

tion Minister, the key propaganda post. Air Force Commander Cesar Enrico Praeli has been named Chief of the Armed Forces' Joint Command.

War Minister Julian Julia Freyre swore in General German Ruiz Figueroa as the new commander of Peru's army on New Year's eve. His appointment to the post previously held by General Francisco Maury Lopez is part of annual army post changes that take place in December.

The Belaunde Terry government faces re-election in April.

Troops stop 'funeral'

TEL AVIV — Israeli occupation troops in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron yesterday stopped Arabs holding a mock funeral for murdered Palestinian leader Fahd al-Qawasmī.

The government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres government rejected an appeal by Qawasmī's relatives to bury him in Hebron.

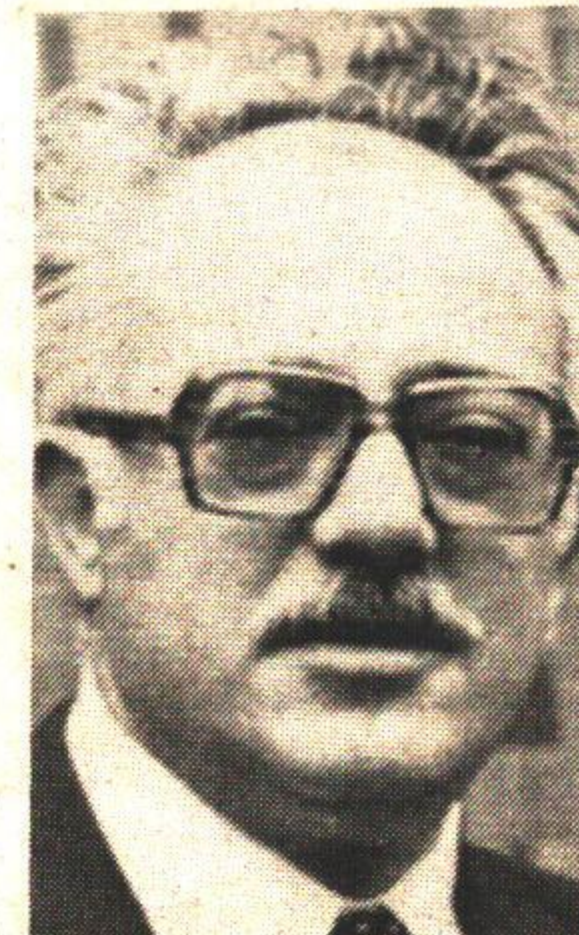
About 500 mourners, carrying a mock coffin, marched from a college outside Hebron but were stopped by troops who fired teargas canisters and rubber bullets at the mourners, who reacted by hurling stones.

The government has refused to reply to an letter of appeal by Qawasmī's relatives

Lieutenant Moshe Levy, the Israeli Chief of Staff, appeared before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee to advise the government to reject the appeal.

He warned the government of an outbreak of open rebellion in the occupied area if Qawasmī's body were returned.

About 200 West Bank Palestinians were allowed to cross the Allenby Bridge to Jordan to attend the funeral.



FADH AL-QAWASMI

Deng's dirty border war

THE Chinese government has renewed its border war against Vietnam to thwart Hanoi's dry-season offensive against counter-revolutionaries in Kampuchea.

Since last November, the Peking Stalinists have deployed at least eight infantry divisions at Sin Man and Dong Van, making up at least 28 divisions on the border at Ha Tuyen province.

The Chinese troops are backed up by aerial bombardment on several Vietnamese border villages.

Bombers

Vietnam's Commission for Investigation of Chinese Expansionists' War Crimes estimates that at least 650 fighter bombers are deployed at nearby Chinese airfields.

At least 40 villagers have been killed in two months of savage harassment. In the period up to December 24, Peking's troops carried out at least

40 incursions across the Sino-Vietnam border and fired 100,000 artillery, mortar and rocket rounds, according to the commission.

About 70 houses and hundreds of hectares of subsidiary crops, industrial fields, orchards and forests have been destroyed.

The raids are a calculated drive by the Deng Xiaoping leadership to

exacerbate Vietnam's food shortages and to cripple the economy.

Last year Vietnam experienced its worst natural calamities since the 1975 revolution. Tornados swept the country and raging floods inundated all three major rice-growing areas in the north, central and southern parts of the country, resulting in the loss of millions of dollars worth of rice produce.

It has left Hanoi with a series of problems ranging from lingering diseases and a serious setback to the national reconstruction programme.

Vietnamese troops have been fighting a war on two fronts as a result. Last month, Chinese troops fired 70,000 artillery, mortar and rocket rounds and made 20 raids on Ha Tuyen province, killing or wounding 21 villagers.

Mercenaries lose ground

AMPIL, Kampuchea — Fighting erupted anew on the north-western Kampuchean border near the Thai town of Aranyaprathet yesterday as counter-revolutionary forces tried to regain camps lost to Vietnamese forces.

Yesterday the largely US and Peking-backed counter-revolutionaries lost more ground after a seven-hour artillery barrage by Vietnamese forces.

The Vietnamese, who

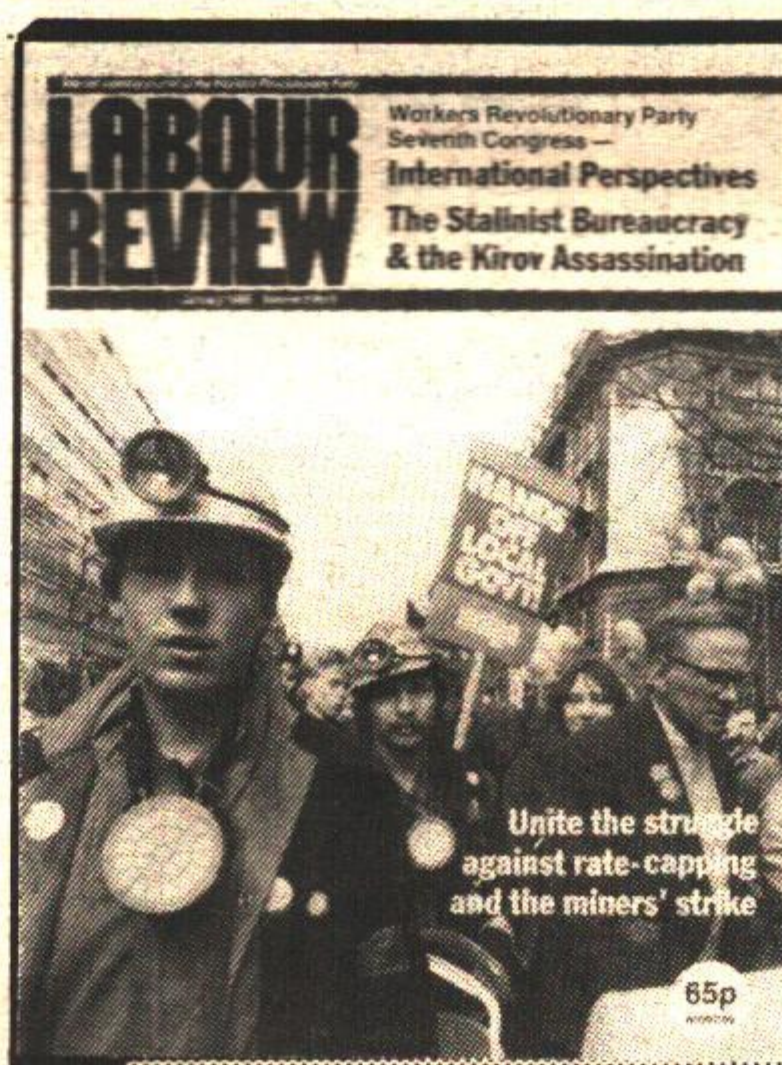
launched the offensive on December 25, have razed to the ground the main Khmer People's National Liberation Front camp at Rithisen, known in Thailand by its Thai name of Nong Samet.

Vietnamese have also swept through at least three other camps and cut off the mainly US-backed mercenaries' contact routes with the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge.

Detachments of counter-

revolutionaries of the Peking-backed Prince Norodom Sihanouk have been added to the forces of Son Sann, the US puppet but Vietnamese forces were holding their ground after a week's heavy shelling and bombardments backed by the Thai military.

The KPNLF casualty list climbed yesterday as desperate mercenary leaders threw untrained followers into battle with hasty orders.



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Government documents for 1954 released

U.S. nuclear war threat admitted

A SECRET Foreign Office memorandum in January 1954 warned of the increased danger of nuclear war following a hawkish speech by John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State in the Eisenhower administration.

Dulles said the 'likelihood of atomic warfare (by the United States or the Soviet Union) in the event of new armed conflict involving communist forces is increased'.

BY MAUREEN TURNBULL

Papers opened today in the Public Record Office reveal that publicly Prime Minister Winston Churchill referred in a speech on February 9 to the 'relaxation and diminution of tension which has occurred'.

But privately senior Foreign Office officials were warning that Dulles' threat to carry out a policy of 'massive retaliation' against Soviet influence internationally, made in a speech on January 12, made atomic warfare more likely.

The American government, the Foreign Office noted, were 'making available the protection of its strategic atomic bomber force for instant retaliation in the event of aggression'.

Departmental official, F. A. Warner commented: 'It is possible to read a number of sinister implications into what Mr Dulles has said.'

'For example it might be thought that there was more than a faint suggestion of "peripheral strategy" in the declared intention to build up a strategic reserve ("centrally placed") as the President had said in his State of the Union Message and in the emphasis laid on "massive retaliatory power" as distinct from "local defensive power".'

The Australian authorities had been particular-

ly worried by Dulles' aggressive speech and the Commonwealth Relations Office wrote asking for the Foreign Office opinion.

AG Maitland replied to the CRO that 'the very nature of retaliatory power at American disposal is such that any desire to retaliate becomes one of cataclysmic potentialities. This seems paradoxically likely to produce greater inflexibility instead of the hoped for flexibility.'

'Moreover it is not clear what is implied in the NATO context by the "striking power of a strategic air force based in internationally agreed positions".'

Speech

Maitland pointed out that 'in this connection the Soviet Union replying on January 19 to Mr Dulles' speech suggested that America's allies (especially Britain, whose vulnerability to air attack had been "freely demonstrated" in the last war) would do well to reflect on the possible consequences to themselves of American policy of strength.'

The Foreign Office note requested that the above points should not be included in a reply by the CRO to the Australian authorities.

Maitland also admitted that 'all of the same Dullesian exegesis is never at any time an easy task and there are a number of points in his recent speech which seem to be incapable of explanation only in the light of the need which Mr Dulles still feels to give his policy a "new look" and to expound it in a rather forceful manner.'

In sharp contrast to the recognition in the Foreign Office of the dangers in American foreign policy, officials were advising Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden to stress in a House of Commons Foreign Affairs debate in March that the threat of war had lessened.

In notes for a reply to be made by Eden to Opposition questions about the aggressive shift in American policy, T.W. Garvey wrote: 'The reality of the "New Look" amounts to little more than making the best use of the deterrent properties of modern weapons now coming into service and the avoidance of unnecessary dispersal of effort.'

Garvey advised Eden to say that 'fears that the United States government without consulting their allies would start a world war by atomic retaliation against localised aggression have now been largely dispelled.'



CHURCHILL

Beigin described as 'a viper'

FORMER Israeli premier Menachem Begin is described as 'a viper', who Britain should not take to her bosom in Cabinet documents for 1954 released yesterday.

The comment was made by a senior Foreign Office official after Britain was asked whether a visa would be granted to enable Begin to come to London.

The memorandum noted that Begin was the former leader of the Irgun Zionist terror group, which by its own admission was responsible for the worst terrorist outrages in Palestine during the last years of the British mandate.

At the time of his inquiry Begin was leader of Israel's extreme nationalist party, Herut.

The memorandum felt it was 'presumptuous' of Begin even to make the inquiry.

'I hope we shall firmly repel this viper from our



BEGIN

bosom. One should not dwell on the past but there are limits to forgiveness and expediency,' the official wrote. He had been based in the British embassy in Rome in 1946, when the Irgun blew it up.

The official reply was

that a visit to Britain by Begin would do nothing to improve Britain's relations with the then government of Israel.

Begin visited Britain some years later as Israel's Prime Minister — and was received at Downing Street.

The decision to build the H-bomb

THE RISK that the United States might plunge the world into war was one of the factors behind the Churchill Cabinet's decision in July 1954 that Britain should build the H-bomb.

All the arguments which swayed the British government to order the production of thermo-nuclear weapons are set out in the minutes of three Cabinet meetings, released at the Public Record Office yesterday.

Britain had already exploded an atomic bomb, but the Cabinet was told that for less than £10 million, British scientists could develop the hydrogen bomb which 'in terms of explosive power... would be more economical'.

Ministers were meeting soon after the Korean war and only weeks after the Viet Minh victory at Dien-bienphu in Indo-China.

Sir Winston Churchill said Britain could not maintain its influence as a world power without the most up-to-date nuclear weapons.

The Cabinet minute says: 'It was at least possible that the development of the hydrogen bomb would have the effect of reducing the risk of later war.'

'At present some people thought that the greatest risk was that the United States might plunge the world into war, either



The H-bomb

through a misjudged intervention in Asia or in order to forestall an attack by Russia.

'Our best chance of preventing this was to maintain our influence with the United States government, and they would certainly feel more respect for our views if we continued to play an effective part in building up the strength necessary to deter aggression than if we

left it entirely to them to match and counter Russia's strength in thermo-nuclear weapons.'

Some ministers asked for time to reflect before coming to a final decision.

