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2,400 jobs to go at Stoke

MASS SACKINGS AT MICHELIN

THE MICHELIN tyre company yesterday announced the axing of more than 2,400 jobs — 40 per cent of the workforce — at its Stoke-on-Trent factory.

Another 200 jobs are to go at the Michelin factory in Burnley, Lancs, which employs 700-800 workers, the company said.

The mass sackings herald another wave of redundancies throughout British industry.

Thatcher's government has abandoned manufacturing industry, and is turning the economy into a speculators' paradise where gambling with paper money is the main activity.

That is why the Tories have let the pound go on the foreign exchanges with the aim of increasing oil revenue and handing it over to the middle class in the form of tax cuts.

Gordon Howle, Transport and General Workers' Union convenor at the Stoke factory, which employs 5,700 workers, expressed shock and anger.

'I just can't believe that the people of Stoke-on-Trent and the Michelin tyre company should receive such a severe blow,' he said last night.

'The factory has been sacrificed, without doubt, to save the Ballymena and Dundee factories and to try to shift jobs to the Continent.'

Howle said the workers felt that they had been totally sold out by the French-owned company.

A year ago it had prom-

ised a guarantee of work at the factory until at least the year 2,000 in return for agreeing to seven-day continuous shift operation.

Asked about possible industrial action, Howle said: 'That will be left entirely to the membership. Obviously the shop floor is now in severe shock.'

The company has threatened to cut all promises of severance pay if industrial action is taken.

What action the workers will take is to be decided at a shop stewards' meeting today.

Howle said that 1,500 jobs were lost 18 months ago at the factory through voluntary redundancy. Since then another 800 workers have been recruited.

BY PENNY BLOOR

'It's the biggest factory in Stoke-on-Trent. A shock wave is going through the city tonight.'

With the five pits in Stoke-on-Trent also facing closure 'it makes it even more important that Arthur Scargill is listened to and that the miners win their case', said Howle.

'You can't have pits being shut down at the same time as major factories because of Thatcher's policies.'

The news is 'a bombshell which will blast thousands of families into poverty', Jack Ashley, MP for the North Staffordshire town said last night.

He added: 'It is a catastrophe for the workers, the company and the city of Stoke-on-Trent. It is a terrible blow for the region which dashes our

hopes of economic recovery in North Staffordshire.'

T&GWU regional organiser Bob Lamond told News Line: 'It's like this — if a widow was standing at the graveside and they were lowering the coffin down with her husband's body inside you would be shocked. That's what's happening in Stoke-on-Trent at the moment, it's all shock and disgust.'

'Stoke-on-Trent has gone from a situation of low unemployment to above the national average.'

More than 24,000 people — 12.4 per cent of the adult working population in Stoke — are already without a job. The Michelin job cuts will push that figure up to just under 14 per cent.

Lamond said that 20,000 jobs have been lost in the potting industry and 4,000 jobs in the steel industry.

Michelin blames the loss of £1 million a week in Britain on increasing Eastern European and Japanese competition.

The company has said it intends to concentrate car tyre production at the group's three factories at Burnley, Dundee and Ballymena.

Tyre production at Stoke, up to now Michelin's main British production base, will be reduced and the manufacture of truck and cycle tyres will be phased out completely.

At Burnley, rubber preparation will be stopped, meaning a further 200 job losses, but Aberdeen, where steel cord is produced, is unaffected.

The UK manufacturing organisation said Michelin had lost more than £70 million in the 2½ years to the end of June and further heavy losses were expected for the past six months.

Frenzy on the stock market

A NEW wave of speculation sent the Stock Market into ecstasy yesterday.

The fact that British industry is crashing around their ears meant nothing to the brokers as they hurtled after shares.

At the close the index was up 15.5 points to stand at a record 971.2.

The frenzied activity is against a background

of a currency abandoned by a government which is determined to keep interest rates down.

At the same time, there is the prospect of an oil price war which would undermine the British banks.

But who cares about reality when there is money to be made in buying and selling paper!

Treasury figures published yesterday showed a sharp rise in bank lending while another indicator reflected the recent sale of British Telecom to the middle class.

After the markets decided to hold off on an immediate interest rate rise, the pound gave up more than half a cent of its early gain. It closed at \$1.1495.

Its initial rise owed more to dollar selling by the United States than anything else.

But on the foreign exchanges, many traders were far from convinced that an increase in interest rates could be avoided given the state of sterling.

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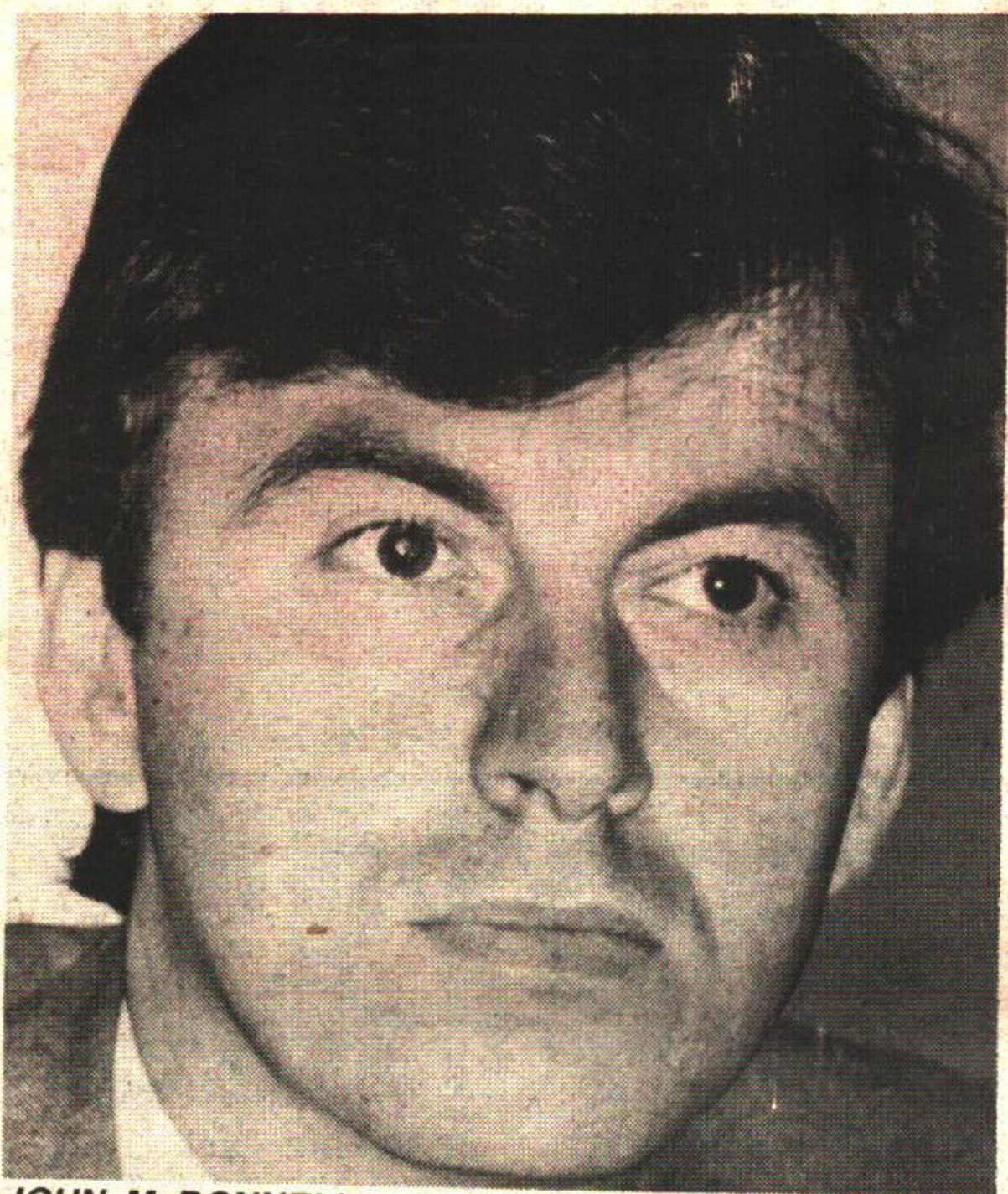
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Coalville NUR banner at yesterday's lobby of the rail union headquarters in London calling for strike action over victimisation of workers supporting the miners. See Page 3 for full story



JOHN McDONNELL . . . fight to defend services

Cuts 'will cripple London services'

SERVICES throughout London run by the Greater London Council face crippling cuts this year under the government's rate-capping law.

The amount the government says the GLC can raise is more than £140 million less than it needs to continue maintaining its existing services..

Every County Hall service is under threat — the fire brigade, job schemes, road maintenance, housing and grants to hundreds of organisations.

The grim prospect facing Londoners is spelt out by GLC finance chief and deputy leader John McDonnell in his budget consultation paper for 1985 which is shortly to be circulated throughout London.

'Under rate-capping, the government has set a budget for London which can only mean the most savage and unprecedented cuts in services the capital has ever seen.

'And it won't just be GLC services. The Inner London Education Authority and no fewer than nine London boroughs are being rate-capped too,' says McDonnell.

The budget consultation paper spells out some of the harsh cuts London faces. For the GLC, it could mean . . .

● The end of the popular dial-a-ride service for those with disabilities

● Decimation of the GLC's job creation programme; more people go on the dole

● Council tenants' rents up by at least £1.20 a week

● Reductions in the fire service; up to 1,400 firefighters jobs at risk

● The virtual end of the GLC grants programme; no more grants for the English National Opera, London Festival Ballet, Sadler's Wells National Theatre and big cutbacks in grants to hundreds of small organisations helping the disabled, the elderly, women and children and ethnic minorities

● The end of road improvements and maintenance, more congestion, more problems

● Less money for flood prevention, controlling pollution and other hazards, and for getting rid of the capital's 3.25 million tonnes of rubbish.

McDonnell puts forward a budget which would not only maintain the level of existing GLC services but also improve and expand many of the initiatives already started at County Hall.

Such a programme would involve an additional £100 million on the GLC budget

Con-man's haul of misery

A MAN who conned desperate unemployed workers out of thousands of pounds was jailed for three years yesterday.

Used car dealer Roy Hayden preyed on the misery and desperation of unemployment black spots like Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle and Birmingham, by placing adverts offering high paid jobs to craftsmen overseas.

David Ashley, pro-

secuting, told Southwark Crown Court: 'Applicants were then sent a detailed questionnaire asking about their previous work experience and were told to pay a refundable air fare of £250.'

Over 8,000 men eager for work responded and sackfuls of letters containing cash and cheques flooded into Hayden's front room office in Fulham Broadway, London.

The first post after the advertisements appeared netted Hayden £28,000.

Police told the court that most of Hayden's victims had taken out bank loans or borrowed the money from friends. They said Hayden could have made up to £500,000 in a week and then disappeared without trace if it had not been for complaints from suspicious applicants.

KIDNEY MAN TURNED AWAY TO DIE BY NHS

ANGER spread yesterday at the news that a man was denied kidney dialysis treatment on the grounds that his life was not of sufficient quality.

On Monday 44-year-old Derek Sage, who lives in a hostel for the homeless in Oxford, was taken to a private hospital in London for treatment at the expense of the British Kidney Patients' Association.

The president of the charity, Mrs Elizabeth Ward, said similar decisions were being made all the time and called for a government inquiry into Sage's case.

The Association stepped in when the warden of Simon House hostel, where Sage has lived for the past eight years, said he was being refused further treatment at the Churchill Hospital kidney unit in Oxford.

Ward said she hoped an inquiry would cause the authorities to 'realise that

life should be given priority in the National Health Service, and a reasonable quality of life at that'.

Wrexham Labour MP Lewis Carter Jones said there should be an independent inquiry into the incident, describing it as a cold-blooded decision. The most fundamental question to answer was whether the decision was taken because of a shortage of machines and places.

The decision to end Sage's treatment was made by Dr Des Oliver, head of the Churchill Hospital renal unit. Oliver felt that Sage should never have been accepted for the treatment. He

claimed that Sage was mentally defective and schizophrenic and did not fit the criteria for dialysis.

He said Sage had become virtually mute and unable to look after himself. He had to be fed and cleaned up. He had hit patients and staff.

He added: 'It was felt that the quality of his life was so low and a future was impossible for Derek. It was wrong to keep this poor fellow alive to go through more problems.'

This had been the view of his whole department.

Christopher Paine, the authority's general manager, claimed yesterday

the decision had been taken on purely medical grounds.

Sage had very high blood pressure and was not a suitable patient for dialysis, he said.

But Ward stressed the government should allocate more money to the kidney transplant programme so that doctors were not faced with making decisions like that taken in Sage's case.