When the Cabinet discussion resumed, it was argued that building the H-bomb would offend the conscience of substantial numbers of people, as evi-

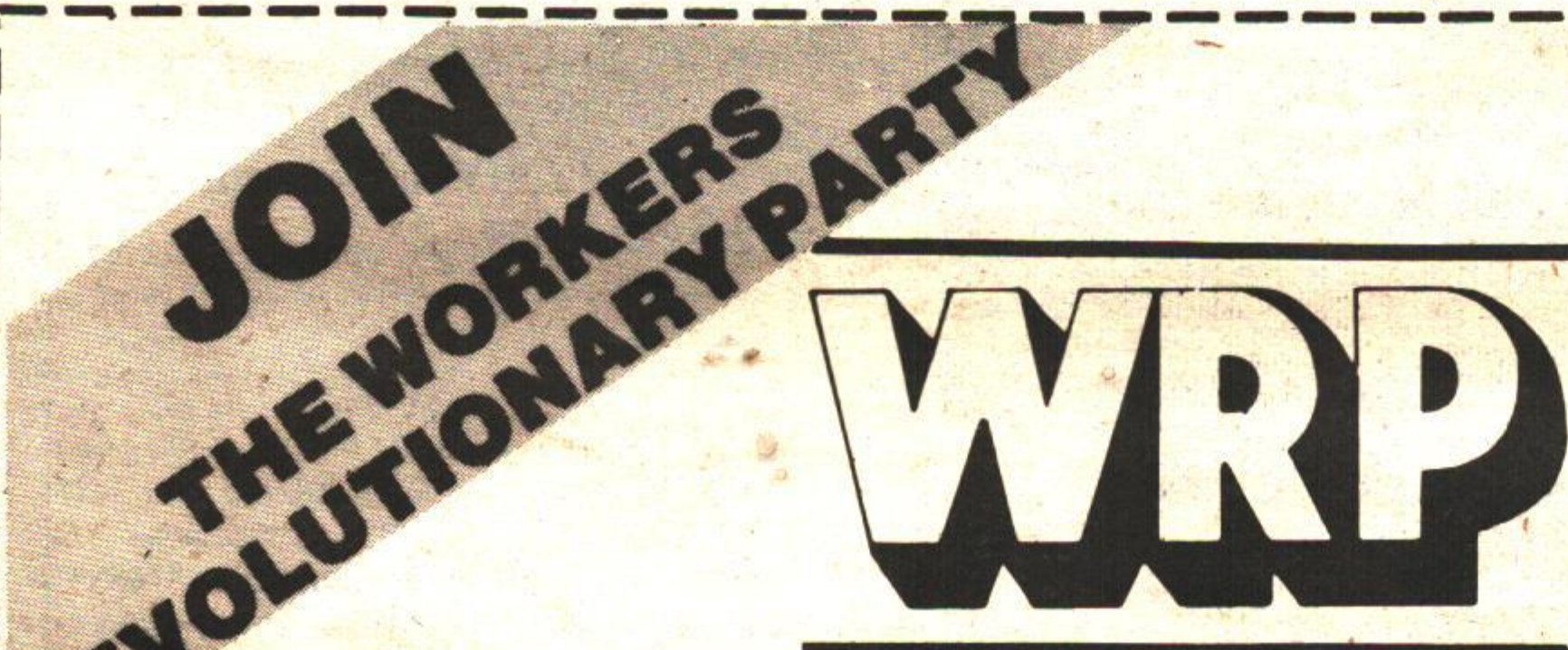
denced by resolutions at a recent Methodist conference in London.

'In reply, the point was again made that there was no difference in kind between atomic and thermo-nuclear weapons and that, in so far as any more principle was involved, it had already been breached by the decision of the Labour government to make the atomic bomb.'

THE Churchill Government supported the American proposal for a moratorium on Hydrogen Bomb experimental testing in April 1954 because it would give the Western Allies military and political advantage over the Soviet Union.

The papers of the top secret Cabinet Atomic Energy Committee opened today reveal that the Government was also expecting the United States to supply Britain with the wherewithal to make Hydrogen Bombs although the decision to make the British Bomb was not publicly announced until March 1955.

Lord Salisbury the Lord President of the Council said 'Mr Dulles had indicated that if such a moratorium was not to work to our disadvantage the United States might have to consider whether they could either supply us with Hydrogen Bombs or with such technical information as would enable us to make them without further experiments.'



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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

'Make 1985 the year of victory'

'THE New Year's resolution for all working people should be victory to the miners through solidarity strike action', Richard Hudson told News Line.

An honorary NUM branch committee member, and retired miner from Markham colliery in Derbyshire, Hudson speaks from experience when he says that financial aid is not enough.

'The miners need strike action. It doesn't matter which unions take action, but that action must be taken nonetheless. Their fight is the fight of every other union.'

'It must be said that the TUC's response to the miners' call for physical support has been shocking and disgusting.'

'We have just seen the New Year's honours list and it shows how Margaret Thatcher rewards people who support her policies by putting them in the House of Lords.'

'People like Frank Chapple of the electricians union and Len Murray were the very same people from whom the miners demanded support early in 1984.'

'It is now obvious that

1985 is either the year when Thatcher smashes the strongest individual union or it is the year when that full support that was lacking in 1984 is produced to ensure a miners' victory.'

'If Thatcher defeats the NUM it will be a defeat for the working class in general. And this is something which the British working class cannot allow to happen. It would be disastrous.'

'The first people to suffer will be those workers in the local councils who are to be ratecapped and cut by the amount of money she has already spent trying to defeat the miners.'

'Then it will be the turn of the workers in the power industry and transport. If pits shut down, their jobs will be on the line.'

'That is why the mining communities in this area — and I speak with a real understanding — are going to stand firm until this Tory attack on the trade unions is defeated.'



"I don't want commercials on the BBC — it would distract from our own advertising!"

Drunken scabs bid to provoke pickets

Hogmanay confrontation

SCABS at Killoch colliery in Ayrshire have attempted to provoke striking miners on picket duty into violence in front of the police.

Two scabs in particular, both extremely intoxicated, came out from colliery buildings and went to the pit gates where they shouted abuse and threats.

'They challenged pickets to fight,' an NUM strike committee official who was present at the time, told News Line yesterday.

The NUM official went on: 'They were roaring drunk, and were shouting "you are sacked" and trying to get a fight going. It was a ploy to get the pickets riled up.'

'I have no doubt in my mind they were sent out to try to provoke the pickets. But the boys on the picket line never took the bait. A senior police officer asked us if we wanted to make a complaint, but we didn't want to bring ourselves down to the same level as management.'

The incident happened

shortly after 1 p.m. on Friday. The two scabs had clearly been drinking for some time. Local radio was given full information on what took place, but nothing was broadcasted.

There are 162 scabs at Killoch, which has a workforce of 1,670, not counting surface clerks, etc. In a BBC news report late last week, it was claimed that 18 scabs had started back there on Thursday.

'But we have full details of every scab in Killoch and only 12 have started back in the last few weeks put together. These are facts,' the NUM strike committee official said.

The coal board therefore appear to be increasingly frustrated in their attempts to break the strike in Ayrshire. And there are reports that a number of the scabs are due to take redundancy from January 12.

NUM strike centres are

also accusing the coal board of using old age pensioners and schoolchildren in a bid to turn public opinion against the miners.

Scores of schools in Ayrshire have closed for weeks because of coal supply shortages and old people have also had difficulty.

The shortages of these supplies began after drivers were sent to collect coal from depots where it was well known it would inflame the situation. Until then, arrangements had been operating smoothly.

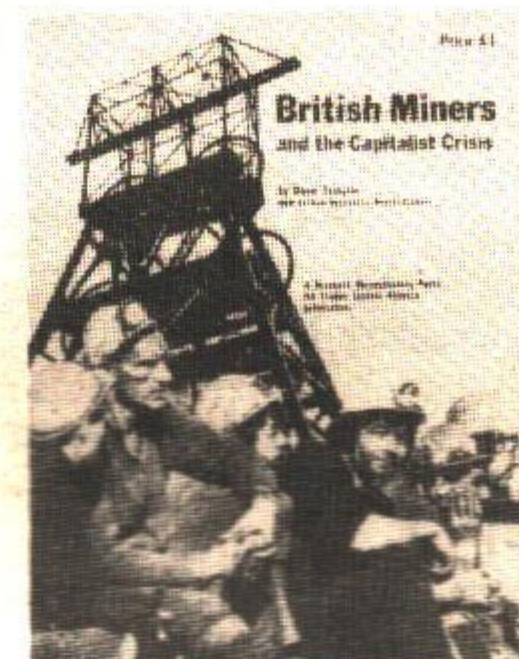
'The question we are asking is this: How come it is now, with the winter weather really setting in, that this situation has started up?' NUM strike centre officials commented yesterday.

'Fortunately, the public has not been fooled by this use of the young and old to try to build propaganda against the miners and turn people against us.'



Richard Hudson with his wife Dorothy

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Organise the General Strike to defend jobs

IT is time for all those unions who have declared their backing for the National Union of Mineworkers to translate all the words and conference resolutions into industrial action in support of the miners' fight for jobs.

They must respond now to the repeated calls for action from NUM president Arthur Scargill by bringing their members out in indefinite strike action alongside the miners.

Industrial action by other unions behind the NUM would greatly strengthen the miners who are entering 1985 spearheading the fight for jobs on behalf of the whole working class — including the four million unemployed.

On the other hand to stand aside and leave the miners' union isolated at this critical point would play into the hands of Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship and endanger the future of the whole trade union movement.

For the last 10 months the miners have resisted the full force of the capitalist state. But it has been an unequal battle. As we have insisted since the start of the strike, the miners cannot win this fight on their own. They need the whole trade union movement mobilised behind them in strike action.

The Tory government has made it clear that it will intensify its efforts in the New Year to break the strike, starve the miners back to work and physically crush the NUM. This would be the prelude to destroying the independence of all unions and introducing a slave wage economy.

But this unprecedented state attack on trade unionism — and the miners' unyielding resistance to it — are creating favourable conditions to broaden the fight for jobs among other major sections of the working class.

Already tens of thousands of council workers have declared that they will take strike action and join demonstrations on March 6 in their fight against Tory rate-capping.

This places them alongside the miners in a common fight for jobs and the defence of communities which will bring local government unions into direct conflict with the capitalist state.

And Tory Chancellor Nigel Lawson has made it clear that all public sector unions will face major struggles over jobs with his declaration that more savage spending cuts are on the way.

On March 6 the miners will have been on strike for a year. This anniversary must not be marked by a token day of protest which would be totally inadequate to fight rate-capping and the threat to services and thousands of jobs.

March 6 must be the day when council workers unite with the miners in the fight for jobs by coming out in INDEFINITE strike action.

This is the only way to respond to Scargill's call for massive industrial action made following the appointment by the High Court of a receiver to control NUM funds.

Such action would also be consistent with TUC and Labour Party conference decisions to fight rate-capping and the abolition of the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan counties.

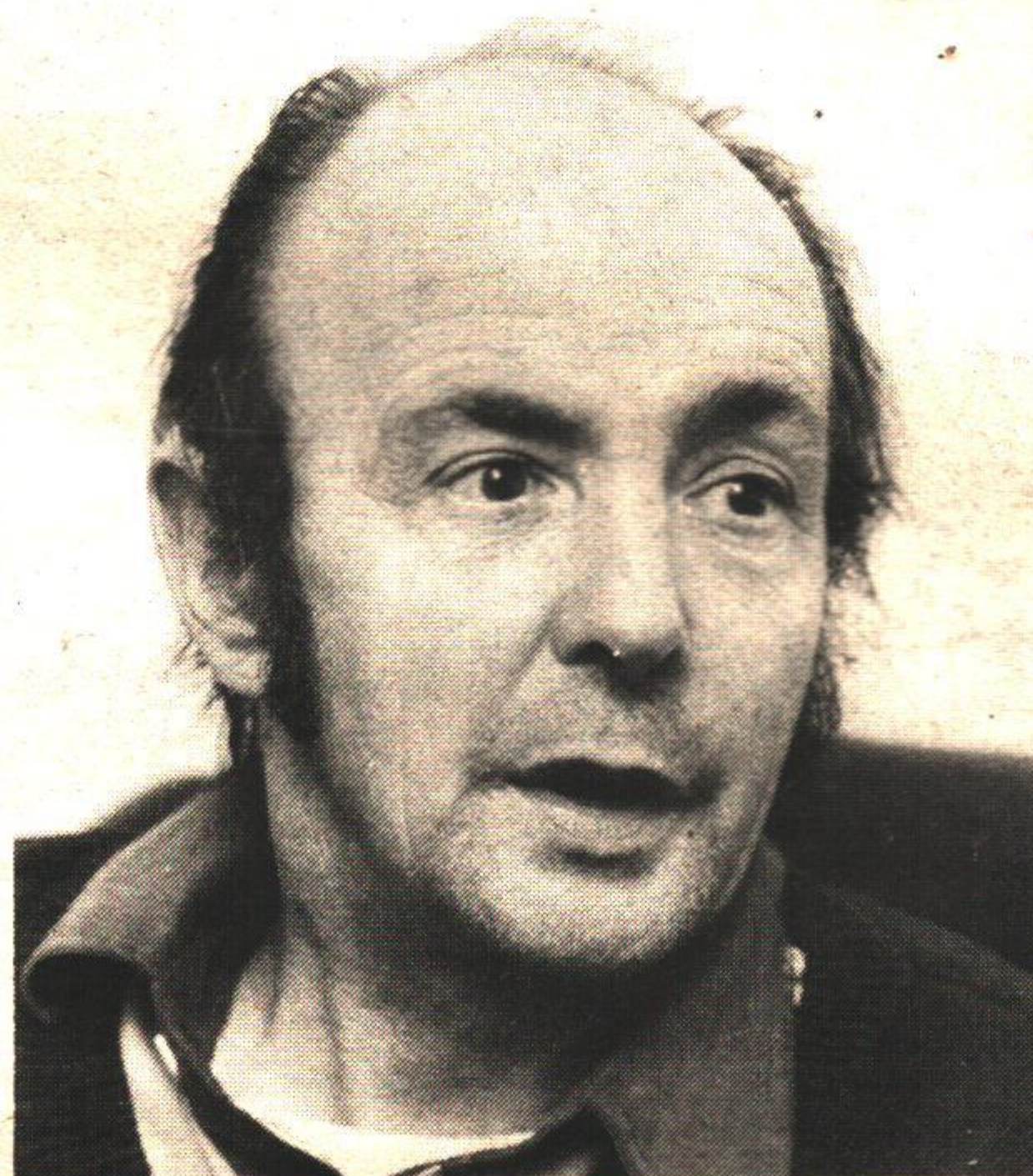
In any case unions in local government have no choice. If NUPE and NALGO are to remain effective as unions then they must back all-out action or submit to the Tory onslaught and face destruction.

United strike action by council workers alongside the miners would be a powerful step in the organisation of the General Strike for jobs.

There is no time to lose. The decisions of the TUC congress to black scab coal, coke and oil must be implemented. But the matter cannot rest there. We repeat: all those unions supporting the miners must join them on strike without delay.

ORGANISE A GENERAL STRIKE

Warning from a Nottingham striker



PIP BROWN

STRIKING miners' picket organiser Pip Brown, from Blidworth, Nottinghamshire believes miners need maximum support from other trade unionists in 1985. For Pip, who spoke to News Line on New Year's Eve, that means strike action.

He said those on strike in Nottinghamshire intended to remain solid and fully support the national leadership of the NUM.

Attacks

'But', he said 'this has gone beyond just a miners' strike now, other workers should be out on strike with us, because there will be a flood of attacks if the government beats the miners.'

'You only have to look at Thatcher's own New Year message reported in the newspapers. She is propos-

INTERVIEWS BY BEN RUDDER

ing more denationalisation for the railways, steel, local councils and even the power industry. That means thousands of jobs are under attack.

'For us, the issues remain the same as they were on the first day of the strike, and they are the same for workers in other industries. We are fighting for jobs and communities.'

'Council workers look likely to be the next in line, and I would appeal to them to stand and fight for jobs in the same way the miners have done.'

'Of course, this is a fight the TUC should be organising for them now. They should be telling them to pack the job up and come out.'

'But the TUC and Labour Party leaders have done nothing for us, so I am not surprised they are doing nothing for council work-

ers. Kinnock has to find the date in his diary when he can join a picket line — and after ten months!

'When have the TUC won a dispute that has been involved in? Can we see how Murrah Chapple have been rewarded for their services?

Brown has a bitter warning for those which he believes soon take strike action defence of jobs. I warning based on the experience of striking in Nottinghamshire. Brown's own loss of membership of the committee at Blidworth fore the scabs move

Enemy

'Any union coming strike must have a look around first. They have spoken of her "within" but we have our own enemy with NUM.'

'In my opinion, areas should call for expulsion of the Nottinghamshire area. The ignored national police conference decision Nottinghamshire has out on strike we would see power cuts but

'So I feel that those have done us most harm the trade union movement are those from outside the union. I believe they organised before the

'I remember when current scab law started to show branch meetings the four months before strike. I remember at the time it was because they had attended branch meetings in all the years they been at the pits.

'When the strike started the speed that the organised the Nottingham Working Miners' Committee was remarkable.

'I'm sure the state compared this strike with advance. Just look at the rapid way they moved police into this country break the strike here

State

'The state has shown full power during strike. It is the state is the real power behind Coal Board.

'Any union planning strike action must remember this, as well as the our strike was provoked Cortonwood. It was wrong time for us a overtime ban had not going long enough to down the level of stocks.

'So if you are planning come out on strike alongside the miners out for the enemy with

'General Strike is the only way'

MINERS themselves must appeal to other workers for General Strike action because the TUC will not be pressured into calling for industrial backing for the strike.

These were the views of Alan Wood, a striking miner from the Derbyshire coalfield's Markham No.4 branch of the NUM. He believes General Strike action is the only way to save jobs, not only in the mining industry, but throughout all workers' communities.

He speaks from his own experience of the cruelty and hardship of redundancy. He spent a long period on the dole after his platewelding job at the Staveley steelworks was axed four years ago.

'In my shop there used to be 60 at work, now there are only 11. I know what it is like to be without work, and I never want my two sons to have to go through that.'

'We have been out on strike for ten months, and it can go on for another 24 months and I still won't go back if that's the way things turn out.'

'A mate of mine told me today he was thinking of going back to work. I am disgusted by it. It is breaking every rule in the union book.'

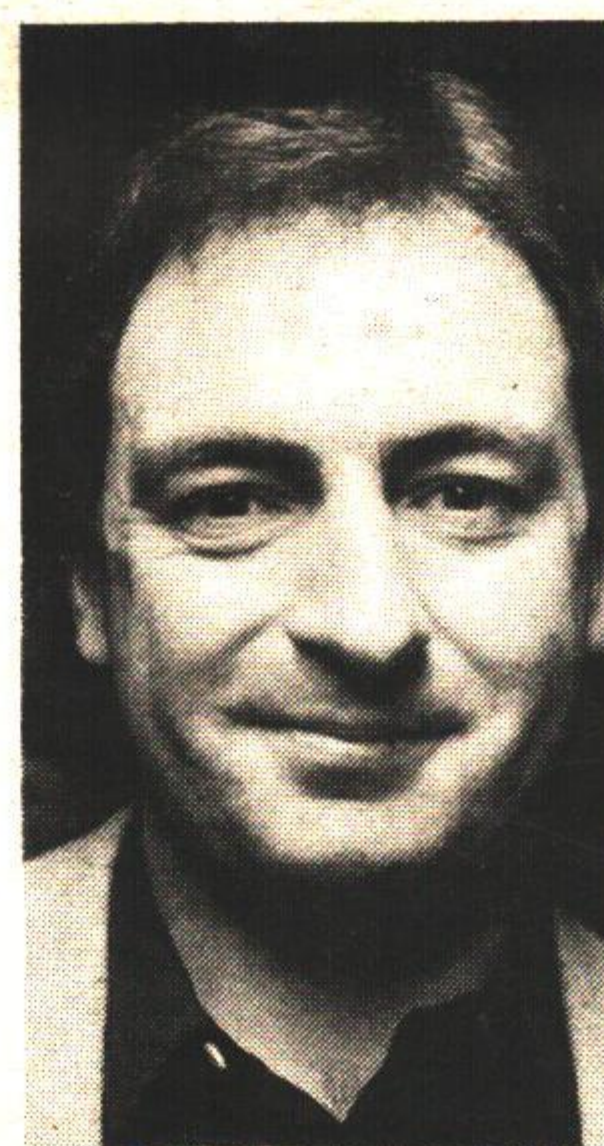
'And if a working man doesn't have a union he has

nothing. Every single thing working people have got was achieved through the union. It was never given by the management and the gaffer.'

'Those who are going back to work now are turning their backs on all the young ones who have been sacked because they are fighting for their jobs. After being out for ten months, they are throwing everything away.'

Angry

Wood is particularly angry at those returning to work now because he believes it will hinder growing rank and file support in other unions. He said those workers giving physical support to the miners were doing so despite the scabbing which had started at the beginning of the strike.



ALAN WOOD

But those returning to work now put that physical support in jeopardy because it suggested that the Nottinghamshire scabs were right at a time when other workers were realising that they were wrong.

'We know it is hard for people to come out on strike when we have got scabs. That is why we have to stay solid now more than ever before.'

'The TUC has been abso-

lute rubbish as far as our cause is concerned. However much pressure we put on them I can never see them calling for the General Strike action which is required.

'We have to appeal to everybody ourselves for the General Strike. We have to get to win this struggle for jobs — that is the most important thing of all.'

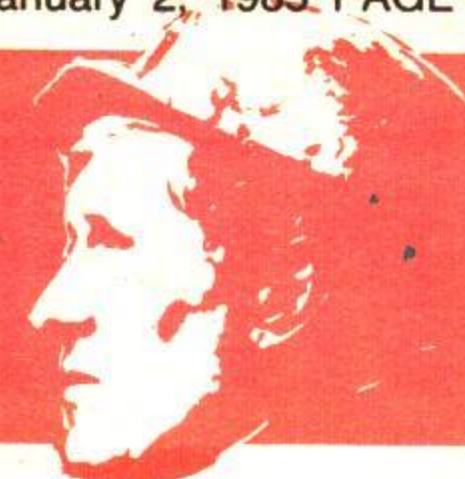
Future

Even for those miners who might keep their jobs, the future is one of return to the misery and despair of mining communities in the days of private ownership, Wood stressed.

'My father, my grandfather and his father before him worked in the pit. My grandfather died of pneumoconiosis. That's what the doctors said when he was in hospital, but it never went on his death certificate.'

'My father worked in the pit for 45 years. He is retired now, but he is one hundred per cent behind me because he hates to think of me having to work under the conditions he knew during private ownership.'

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Miners should turn to other struggles

THE lesson for workers from the struggle waged by the miners in 1984 is that not one single job is safe, nor anyone's standard of living secure from the Thatcher government.

'It is time for us all to unite together for the good of the working class,' Dave Strang, striking miner from Blidworth, Nottinghamshire believes.

'There is no point in one union being isolated and defeated, only to allow the government to go on to the next union.'

'That road will lead to unions in name only. They will have no power.'

'It is definitely time for general strike action. I can't see any other alternative to defend the jobs in our industry and in others.'

'I believe that firmly but I still can't see the TUC giving that call. I think the miners will have to make their own appeal to other workers and set the example by sticking out this struggle to the bitter end.'

In most of the Nottinghamshire pits some ten per cent of men are still out on strike. There has been talk about a break-away union, but there are splits amongst the scabs over the possibility of being expelled from the national union.

But striking miners should turn their attention to the other struggles being faced by workers outside the coal industry, Strang said.

'We see the fight against privatisation in transport, the health service, the councils and throughout industry is still a fight for jobs. The fight to defend jobs is also the struggle to defend trade unions, and in every way comes into line with the question of the miners' strike.'

'The old and the young are also involved. Most of the villages around

here will be hammered by cuts in transport and welfare services. Mansfield is only five miles away but it still costs 74 pence to get there.'

'The young and the unemployed cannot even go into town and back.'

'So the Tory plans to force these youth to accept cheap labour schemes are tied very closely to our struggle for jobs.'

'We all believe the Coal Board may be trying to bring in apprentices in the place of striking miners to put us out of work and drive down the standard of living of the community as a whole.'

Unskilled

'They promised at the start of the strike they would take no green labour, but last month alone they took on 300 unskilled youth straight from the dole.'

'I think the cheap labour schemes aimed at forcing youth to work for next to nothing, on pain of losing social security money if they don't accept is a real sign of what the Tories hope to do to all working people.'

'As a miner, I believe we have got to stand shoulder to shoulder as workers and fight this battle together.'

'We are prepared to stick this one out and show the way for all who want to join us in a fight for jobs for the youth for the future.'



Dave and Mal Strang with young Mark tending chickens in their back yard

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SCOTLAND

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

EDINBURGH: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Cross Keys Public House, Dalkeith. Speakers: **Barry Hutton** (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 Hutton** (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** (Jarrow WRP)

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

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 Pinnegar** (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. Rhyll 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)

WEMBLEY: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Labour Hall, Ealing Road. Speakers: **Dolly Short** ('Young Socialist' editor); **Geoff Pilling** (Acton WRP)

HARROW: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. The Railway Tavern, Wealdstone. Speakers: **Dolly Short** ('Young Socialist' editor); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

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)

McCARTHY

Redgrave's win - A victory for basic rights

BY PENNY BLOOR

WITCH-HUNTING members of the entertainments industry for their political views is directly linked to the attack on trade unions and the working class, a meeting in central London heard last Sunday.

The meeting was called by the All Trades Unions Alliance entertainments section under the title 'McCarthyism - USA - 1984'.

Vanessa Redgrave, Workers Revolutionary Party Central Committee, said her recent successful court case against the Boston Symphony Orchestra was not just between employer and actor, nor was it just about Zionism.

'McCarthyism is a state-organised attack against the organised working class and its leadership,' she said.

There had to be state organisation behind the cancellation of her concert by the BSO in April 1982. No expense had been spared by the BSO in the case, which was a test case in the fight to defend jobs.

Redgrave told of the letter written by the jury to the judge 10 days after the case ended, questioning the ruling that the cancellation of Redgrave's contract and her subsequent loss of other



VANESSA REDGRAVE

work had not been a matter of civil rights.

The letter was not published in British newspapers except the News Line, although the judge had agreed it could go on public record. In the United States only the 'Boston Globe' published the report.

'Why?' asked Redgrave. 'Because it was a victory. A victory about your right to keep your job, at a time when millions are in the fight to keep their jobs.'

Betrayals

The party with influence in the McCarthy period was the Communist Party with its position of socialism in a single country, and that had meant capitulation and outright betrayals.

'But that was a time of great defeats,' she said. 'That time has completely ended because the entire capitalist system has had it.'

The working class were fighting back all over the world. 'That is why we are fighting the BSO case

and why we won it - because the working class is undefeated.'

Chairing the meeting, director and writer Roger Smith outlined the build up to the state attack on trade unionism, starting in the USA in 1981 with the battle of the 12,000 air traffic controllers in the PATCO union.

The Thatcher government's attack on the NGA, the banning of trade unions at GCHQ and the heroic ten-month miners' strike showed how the forces of the state were now ranged against those fighting to defend jobs.

'If we can identify McCarthyism today in 1984 it is a state-organised attack on the organised working class, on the trade unions,' he said.

Actress and WRP member Frances de la Tour said the Tories and the ruling class world wide were destroying the younger generation and alienating them from the older generation.

Those first made unemployed were the youth who were used on the Youth Training Schemes as scab labour. But cheap labour schemes had been met with massive resistance.

'We are in the middle of a revolutionary confrontation world-wide,' she said. The struggle of the miners was identified with the struggle of workers world-wide and the youth on the picket lines had shown the most resistance.

'But youth in any battle can be easily alienated,' she added. 'We must give them leadership, and only revolutionary leadership



A section of the audience at Sunday's meeting

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Playwright Howard Brenton addressing the meeting in London last Sunday



Susan Robeson, granddaughter of McCarthy witch-hunted actor Paul Robeson

because only revolutionary leadership is prepared.

The leadership of the actors' union had nothing but contempt for the youth, echoing the leadership of the TUC which was bedding down with the Tories.

She urged those who were being victimised not to be afraid and to speak out, citing the courage of the miners, of the Cammell Laird's shipyard workers who had gone to jail rather than be intimidated.

Howard Brenton told of the ludicrous legal campaign waged by Mary Whitehouse to get his anti-imperialist play 'The Romans in Britain' taken off the stage.

McCarthyism was very often cloaked in the Bible and the flag, and this was so in relation to his play.

Whitehouse had tried to prosecute Brenton under the Theatres Act for a scene in the play but had failed. She then used the 1956 Sexual Offences Act.