She accused the doctors in Sage's case of wanting to 'swap' him with another healthier patient.

'You cannot swap one life for another and you cannot say this man's life is more valuable and worthier than another man's life.'

Ward said similar decisions were being made all the time. Patients suffering from diabetes, spina bifida and major physical disabilities were being denied kidney dialysis.

People on whom the state had spent a lot of money were 'for the chopper' if kidney failure added to their disabilities.

Ward said her Association would pay for Sage's treatment as long as might be needed

POLY HEAD PUTS NEW PLAN

NATIONAL Front student organiser Patrick Harrington was pushed and jostled by angry demonstrators when he returned to the North London Polytechnic yesterday after the Christmas break.

Harrington, who has recently been made the NF's legal advisor, spent 30 minutes at the polytechnic's library in Kentish Town, north London, yesterday afternoon.

He was escorted into the building through the angry crowd by the college's new acting director, Dr John Beishon, brought in to restore peace after ten months of disruption.

Beishon has produced a new plan to settle the dispute at the polytechnic, where students have been demonstrating and picketing to get Harrington removed.

In return, Harrington has had protection from riot police and the law courts, including the issuing of injunctions against students picketing him and the jailing of two students last term.

Beishon has produced a plan to settle the dispute which is to be proposed by the student union executive to a mass meeting tomorrow.

It includes Harrington's lectures being moved away from the main polytechnic buildings and held in a house behind the main site at Holloway Road.

Other students do not intend to attend the philosophy lectures. Although the poly cannot legally provide extra classes for the other students, there is nothing to prevent tutors arranging extra individual assistance.

An action committee on racism will also be set up.

Earlier Beishon spoke to a meeting of students at Kentish Town to brief them of his proposals. Today he will address students at Holloway Road and tomorrow at Ladbroke House.

Peter Ross, student union president, said members did not want Harrington at the polytechnic. But he welcomed Beishon's proposals as a 90 per cent victory for the students.

No to Talbot offer

AN OVERWHELMING majority of Talbot's 3,500 car workers in Coventry yesterday rejected the company's latest pay offer.

National union leaders will meet the management on Thursday to report on the response of their members to the offer.

The main plants in Coventry have rejected the offer, although a few smaller plants which provide components are understood to have accepted the offer.

The deal would bind the workers to a two-year contract offering up to £18 by the end of the period. The unions are seeking an

immediate rise of £20 under a 12 month contract.

● **ASSEMBLY** lines at Ford's Halewood plant were restarted yesterday following a 36-hour shut-down at the end of last week when workers walked out over a dispute in the wiring looms section.

Four men at the centre of the dispute have since accepted a change in their work allocation following talks between management and the T&GWU transport union.

Scargill warning

MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill warned last night that the Nottinghamshire area of the NUM could be suspended or expelled from the national union when the executive meets tomorrow.

The Nottinghamshire area's action in changing their rules to avoid being disciplined for breaking the strike was a 'blatant

breach' of the union's national rules, Scargill said on Central TV.

He urged the area to reconsider its position 'before it is too late'. Breaching the national rules was 'an offence which could bring either suspension of the area or expulsion of the area,' he said.

Meanwhile, the Coal Board's back to work campaign suffered a further collapse yesterday when their own exaggerated figures only boasted 460 additional miners strike-breaking.

WEATHER

MANY AREAS will be dry with sunny intervals but there will be showers in exposed coastal areas. In the northern districts of Scotland and Wales and much of England showers will be of rain or sleet but in south-east England will be of sleet or snow. Temperatures will be near normal in the north-west, rather cold or cold elsewhere.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Scattered showers and sunny intervals in all areas. In the west showers will be of rain or sleet, in the east of sleet or snow. It will be cold in the east, nearer normal in the west.

£1,400m to store EEC surpluses

THE COST of storing Common Market surpluses has more than doubled in a year to £1,400 million and will continue to rise, according to figures published yesterday.

'The cost of holding and disposing of surpluses will not only increase because of the stagnant international market, but also because of the increasing cost of holding stocks within the community,' the EEC's court of auditors has told community leaders.

The value of surplus food held in official EEC stores almost doubled to £4,200 million over the year before.

The true cost of surplus storage is much worse than the commission's own accounts show and almost £1,800 million has been wiped off the value of the surpluses in store, said Agra Europe, a Brussels-based agricultural intelligence bulletin.

These losses combined with EEC debts where

member states have not paid sums owed to the community add at least £3,000 million to the cost of the Common Market's agricultural policy (CAP).

Losses on the sale of surplus stocks were also considerable according to the figures — 83 per cent of the original purchase price of milk powder was lost, butter showed a 30 per cent loss, beef 32 per cent and tobacco 87 per cent.

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RAILWAY UNIONS CALL ONE-DAY STOPPAGE

RAIL UNION leaders have called a one-day strike at freight depots on the London-Midland region on January 17 in protest at the victimisation of members at Coalville, Leicestershire.

Men have been suspended at the depot for refusing to move scab coal, and local management have brought in scab labour to move coal trains.

A statement issued by the Rail Federation last night said the actions of management were to be condemned, and that the unions would launch a fresh campaign in the coalfields to express support for the miners and all those railmen involved in solidarity action.

The statement added that if further provocations were made by British Rail against rail union members, then national strike action would be considered.

Earlier, over 60 railworkers had lobbied the NUR headquarters to demand national industrial action to defend the victimised workers at Coalville.

Roy Butlin, chairman of the Traffic section of the NUR branch in Coalville, told a meeting of railworkers that his members were calling for widespread industrial action.

He said his members at the Mantle Lane depot, who have been under a continuous attack by management for their principled support of the miners, believed their 10 month loyalty to the national leadership of the rail unions now deserved action in return.

Management succeeded in moving the first coal train in the Leicestershire coalfield on December 17 by bringing in scab labour. The depot

BY BEN RUDDER

normally supplies power stations at Drakelow, Rugeley and Didcot.

One of the signalmen has been told by management that because of his decision to abide by NUR policy of blacking coal trains, he was considered 'mentally unstable' by the employers.

Raids

A statement issued by the branch says: 'The men at Coalville regard the victimisation of the signalmen as the most serious in a long line of harassment which has included police raids of men's homes, sackings for alleged theft, harassment of individuals, disciplinary charges, rumour-mongering, cancellation of Sunday and essential

maintenance work, and a threat to close the depot from the area manager.'

The statement concludes: 'Coalville men stand firm in support of the miners despite all the pressure. Over nine months of loyalty to the Rail Federation directive in the most difficult of circumstances means that they expect industrial action to back up their stand.'

The railmen have won the respect of Leicestershire's 'Dirty Thirty' striking miners. Spokesman Mick Richmond told News Line: 'The lads from the Mantle Lane depot in Coalville have been absolutely fantastic, right from day one.'

'They deserve medals as big as dustbin lids for what they have done and what they have had to put up with. They are a credit to the whole trade union movement.'



Roy Butlin, NUR Coalville branch traffic chairman

Hammond in TUC talks

TUC officials have confirmed that 'informal' discussions took place yesterday with the EETPU electricians' union over their defiance of TUC policy on Tory anti-union law.

Leaders of the union spent over two hours yesterday with TUC general secretary Norman Willis and Bill Keys, chairman of the TUC's employment committee EPOC.

The EETPU leadership have broken TUC policy in accepting state cash to conduct ballots on industrial action and union elections.

The AUEW, who are also advising their members to accept govern-

ment money for ballots, have also been invited for talks with Willis.

However, the TUC official said that suggestions in the 'Financial Times' referring to possible suspension or expulsion of the two unions were 'a bit premature'.

The right-wing of the TUC are currently planning to overturn the 1982 Wembley conference decision to oppose the Tory anti-union laws.

Every union has been asked to submit reports of their experiences under the anti-union laws, and the deadline for replies fell on January 2. These

reports will be the subject of the next TUC employment policy and organisation committee meeting on January 16.

A proposal by David Basnett, general secretary of the GMBATU general workers' union would involve a special conference of union executives to reconsider the decisions of Wembley 1982.

Terry Duffy, president of the AUEW, said the threat of suspension from the TUC would not deter his union executive from accepting state cash for ballots, if that was what the members decided.

'If we apply for the money, we hope the TUC won't be so naive as to take action against us,' Duffy said.



Railmen lobby Unity House, NUR headquarters yesterday

Union protests over Dr O'Shea's arrest

DR MAIRE O'SHEA, the 65-year-old retired psychiatrist arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act last Saturday, is still being held at Bridewell police station in Liverpool, despite fears about her physical condition.

Dr O'Shea's union, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial staffs, said yesterday it wanted to meet Home Secretary Leon Brittan to protest about her continued detention.

The union's vice-president, Labour MP Doug Hoyle, said Dr O'Shea's treatment 'smacks of the trappings of a police state rather than a democracy.'

Dr O'Shea could now be held until tomorrow evening before detectives decide whether to charge her, release her, or apply for another extension. Home Secretary Leon Brittan has already approved one application from Merseyside police to extend her detention for an extra three days.

Her daughter had earlier expressed grave concern about Dr O'Shea's state of health and her ability to cope with conditions in the police cells, where she has been kept, only being allowed to contact a solicitor on the third day of her detention.

Her arrest was part of a major Merseyside Special Branch investigation, which has led to eight men being detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, four of them charged with conspiring to cause an explosion in the UK.

In their first official confirmation of O'Shea's detention, the Merseyside

police issued a statement which claimed she had been given proper medical attention.

John Burrow, Merseyside Deputy Chief Constable, said: 'Dr O'Shea was brought to Main Bridewell shortly after 8p.m. on Saturday, January 5 and was seen by a senior police surgeon at 9p.m.'

He said she was seen on Sunday by two doctors and at her request by her own doctor on Monday.

Merseyside Police Committee chairman Lady Simey told the county council that O'Shea had been seen by a police surgeon 'within an hour of her arrival at the Bridewell'.

The police complaints sub-committee had asked to meet Chief Constable Kenneth Oxford to discuss 'certain issues' over the Prevention of Terrorism Act, she added.

Labour Councillor David Callan asked what guidelines the Special Branch used to detain people under the Act.

'From what I have read it seems people are detained under this Act for offences which apparently do not include terrorism,' he said.

'I am worried that people going on their holidays to Ireland could be arrested because police are suspicious of them.'

A group from the Irish Freedom Movement protested outside the council meeting, chanting slogans and asking people to sign petitions against the PTA legislation.

SEVEN men were arrested by police during dawn raids in the north of Ireland yesterday.

The men were taken from their homes, in Maghera and Swatragh,

Co Derry, to Gough Barracks in Armagh for questioning.

A police spokesman said the seven were being interrogated about a serious crime in the area.

An eighth man, a relative of those arrested, was detained for a short

time after a police sergeant was allegedly assaulted during the operation.

The arrests followed a round-up yesterday when six men were arrested in Strabane, Co Tyrone. They were still being questioned yesterday.

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Swedish MP at ceremony

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish Minister for Equality and Immigrant Affairs, Anita Gradin, will attend the swearing-in of Sandinist leader Daniel Ortega as President of Nicaragua tomorrow. Last January Prime Minister Olaf Palme became the first west European leader to visit Nicaragua since the 1979 revolution.

Ferraro husband in plea

NEW YORK — Zaccaro Ferraro, 51, the husband of former Democratic vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, pleaded guilty on Monday to charges of fraud in a New York real estate deal worth \$15.5 million. He avoided a one-year jail term by admitting to two of three charges.

Fijian unions plan strike

SUVA, Fiji — The Trades Union Congress (FTUC) in the Pacific island will call an indefinite general strike on February 12 in protest against a wage freeze, secretary James Raman said yesterday. The government has been given 28 days notice under the Trades Disputes Act.

Pretoria raises prime rate

JOHANNESBURG — Leading South African banks have raised their prime lending rate by 1 per cent to a record 25 per cent as gold sank to \$295.50 on Monday, its lowest level in more than four years. The rand has tumbled to 47.55 cents from 85 cents last March, when gold was worth \$400.

Finland lowers prime rate

HELSINKI — The Finnish government said yesterday it would lower bank interest rates next month in an attempt to pep up the sagging economy. The Bank Committee of Parliament said it had decided to lower the central bank base rate from 9.5 per cent to 9 per cent from February 1.

John Birch founder dies

BELMONT, Massachusetts — Robert Welch, the candy manufacturer who founded the ultra-right-wing John Birch Society in 1957, has died, aged 85. Welch named the society after a Baptist Minister and American spy who was killed in China in 1945 and amassed an annual budget of about \$10 million.

Espionage charges denied

LOS ANGELES — Aircraft engineer Thomas Cavanagh, accused of trying to sell secrets of the \$1-billion United States 'Stealth' bomber programme to the Soviet Union, has pleaded not guilty to three counts of espionage. The Northrop-designed bomber is capable of avoiding radar detection.