Stifled

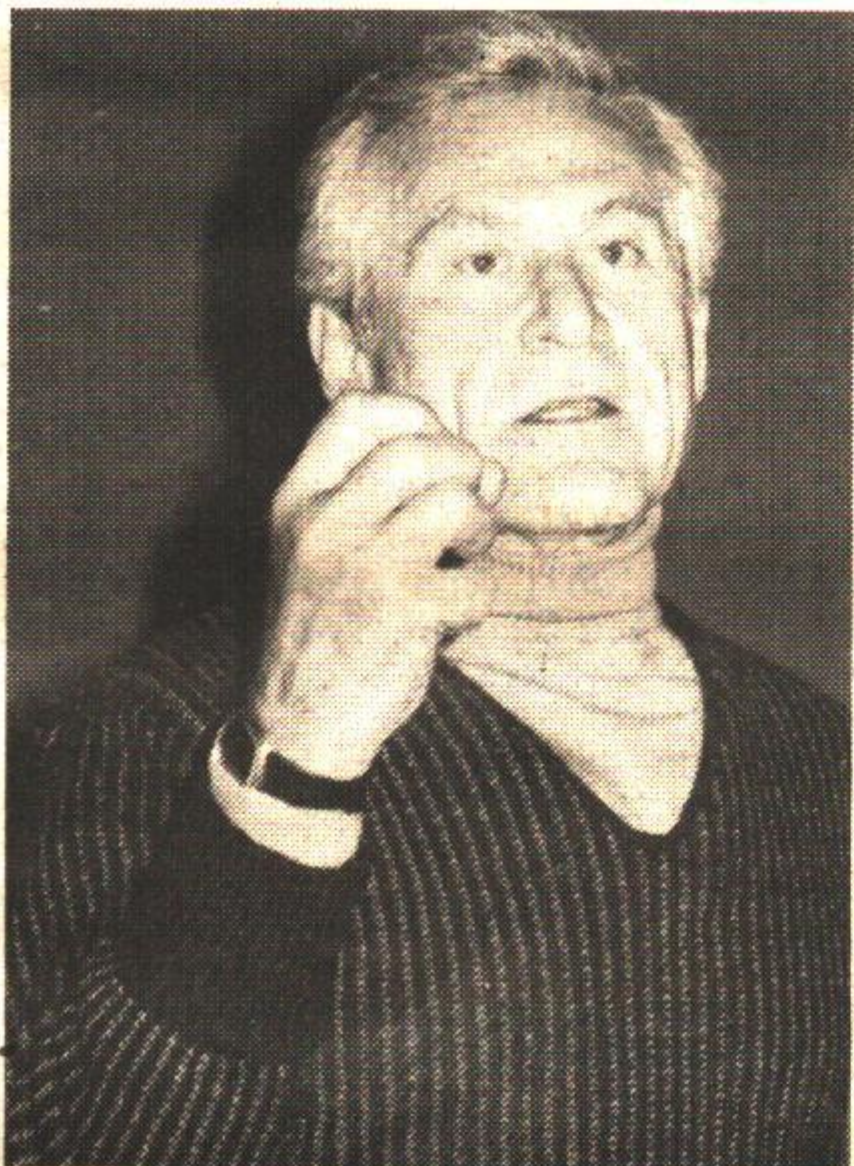
Whitehouse's case collapsed but attempts to show the play were still stifled.

Film director Sam Wanamaker outlined the background to the McCarthy witch-hunts in the 1950s.

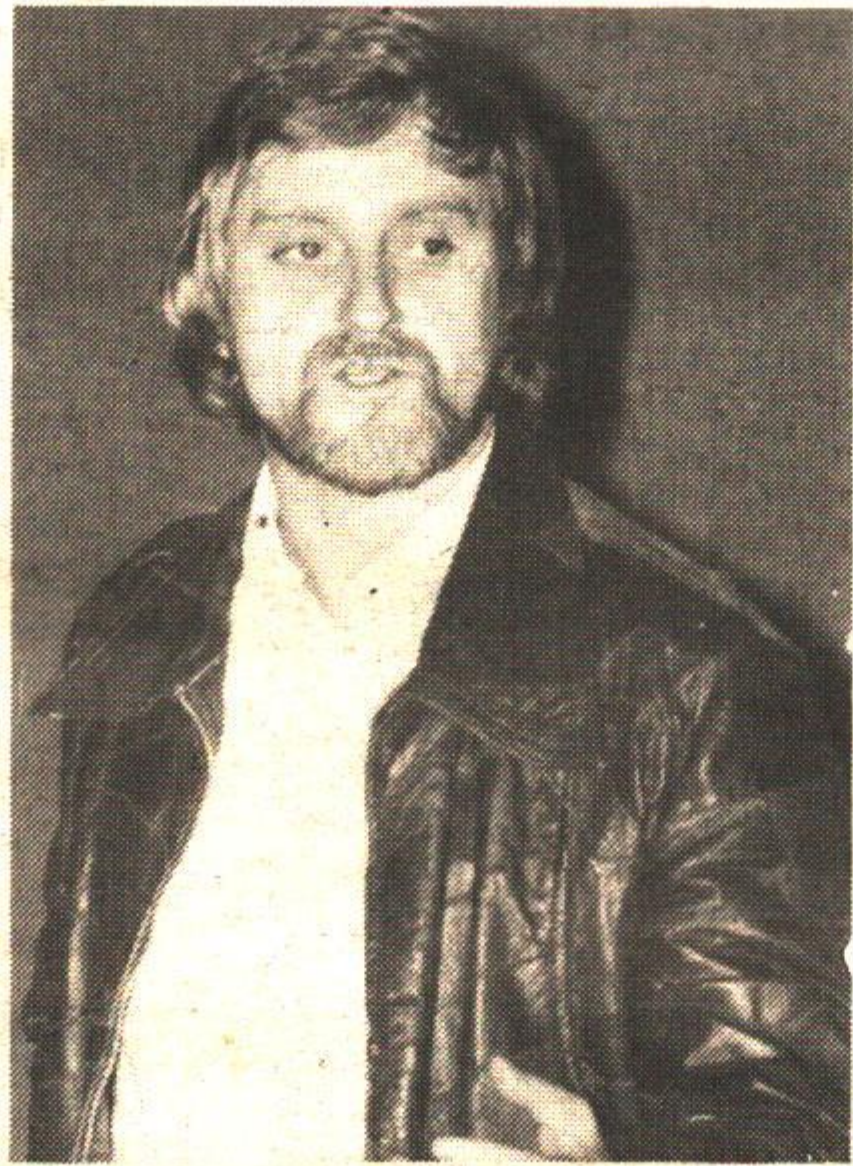
'In America we were simply not offered jobs. You could not sue anybody for having breached their contract. You couldn't even prove that you were refused the opportunity of a job because blacklists were illegal.

'Yet everybody had them — but would never admit to them.'

Wanamaker himself escaped appearing before the Un-American Activities Committee because he was in Britain when the subpoena was deli-



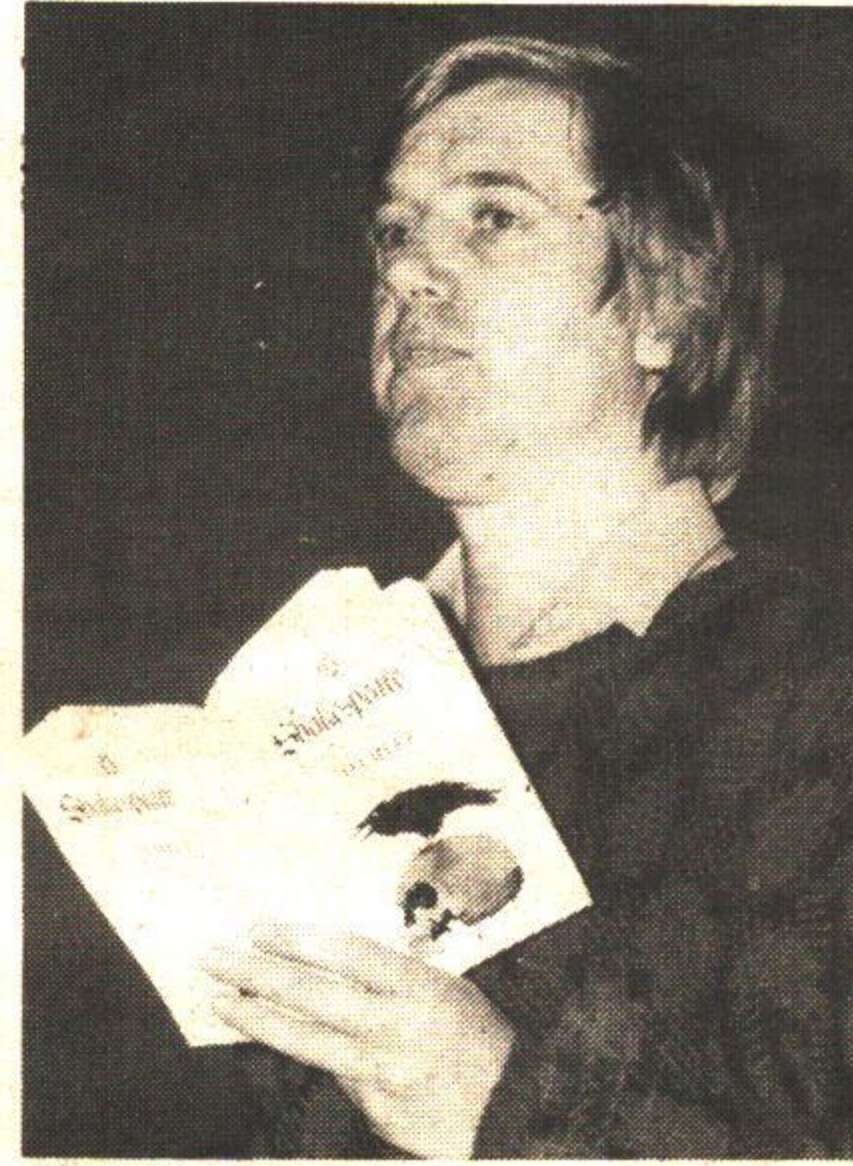
SAM WANAMAKER



PETER PITT



THELMA HOLT



DAVID THACKER

vered to him in New York.

'The only answer is vigilance and refusing to lie down and take it and fighting back,' he said.

David Thacker, artistic director of the Young Vic Theatre, catalogued the scale of censorship in cinema, television, video, and the theatre.

He said cuts in cash to local authorities coupled with the cuts announced by the Arts Council affected every regional theatre.

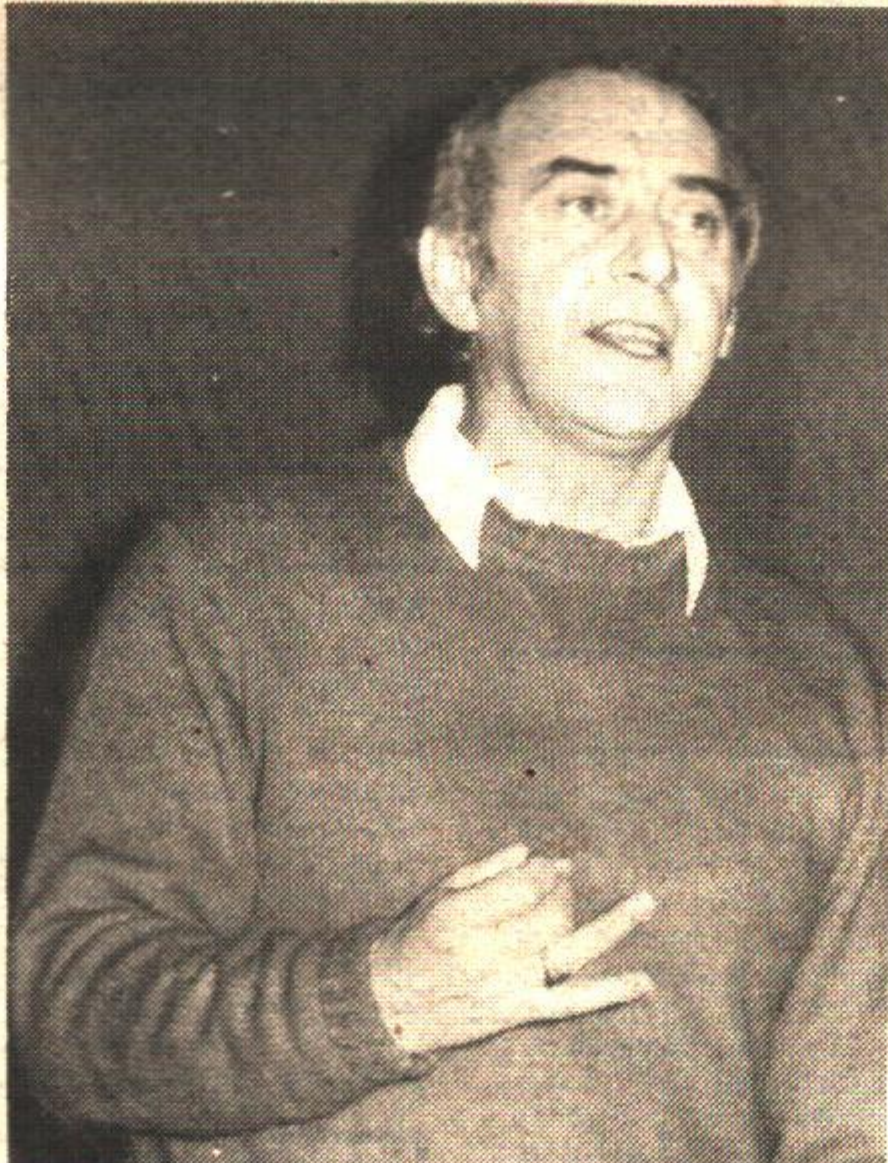
'There is no possibility of local authorities being able to come up with the sort of money theatres need,' he warned. 'Theatres in this country are now under the very severe threat of the bank manager closing the overdraft and saying — now is the time to wind up.'

He warned of Arts Council moves to introduce 'project funding', meaning potential control over what could be performed would be absolutely in their hands.

Thelma Holt, former director of the Round-



FRANCES DE LA TOUR



ROGER SMITH

house, told how she had volunteered to be a witness in Redgrave's case against the BSO.

She went to Boston expecting to possibly be discredited. But she was surprised when BSO lawyers asked her about her political views, notably her

opinion on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

'For the first time in my life I was conscious of somebody red-baiting me,' she said. 'I certainly never thought it could happen to me and I certainly hope that the younger generation isn't as in-

nocent as we were.

'It is happening here and we have to stop it.'

Peter Pitt, chairman of the GLC Arts and Recreation Committee, stressed the link between McCarthyism, Thatcherism and fascism.

'These labels are OK because they give us a hook on which to hang the debate,' he said. 'But the fundamental error is to see them as one entity because, for example, if you got rid of Thatcher you would not get rid of Thatcherism.'

Pitt said: 'I believe Britain is very much on the edge of a fascist abyss. That is what I believe faces us today.'

Pathetic

'McCarthy as a figure was in many instances pathetic. What he did was to wind up the heat by using the word communism.'

'They do it today by using the word extremism but the style is the same, the opponents are the same — people like you and me.'

Susan Robeson, the granddaughter of black singer and actor Paul Robeson who was witch-hunted in the McCarthy period, said she had followed the BSO trial in the 'New York Times' every day.

'She won,' said Robeson. 'That was the one thing they forgot to tell us — is that she won.'

Robeson told of how her grandfather had been transformed from US hero and star to a nothing because of his political views.

In 1946 her grandfather had spoken out against lynching of blacks returning from the war at a meeting with President Truman.

He had equated American racism with German Nazism and thus shown himself to have an international perspective.

She said that many people in America were not conscious of the spectre of McCarthyism as shown by the moves to destroy the PATCO air traffic controllers. In the US all news of the British miners' strike was censored.

She said of her grandfather: 'I realise the legacy he left for me was something much more valuable than money. He left me the legacy of what a principle is and what it is to have the courage of your own convictions.'

TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



'Wynne and Penkovsky' starts on BBC1 at 9.25pm, with Christopher Rozycski as Colonel Oleg Penkovsky and David Calder as Greville Wynne



Mark Lee as Archy and Mel Gibson as Frank in 'Gallipoli' on ITV at 10.30

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Charlie Brown. 9.25 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop. 9.45 Why Don't You...? 10.10 Peter Pan. 10.25 Paddington. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 King Rollo. 10.55 Bric-A-Brac. 11.05 The Little Mole. 11.15 Bonanza. 12.05 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.30 Midday News. 12.45 Weather. 12.47 Regional News. (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines with subtitles. 12.50 Racing from Cheltenham (1.05, 1.40, 2.15, 2.50 races). 3.05 The Mole Comes To Town. 3.35 Cartoons. 3.48 Regional News for England (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4.30 William — At Christmas. 4.45 Captain Caveman. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Eureka! 5.30 The Good Life. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS
6.55 TOM AND JERRY *Life With Tom*
7.00 THE GALACTIC GARDEN
8.00 DALLAS
8.45 POINTS OF VIEW with Barry Took
9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman
9.25 WYNNE AND PENKOVSKY (new series) The true story of the British spy Greville Wynne and his Russian collaborator Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, based on Wynne's own writings. Starring David Calder and Christopher Rozycski (parts 2 and 3 tomorrow and Friday)
10.20 ALL-TIME GREAT MOVIES: *On the Waterfront* Marlon Brando stars in the multi-Oscar winning story of corruption in New York's dockland. With Eva Marie Saint, Karl Malden, Lee J Cobb, and Rod Steiger. Elia Kazan directed in 1954.
12.05-12.10 Weatherman; Closedown

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.
1.55 HAROLD LLOYD IN *Some-where In Turkey*
2.05 HOLIDAY TIME With Vicky Ireland, Charles O'Rourke, Charu Bala Chokshi, Gary Wilmut, Frances Kay and Francis Wright
2.50 CARTOON TWO *Nebule*
3.00 BOB HOPE STARS IN *Road to Bali* (1952) With Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour
4.30 TELLY QUIZ Final round
5.00 THE ROYAL INSTITUTION'S CHRISTMAS LECTURES *The Message of the Genes* Six-part series on human inheritance and how it affects our health. 2: *The Spice of Life*
6.00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL With Leif Ericson, Cameron Mitchell, Mark Slade and Linda Cristal in *The Filibusters*
6.50 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER Seventeen Days at the Crucible — a review of the 1984 World Professional Snooker Championship
8.00 THE LAMBETH BOYS The most famous social documentary film of the 1950s — for the first time teenagers were given the chance to speak out on issues that they felt strongly about. First of a series of three programmes about those people then and now
9.00 SHIRLEY MACLAINE STARS IN *The Turning Point* (1977) With Anne Bancroft, Leslie Browne, Michail Baryshnikov. American Ballet Theatre star, Emma Jacklin feels threatened when Emilia joins the company. A fierce rivalry flares up between Emma and Emilia's mother
10.55 THE 20TH CENTURY REMEMBERED Dora Russell, second wife of Bertrand Russell, talks about her early life
11.30 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 THE MAGIC BOX (1951) Robert Donat plays British film pioneer William Friese Green in this biography made as a contribution to the Festival of Britain
4.30 PARADE (1974) Jaques Tati in his last film as the ringmaster of a small circus in Sweden recreates some of his most famous mimes
5.45 SETBACKS *Mind Your Own Business* Problems of an unemployed family. Tonight, Barry asks, why YTS?
6.00 THE LAST CATHEDRAL *Only the Righteous*
6.30 THE MAKING OF TREASURE HUNT
7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather
7.30 THE OPTIMIST *The Light Fantastic* Enn Reitel is thrust unconsciously into the middle of a diamond robbery
8.00 ON YOUR WAY RILEY Maureen Lipman and Brian Murphy in a TV version of Alan Plater's play about the realities behind the legend of the music-hall stars 'Old Mother Riley and her Daughter Kitty', alias Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane
9.00 A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE Mini-series about the rise of a Yorkshire maid to become one of the world's richest women. Jenny Seagrove plays Emma Harter, with guest stars Deborah Kerr as the older Emma looking back on her life, Sir John Mills as Henry Rossiter and Peter Chelsom, John Duttine and Barry Bostwick as some of her lovers
10.55 GI BRIDES Over 70,000 British women who married American servicemen here during World War II returned with them to the US
12.10 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Wonder Man* (1945) With Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo and Vera-Ellen. When scholarly bookworm Edwin Dingle's twin brother, Buzzy Bellow, a flashy song-and-dance man, is killed by gangsters, Buzzy's ghost appeals to Edwin to take over his cabaret act and get evidence against the man who killed him. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr&Mrs. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On The Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.
6.00 THAMES NEWS
6.35 CROSSROADS
7.00 WISH YOU WERE HERE
7.30 CORONATION STREET
8.00 THE BENNY HILL SHOW
9.00 THE GREATEST PAPER IN THE WORLD 'The Times', owned by Rupert Murdoch, is recovering from the latest and biggest crisis in its 200 year history as it fights for survival. Narrated by Anthony Quayle
10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*
10.30 GALLIPOLI (1981) With Mark Lee, Mel Gibson and Bill Kerr. Two young Australian sprinters meet up and decide to fight in World War I at Gallipoli. This film follows their trek across the desert to the Dardanelles to join the Anzac forces
12.35 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Wonder Man* (1945). 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On The Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Granada Reports. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.
6.00 CROSSROADS
6.25 GRANADA REPORTS
7.00 WISH YOU WERE HERE... A New Year edition of the holiday programme
7.30 CORONATION STREET
8.00 THE BENNY HILL SHOW Glamour and guffaws are guaranteed as Benny and the gang go on the rampage
9.00 THE GREATEST PAPER IN THE WORLD! 'The Times' newspaper is reviewed over 200 years. Now, recovering from the latest and biggest crisis of its history, the top ruling class paper has to fight for survival
10.00 NEWS AT TEN
10.30 GALLIPOLI With Mel Gibson and Mark Lee. In Australia during World War I, crack sprinter Archy Hamilton resolves to join the Anzac troops in the Dardanelles, even though he is too young for service. When he is rejected fellow-athlete Frank Dunne persuades him to try again and the two friends trek across the desert to enlist (1981)
12.35 Closedown

S4C

1.45 Ffalabalam. 2.05 The Seed and the Sun. 2.50 Book Four. 3.20 Film: *Jour de Fete*. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Brookside. 6.30 Hen Wlad Newydd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.25 Cyfle Arall. 7.55 Reslo. 8.25 Cyngerdd Y Dathlu; News Headlines. 9.00 A Woman of Substance. 11.00 Grand Order of Water Rats. 12.30 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30a.m. until 9.30p.m. and at 12 midnight.
6.00 Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).
2 News on the hour (except 9p.m.). Headlines 5.30a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00 David Yamall (S). 5.30 Bill Rennells (S). 7.30 Colin Berry (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 John Craven (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music all the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 The Spinners and Friends (S). 8.30 Jack Dorsey (S) with Romantic Strings. 9.15 Listen to the Band. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Hove (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00 Broadway Babes (S). 3.30-4.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley (S).
3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Mid-week Choice (S) Hahn, Frederick the Great.
4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Wonderman*. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Moviemakers. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Wish You Were Here. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World. 10.00-10.30 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Gallipoli. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Nutcracker. 9.50 Snow Dogs. 10.00 Falcon Island. 10.25 Morning Cinema: *Wonderman*. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Man Who Came to Breakfast. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 The Shillingbury Tales. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Wish You Were Here. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Film: *Gallipoli*. 12.35 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather

Forecast: Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Wonder Man*. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Three Little Words. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Film: *Gallipoli*. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Wonder Man*. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Keep it in the Family. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.00 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.00 Wish You Were Here. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Film: *Gallipoli*. 12.30 Postscript. 12.40 South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Holiday Time. 9.28 Sesame Street. 10.25 film: *Wonder Man*. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Return of the Saint. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 TVS News; The Young

Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Film: *Gallipoli*. 12.35 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Wonder Man*. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Benson. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Return of the Saint. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Film: *Gallipoli*. 12.35 HTV Weather; Closedown.
HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Wonder Man*. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Film: *Gallipoli*. 12.35 East Comes West; Closedown.

Winning Post

Rebeg to win for Forster

TIM FORSTER, whose Wantage stable is on such a crest of a wave at the moment, can saddle Rebeg (2.50) to lift CHELTENHAM's Ernest Robinson Handicap Hurdle today.

This searching stamina test will be all in the gelding's favour, and he looks poised to step-up on an unlucky Hereford defeat last month, in which he ruined his chance with a mistake at the last.

That three length defeat by Mendaleak followed another good effort at Warwick where Rebeg was beaten a length and a half by

Sacred Path. It was lack of finishing pace which proved his undoing on that occasion, but the uphill finish at the Cotswold venue will bring Rebeg's stamina into play this time.

Rebeg's jockey Richard Dunwoody can complete a double on Von Trappe (1.05) in the Food Brokers Alma Confectionary Novices' Chase.

Michael Oliver's gelding was narrowly beaten over fences at Clonmel last March, so is no stranger to the larger obstacles.

On two occasions over hurdles this season Von Trappe has looked reluctant to go through with his effort, but

he put those Wolverhampton and Cheltenham nightmares behind him by winning a Coral Hurdle Qualifier at Warwick on the bridge.

He was out of his depth in Ascot's Long Walk Hurdle behind Kristenson, but chasing has always beckoned and Von Trappe should prove too strong for Good Trade.

Lucky Vane (2.50) ante post favourite for the Grand National, should strengthen his Aintree claims by winning the Food Brokers Happy New Year Handicap Chase.

He was badly outpaced in the early stages before running on into sixth behind Burrough Hill Lad in the 'Hennessy' last November,

and met with interference on the turn for home when second to Righthand Man in the Welsh National at Chepstow.

Four miles round here on soft ground should be right up Lucky Vane's street.

Keelby Kavalier (1.45) who failed to land a substantial gamble on the flat when fourth in Doncaster's November Handicap, should make a winning comeback over hurdles in the New Year Handicap at AYR.

Mick Lambert's horse ran the race of his life when dividing Browne's Gazette and Townley Stone at the Cheltenham Festival last March and has the ability to defy top weight.

SELECTIONS

CHELTENHAM: 12.30 Rebeg (nap), 1.05 Von Trappe, 1.40 Lochboisdale, 2.15 Lucky Vane, 2.50 Left Bank, 3.25 Ulan Bator. **AYR:** 12.45 Pebble Island, 1.15 Grinders, 1.45 Keelby Kavalier, 2.15 Charles Duke, 2.45 Heartbreak Hotel, 3.00 Sword Game. **TOWCESTER:** 1.00 Allen Lad, 1.30 Clutterbuck, 2.00 Health 'N Happiness, 2.30 Royal Admiral, 3.00 Moonshot, 3.30 The Diplomat.

AYR

12.45 HAYHILL NOVICES' HURDLE £700

(4-Y-O) 2m 4f (5 runners)

1	03	CAMIONNAGE	E Carter 10.9	M Pepper
2	000	COOL JAMIE	R Allan 10.9	C Grant
4	02	MAJESTIC LAD	M J Lambert 10.9	P A Charlton
5	00	MAJOR SKITE	D J Moorhead 10.9	D Condel (7)
6		PRIME STONE	G Richards 10.9	N Doughty

BLINKERS: 2

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Majestic Lad, 11-4 Camionnage, 7-2 Prime Stone, 8-1 Major Skite, 12-1 Cool Jamie.

1.15 McALPINE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE £3,000 2m 4f (6 runners)

3	22-1F22	GRINDERS (C/D)	E Carter 7 11.7	P A Charlton
5	1P-1113	ANOTHER CITY (BF)	G Richards 6 10 12	N Doughty
6	1-3333	SNOW BLESSED (C-D)	Denys Smith 8 10 12	D Leadbitter (7)
8	1P-3F14	PRESS GANG (C/D)	J S Wilson 10 10 0	Mr P J Dun
9	32P-411	SUPER SOLO	T Craig 9 10 0	S Charlton
10	13UP/P2	POLARS SMARTIE (C-D)	R H Goldie 14 10 0	C Grant

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Another City, 3-1 Grinders, 4-1 Super Solo, 6-1 Snow Blessed, 8-1 Press Gang, 10-1 Polars Smartie.

1.45 AYR NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000 2m (5 runners)

1	114220	KEELBY KAVALIER (D)	M J Lambert 7 11 13	P A Charlton
5	00-1420	STARLIGHT ROCKY	Miss Z Green 9 10 13	J Goulding
6	113100	PRIMROSE WOOD (D)	G Richards 7 10 7	N Doughty
7	411213	MARK EDELSON (C-D)	J M Jefferson 8 10 6	M Hill (7)
12	04100-0	BURGULARS WALK (D)	Denys Smith 5 10 0	D Leadbitter (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Mark Edelson, 5-2 Keelby Kavalier, 7-2 Primrose Wood, 6-1 Starlight Rocky, 12-1 Burglars Walk.