World News Line

THAI COMBAT JET SHOT DOWN

Vietnam outflanks mercenaries

BANGKOK — Vietnamese forces shot down a Thai aircraft on combat mission over the north-western Kampuchean border yesterday as they fought US and Chinese-sponsored counter-revolutionaries at the Ampil base.

Thai Supreme Commander, General Arthit Kamlang-ek, said the A-37 fighter was hit by a rocket fired by Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea.

The incident occurred about 60 miles north of Ampil, the command headquarters of the counter-revolutionary Kampuchean National Liberation Front.

One pilot ejected safely but the other was missing and believed dead, the spokesman said.

The aircraft was operating over Ban Kruat district, Buriram province. It apparently was on a strafing run to cover for KPNLF forces trying to retake outposts overrun during the Christmas offensive.

On Christmas Day, Vietnamese troops captured the other main base next to Ampil, Rithisen, (known among the KPNLF as Nong Samet, after the Thai village yards across the border).

The joint Vietnamese and Kampuchean troops were reported to have overrun most of Ampil yesterday, leaving KPNLF forces huddled in less than a quarter of the sprawling encampment.

ters and that Vietnam's T-54 tanks had pierced their second defence line.

Reuters newsagency quoted 'Western military analysts' at Aranyaprathet, 50 miles away as saying they were pessimistic about the mercenaries' chances of holding out much longer.

Claims

KPNLF leaders, however, made wild claims of having destroyed up to six Vietnamese tanks. Their claims conflicted with claims by Thai military officers at the Ampil front, who claimed landmines had knocked out three tanks.

The joint Vietnamese

and Kampuchean forces also outflanked the KPNLF, pounding them with artillery barrages and mortar fire almost ceaselessly, devastating plans guided by US counter-insurgency experts at Aranyaprathet and the Thai officers at the front to break through to hit from behind.

The Thai forces intensified their engagement in the reactionary war against the Kampuchean government of Prime Minister Heng Samrin after it became clear at the weekend the KPNLF was incapable of holding out.

Thai military command prepared for the counter-revolutionary assault last week by evacuating more than 25,000

Thai villagers from the Ampil area.

An unknown number of Kampuchean refugees have remained as part of the KPNLF's murderous tactic of using the peasants as hostage against attacks and to engage in suicide missions.

Post

The Vietnamese and Kampuchean troops have held all posts captured since the dry-season offensive began in November, except for strategic withdrawals that have led to renewed attacks.

The KPNLF is part of a reactionary tripartite alliance led by Son San,

Anti-Sikh rioters arrested

NEW DELHI — Sixty-one people accused of involvement in anti-Sikh riots sparked by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination have been arrested in the national capital in the past four days.

A government spokesman said they had been charged with murder, rioting and arson. Investigations were continuing and further arrests were expected, he said.

The assassination of Mrs Gandhi on October 31 by two Sikh bodyguards was aggravated by provocative statements by ruling Congress (I) politicians and party bureaucrats.

At least 1,270 people were killed in four days of rioting by Congress (I) thugs who raided dozens of Sikh settlements around New Delhi and the ancient Delhi quarter.

Mrs Gandhi's son and successor, Rajiv Gandhi, said in a broadcast last weekend his government would give priority to solving the crisis in the Punjab, which was excluded from the general election, along with north-eastern Assam.

Oppositionist in South Korea harassed

SEOUL — At least 150 uniformed and plainclothes police yesterday surrounded the house of a leading opponent of the South Korean dictatorship, Kim Young-sam, 57, in a Seoul suburb for nearly three hours.

Senior superintendent Kim Ki-sop, who led the operation outside Kim Young-sam's home, said police were trying to stop him attending rallies of two other opposition politicians campaigning for next month's elections.

Kim has been banned from taking part in any political activities against the Chun Doo Hwan dictatorship, the police chief confirmed.

Kim said he was constantly watched by plainclothes police.

A former opposition leader and one-time presidential contender, he is determined to press for full democracy in South Korea.

Efforts

He said: 'The government has tried to hamper our efforts to restore democracy in our homeland but I am determined to ignore the ban and continue to fight the dictatorship government. I am not worried about imprisonment.'

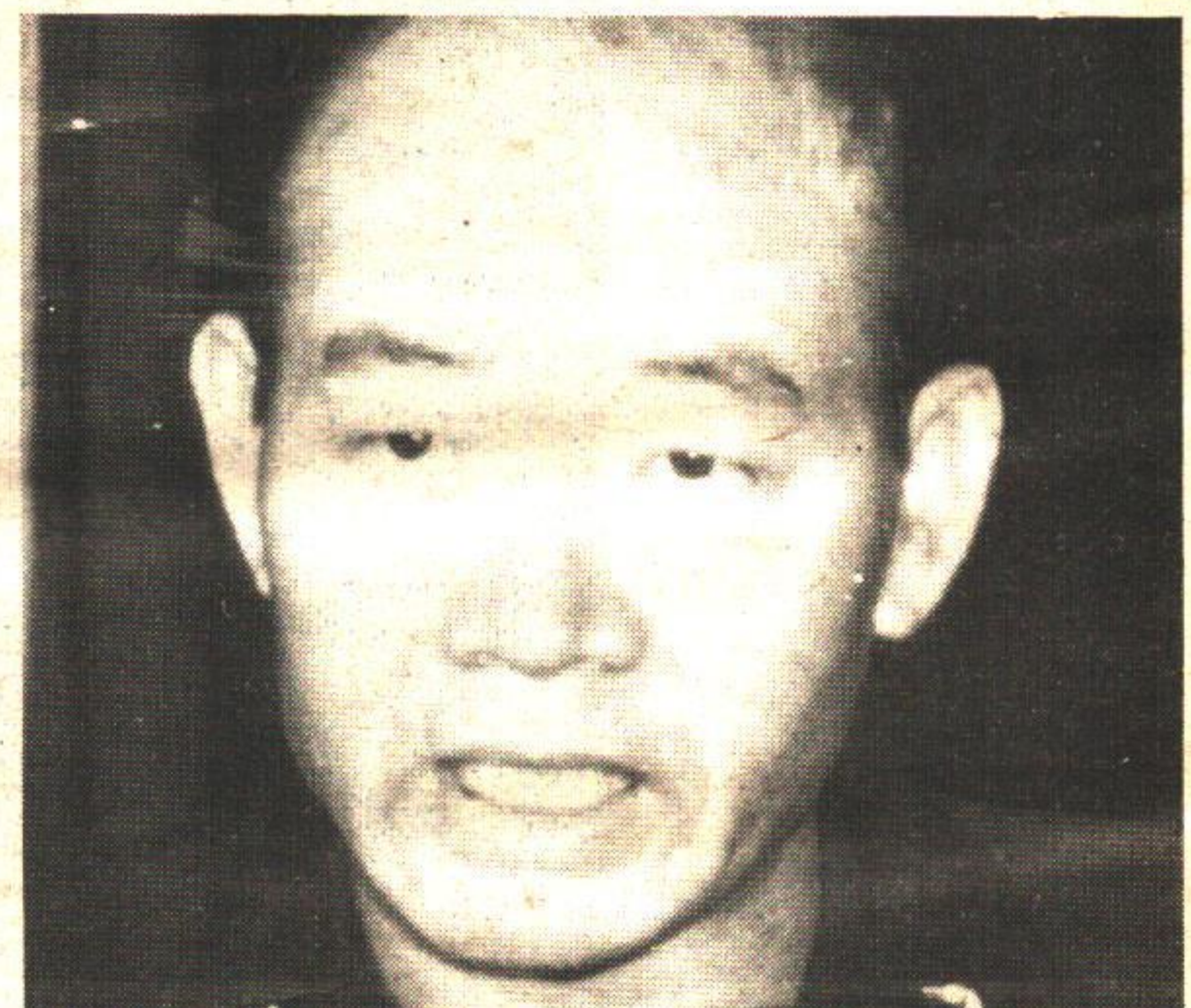
In June 1983 Kim staged a 23-day hunger strike calling for democracy. He was released from an earlier period of house arrest after receiving treatment in hospital.

Despite the political ban, Kim last year formed a political dissident group called the Council for the Promotion of Democracy.

Last week at a press conference he called on South Koreans to boycott parliamentary elections expected in February unless the government allowed fuller democracy.

Despite US-backed Chun Doo Hwan's repression of political opponents, there have been defiant and recurrent mass demonstrations against the dictatorship by students and other oppositionists.

The military was mobilised across the country during mass protests against Japanese occupation atrocities in



CHUN DOO HWAN

Korea during World War II.

The protests coincided with Chun's visit to Japan late last year.

Exiled South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae-jung said in the United States he believed the police harassment of Kim was aimed at dissuading

him from returning home at the end of the month.

Kim Dae-jung plans to return to South Korea even though he could be thrown into jail. When he left to go to the US for medical treatment he had served two years of a 20-year sentence for sedition.

Sithole accused of plot

HARARE — Zimbabwe's State Security Minister Emmerson Munangagwa has accused opposition leader Reverend Ndabingi Sithole of seeking support from the United States to overthrow the government.

Zimbabwe Radio, reported him as saying the cleric had written letters to the American govern-

ment, asking for arms to be used in ousting the regime of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe but the US had sent the letters to the government.

The radio said Munangagwa had said the letters detailed Sithole's plans for carrying out the alleged coup plot but did not elaborate.

Sithole, the leader of the minority Zimbabwe African National Union left Harare last year, saying he was threatened with arrest. He lives in self-imposed exile in Britain.

The first post-independence election is due by March and several parties are planning to contest it.

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The mercenaries engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the joint forces as they scoured the area to secure the camp against the counter-insurgents. According to all reports, the final defences of the US and Peking-backed forces had been breached.

It was a shattering blow to the KPNLF, who have been cut off from the Khmer Rouge reactionaries in Kampuchea's hinterland.

Mercenary leaders admitted to suffering heavy casualties as the fighting intensified after more than 24 hours of artillery fire from the Vietnamese-led forces on Monday.

They admitted the Vietnamese-led forces controlled more than half their former headquar-

CORRECTION

The illustration on Page 4 of yesterday's News Line was a pre-revolutionary map of the Indochinese peninsula. It referred to Cambodia, South Vietnam and Saigon. News Line recognises them, respectively, as Kampuchea, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City.

World News Line

NEWS BLACK OUT AT ARMS TALKS

GENEVA — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko moved closer yesterday towards a Kremlin accommodation to the US imperialist policy as a news blackout imposed a veil of secrecy on the arms talks.

US Secretary of State George Shultz and Gromyko laughed and joked at a reception on Monday night, where the Soviet bureaucrat said in answer to questions on the talks: 'It's too early to tell.'

The talks have been behind closed doors and only a hand-picked few of Washington's war plan-

ners and the Kremlin's bureaucrats are attending.

News briefings at which bourgeois politicians traditionally 'fly kites' were suspended for the duration of the talks.

The teams spent nearly seven hours negotiating on Monday in two sessions, first at the Soviet mission and then at the US mission — a total of three sessions.

Shultz and Gromyko were expected to return to Washington and Moscow to report to their governments.

Veteran war US war policymaker Paul Nitze

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will visit Bonn tomorrow to brief Chancellor Kohl on the outcome of the negotiations.

Gromyko and Shultz stuck to an agreement not to release any information to more than 800 newsmen covering the talks and refused to comment as they broke for lunch.

Conference spokesmen said an additional session in the afternoon was a 'favourable sign'.

The embargo was clearly to assist Gromyko chart out a secret deal with Washington amid a barrage of niceties about the necessity to curb 'offensive' nuclear arms.

Reagan has made it clear to his negotiators that a deal on either his 'star war' space militarisation programme or the development and deployment of new weaponry is, out of the question.

Shultz's only so-called concession has been to offer to limit anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons testing.

The first official indication of the outcome of the secret diplomacy will be tonight, when Reagan gives a news conference in Washington.

In a recorded statement for Prague home service radio, Vladimir Lomeyko, the chief of the press department of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, who is accompanying

Gromyko, said: 'The Soviet Union's attitude has always been — and continues to be — a principled one: our country has always been in favour of talks and now, too, we want dialogue.'

'We want talks which are honest and to the point, which will lead to concrete results reached on the principles of equality and equal security.'

This, among a string of conciliatory messages from Moscow, are in line with the Kremlin Stalinists' craving for 'peaceful co-existence with imperialism'.

Gromyko, like Molotov during Stalin's bloody purges and betrayals of the world working class, is motivated by the reactionary 'theory' that imperialism can be persuaded to guarantee their parasitic caste privileges.