2.15 BARLEITH NOVICES' CHASE £1,600 3m (7 runners)

1	04-21P	JOCKAMBEL (D)	D M Thomson 9 12 3	T G Dun
6	0	BROCKHURST LAD	Denys Smith 7 11 5	C Grant
7	04-100	CHARLES DUKE	G Richards 8 11 5	D Coakley (4)
8	4-033PF	HUMMELMOOR	A H Mactaggart 8 11 5	M Dwyer
9	0130-U0	MEND IT	N Bycroft 7 11 5	P A Charlton
14	000-000	VICTORY MORN	E Dixon 9 11 5	B Storey
15	P/24-24	LILLIES BRIG	C J Alexander 7 11 0	Mr A Dudgeon

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Jockambel, 3-1 Charles Duke, 9-2 Lillies Brig, 6-1 Mend it, 10-1 Brockhurst Lad, 16-1 others.

2.45 COYLTON NOVICES' HURDLE £700 2m 4f (7 runners)

3	000-102	PITCRUIVIE (D)	G Richards 6 11 3	N Doughty
5		AULD LANG SYNE	J M Jefferson 6 10 9	M Hill (7)
7	0-0F	BLACKADDER BRIG	R McDonald 6 10 9	P A Farrell (7)
11	3-F44F	ROYAL LASER	D J Moorhead 5 10 9	C Grant
13	000-F2	TWELTER	W A Stephenson 6 10 9	Mr P J Dun
14	P	WISHBONE WHISPER	J S Wilson 5 10 9	T G Dun
17	0003-02	HEARTBREAK HOTEL	Mrs B Butterworth 7 10 4	Mrs B Butterworth

BLINKERS: 5, 14

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Twelter, 11-4 Heartbreak Hotel, 4-1 Pitcruiwie, 5-1 Royal Laser, 10-1 Auld Lang Syne, 16-1 others.

3.15 HURLFORD NOVICES' H'CAP CHASE £1,500 2m

SWORD GAME, trained by W D Fairgrieve, walks over

MONDAY'S RACING RESULTS

LEICESTER

1.00 (2m): **MR MENACING** F Leavy (11-2); **Hardwick Amber** (15-8 fav); **Solar Light** (4-1); **Rowley Lodge** (100-14). 11 ran. 3, 7, (J R Jenkins) T: £4.90; £1.80, £1.50, £1.50. CSF: £14.02. NR: Great Line. 1.30 (2m): **FRENCH CAPTAIN** M Kinane (7-2); **Gods Image** (5-2 fav); **Diddelo** (15-2); **Qualitair Prince** (14-1). 12 ran. 1/2, 2 1/2, (Lady Herries) T: £4.80; £1.90, £1.20, £3.30. CSF: £11.34. 2.00 (3m): **ROYSCRIPT** P Warner (7-2); **Wise Words** (12-1); **My Major** (50-1); **Hopeful Saint** (9-1). 14 ran. 8, 12, (J Chugg) T: £4.80; £1.50, £1.40, £9.10. CSF: £37.68. 2.30 (2 1/2m): **DIRECT LINE** R O'Leary (9-4 on fav); **Royal Norman** (14-1); **Galileo** (13-2); **Greenways** (4-1). 4 ran. 10, 3, (J Fitzgerald) T: £1.40. CSF: £5.63. 3.00 (2m): **MISTER SKIP** G McCourt (15-8 fav); **Shannie** (10-1); **Rubercola** (5-2); **Sovereign Island** (5-2). 14 ran. 2, 1, (J Webber) T: £2.40; £1.50, £2. CSF: £15.33. 3.30 (2m): **DIXTON HOUSE** M Williams (4-1); **Scotsman Ice** (5-4 on fav); **Deep Echo** (9-2); **Oliver Anthony** (33-1). 12 ran. 1/2, 1 1/2, (M Scudamore) T: £6; £1.70, £1, £2.10. CSF: £7.17. NR: Highwood and Bonny Rymer.

NEWBURY

12.30 (3m): **INDIANA DARE** H Jenkins (9-1); **Ever Great** (9-1); **Champagne Charlie** (10-1); **Hasty Kate** (50-1). 13 ran. 10, 2, (J Jenkins) T: £16.30; £3.70, £2.10, £1.60. CSF: £80.31. 1.00 (2 1/2m): **ARABIAN MUSIC** R Rowe (10-1); **Will Boreen** (9-2); **Co Member** (5-2 fav); **Comedian** (5-1). 4 ran. 1 1/2, 7, (J Gifford) T: £11.30; £2.50, £1.50, £1.40. CSF: £48.81. 1.30 (3m 2f): **MAORI VENTURE** Steve (5-1); **Ardent Spy** (4-1); **Door Latch** (13-8 fav); **Gaye Chance** (3-1). 5 ran. 2 1/2, nk, (A Tunnell) T: £4.40; £3, £1.70. CSF: £16.71. 2.00 (2m 4f): **SHEER GOLD** B Reilly (6-1); **Nassau Royale** (3-1 jt fav); **Galant Buck** (14-1); **Meister** (3-1 jt fav). 11 ran. 34, sh sh, (G Balding) T: £6.30; £2.10, £1.90, £1.90. CSF: £24.33. 2.30 (2m): **MR MOONRAKER** B Powell (6-1); **Admiral's Cup** (5-1); **Hazy Sunset** (7-2); **3.6 ran, 3 fshd, (L Kennard) T: £5.70; £2.10, £2.30. CSF: £31.66. 3.00 (2m): HIGHLAND CLIPPER** R Dunwoody (5-1); **Clara Mountain** (5-4 fav); **Punters Lad** (16-1); **Dragon Palace** (11-2). 14 ran. 10, 1/2, (M Salaman) T: £5.50; £1.60, £1.50, £4.80. CSF: £11.57. NR: Chalet Waldeg.

CATTERICK

12.45 (2m): **CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE** A Brown (11-10 fav); **Skeetings** (33-1); **Keycorn** (9-2); **Mr Perfect** (11-2). 16 ran. 8, 20, (M H Easterby) T: £2.10; £1.10, £35.90, £1.10. CSF: £48.65. 1.15 (2m): **MR PONGEE** B Storey (7-4 fav); **Royal Bishop** (5-1); **Reay's Song** (7-4 jt fav); **Colonel Creole** (12-1). 4 ran. 30, 12, (F S Storey) T: £3; £1.50, £1.30, £1.10. CSF: £11.50. 1.45 (2m): **COMEDY FAIR** A Brown (7-1); **High Old Time** (14-1); **San Fermin** (8-1); **Tot** (5-1). 17 ran. 7, 2, (M H Easterby) T: £8.70; £2.50, £2.60, £2.90, £1.70. CSF: £110.42. 2.15 (3m): **CARPENTER'S WAY** C Grant (2-1); **Strawhill** (11-8 fav); **Wellhill** (14-1); **Green Menelek** (6-1). 7 ran. 1 1/2, 12, (Denys Smith) T: £2.50; £1.70, £1.50. CSF: £5.10. 2.45 (2m): **SULA BULA** J J O'Neill (11-4 on fav); **Dawn River** (7-1); **Hardy Ranch** (33-1); **Drummony** (25-1). 14 ran. 10, 15, (M H Easterby) T: £1.40; £1.10, £1.50, £1.50. CSF: £4.12. 3.15 (2m): **AMBER HEIGHTS** C Grant (5-1); **Luxury** (7-1); **Starshot** (17-2); **Fudge Delight** (5-4 fav). 15 ran. 6, 10, (Denys Smith) T: £7.80; £2.20, £2.80, £2.20. CSF: £42.70.

CHELTENHAM BBC1 1.05, 1.40, 2.15, 2.50

12.30 ERNEST ROBINSON HANDICAP HURDLE £3,000 3m (12 runners)

2	12-0102	NIALAN (D)	J R Jenkins 5 11 7	S Smith Eccles
4	011/40-P	HAL'S JOY (USA)(C)	M C Pipe 6 11 6	P Leach
5	130-002	IHAVENTALIGHT	FT Winter 6 11 5	J Francome
6	30-2201	CAMEBELLE	NR Mitchell 7 11 4(6 ex)	B Powell
7	02000-0	BRASS CHANGE (D)	I M Dudgeon 7 11 0	P Barton
9	221004	ALFIE DICKINS	R Hollinshead 7 10 13	J J O'Neill
11	124-241	MISTY DALE	Mrs J Pitman 7 10 11	A Webber
12	02124-3	ISAAC NEWTON	R C Armytage 7 10 10	R Dunwoody
14	2P-0422	REBEG	T A Forster 8 10 6	J H Davies
17	0000-01	COMMONTY (USA)(C)	C A Bell 7 10 0	R Dickin
18	P03-00P	MISS WILLIE	T Pilkington 9 10 0	K Mooney
19	P304-33	WILD CORN (BF)	WE Fisher 6 10 0	

BLINKERS: 5

PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Misty Dale, 5-1 Nialan, 6-1 Ihaventallight, 7-1 Camebelle and Alfie Dickens, 8-1 Rebeg, 10-1 Isaac Newton and Commonty, 14-1 Brass Change, 16-1 Wild Corn, 20-1 others.

1.05 FOOD BROKERS ALMA CONFECTIONERY NOV CHASE £6,000 3m 1f (6 runners)

2	132213	GOOD TRADE	R A Perkins 10 11 4	Dai Williams
3	FP-P11	BEN LAIR	F Walwyn 7 11 0	R Pusey
4	324F	BYE APPEAL	N R Mitchell 9 11 0	B Powell
5	1FP1-14	GLYDE COURT (C)	FT Winter 8 11 0	J Francome
8	1P-F42	SIGN AGAIN	J C Fox 7 11 0	S Moore
9	24-2310	VON TRAPPE	M Oliver 8 11 0	R Dunwoody

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Glyde Court, 11-4 Ben Lair, 4-1 Sign Again and Von Trappe, 7-1 Good Trade, 25-1 Bye Appeal.

1.40 FOOD BROKERS FERRERO ROCHER HURDLE £6,000 2m 4f (4 runners)

2	31401-0	LOCHBOISDALE (USA)	J S King 5 11 4	S Smith Eccles
3	2112	PLAY BOY (SPA)(BF)	FT Winter 6 11 4	J Francome
4	0F-0102	CAMINO CRYSTAL	S Christian 9 11 0	K Mooney
5	203-040	STANS PRIDE	G Price 8 10 9	S Morshead

BLINKERS: 2, 4

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Play Boy, 2-1 Stans Pride, 3-1 Camino Crystal, 7-1 Lochboisdale.

2.15 FOOD BROKERS HAPPY NEW YEAR HANDICAP CHASE £8,000 4m (8 runners)

1	214-102	LUCKY VANE (C-D)	G B Balding 10 11 7	J Burke
2	023-440	CORBIERE	Mrs J Pitman 10 11 1	J Francome

TOWCESTER

1.00 LONGWATER NOVICES' HURDLE DIV 1 £800 2m 5f (12 runners)

2	000041	CALMACUTTER	C James 8 12 0	
3	3-21	CONSCRIPTION	J P Leigh 5 12 0	
4	00-00P1	SANDICLIFFE AGAIN (FR) (C)	R Laing 6 12 0	N Fearn (7)
6		ALLEN LAD	F T Winter 6 11 4	R Linley
8	003	BACKSTREET GUY	N J Henderson 6 11 4	J White
9	PP	COUNTRY CIRCUS	J T Gifford 6 11 4	R Rowe
11	404	EXPERIMENTING	D T Thom 6 11 4	Mr D Murphy (4)
13		NEMO KYBO	R Champion 5 11 4	P Double
16		ROYAL TOM	C W Loggin 8 11 4	J A Harris
17	00-003	ERICA SUPERBA (BF)	P G Bailey 5 10 13	R Stronge
18	02-00	PIGLET	S Christian 6 10 13	W Newton (4)
19	0000	SAUCY MOP	P M Taylor 5 10 13	NON-RUNNER

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Backstreet Guy, 3-1 Conscription, 9-2 Allen Lad, 11-2 Experimenting, 7-1 Erica Superba, 12-1 Calmacutter, 16-1 Saucy Mop and Sandiccliffe Again, 20-1 others.

1.30 WATERHALL NOVICES' CHASE £1,000 2m (12 runners)

00P-00	ASTROSYN	C James 7 11 3	
3	0040-PF	BLACKBROOK STAR	P J Bevan 7 11 3
4	2311-	CLUTTERBUCK	FT Winter 7 11 3
5	00-P00F	EXCLUDER	P W Harris 6 11 3
6	100-PF	FINNESKO (C)	S Christian 7 11 3
8	032-1F0	HY TAB	Earl Jones 8 11 3
13	PP	ROSY GLEAM (USA)	H J Manners 8 11 3
17	3F0000	SLIP O'GRACE	G King 8 11 3
19	00-204F	THE ROYAL COMRIE	J Webber 6 11 3
20	314-22	WYFORD (BF)	T A Forster 8 11 3
21	000044/	BROWN VEIL	R C Armytage 10 10 12
24	00-0	MORE FUN	D Nicholson 8 10 12

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Clutterbuck, 6-4 Wyford, 8-1 The Royal Comrie, 12-1 More Fun, 16-1 Hy Tab, 20-1 others.

2.00 LONGWATER NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II £800 2m 5f (15 runners)

1	P-00-043	COLLAROY	J P Leigh 7 11 4	
2	0P	COOLARAP	Miss L Bower 6 11 4	R Rowell
5	0-204	HEALTH N HAPPINESS	D T Thom 6 11 4	Mr D Murphy (4)
6	P-00	KINSBOURNE LAD	M B Connell 5 11 4	M Hammond
7	000	LEOPARDO	J T Gifford 5 11 4	R Rowe
9	030330	LIGHT SENTENCE	P A Pritchard 7 11 4	N Fearn (7)
10	0000	LOLLYS PATCH	P W Harris 5 11 4	R Stronge
12	00-2224	PAULATIM	N J Henderson 5 11 4	P Croucher (4)
14	0002	TEN BELOW	Lady Herries 7 11 4	M Kinane
15	00-20	THE DUKE	K C Bailey 7 11 4	M Richards
17	04P-000	WIDE MISSOURI	R Champion 5 11 4	P Double
19		CHANELLE	B R Cambridge 5 10 13	Mr J Cambridge (4)

3	210-213	PUCKA FELLA (BF)	Mrs D Tucker 11 10 0	C Brown
4	F000F-P	EGGNOG	R Champion 12 10 0	G McCourt
6	U20310	BASHFUL LAD	M Oliver 10 10 0	R Dunwoody
7	143-000	BRIDGE ASH	J I Johnson 12 10 0	C Smith
8	1R/004-P	BONUM OMEN (C-D)	F Walwyn 11 10 0	K Mooney
9	F4F-234PKMR	MOLE	Mrs S Gill 10 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: Evens Lucky Vane, 7-2 Corbiere, 9-2 Bashful Lad, 8-1 Pucka Fella, 10-1 Mr Mole, 12-1 Bonum Omen, 16-1 others.