The Geneva secrecy has a content much more sinister than mere diplomacy.

Policeman claims sanction for murder

TORUN, Poland — A Polish security policeman alleged to have led the kidnap and murder of pro-Solidarity priest Jerzy Popieluszko said yesterday he believed the action had high-level official sanction.

Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski started giving evidence yesterday in the provincial court in northern Poland, where he and two other security officers are charged with the murder.

Piotrowski has pleaded not guilty but said he did take part in the killing.

The other two accused are Lieutenant Waldemar Chmielewski and Lieutenant Leszek Pekala.

A fourth policeman, Colonel Adam Pietruszka, is accused of instigating the conspiracy and aiding and abetting the murder. He has denied the charges.

Piotrowski said in evidence yesterday: 'For me, the lowest level that could have taken such a decision was a deputy minister.'

He said he had told his colleagues, 'This is not a decision taken at department level', just before they abducted the priest.

'I knew the style of management. I knew who could afford to take such a decision. So it's clear that this decision was taken at the very top.'

Chmielewski named the Deputy Interior Minister, General Wladyslaw Cias-ton, on Monday in connection with the conspiracy.

He said he had raised Cias-ton's name to tell the judge he wanted to withdraw his allegations that the action against the priest had been authorised by the deputy minister.

But he admitted that 'Piotrowski must have

agreed the entire affair with Cias-ton'.

Pekala had earlier told the court he believed the operation had the approval of one of six deputies in the Ministry but said he did not know his name.

Cias-ton is the highest-ranking officer to be named in the case, in which the government has said there will be no cover up.

Piotrowski has pleaded not guilty to any of the charges against him

Evidence backs up suit — says Sharon

NEW YORK — Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, architect of Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, arrived in New York yesterday claiming new evidence backed up his \$50 million libel suit against 'Time' magazine.

The judge hearing the case was due to decide whether to admit into evidence a report received on Monday from the chief Israeli judge who probed the 1982 massacre of Palestinians in two West Beirut refugee camps.

The Israeli Justice Ministry said a secret appendix of an inquiry into the massacre of Palestinian refugees at Sabra and Shatilla camps, Beirut, did not indicate Sharon discussed revenge with Falangist militiamen.

The inquiry was conducted by former Sup-

reme Court President Yitzhak Kahan, whose new testimony will be presented at the New York District Court.

The Israeli Cabinet refused to allow the appendix to be viewed by the New York court but agreed that Kahan could provide 'yes' or 'no' answers to three questions.

'Time' issued a statement objecting to the limitations placed on examining the secret appendix saying: 'We have been denied potentially crucial information.'

Kahan replied 'no' to the following questions:

- Do the documents show or hint Sharon held a discussion with the Gemayel family or a member of the Falangists in which he discussed the need of avenging the murder?
- Do they indicate Sharon held a discussion with



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a Falangist in which either mentioned the need for revenge?

- Do they indicate Sharon knew in advance the Falangists would massacre civilians if they entered the Beirut camps

unaccompanied by Israeli forces?

Sharon is suing the magazine for alleging the appendix said he had discussed avenging the death of Falangist leader Bashir Gemayel with Gemayel's family.

Israeli troops blockade camp

NAQOURA, South Lebanon — Israeli troops blockaded the Deheisheh Palestinian refugee camp in the occupied West Bank on Monday as the government simultaneously took a tough line at the Naqoura talks on withdrawal from occupied south Lebanon.

Witnesses said some of the Deheisheh residents were arrested after fire bombs were hurled at two passing Israeli cars. No one was injured.

Israeli soldiers were checking the papers of

everyone entering or leaving the village.

Tension has risen at Deheisheh since extremist Israeli settlers entered and set up camps in support of their demands that all Arabs be expelled.

Israeli negotiations in Naqoura said they would reply 'in due course' to a Lebanese offer to accept a larger role for UNIFIL peacekeeping forces of the United Nations if the occupation troops were withdrawn.

Security stepped up for exile

MANILA — Opposition groups are taking steps to prevent 'a repetition of what happened to opposition leader Benigno Aquino' as they anxiously prepare for the return of another dissident to the Philippines.

Acting armed forces chief in the Philippine dictatorship, Lieutenant-General Fidel Ramos, said yesterday that he would have talks with the opposition leaders on security for the return of a political opponent of

President Ferdinand Marcos later this month.

Former education secretary Alejandro Rocas has written to Ramos asking for security for Liberal Party president Jovito Salonga, when he returns to Manila on January 21 after almost four years voluntary exile in the United States.

Ramos said he would have talks with opposition leaders tomorrow on measures to ensure the former senator's safety.

French colonel shot

BEIRUT — The deputy commander of the French observer force in Lebanon, Lieutenant Colonel Claude Cueno, has been shot dead in West Beirut, according to a fellow officer yesterday.

Captain Claude Bushing said Cueno, 45, was found last night with a bullet wound in his head at the western end of the 'museum crossing' between mainly Muslim West Beirut and the Falangist east.

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

POLLOCK: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Househill Community Centre, Househill Road. Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National Committee); **Alex McLarty** (WRP Central Committee)

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

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

DUNFERMLINE: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. Queen Anne High School. Speakers: **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee); **Alan Paton** (Valleyfield YS, Comrie NUM in personal capacity)

CLYDEBANK: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. Court Room, Clydebank Town Hall. Speakers: **Willie Thompson** (Clydebank YS); **Alex McLarty** (WRP Central Committee); **Joe Keegan** (Glasgow West WRP)

CUMBERNAULD: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Beechwood Community Centre, North Carbrin. Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee)

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

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

NORTH WEST

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

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

ST HELENS: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. St Helens Trade Union and Resource Centre, College Street. Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

RUNCORN: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Meeting Room No.1, Shopping City Library. Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **David Charles** (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)

ELLESMERE PORT: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Ex-Servicemen's club, off Whitby Road. Speakers: **John Owen** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

WIGAN: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. Victoria Hotel, Wallgate. Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee)

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. Ashtown 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)

STAFFS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Chesterton Library and Community Centre, London Road. Speakers: **Robin Bickerstaffe** (Stoke YS); **P Reid** (Stoke WRP); **Danny Anderson** (Wolstanton NUM, in personal capacity)

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)

ROSSINGTON: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. Royal Hotel, Queen Mary Road. Speakers: **Katie Rhodes** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); **Dave Smith** (President Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

HULL: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Albion Street. Speakers: **Lance Thornton** (Hull WRP); **Chris Marsden** (YS National Committee); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee)

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

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

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

EASTERN

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, Whitley 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); **Alan Jones** (Point of Ayr NUM, in personal capacity)

SOUTH WALES

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

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)

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. High-town Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road. Speakers: **Spencer Wylie** (Colney Heath YS); **Paul Stickley** (Watford WRP)

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

MIDDLESEX

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

SUSSEX

CRAWLEY: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Southgate West Community Centre, Ditchling Hill, Southgate West. Speakers: **Graham Fenwick** (YS National Committee); **Joe Kierney** (Crawley WRP)

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. 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. 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 Road. Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

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

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

TOOTING: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Lola Jones Hall, Garrett Lane. Speakers: **Gary Hughes** (Brixton YS); **Ben Rudder** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Tooting Bec hospital

Message of defiance

FOR the last ten months miners have been in the vanguard of the struggle of the whole working class against the Thatcher government and the capitalist state.

Their determination to resist the destruction of their communities has been demonstrated daily on the picket lines. It has been expressed too in poems and songs written by the strikers themselves, their wives and children.

Ken Loach's film, 'Which Side Are You On?', to be screened on Channel Four tonight, provides a glimpse of the varied talent which has been thrown up in the course of the bitter fight for jobs.

The film was originally commissioned by London Weekend Television for 'The South Bank Show', but the television com-

TV REVIEW BY SIMON VEVERS

pany has refused to screen it.

Obviously the LWT executives found the rousing message of defiance from the strikers themselves too much to stomach because it is difficult to find anything else to disturb them in this film.

The hour-long film was shot in major coalfield areas, including Scotland, the north-east, Yorkshire, South Wales and Kent.

It includes some of the stirring performances which have become a feature of miners' rallies and demonstrations.

Different aspects of the strike — the police violence against pickets, the deadly effect of pit closures on communities and the resolute stand of the miners themselves, are powerfully expressed

in poems from the North-East and South Wales.

Interviews with miners, their wives and families, are coupled with scenes of state violence at Orgreave and Armthorpe — most of which have already been seen in the recent BBC film on the policing of the strike.

In revisionist circles the miners' struggle has already been virtually relegated to the past. They regard it as doomed to defeat, trapped as they believe it in the 'down-turn'.

These groups will console themselves with memories of the strike. But if there is one resounding message from the miners and their wives in this film it is that they do not want to be patronised, idolised or receive charity.

They are not on their knees. Their poems and songs are not icons. They are an expression of their will to win.



'The Killing Fields' . . . tops the nominations list

'Killing Fields' in line for award

'AMADEUS', the film based on the life of Mozart by British playwright Peter Shaffer, and 'The Killing Fields', about life in war-ravaged Kampuchea, top the list for the 1985 Golden Globe awards, with six nominations each.

The awards are issued yearly by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, a group of foreign reporters covering the film and television industries in Los Angeles.

The British film 'A Passage to India' lies third with five nominations including British veterans David Lean for best director and Peggy Ashcroft for best supporting actress.

Nominations for 'Amadeus' include Shaffer for best screenplay and, for best acting, Tom Hulce for his portrayal of Mozart and F. Murray Abraham who played rival composer Salieri.

British director Roland Joffe, making his debut, was among those nomin-

ated for the 'Killing Fields'.

British actors who won nominations included Vanessa Redgrave for 'The Bostonians', Jacqueline Bisset and Albert Finney for 'Under the Volcano' and Dudley Moore for 'Micki and Maude'.

From television, Joan Collins was nominated for 'Dynasty' and Angela Lansbury for the series 'Murder, She Wrote'.

This year's winners, considered to offer a foretaste of the Hollywood Oscar awards, will be announced on January 26.

Among those nominated were:

Best Dramatic Film — 'Amadeus', 'The Cotton Club', 'The Killing Fields', 'Places in the Heart', 'A Soldiers Story'.

Best musical or Film Comedy — 'Beverly Hills Cop', 'Ghostbusters', 'Micki and Maude', 'Romancing the Stone' and 'Splash'.

Best Foreign Film — 'Bizet's Carmen' (France), 'Dangerous Moves' (Switzerland), 'Paris, Texas' (Germany)

France), 'A Passage to India' (Britain), 'A Sunday in the Country' (France).

Best Dramatic Actor — F. Murray Abraham ('Amadeus'), Jeff Bridges ('Starman'), Albert Finney ('Under the Volcano'), Tom Hulce ('Amadeus'), Sam Waterston ('The Killing Fields').

Best Dramatic Actress — Sally Field ('Places in the Heart'), Diane Keaton ('Mrs Soffel'), Jessica Lange ('Country'), Vanessa Redgrave ('The Bostonians'), Sissy Spacek ('The River').

Best Actor in a Musical comedy — Steve Martin ('Allo! Me'), Dudley Moore', ('Micki and Maude'), Eddie Murphy ('Beverly Hills Cop'), Bill Murray ('Ghostbusters'), Robin Williams ('Moscow on the Hudson').

Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy — Anne Bancroft ('Garbo Talks'), Mia Farrow ('Broadway Danny Rose'), Shelley Long ('Irreconcilable Differences'), Lily Tomlin ('All of Me'), Kathleen Turner ('Romancing the Stone').

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

PEERAGES? — 'A PERK OF THE JOB'

POLKEMMET miner Andy Hamilton — 'the one on strike, not the scab with the same name' — has strong views on labour movement leaders who enter the House of Lords.

'In my 32 years in the pits, I've seen plenty of Labour politicians and trade union leaders come and go,' said Andy yesterday.

'They almost all got

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

golden handshakes, honours, knighthoods, peerages or something. It's come to be a perk of the job. Yet they were all 'the friends of the workers'.

Proud

'Look at Manny Shinwell, he was made out to be a workers' leader in the 20s. He's been in the House of Lords for years, and proud of it.

'The list is endless. Harold Wilson and Joe Gormley are other exam-

ples. And then you've the two most recent ones from the TUC.' Andy points out bitterly.

'The worst thing is that they've accepted these honours, right in the middle of the miners' strike, knowing that this attack on the trade union movement has been planned by the Tories since 1978,' added Andy.

Pat McCallum, from Castlehill colliery, has a wife and two children aged three and eight. Their home has an income of £11.95 plus family allowance.

'That's a grand total of

£25 a week for us to live on,' says Pat. 'But I'm a trade unionist. I'm a member of the NUM and I believe in what we're fighting for.