2.50 FAIRFORD HANDICAP CHASE £5,500 2m (9 runners)

1	111-041	LEFT BANK (FR)(D)	D Morley 7 11 12 (7 ex)	P Scudamore
2	1120-00	ST ALEZAN (C/D)	M Tate 8 11 10	C Smith
4	1-03110	RESTLESS SHOT (C-D)	J Webber 10 11 5	G McCourt
7	F21-003	TOIRDEALBHACH (C-D)	P O'Connor 11 10 11	J Francome
8	01B012	GOLDEN FRIEND (D)(BF)	Mrs M Rimell 7 10 10	S Morshead
9	4002U3	WALNUT WONDER (C-D)	R Hickman 10 10 8	J Bryan
10	121142	FREIGHT FORWARDER (C-D)(BF)	A Pitt 11 10 2	R Dunwoody
12	00-00P4	WATER ROCK (C-D)	J Thorne 10 10 0	J Hurst (7)
13	020430	DISCLOTH (D)	Lady S BROOKE 11 10 0	J Bryan

Sports Line

V for Vardi

MAN UNITED 1

(Hughes)

SHEFF WEDS 2

(Varadi 2)

BY OUR NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

IMRE VARADI was Sheffield Wednesday's hero at Old Trafford yesterday.

The former Everton star scored the two goals that inflicted on Manchester United their first home defeat of the season.

The result moved Wednesday into fifth place in the table, just three points behind United who are now five points adrift of leaders Tottenham and Everton.

Varadi struck first after 15 minutes when he hammered home a great pass from his skipper Mick Lyons.

United struggled throughout the match before finally managing to equalise through Mark Hughes after 63 minutes.

The Welsh international striker ran onto a loose ball after Bryan Robson had dispossessed Mark Smith and tucked the ball neatly away from 15 yards.

Eight minutes later United should have taken the lead through Gordon Strachan when Lyons pulled down Frank Stapleton.

But the Scottish international, who has already scored nine goals from the penalty spot this season, shot tamely this time and the ball flew wide.

It was Strachan's third spot kick miss in succession and it proved even costlier in the dying minutes when Varadi headed home a good cross from Andy Blair to make sure of the points.

Good Evans!

ASTON VILLA 3

(Gibson, Birch, Rideout)

WEST BROM 1

(Statham, pen)

ALLAN EVANS, the Aston Villa captain, was unconscious when carried off in the 84th minute of his side's 3-1 victory over West Bromwich at Villa Park yesterday.

It was said later that he suffered concussion after being struck in the face in an off-the-ball incident involving West Brom's David Cross.

SOUNESS STEEL IS MISSED

WATFORD 1

(Blissett, pen)

LIVERPOOL 1

(Rush)

LIVERPOOL manager Joe Fagan last night admitted the chances of the club winning any trophies this season were remote — and bemoaned the departure of mid-field star Graeme Souness.

After the champions had salvaged a point at Watford — thanks to a late header by Ian Rush — Fagan said that he had never realised how badly

his side would miss Souness, who was transferred to Italian side, Sampdoria.

Fagan said ruefully: 'We might have won today's game in the first half — we had a lot of play but no conviction in ourselves. We need someone to drive us on but we have none.'

'I have to talk about Souness sometime. He was our driving force, all over the place, and now we haven't got that. Play-

ers are new to each other and they don't have the confidence in their own ability.'

'The season so far has been very disappointing after our success over the years. Everybody expects us to do something every year. To us down in the boot room we have a different perspective. And there's no way we can look at ourselves and think in terms of winning something at this stage of the season.'

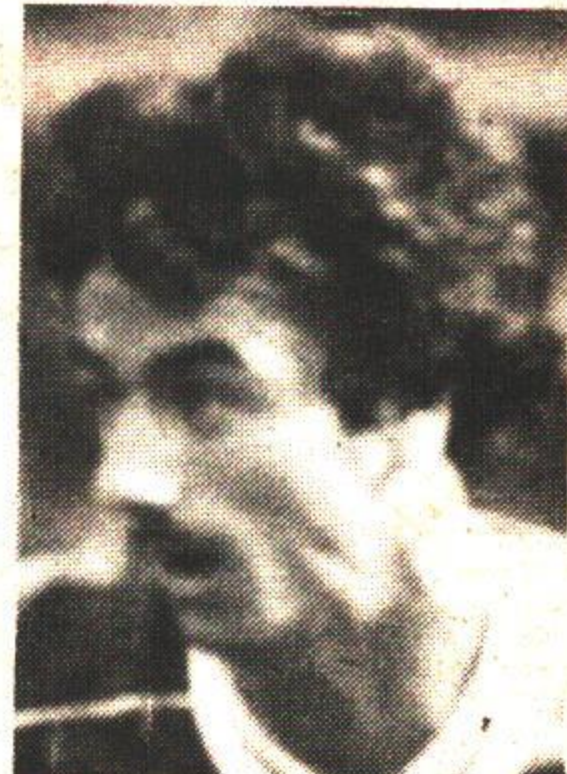
Rush's goal — his eighth of the season — came as the champions seemed destined to a defeat that would have definitely killed off any championship prospects.

It came in the middle of a frantic last five minutes during which Liverpool mounted attack after attack to try and break down the home defence.

Watford goalkeeper Tony Coton managed to block Rush's powerful header from Whelan's



GRAEME SOUNESS



IAN RUSH

cross, but he was unable to stop the ball looping over his head into the net.

Liverpool had fallen behind after 37 minutes

when full-back Phil Neal tripped an already-stumbling Worrell Sterling to concede a penalty. Luther Blissett made no mistake from the spot.

Beardsley lashes Sunderland

NEWCASTLE 3

(Beardsley 3, 1 pen)

SUNDERLAND 1

(West)

NEWCASTLE nosed ahead in their derby match with Sunderland thanks to a superb hat-trick from Peter Beardsley at St James's Park yesterday.

Of the previous 108 League meetings both sides had won 38 but this match must go down as one of the most explosive.

For Sunderland had Ho-

ward Gayle and Gary Bennett sent off and they also had David Hodgson, Colin West and Steve Berry booked.

Newcastle also had Wes Saunders and Ian Baird booked and the latter now faces his second suspension of the season.

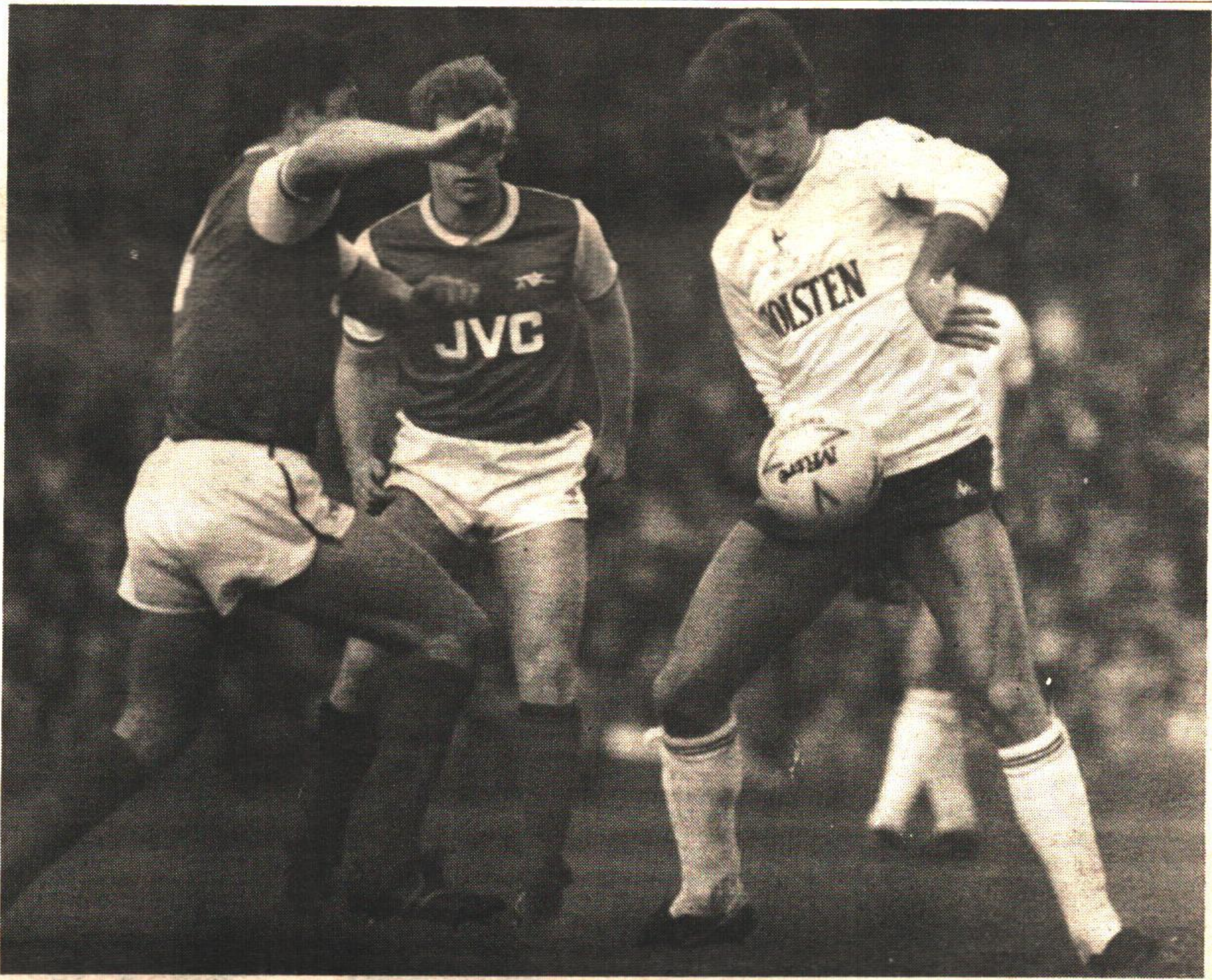
Newcastle led 1-0 at the interval after Beardsley had coolly slotted the ball home after a Pat Heard corner had been partially cleared.

But all the drama came in the second half. Gayle, who spent two months on loan with Newcastle two seasons ago, was sent off for disputing a penalty after he had brought down Saunders in the 48th minute.

Beardsley put the penalty kick away but then missed a second 11 minutes later.

This gave Sunderland the chance to get back into the game with a spectacular 70th minute goal from West but after putting Newcastle on the rack the visitors spoilt it all when a defensive error let in Beardsley to complete his hat-trick in the 80th minute.

Worse was to follow for Sunderland when they had Bennett sent off for a bad foul on Saunders three minutes from time.



GLENN HODDLE (right) seems to have things under control despite the attentions of Tony Woodcock and Brian Talbot at Highbury yesterday

Mickey taker

CHELSEA 1

(Thomas)

NOTT'M FOREST 0

BY A SPORTS REPORTER

CHELSEA robbed Nottingham Forest of their 100 per cent holiday record yesterday with a single goal from Mickey Thomas after 69 minutes at Stamford Bridge.

But that was scant reward for the London side who put the Forest goal under siege for most of the second half with wave after wave of attacks and could count themselves unlucky not to have won by a wider margin.

Forest were without three of their regulars after manager Brian Clough's decision to 'rest' Ian Bowyer, Kenny Swain and Paul Hart after Saturday's 3-2 win over Aston Villa.

Clough's side came to Chelsea as the only club in the first division with maximum points from their three games over Christ-

mas. And the Forest players were clearly confident of maintaining that winning streak.

But despite dominating most of the match, Chelsea could only manage Thomas's goal — a close-range header — after Pat Nevin

had centred from the right.

It was only the second goal the diminutive Welshman has scored all season. But it was enough to give Chelsea maximum points and went some way to compensate for the home defeat at the hands of Manchester United.

Rangers storm back

WEST HAM 1

(Brush)

QPR 3

(Byrne, Bannister, Waddock)

QUEENS Park Rangers survived an injury scare to goalkeeper Peter Hucker as they came from behind to send West Ham crashing to another home defeat.

Hucker was carried off after being knocked out in the fourth minute incident which led to West Ham's goal.

But he returned ten minutes later and Rangers battled back to earn a thor-

oughly deserved win

West Ham took the lead when Alan Dickens, chasing a pass, collided with Hucker and the ball flew into the air. Fullback Paul Brush headed into the empty net for his first goal in 165 appearances.

Rangers took command after the break and equalised in the 55th minute when John Byrne scored his first goal since his £100,000 transfer from York.

Gary Bannister put Rangers in front in the 72nd minute and two minutes later Gary Waddock added the third with a superb 25 yard shot.

JOHNSTON — HERO AND VILLAIN

RANGERS 1

(Cooper)

CELTIC 2

(Johnston, McClair)

BY OUR SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

CELTIC snatched a Hogmanay victory over Rangers at Ibrox Park yesterday afternoon with a second-half bombardment in one of the most exciting 'Old Firm' clashes in recent times.

The first 45 minutes had proved disastrous for Celtic as their Glasgow arch-enemies deservedly took

the lead through Davie Cooper with a perfectly struck shot.

If that wasn't bad enough the visitors were then stunned by one of their own players — when Maurice Johnston missed a penalty, his second in the space of four days.

The former Watford striker also fluffed a crucial spot kick against Premier League title rivals Dundee United on Saturday and it was widely believed after that miss that Johnston would be rested from the job for a while.

But yesterday at Ibrox he grabbed the ball and took

the kick, obviously anxious to atone for his sins on Saturday.

Dramatically, however, only moments after half-time, Johnston was the darling of the Parkhead fans once again. As his teammates surged forward in search of an equaliser, Frank McGarvey showed fine skills to set up Johnston to score with a good header.

After that Ibrox became a battlefield as both sides displayed desperation to win this always fiery encounter.

The winner came after 55 minutes from the boot of

Brian McClair, who was also a main contender for man-of-the-match.