'We're fighting for the future of the industry particularly in Scotland. If it was left to the coal board and the government, there'd be no future for the Scottish miner. Even-

tually, there would be no pits left.'

Pat said realities had to be faced. 'We are not getting the support we should be getting. It's no better now than at the start of the strike. I don't know if it's the propaganda against the NUM, or a "mind thyself" attitude in other unions.

'But if they sit back,

they are going to see the destruction of the NUM. And the people going back to work are the ones helping to destroy it.

'It's support that's required, but support in the way of strike action. We need a General Strike. I agree that dove-tailing with the council workers' fight is a way forward. Whatever it is, we need

other sections of the working class out on strike along with us.

'One thing is certain, we're not going back to work until our union tells us to — and not before.'

Jimmy Miller, from Solsgirth pit, added: 'That's right. I won't be going back until we've won. I'd be the last man in Scotland to go back.'



Three miners from the closed Cardowan pit — now scattered to other Scottish collieries — on NUM duties in George Square, Glasgow, yesterday: (left to right) Jimmy Miller (Solsgirth), Pat McCallum (Castlehill), and Andy Hamilton (Polkemmet)

'Digging in to a dead end'

EDINBURGH — The coal board's key scabbing operation at Bilston Glen colliery is running into a crisis, local NUM strike committee members said yesterday.

'Even accepting the board's exaggerated figures about numbers of men working, the latest report I have is that they are producing 3,000 tons of coal a week,' said Jackie Aitchison, Bilston NUM branch secretary.

'Before the strike, the pit was producing between 21,000 and 22,000 tons a week, and has the capacity to produce 34,000 tons.'

But, Aitchison pointed out, the problem the coal board were now facing is

that the scabbing operation — mounted at huge cost and effort — had almost exhausted the coal it was able to cut.

There are six coal faces at Bilston, the NUM branch secretary explained. So far the scabbing operation had concentrated on the two main faces, G43 and G46 — both operated on the 'retreat' mining method.

These faces had provided the 'insignificant' amounts of coal being produced. They are the only two 'retreat' sections.

But, said Aitchison, by the end of this month, both G43 and G46 would be exhausted. 'And the board does not have the necessary expertise and manning to switch to the

advance mining at the other four faces in the pit,' he stated.

'After the end of this month,' he continued, 'they will be in trouble. They'll have nowhere to go. As it is, the coal that's already come out of Bilston Glen in the past few weeks must be the most expensively-mined coal in the world.'

Scabs

The local NUM strike committee is scathing towards the 'work' that many of the scabs are being put to.

'The bulk of the coal coming out of Bilston is being driven by scab drivers. The first priority is to provide coal for the scabs themselves.

'The second priority are schools and hospitals. Way down the list are the old age pensioners,' Aitchison added.

Reports being received from picket lines all over Scotland during the past two days produce a head-count that indicates the area coal board is exaggerating 'back-to-work' figures by up to 50 per cent.

At Bilston Glen, for example, pickets did a head count on Monday of 350 on the day shift, and 237 on the back shift. These figures, however, include everybody — NACODS, BACM, etc.

Yet NCB area chiefs were claiming the same day that 1,000 scabs had been on duty at Bilston during the day shift.

But local NUM officials are pointing out that even when Bilston is working normally, there are only 600 men on the day shift. 'It was a ludicrous claim on their part. A blatant lie,' News Line was told by one strike centre official.

Head-counts at Monktonhall, the other pit in the Edinburgh vicinity, also boosted morale amongst striking miners. 'Our figures were way down on yesterday,' said a strike official.

A special meeting of Bilston Glen NUM was being held in Loanhead last night. On Monday evening, a highly successful meeting was held for Monktonhall miners at Portobello.

● **COMEDIAN** Billy Connolly is performing at two benefit concerts for striking miners later this week in Fife. Both concerts, one in Lochgelly and the other in Dunfermline, are sold out and are guaranteed to raise at least £5,000.

Orme visits Cortonwood

STAN ORME, Labour's energy spokesman, visited Cortonwood picket line yesterday and made yet another appeal to the government to reopen talks with the miners' union.

Clearly envisaging that there will be no industrial support for the miners, Orme said that unless talks resumed, the strike could continue throughout 1985 and into 1986.

Orme met Yorkshire NUM president Jack Taylor, and also visited the picket line at Manton colliery.

He said the government were spending £86 million a week to pursue the coal strike, and that the government should 'play its part' in getting talks restarted. ● **SCAB** miners' union official Joe Stokoe, chair-

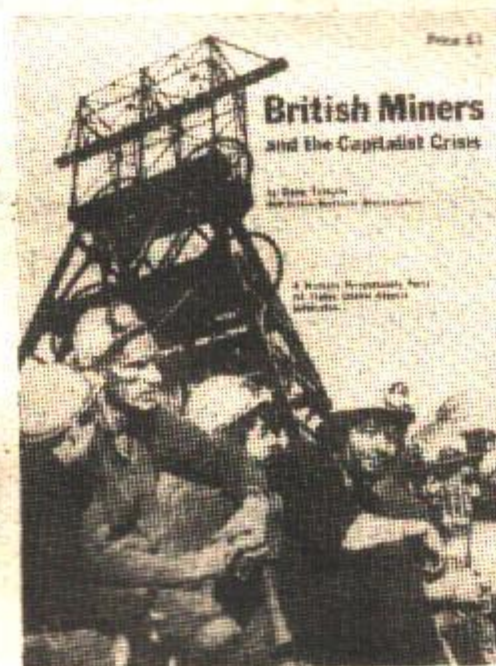
man of the NUM lodge at Herrington colliery near Sunderland, was suspended from office yesterday for crossing picket lines.

After a meeting of the lodge committee, which Stokoe did not attend, secretary Peter Allen said: 'He has been suspended from all duties with the lodge.'

'His name will be forwarded to the area disciplinary committee and he will have to appear before them.'

Stokoe had earlier crossed the Herrington picket line with what the Coal Board claim to be 200 other strike-breakers. Pickets shouted their contempt for his decision to go into work.

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How to fight rate-capping

THATCHER has established a Bonapartist dictatorship over inner-city Labour councils by abolishing the centuries-old right to determine local spending levels.

The arbitrary manipulation of grant together with the state control of rate income makes councils agents of the Tory state, compelling them to defy the government or slash jobs and services.

Immediately, councils set on a course of non-compliance must reject the Rates Act completely as a piece of class legislation which overturns democratic rights and makes local authorities rubber-stamps for Whitehall.

The right to determine local needs and spending priorities has to be defended. Not making the rate laid down by the Tories or fixing a budget to implement the cuts in the financial year beginning April 1 meets the principle of opposing Thatcher's dictatorship.

This is the strategy adopted by several of the 16 Labour-controlled councils on the hit-list. It will unite those councils in defiance on the same date in March; these councils will effectively tell the Tories that they are unwilling to slash spending and as a result cannot continue to provide jobs and services, or pay creditors like the banks.

The March date agreed by councils for their decision has already provided a focus for the workforce to discuss plans for indefinite strike action for jobs against the Tories.

Action by council workers, who must demand it is organised and made official by the union leaders, will broaden the fight for jobs which for the last 10 months has been carried by the determined strike of the miners against pit closures.

The development of the fight against the government and the capitalist state has smoked out the reactionary role of the revisionist grouplets in the anti-rate capping fight.

'Militant', 'Socialist Action' and the Socialist Workers Party have all opposed the no-rate plan in favour of what is called 'deficit budgeting'. This involves setting a rate, maintaining services and running out (perhaps) of money at some imprecise point in the following 12 months.

This is not a tactical question. A definite constitutional change has taken place and central state control imposed over local government spending. Under these conditions, deficit budgeting is an acceptance of the Bonapartist dictatorship expressed through the Rates Act and the cuts in grant.

To make any kind of a rate under Tory terms is to come under the provisions of the Rates Act. The principle of non-compliance with class laws is jettisoned. Just as important, the deficit budget plans breaks up the united front of councils and puts off a confrontation with the government. Some councils will eventually run out of money; others using the creative accounting techniques seen in Liverpool, will not.

As John Austin-Walker, the leader of rate-capped Greenwich Council, has said: 'Deficit budgeting is, quite simply, a fudge. If we are going to fight the Rates Act then we fight it, we do not allow it to be implemented by devious means.'

The deficit budget is a plan for confusion. It ignores the growing revolutionary confrontation with the Tories and opens the door for back-door deals like the one made by Liverpool last summer.

Most significantly, the revisionist plan denies the miners a date in the near future when fresh forces will join the struggle against the Tories over jobs and communities. While the miners' leaders appeal for support now, the revisionists' message is that sometime in the next 15 months or so it is possible that a Labour council or two could come into conflict with the government.

We reject this defeatist stance. We are convinced that the working class can be mobilised in defence of jobs and trade unions.

Refusal to make a Tory rate and indefinite strike action by council workers from March 6 is the way to take this struggle forward. To unite miners and council workers will be a step in the organisation of a General Strike against Thatcher.

ORGANISE A GENERAL S

Pickets resist movement of Allerton coal

MINERS were warned yesterday to prepare to resist the movement of coal after the Coal Board's decision to bring in scab lorry drivers to shift stocks to a washery at Allerton Bywater.

BY SIMON VEVERS

Strikers and their wives turned out in force in the morning to try to prevent the stocks being moved from a pile opposite the north Yorkshire pit.

There was jeering and angry shouts of 'scab' as lorries roared past — their cowboy drivers refusing to heed impassioned appeals from the women pickets that they should stop acting as pawns for the NCB and the Tory government.

The management claimed that coal was being washed — for the first time in Yorkshire

during the ten-month strike — so that it could go to pensioners, hospitals and schools.

But local NUM officials suspect that this is just a cover for transporting coal to boost falling stocks at power stations and a dress rehearsal for large scale operations in the coming weeks.

Pit delegate Ernie Crosland told News Line:

'It's a warning to all miners to be prepared for them moving coal. We've got to make every effort to stop it.'

'I think that if they are worried about a little bit of coal for power stations that they'd get here then they must be in dire trouble.'

Claims

Pickets became suspicious of the NCB claims when the colliery manager Roy Cocker failed to seek the normal dispensation from the NUM to get emergency supplies released.

Then last week a union-organised transport firm arrived to begin moving the 60,000-ton stockpile. At the request of the pickets, however, the drivers turned back.

But this did not deter the NCB. According to the miners, management made it clear that they would bring in drivers who would take the coal the few hundred yards to the washery.

Strikers insist that the coal, mined before the strike, would not be suitable for domestic use.

Small

Said one picket: 'The bits of coal there are, are too small to be used in homes. If old age pensioners are expecting to get any heat then they'd best get along to Ferrybridge power station because that's the only place I can see it being used.'

Colin Williams, NUM branch secretary, said: 'We believe that they are panicking. Now that winter is really biting, I think it's in their minds now that they have to move coal from stocking grounds to keep power stations going.'

Williams said he regarded the scab operation at Allerton Bywater as 'a feeler to see what the reaction would be from the NUM and pickets. If they believe they could get away with it here then they would think they get away with it everywhere'.

Threats

NUM branch president Sammy Lloyd said that threats to shift the coal should stir the whole trade union movement into action behind the miners' fight for jobs.

'We are appealing to every trade unionist in



Lorries passing pickets at Allerton Bywater



Women try to persuade drivers to turn back at the Allerton picket

the country to give us whatever support they can, even if it means coming to stand on picket lines with us,' he said.

Lloyd said there was more than enough coal to meet emergency needs on a large outcrop near the colliery.

Con-game

'There is no need for this coal to be washed. This is partly I should imagine, a con-game to make more men come back to work,' he added.

A group of miners' wives made up the six strong picket on the gateway leading to the now-covered stockpile.

They succeeded in talking to two drivers. One of them said he would not return again today, while the other angrily turned down their demand that he honour their picket line.

The coal will be washed by scab labour drawn from the men who have abandoned the strike at Allerton Bywater. They will also have to shunt 'locos' — the usual means of moving coal at the pit — since none of the normal shunting team is back at work.

Allen

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



ton Bywater yesterday



ton Bywater NUM committee members. Left to right: Ernie Crossland, Sammy Lloyd, Colin Williams and Keith Monks

W. German delegation brings food and cash

A DELEGATION of ten West German trade unionists spent three days in the North Yorkshire coalfield last week.

They represented different unions from the area around Nuremberg and brought £4,000 and ten tonnes of food collected by workers in the region.

Spokesman for the delegation, Hubert Scheibinger, explained that the support had come from many unions, including metalworkers and teachers.

'We initiated a collection for the British miners' strike from workers in our area,' he said. 'We brought things like cocoa, coffee, sugar, beans, flour and peaches as well as babies' nappies. Our food transport is only a drop in the ocean. It cannot be more than a drop because such a strike demands more.'

'What is more important is to convince our trade union leaders to stop the transport of coal to Britain. In September exports were ten times higher than normal.'

'We cannot be quiet. If one tonne of coal comes to Britain it is scab coal and we have a duty to do everything including strike action to stop that coal coming.'

Leaders

He continued: 'We have many difficulties with the leaders of our union in Germany. When we were fighting for the 35-hour week in 1984 they tried to compromise with the capitalists before calling on their members to strike.'

'In our strike 30,000 workers were actually on strike and 400,000 were locked out. The strike was in Stuttgart and Hessen in the metal industry and

the union leadership would not allow it to spread to other areas.'

'We have had a great reception in Yorkshire. We have spent three days in Kellingley and have been greatly impressed by the way the families are standing behind the strike despite the difficulties.'

'We have made videos during the three days to show at union meetings in Germany. British miners can show us how to fight for a long time, and to fight with the heart.'

'But we have to play our part. We have to stop coal exports to Britain. It is a question of international solidarity.'

'Our metal union has 1.2 million members and we have to learn how to fight hard against capitalism.'

'In Germany we will continue to hold meetings and collections in all the areas'.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Industrial action is the only way

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'THE only way you can stop this government is with industrial action,' striking miners' president at Sharlston NUM, Arthur Slater warns council workers and others fighting for jobs.

'It now requires the mobilisation of the whole working class to defend its hard-won rights. Privatisation of public services will lead to the decimation of the transport system for example, and rural areas will have an essential service removed.

'Our dispute needs the support of the whole working class, and council workers should understand that if we are defeated, it will make Thatcher's job of smashing local government that much easier.

'Picketing of pits is not going to win this dispute. I believe we must rally the rest of the working class, perhaps setting off with a massive demonstration in London.'

Sharlston NUM secret-



Sharlston NUM members, Arthur Slater far right

ary Jack Taylor said the message from miners to the rest of the trade union movement was that it was time the whole movement joined together in the struggle against Thatcher.

'It's our fight today, but it will be the fight of others tomorrow. Thatcher is obviously trying to

break the trade union movement as a whole. Take the examples of GCHQ and the National Graphical Association.

'The government have got the law on their side and they are trying to starve us out. But we are fighting for the whole trade union movement. I've seen great sacrifices

made from this pit in that cause. We have men close to retirement but who have rather lost all their savings than go back to work.

'But there can be no compromise with this government, and that's why Arthur Scargill has been a good leader for our union. We are fighting for

jobs, and you cannot ballot over a man's job.

'This government is prepared to go to any lengths to beat us, as the costs of oil and the police operation go to show.

'The rest of the trade union movement should support us, because otherwise they will be picked off one by one.'

Council workers should join the strike'

PICKETS at Royston Drift colliery in Yorkshire believe that local council workers must join the miners on strike in the fight for jobs against Tory rate-capping legislation.

'The council unions should unite and fight this government with us. In fact, all trade unions should join our fight,' said Russ Birks.

'But as far as the miners are concerned, we shan't go back until Arthur Scargill tells us to. It's a fight to the finish with this government,' he added.

Reg Bailey said: 'We are fighting for the rights of every trade union in the country. If the government crush our union; then there is no hope for any union and no hope for society as a whole.'

'If we are defeated, the government will ride roughshod over the Health Service, state benefits for the elderly and the unemployed. The people who are most in need are going to be hurt the most.'

'Bit by bit, the decent standard of living, a good education and the freedoms we have won are being eroded.'

'My daughter was on

one of the YTS schemes and was lucky to get a job at the end. But she's now doing a full adult job as an insurance clerk while only being paid £35 a week.

'So if she was to get married to a lad in the same situation, what chance would they have of setting up a home?'

Peanuts

'Thatcher would like to see us all end up that way, working for peanuts again.'

Alan James said the time had come for Labour and TUC leaders to 'get off their backsides'. He added: 'They should give us the support they promised in the autumn at their conferences. It's no good talking and promising the goods, then not delivering.'



Royston Drift pickets. Left to right: Russ Birks, Reg Bailey, Alan James

Witch-hunted for speaking out against Zionism

Women's centre worker under attack

DOROTHY EL-MURACY, is a worker in a women's centre in London. Since her appointment last August she has become the victim of a virulent witchhunt by Zionists.

Dorothy is half Arab by parentage and has long been a persistent fighter against Zionism and imperialism.

When she started work at A Women's Place, Dorothy wrote in the comments book there that if the Jewish feminist group wanted to fight racism they should look at Zionism.

Since then she has been subjected to a tirade of abuse, threatening phone-calls and attacks in the magazine 'The London Women's Liberation Newsletter' and in the weekly 'Jewish Chronicle'.

But other women, family and friends — several of them Jewish — have spoken out in her defence.

Shortly before Christmas Dorothy's flat was broken into. Nothing was stolen, but the door was extensively damaged, with chisel marks all down one side, and the lock broken.

'I was asked to join the women's centre' Dorothy told News Line. The women there invited me to send a job description of my past political work.

'They were very impressed. Lots of women had applied who had been to college or university. I learnt from my working-class background and experience.

'So I got the job.

'Before I started working I was well known to be anti-Zionist. I had been in the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and other organisations.

Comments

'I went to work, and there is a comments book and I wrote that if the Jewish feminist group wants to fight racism they should look at Zionism. From then on it started, with telephone calls saying "Give her the sack. She is an Arab".

'They were saying: "There is a woman working here and she is anti-Zionist and known as a Jew hater. The building is not safe for us to work here because of this Arab."

Dorothy was attacked in a women's newsletter which is sent all over Britain, to parts of the Middle East and Africa and elsewhere.

The article was from the so-called Shifra collective, based in Leeds. It accuses Dorothy of being 'an individual who is well-known to have been involved in anti-semitic and anti-feminist activities' and says that this 'has made AWP (A Women's Place) an unsafe place for women to meet'.

The letter concludes: 'We think it inappropriate for the individual worker involved in recent anti-semitic activities within

BY SUE LAIRD

and outside the AWP to continue to hold the powerful position of a AWP worker.'

In a letter to the AWP several Women's Liberation Newsletter collective members wrote that AWP had employed 'a woman who has a long and well-known history of Jew hating, who has not hesitated to make her anti-Jewish opinions known both in writing and verbally.'

Stand

The letter turns Dorothy's anti-Zionism into 'Jew-hating', her firm stand in support of the Palestinians and against Zionist racism into 're-affirmation of her anti-Jewish stance'.

It goes on to demand a written reply from AWP as to why Dorothy was employed.

Dorothy told News Line: 'I am taking legal action for libel and victimisation because they want me out of the building.

'Like Vanessa Redgrave I have always said I support the rights of the Palestinians. I have been to Beirut, Lebanon and Egypt. I have lived with the Palestinians and I can't forget what I saw. And I'm not going to keep my mouth shut about it.

Dorothy said she developed her views from her working-class background and she would continue to speak out on things she feels strongly about — against Zionism and in support of the miners.

'I was born in Wales



Reports of the massacre at Sabra and Shatilla camps made a lasting impression on Dorothy

and I have travelled abroad. I have been taken into custody in Sweden. I was detained in Sweden, and Vienna at the airport and taken to a special detention room and strip-searched.'

Several years ago Dorothy and her family went on a demonstration in support of the PLO in London. All the members of the family took part, old and young. They had travelled by coach to London.

No sooner had they re-

turned home to the north east than their house was raided by the police looking for PLO 'terrorists'.

'I am getting harassed at home. The door was broken down last weekend', she added, 'and I'm getting phone calls.

Dorothy said that no matter what forms of intimidation were used against her she would never keep quiet about her principles.

'I had two friends work-

ing in the hospitals in the refugee camps in Beirut at the time of the massacres in Shatilla and Sabra. One of them, Ellen, was a Jewish woman from New York. The other was a Chinese doctor Dr Angst F.R. Cshung. There were also Swedish medical staff there.

'Ellen told me what happened when she was brought out of the refugee camp.

'She said that Arab women started coming

into the hospital with blood pouring down their faces saying there was a massacre going on.

Camp

'Then the Lebanese Falange came into the refugee camp and told all the doctors and nurses and the medical staff to come outside. Ellen told me she saw bulldozers with Hebrew markings digging up the earth to make graves.

'They (the doctors and medical staff) were just about to be shot when an Israeli general came and said: "You cannot shoot these people".

'In other words', the Chinese doctor said, 'if he could stop them (the hospital staff) being killed why could he not stop the massacre.

'Ellen was taken to Israel to testify to the Kahane commission. She told me: "I will never forget the people of Shatilla and Sabra".

Financial scandal shakes Malaysia

A CIVIL servant's report has blown the lid off a multi-million-dollar financial scandal linking Malaysia's largest finance institution, the Bank Bumiputra, to a web of corruption and bad loans.

Under the pressure of a public outcry and opposition charges of cover-up, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed appointed the Auditor-General, Tan Sri Ahmad Noordin, last year to head a three-man departmental inquiry.

Noordin's three-man committee was aimed at defusing the outcry and clearing the government of involvement in a scandal over the loan of \$1

billion by the Hong Kong subsidiary Bumiputra Malaysia Finance Ltd (MMF) to the now-crashed Carrian group of Hong Kong financier George Tan.

Appointee

The investigation implicates senior bank officials and their families and an appointee of Mahathir's — bank chairman Nawawi Mat Awin.

He approved loans to the Carrian group despite special procedures to vet all BMF's Hong Kong loans in 1983.

Nawawi resigned last week. The bank's new chief, Tan Sri Basir Ismail, has frozen all

loans through foreign branches and promised a shake-up of senior staff.

Clearly aware of the consequences of an exposure implicating members of his Cabinet, Mahathir took care that the inquiry did not have legal status and that its findings would not be admissible in court.

George Tan's Carrian quickly made, and as quickly lost, a fortune on Hong Kong's turbulent property market from 1979 to 1983, when it crashed. He was charged in Hong Kong last May with conspiracy to defraud in connection with the collapse of his empire in 1983.

The Noordin committee accused six BMF execu-

tives of corruption and called on the authorities in Kuala Lumpur and in Hong Kong to begin investigations with the aim of charging them in court.

The whereabouts of all six BMF executives is not known. Several are believed to be abroad.

Payments

They and some of their relatives received payments directly or indirectly from Tan and companies in his Carrian group, according to the Noordin committee.

The 33-page report and its 350-page annexe detailed personal loans and payments made by Tan to the people who were lending millions of dollars to Carrian.

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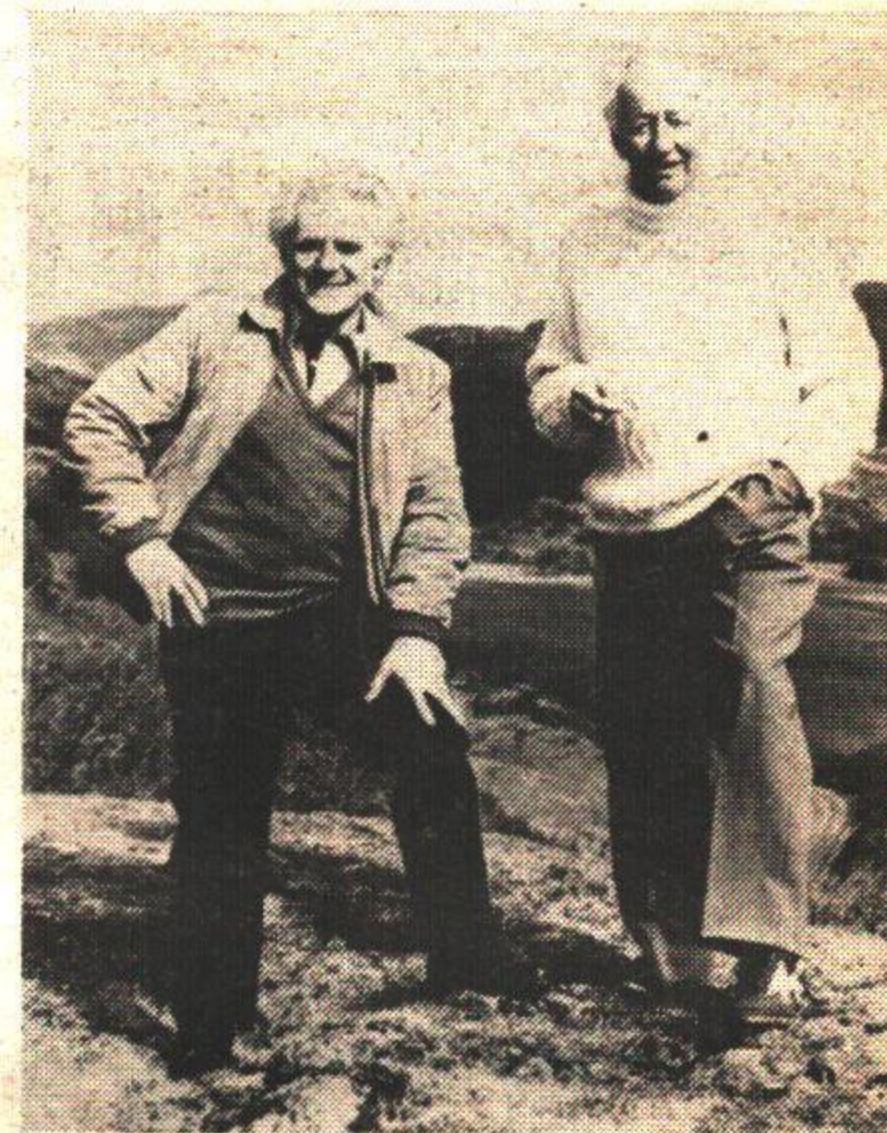
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Linsey Beauchamp as Anna Tellwright and Peter Davison as Henry Mynors in the new serial of 'Anna of the Five Towns' on BBC2 at 9