Celtic fans went home with reason to prolong their New Year festivities. After all, 1984 had finished under a black cloud for the Parkhead club with defeats against teams involved in the race for the Premier Division title.

For Rangers, it was the worst start to 1985 imaginable. Manager Jock Wallace had been putting together a fragile renaissance at Ibrox in recent weeks. Now it could be in ruins.

Johnson steals the show

LEE JOHNSON, the 6ft-9in American guard, was the difference between the two teams as Maccabi Tel-Aviv won the Philips WICB basketball Championship at Crystal Palace yesterday afternoon.

Johnson scored 42 points in Macabbi's 98-96 victory over a youthful and talented Red Star Belgrade side.

At one stage Maccabi had opened up a 16-point lead in the second-half but Red Star, led by their two Yugoslav internationalists Zoran Radovic and Slobodan Nikolic, closed the gap and almost gained what would have been a spectacular victory.

British teams fared better than expected in the championships this year with the last two English men's teams battling bravely against the odds before going out of Monday's semi-finals.

National League leaders Kingston Kings gambled on Dan Davis's suspect knee but were without Doug Lloyd (damaged knee ligaments) when they went the full distance with Red Star before falling 88-85.

Mid-table Manchester Giants were leading Maccabi with just over three minutes to go before succumbing 98-92.

Kingston player-coach Steven Bontrager had promised to 'run like crazy' but he could not escape the slapping and grabbing of a relay of Yugoslavs.

His first marker, the 6ft-6in Rade Milosavljevic, committed four fouls in the five minutes he played, before returning to the bench, his job done.

Bontrager still managed 34 points, but sank only 33 per cent of his shots from the field.

The game did further damage to Kingston's hopes of winning the Cup next Monday. Andy Innell may have cracked a bone in his pelvis. England forward Martin Clark sustained a suspected broken toe after a Yugoslav allegedly stamped on his foot at the end of the game.

And Richard Rudd had treatment after he was allegedly punched in the kidney by another Red Star player.

Another Yugoslav was the target of an attack by Maccabi coach Zvi Sherf after the second semi-final. 'We were playing against six men,' Sherf said shirily. The Yugoslav referee did not want us in the finals.

Aulcie Perry, Maccabi's 6ft-10in centre had a more straightforward explanation of the Israeli team's unconvincing performance.

'We played ugly,' he said.

A determined Manchester jumped into a 23-16 lead and was still 88-86 ahead with just over three minutes to play.

'We did a good job,' said Manchester coach Becker. 'Until crunch time.'



Brian Talbot manages to get in a shot despite this flying tackle from Tottenham's Graham Roberts

DON'S SALVO

Howe blasts his players

ARSENAL manager Don Howe made a sensational attack on four of his players yesterday after their 2-1 home defeat in the north London derby against Tottenham.

Howe publicly criticised his England international strikers Paul Mariner and Tony Woodcock and then later slammed his goalkeeper John Lukic and centre-half Tommy Caton.

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

The Arsenal manager was visibly upset by his team's performance at the post-match press conference.

Woodcock and Mariner were continually caught off-side by Spurs yesterday morning and Howe claimed that both players lacked 'thinking power'.

'It wasn't through lack of instruction. It's a lack of thinking power and application. Offside should always be beaten by a thinking player,' Howe commented.

Later on he also made an even stronger attack on the other two players. 'If Caton and Lukic are going to make it here, they have got to do better than that,' Howe said. 'It was a rubbish goal, pathetic,' the Arsenal boss said, referring to Tottenham's equaliser.

'I hope the players go away, think about the problems and come back determined to put them right.'

'But my bet is that most will go away thinking "we missed New Year's Eve — that's a good session — and we will make up for it tonight". I'm not just talking about my players, but players in general, and I get worried about things like that,' Howe stormed.

Asked what a manager can do about the problem, Howe replied: 'Commit suicide — but I shall keep working hard.'

Arsenal, with Stewart Robson at the heart of every move, had much the better of the first 45

minutes yesterday morning and Woodcock finally capitalised on their monopoly just before half-time.

His goal was superbly carved out by defender Viv Anderson, who dummied Mark Falco before slipping a low pass along the goal line for Woodcock to touch in for his first goal in six games.

After the interval Tottenham began to have more of the play with Glenn Hoddle slowing down the game which had been played at a frenetic pace.

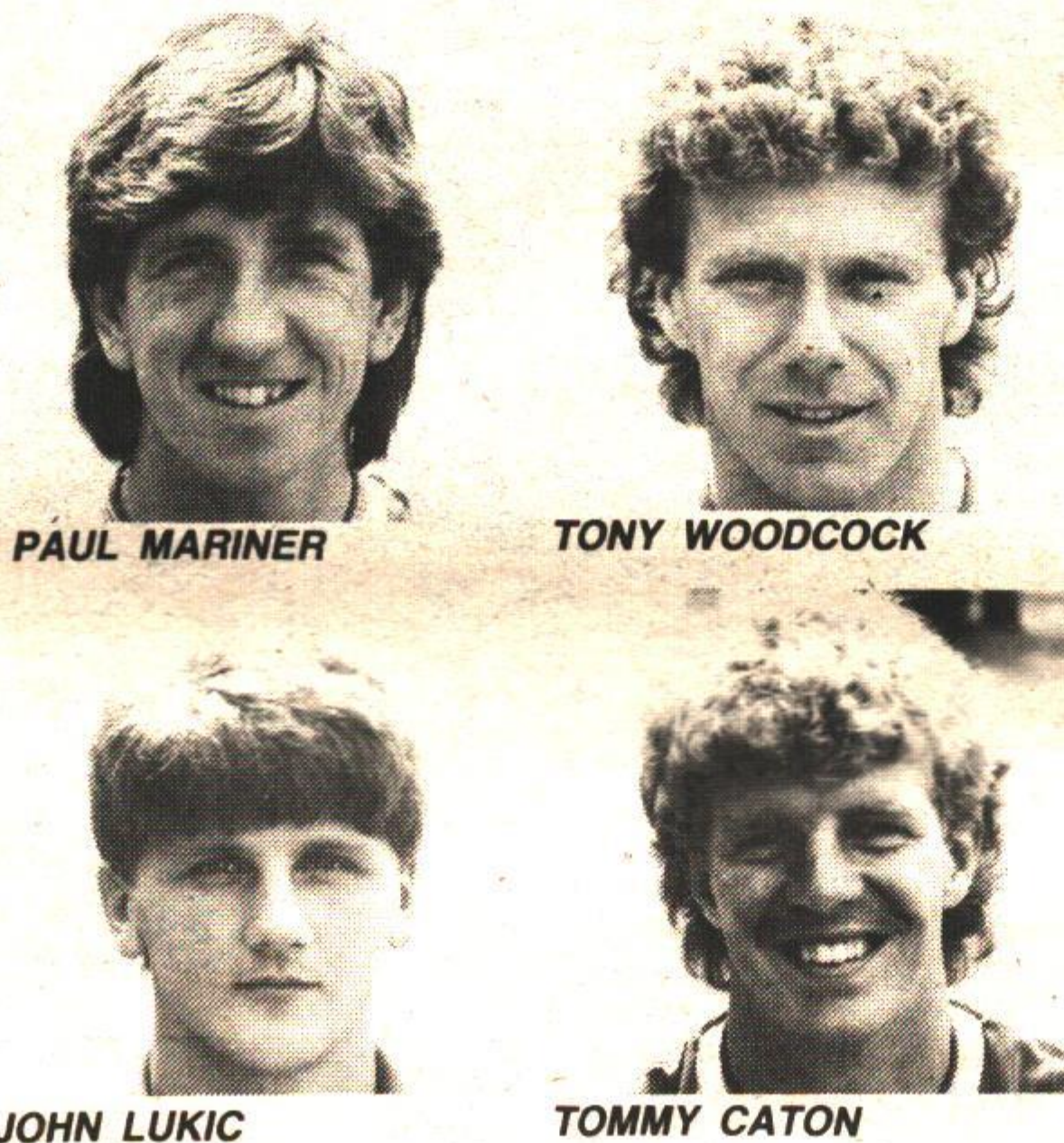
His pass, after 59 minutes, let in Garth Crooks to equalise. Caton and Lukic were involved in a moment's indecision allowing enough time for Crooks to slip his shot inside the far post.

Spurs then piled on the pressure and Falco settled where the three points would go when he fired home with a crisply taken left foot shot.

Tottenham boss Peter Shreeves was delighted with the result. 'We will look back on this one as one of the famous victories of the season,' Shreeves said.

'I bet other clubs were thinking we were going to drop points today — but it's a nice place to come and win.'

Match winner Falco broke his nose, Glenn Hoddle suffered a recurrence of groin trouble and Paul Miller needed stitches in an eye wound, but Shreeves hopes all three will play in the FA Cup against Charlton on Saturday.



JOHN LUKIC

TOMMY CATON

NEW YEAR'S DAY RESULTS

DIVISION I	
Arsenal (1)1	Tottenham (0)2
Woodcock	Crooks, Falco
Att: 48,714	
Aston Villa (1)3	West Bromwich (1)1
Gibson, Birch, Rideout	Statham (pen)
Att: 31,710	
Chelsea (0)1	Nottm Forest (0)0
Thomas	Att: 21,552
Coventry (3)4	Stoke (0)0
Gibson 2, Stevens, Hibbitt	Att: 9,829
Everton (1)2	Luton (0)1
Steven 2	Harford
Att: 31,682	
Ipswich (1)2	Norwich (0)0
Gates, Dozzell	Att: 21,710
Leicester (1)1	Southampton (1)2
Banks	Armstrong, Wallace
Att: 15,257	
Man Utd (0)1	Sheff Weds (1)2
Hughes	Varadi 2
Att: 47,638	
Newcastle (1)3	Sunderland (0)1
Beardsley 3 (1pen)	West
Att: 36,821	
Watford (1)1	Liverpool (0)1
Blissett (pen)	Rush
Att: 27,073	
West Ham (1)1	QPR (0)3
Brush	Byrne, Bannister, Waddock
Att: 20,857	

DIVISION II	
Barnsley (1)1	Blackburn (1)1
Owen (pen)	Brotherston
Att: 10,628	
Cardiff (0)0	Shrewsbury (0)0
Charlton (0)0	Brighton (1)1
O'Reilly	Att: 7,245
Grimsby (3)5	Hudders'ld (1)1
Cumming 2, Wilkinson, Foley, Lund	Lillis
Att: 8,790	
Leeds (1)1	Man City (1)1
Ritchie	Melrose
Att: 22,625	
Middlesbro (1)1	Oxford (0)1
Hebbard	Att: 6,757
Notts Co (0)0	Crystal Pal (0)0
Att: 5,715	
Oldham (0)0	Wimbledon (1)1
Fairweather	Att: 3,512
Portsmouth (4)4	Fulham (0)4
Waldron, Biley 2, Webb	Coney, Rosener, Barnett, Lock (pen)
Att: 17,636	
Sheff Utd (0)3	Birmingham (0)4
Heffernan, Edwards, Morris (pen)	Hopkins, Geddis, Clarke, West (o.g.)
Att: 16,571	

Wolves (0)0	Carlisle (2)2
O'Riordan, Poskett	Att: 6,288
DIVISION III	
Bolton (0)0	Orient (0)0
Att: 4,710	
Bournemouth (2)2	Gillingham (0)0
Savage 2 (1 pen)	Att: 4,500
Burnley (0)1	Wigan (1)2
Biggins	Barrow, Jewell
Att: 5,281	
Derby (1)1	York (0)0
Davison	Att: 16,113
Doncaster (0)4	Walsall (1)1
Harle, I Snodin, Parker, G Snodin	Handysides
Att: 3,485	
Hull (1)2	Bristol C (1)1
Whitehurst, McEwan (pen)	Riley
Att: 9,753	
Lincoln (1)1	Swansea (0)0
Strodder	Att: 2,517
Plymouth (1)1	Brentford (0)1
Tynan	Alexander
Att: 6,946	
Preston (1)1	Newport (0)1
Kelly	Carter
Att: 3,375	
Reading (1)2	Millwall (0)2
Senior, Horrix	Neal, Lovell (pen)
Att: 4,602	

Rotherham (0)1	Bradford (1)2
Dungworth	McCall, Ellis
Att: 9,122	
DIVISION IV	
Hereford (2)3	Southend (0)0
Phillips, Kearns, Price	Att: 5,007
Mansfield (1)2	Darlington (0)0
Galloway, Whatmore	Att: 3,112
Peterboro (1)3	Chester (1)1
Kelly 2, Shepherd	Fox
Att: 3,700	
Port Vale (2)5	Exeter (1)1
Kellock 2 (1pen), Brown 2, Earle	Morgan
Att: 3,306	
Rochdale (1)2	Halifax (0)0
Gamble, Taylor	Att: 1,671
Stockport (0)4	Northampton (1)2
Sword 2 (1pen), Coyle, Crawford	Lewis, Benjamin
Att: 1,726	
Swindon (2)4	Chestf'd (0)0
Rowland 2, Gordon 2	Att: 3,575
Torquay (1)1	Aldershot (2)3
Sims	Burvil, Foyle, Massey
Att: 1,410	
Tranmere (0)2	Scunthorpe (0)0
Clayton, Kelly	Att: 1,943
Wrexham (0)2	Colchester (1)2
Edwards, Horne	Phillips, Irving
Att: 1,376	

SCOTTISH PREMIER	
Dumbarton (1)1	Dundee (0)0
Craig	
Hibernian (0)1	Hearts (1)2
Jamieson	Mackay, Clark
Morton (0)0	St Mirren (1)2
	McAvennie, Gallagher
Rangers (1)1	Celtic (0)2
Cooper	Johnston, McClair
SCOTTISH DIV I	
Clyde (0)1	Partick (0)0
Willcock	
Clydebank (1)1	Airdrie (0)0
Larnach	
East Fife (2)3	St Johnstone (0)0
Porter 2, Murray	
Forfar (1)2	Brechin (0)1
Clark, Liddle	Eadie
SCOTTISH DIV II	
Albion R (0)0	Sten'muir (0)1
	Cairney (pen)
Berwick (0)0	Cowdenbeath (0)2
	Tierney, Doig
Montrose (1)2	Arbroath (0)1
Sommer, Bennett	Kennedy
Queen 'O Sth (0)0	Stranraer (0)0