'The Dragon Has Two Tongues' — A History of the Welsh with Professor Gwyn Alf Williams and Wynford Vaughan-Thomas starts on 4 at 8

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 King Rollo. 1.50 Bric-a-Brac. 2.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4.30 Farmer Giles of Ham. 4.45 Captain Caveman. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Eureka! 5.30 The Railway Carriage Game. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES
6.55 STAR TREK *The Squire of Gothos* The starship 'Enterprise' is involved in deadly war games

7.45 THE GOLDEN OLDIE PICTURE SHOW Dave Lee Travis introduces famous old hit records with films specially commissioned to accompany them

8.10 DALLAS

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman
9.25 REAL LIVES The documentary series returns with a report on the nightmare world of the drugs business on Merseyside

10.25 KILLERFISH Piranha fish guard a fortune in stolen gems in this 1978 adventure starring Lee Majors, Karen Black, Margaux Hemingway, Marisa Berenson

12.00 Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.30 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 WILLO THE WISP in *Food for Thought*

5.35 FAST FORWARD with Floella Benjamin, Joanna Monro, Andrew Secombe and Nick Wilton

6.00 THE WEDNESDAY WESTERN *Badman's Territory* (1946) with Randolph Scott and Ann Richards. Quinto is a hide-out for bandits such as Frank and Jesse James, but Sheriff Mark Rowley and newspaper woman Henryette Alcott are set on cleaning up the place

7.35 SEASIDE WOMAN an animated film by Oscar Grillo. Music by Linda McCartney and Wings. This little story set in the Caribbean won the Palme d'Or prize at Cannes

7.40 CAUSE FOR CONCERN An investigation by Margo MacDonald into the unsolved mystery surrounding the killing of five-year-old Caroline Hogg in July 1983

8.10 TIMEWATCH Tonight's look at the past features *Reagan's Cowboys*, *The Age of Chivalry is Dead*, and *The Hidden Hippopotamus*

9.00 ANNA OF FIVE TOWNS Beginning a new series dramatised from the novel by Arnold Bennett, set in the Potteries of the 1890s. With Linsey Beauchamp, Emrys James, Peter Davison, Anton Lesser, Anna Cropper and Edward Kelsey

9.55 WORLD DARTS The Embassy World Professional Championship. Coverage of tonight's two quarter-finals from Jolles, Stoke on Trent

10.30 NEWSNIGHT

11.15 WORLD DARTS Further quarter-final coverage

12.15 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 SNOOKER *The Mercantile Credit Classic* Further live coverage of the quarter-finals in Warrington

4.00 A PLUS 4

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 ALICE *Tommy's First Love* Love looms in Tommy's life

5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW *Don't Break the Chain* Mary is sent a chain letter by her boss Lou (Ed Asner)

6.00 DANGER MAN *The Nurse* John Drake (Patrick McGeehan) is sent to rescue the American consul and his wife after a coup in an Arab state

6.30 THE LIVING BODY Tonight's programme looks at the human heart — one of the simplest organs of the whole body

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.50 COMMENT By Tory MP Jeremy Hanley

8.00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES — A HISTORY OF THE WELSH *Where to Begin*

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS Looks at anti-Communist defectors

9.00 WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? Many miners and their families have written about the current 10-month strike in songs and poems. Ken Loach's award-winning film looks at their work and the experience that prompted it

10.00 L'HOMME A TOUT FAIRE (THE HANDYMAN) (1979) World Cinema launches a season of French Canadian films with this comedy drama starring Jocelyn Berube as a jack of all trades who is abandoned by his wife and goes to Montreal where he begins an affair with a married suburban housewife

11.50 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; Sesame Street. 10.25 Gideon. 10.35 Mooncat and Co. 10.50 Inspector Gadget. 11.10 Make it Pay. 11.35 Fabulous Funnies. 11.55 Rub A Dub Dub. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 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 The Moomins. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 WISH YOU WERE HERE ... Chris Kelly reports from New York State on a fly-drive holiday

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 MOVING Sarah Gladwyn wants to move into a flat and start a new career now the children have left

9.00 LYTTON'S DIARY *Rabid Dingo* — *Shock Horror* Two men competing for the position of gossip columnist on an Australian daily newspaper both try to investigate the same story

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL Snooker from the Spectrum Arena, Warrington, in the Mercantile Credit Classic plus coverage from one of the night's FA Cup third round replays, with news of all the others

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 10.50 The Sinbad Voyage. 11.40 Sport Billy. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS Bringing the latest news and reports from around the North West

7.00 WISH YOU WERE HERE Holiday programme with Judith Chalmers, Chris Kelly and Ted Mould visiting New York State on a fly-drive holiday. Lyme Regis in Dorset and on a Scottish coach tour

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE With Eamonn Andrews

8.30 MOVING A six-part adaptation of Stanley Price's West End comedy about the perils of moving house

9.00 LYTTON'S DIARY *Rabid Dingo* — *Shock Horror* First of a new six-part drama series. The editor of the gossip column of the 'Daily News' has retired and diary writers Neville Lytton and his rival Henry Field are competing for the post

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL A double bill of snooker and FA Cup football

12.25 Closedown

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Profiles in Rock. 10.50 The Amazing Years of Cinema. 11.15 Indian Legends of Canada. 11.35 The Adventures of Gulliver. 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 The Moomins. 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 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Once Upon a Time ... Man. 9.50 Falcon Island. 10.15 The World of James Michener. 11.00 The New Fred and Barney Show. 11.25 The Little Rascals. 11.35 Soup for President. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Silver Spoons. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 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 The Moomins. 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 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather

Forecast; Sesame Street. 10.25 The Galway Way. 11.10 Bogart. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Calendar Health Club. 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 The Moomins. 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 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Short Story Theatre. 11.00 Once Upon a Time ... Man. 11.30 The Jacksons. 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. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 The Moomins. 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 Exploration and Adventure. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Holiday Time. 9.28 Sesame Street. 10.30 The Groovie Ghoulies. 11.00 Fireball XL5. 11.30 Mysteries, Myths and Legends. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 The Moomins.

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 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Indian Legends of Canada. 10.50 European Folk Tales. 11.05 Silver Spoons. 11.30 Home. 11.55 Home Cookery Club. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Benson. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Simon and Simon. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 The Moomins. 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 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 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: *The Big MGM Parade of Comedy*. 11.50 Cartoon Time. 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. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.25 East Comes West; Closedown.

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Silents Please. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Setbacks. 2.30 Snooker. 4.15 The Last Cathedral. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Tube Band Aid. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Hen Wlad Newydd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cyfle Arall. 8.00 Reslo. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.00 Film: *Gregory's Girl*. 10.45 Diverse Reports. 11.15 Eastern Eye. 12.15 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. and at 12 midnight.
6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 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 9 p.m.). Headlines 5.30 a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00 Colin Berry (S). 6.00 Ray Moore (S). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 String Sound (S). 8.30 Radio Wales Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition. 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 Bill Rennells (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00 Black Magic (S). 3.30-4.00 George Best Has ... A Word with Williams (S).
3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Ippolitov-Ivanov, Burgmuller.
4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.43 Far Away and Long Ago. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves. 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *Mother's Shop*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury. 11.48 Mighty Myths. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Father Brown Stories. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: *A Bid for Freedom*. 3.47 Time for Verse (S). 4.00 News; Choirs in Conversation. 4.40 Story Time: *Master of the Moor*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 The Best of In One Ear (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 I'm Sorry God! 7.45 Rebels. 8.15 Family Firm. 8.45 The Fifth Generation. 9.30 The Educating of Harry Soan. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Empire of the Sun*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4.

CRICKET EXTRA

Border inspires victory

AN AGGRESSIVE unbeaten 79 by Australian captain Allan Border spearheaded a six wicket victory over Sri Lanka in their World Series Cup one-day cricket match in Sydney yesterday.

Border, who faced only 83 balls, hit seven boundaries and was deservedly named man of the match as Australia romped to victory with 2.4 overs remaining.

Earlier Sri Lanka, who were taking part in a day-night match for the first time, played enterprisingly to score 239 for seven from 49 overs.

Amal Silva top scored with a dashing 68, including seven fours, and vice-captain Roy Dias showed an appreciative crowd of more than 26,000 all his flair and style as he raced to 60 in 59 deliveries with just one boundary.

Fast bowler Rodney Hogg returned the best figures for Australia, taking four for 47 off his ten overs, but his performance was marred by eight no balls.

Victorian all-rounder Simon O'Donnell also bowled well, conceding only 39 runs off his nine overs and taking the wicket of Dias.

Australia made a sound start with Andrew Hilditch and Graeme Wood adding 68 for the first wicket before Hilditch was run out for 23.

Soon after Wood had an attack of cramp and was forced to retire hurt on 52.

Australia looked to be struggling when Kepler



ALLAN BORDER

Wessels, their most successful batsman in the recent series against West Indies, was bowled for one but Border, ably assisted by David Boon (44) and O'Donnell (20), steered Australia to victory.

Border was full of praise for the Sri Lankan effort. 'The Sri Lankans will cause a lot of problems during the series,' he said. 'I have great respect for their abilities—they have a shot for every ball bowled.'

Sri Lankan captain Duleep Mendis said he thought his team's total would have been enough.

'I can carry one loose bowler but not two,' he said.

Australia's euphoria at their victory, which puts them equal with West Indies at the top of the World Series table, was dampened slightly later when they were fined 600 Australian dollars (\$500 US) for not completing their 50 overs.

The Wright stuff

NEW ZEALAND opener John Wright hit a sparkling century for his new province Canterbury yesterday as the home side ran up 309 for four declared on the first day of their three-day cricket match against Pakistan.

In reply Pakistan were 32 for one at the close of play. Wright, formerly of Northern Districts, struck 106 before he was bowled by Pakistani captain Javed Miandad, a rare success for the Pakistanis on the first day of their New Zealand tour.

Wright, who had a fortunate escape when he was dropped on 63, punished all the bowlers mercilessly and was particularly severe on paceman Mohsin Kamal whose 12 overs cost 78 runs.

Paul McEwan was also in fine form, hitting 74, while Rod Latham struck 62 and Richard Hadlee was



JOHN WRIGHT

unbeaten on 30 at the declaration.

Hadlee, needing just three victims for his 1,000th first class wicket, struck a vital blow for Canterbury when he had Mohsin Khan caught by Captain Rod Fulton at slip for one.

Mudassar Nazar should have joined his opening partner in the pavilion but Fulton dropped a straightforward catch off leg spinner Vaughan Brown's only over, and Pakistan must have been relieved when play ended for the day.

Today's racing

Kevinsfort chases hat-trick

BY A RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE improving Kevinsfort (1.15), can gain his third win of the season in the Duns Handicap Chase at KELSO today.

The only blot on an otherwise consistent record was when he unseated his jockey on his seasonal debut but he has since gone from strength to strength.

Scorer

He was an easy eight lengths scorer from Even Melody at Southwell last month, and although beaten by the smart State Case next time quickly regained winning form with a facile suc-

cess over Percipient at Market Rasen on Boxing Day.

He is penalised only 4lb for those victories and it will be disappointing if he fails to underline his promise.

Another fancied to continue on the upgrade is Numerate (2.15), who can notch a hat-trick in the Klix Drinks Novices' Chase.

His last two successes, both at Sedgefield, have been gained in the style of a thorough stayer and he should relish this three miles.

Gareth Charles-Jones made the long journey from Lambourn pay off when winning on Holly Buoy (12.45) here last month, and the combination look the answer to the Grantshouse Conditional Jockeys' Handicap

Hurdle.

Holly Buoy beat Tot a short head that day and on 7lb better terms should confirm the placings.

Earls Brig (3.15), though still prone to jumping errors, can defy top weight in the Stewart Wight Memorial Handicap Chase.



Deposed

Amateur Peter Craggs was deposed in favour of Phil Tuck for the ten-year-old's last run, a fair second to Unscrupulous Judge over course and distance.

Tuck retains the mount and may be able to coax Earls Brig to victory over the stamina-laden but one-paced Fox-U-More.

SELECTIONS

KELSO

12.45 Holly Buoy
1.15 Kevinsfort (nap)
1.45 Amadis
2.15 Numerate (n.b.)
2.45 Maunby Prince
3.15 Earls Brig
3.45 Arizona

KELSO

12.45 GRANTSHOUSE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP HURDLE £600 2m (14 runners)

1	00F0-40	EMANDAR (D)(BF) H Wharton 6 11 10	S Turner
2	230124	TOT (D) Denys Smith 5 11 7 (6 ex)	D Thompson
3	0301-0	SHUMARD (C-D) R F Fisher 5 11 2	K Ryan
4	0-2400P	BROCKLEY BELLE (D) C Spares 6 10 13	A Carson
5	2100	SCOTTEN A Scott 7 10 11	M Hill
6	14-003D	TARCHIN (C-D) S J Leadbetter 8 10 10	J O'Gorman
7	243412	HOLLY BUOY (C-D) Mrs G Reveley 5 10 10 (6 ex)	G Charles-Jones
8	0U0F22-	RABY (BF) C H Bell 6 10 8	P A Farrell
9	0010	ISLAY MIST (D) T Craig 9 10 4	B Hay
10	P	AVGERINOS J P Smith 11 10 2	N Fearn
11	134	FRENCH NEPHEW (D) Denys Smith 4 10 0	D Leadbitter
12	0001P0	MAINZ BRIG (D) G R Harman 6 10 0	P Mann
13	00-0	HECKLEY HINNY FT Walton 5 10 0	
14	0-00030	SECRET MINSTREL J Parkes 8 10 0	Lynn Whiffen

BLINKERS: 6
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Holly Buoy, 7-2 Raby, 9-2 French Nephew, 6-1 Scotten, 8-1 Tot, 10-1 Shumard, 12-1 Islay Mist, 20-1 others.

1.15 DUNS HANDICAP CHASE £1,500 2m (7 runners)

2	241231	VEILED CITY (C) F S Storey 9 12 2 (4 ex)	B Storey
3	P-3F144	PRESS GANG (C-D) J S Wilson 10 11 7	T G Dun
4	1-U2121	KEVINSFORT J G FitzGerald 7 11 5 (4 ex)	M Dwyer
5	22P034	COLONEL CREOLE V Thompson 9 10 10	Mr M Thompson (7)
6	101402	TROILENA (BF) F Fisher 9 10 10	J D Doyle (4)
7	13UP/P2	POLARS SMARTIE R H Goldie 14 10 9	C Grant
8	2F-411U	SUPER SOLO (C-D) T Craig 9 10 8	S Charlton

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Kevinsfort, 11-4 Veiled City, 9-2 Troilena, 8-1 Super Solo, 10-1 Polars Smartie, 16-1 others.

1.45 MAXTON NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I £500 2m 4f (12 runners)

1	4104	FLYING OATS (USA)(BF) W W McGhie 5 11 12	J J O'Neill
2	42	AMADIS (BF) T D Barron 5 11 4	Mr G Harker (7)
3	000	ARPAL DASH A Scott 5 11 4	P A Charlton
4	00-0203	BORDER TINKER D W MacDonald 5 11 4	M Barnes
5	400000	GOLD LAME V Thompson 6 11 4	Mr M Thompson (7)
6	00-0000	HARBOUR MUSIC D A Lamb 5 11 4	Angela Cross
7	00F-40	MIRAGE PRINCE C H Bell 7 11 4	
8	000/0	MR NASH T D Dun 8 11 4	T G Dun
9	000/0	SHIRLSTAR BUYABOX J Wade 9 11 4	Mr J Wade
10	0003	STONE JUG Miss S Hall 5 11 4	K Teelan (4)
11	00	THE NAWTON STAR M Avison 5 10 13	G W Gray
12	4222	MISS GOLDINGAY (BF) M W Easterby 4 10 0	P Tuck

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Miss Goldingay, 5-2 Amadis, 4-1 Stone Jug, 8-1 Border Tinker, 10-1 Flying Oats, 12-1 Mr Nash, 20-1 others.

2.15 KLIK DRINKS NOVICES' CHASE £1,500 3m (7 runners)

1	4-211PF	JOCKAMBEL (D)(BF) D M Thomson 9 12 3	D Coakley (4)
2	113211	NUMERATE R F Fisher 6 12 3	M Meagher (4)
4	10-31F3	INKLING H Wharton 8 11 10	P Tuck
5	033PF4	HUMMELMOOR A H Mactaggart 8 11 3	M Dwyer
6	003/00-0	SPRINGWOOD A Eubank 8 11 3	Mr A Eubank
9	30/000P	SUPER TONY FT Walton 8 11 3	Mr J Walton
10	3P	MINNIE BURGH P Liddle 11 10 12	Mr T Reed (4)

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Numerate, 7-2 Inking, 6-1 Jockambel, 10-1 Hummelmoor, 12-1 Minnie Burgh, 20-1 others.

2.45 MAXTON NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II £500 2m 4f (14 runners)

1	001P	NO RANSOM J S Haldane 5 11 12	T G Dun
2	00	BOUNTY'S CLOWN R Shiels 5 11 4	Mr R Shiels (7)
4	00	DIGGER BARNES J P Wight 6 11 4	Mr A Wight
7	P	HIGHWAY GOLD J Alder 8 11 4	Mrs V Jackson (4)
9	0	MAUNBY PRINCE (BF) T D Barron 6 11 4	Mr G Harker (7)
10	F44	TOMMY GE Mrs J Goodfellow 6 11 4	M Dwyer
12	02140	BICKERSTAFFE (C) M W Easterby 4 10 13	P Tuck
13	0000-00	COLISLACE H McConnell 7 10 13	Mr D Swindlehurst (7)
14	003	COLONIAL CHARM C Spares 5 10 13	J McLaughlin
15	00300-0	FASKIN D Robertson 6 10 13	Mrs A Robertson
16	000-F	GOLDEN FAME J S Haldane 5 10 13	C Grant

PROBABLE SP: AMATHYST A Eubank 7 10 13 Mr A Eubank

19 WILD TALES W Storey 4 10 5 K Teelan (4)
20 F000 MISS JAY CEE J Parkes 4 10 0 R Balfour (7)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Maunby Prince, 7-2 Bickerstaffe, 9-2 Colonial Charm, 6-1 No Ransom, 8-1 Tommy Ge, 12-1 Bounty's Clown and Highway Gold, 20-1 others.

3.15 STEWART WIGHT MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE £1,500 3m (8 runners)

1	F1-1U02	EARLS BRIG (C-D)(BF) W Hamilton 10 12 7	P Tuck
2	4F4-000	BUSH GUIDE (D) J Alder 9 11 1	Mrs V Jackson (4)
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PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Earls Brig, 7-2 Bush Guide, 5-1 Good To See You, 7-1 Little Frenchman, 8-1 Snow Blessed, 10-1 Solo Sam, 16-1 others.

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12	00	JEFFREY GRAHAM Miss S Hall 4 11 0	Mr C Platts
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14	00	MASTER RICKIE D G Swindlehurst 4 11 0	Mr D Swindlehurst (7)
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16	00	SONNY ONE SHINE C H Bell 4 11 0	Miss Margaret Bell
17	00	WHO SIR ME SIR D J Moorhead 4 11 0	Ruth Hargreaves (7)
18	00	WINTERLEY F Watson 4 11 0	J O'Gorman (7)
19	00	FORLORN MOLLY J P Wight 4 10 9	Mr A Wight

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Chief Jester, 7-2 Proud Con, 4-1 Arizona, 6-1 Bordeaux Rouge, 7-1 Lochar Brig, 8-1 Big White Chief, 12-1 Jeffrey Graham, 20-1 others.

KELSO BREAKS THE ICE!

RACING at Plumpton today was abandoned at 10.30 a.m. yesterday because there was three inches of snow on the course, taking the total of meetings lost this season to 22.

However, Kelso has been given the go-ahead for today — the first race meeting to take place in three days.

Tomorrow's two scheduled fixtures at Southwell and Wincanton are in doubt. An inspection will be held at Southwell this morning at 9.30 a.m.

Clerk of the course Pat Firth said: 'There is a heavy frost in the ground, and prospects are not bright.'

There is an inch of snow on the course at Wincanton, as well as a severe frost, and racing is considered very doubtful.

Racing in Ireland has also been badly hit by the weather. Today's fixture at Thurles has been postponed to January 16 because of frost.

There will be a 10 a.m. inspection today to determine prospects for tomorrow's meeting at Punchestown, where Frost is also the problem.

However, prospects for 'Sweeps' Hurdle day at Leopardstown on Saturday are still good.

Irish Sweeps declarations

FOUR ENGLISH trained horses, including the new top weight Desert Orchid are included among the 23 declarations for Saturday's £25,000 added Sweeps Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown.

Desert Orchid was 12st, with a 12lb overall rise in the weights. Pridaux Boy, the intended mount of Jonjo O'Neill and well supported in the ante-post market, Northern Trail and Jade And Diamond are the other English possibilities.

Arthur Moore, who has won the race three times since 1979, saddles Fredcoteri (11st 13lb) in search of a hat-trick in this race, backed up by recently successful

stablemates Yankee Princess and Bonalma.

Fredcoteri will again be partnered by Tom Taaffe but has 23lbs more than last year to carry.

Favourite

Ken Morgan rides the ante-post favourite Rosical for Michael Cunningham but Edward O'Grady has yet to fix a partner for the fancied Northern Game.

The race will be covered live by the BBC and ITV will show a recording, provisionally scheduled for after the 2.45 p.m. race from Newcastle.

Sports Line

SWEDES STORM

DAVIS CUP heroes Mats Wilander and Henrik Sundstrom led a record four-pronged Swedish assault on the Grand Prix Masters tennis championships which began at New York's Madison Square Garden last night.

Only two Swedes — Wilander and Bjorn Borg — have previously played in the 12-man tournament, and never both in the same year.

With the United States represented by a further six of the 12 qualifiers, the event will rekindle the 1984 rivalry between the two countries which climaxed in Sweden's 4-1 shock victory in last month's Davis Cup final.

But the draw does not favour the Europeans' chances.

Wilander, Sundstrom and Anders Jarryd are all in the top half of the draw. The last two were due to play the opening match for the right to meet John McEnroe tonight.

All four top seeds, McEnroe, fellow American Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Wilander, enter the fray at the quarter-final stage.

Wilander will meet either Aaron Krickstein — at 18 the youngest player ever to appear in the Masters — or Johan Kriek, both of whom were playing in the second match last night.

In the other half of the draw, the fourth Swede, Joakim Nystrom, plays American Vitas Gerulaitis while Czechoslovak Tomas Smid takes on Eliot Teltscher tonight.

The winners will meet Lendl and Connors respectively in the other two quarter-final ties on Friday.

The six-day event offers \$400,000 in prize money with \$100,000 going to the winner.

But by virtue of finishing first in the Grand Prix points race last year, McEnroe has already won a \$600,000 bonus, while the second-placed Connors collected \$400,000.

McEnroe, the Wimbledon and US Open champion, seems to have re-

gained top form in time for his Masters title defence.

The New Yorker enjoyed his best year ever in 1984, winning 12 of his 14 tournaments, and losing only three matches in 84.

But after a seven-week lay-off through suspension and injury, he put on a rusty display in the Davis Cup final, losing his opening singles to Sundstrom and the doubles with Peter Fleming to Jarryd and Stefan Edberg.

Last week, however, he bounced back in the eight-man Challenge of Champions in Las Vegas, beating Connors in the semi-finals and Argentine Guillermo Vilas in the final.

McEnroe could add a further \$17,000 to his pay cheque by winning the doubles championship with Fleming for the fourth year in succession.

If the singles seedings are justified, McEnroe will meet Wilander, the Australian Open champion, and Connors will face French Open champion Lendl in the semi-finals on Saturday.

Of the 12 players who accumulated most points on the 1984 Grand Prix circuit, Andres Gomez is a notable absentee from the Masters.

The Ecuadorean finished fifth in the standings but withdrew because of a recurrence of a shoulder injury that forced him to quit during his match against Lendl last year. Gomez's withdrawal let in the 13th-placed Krickstein.

THE SQUARE

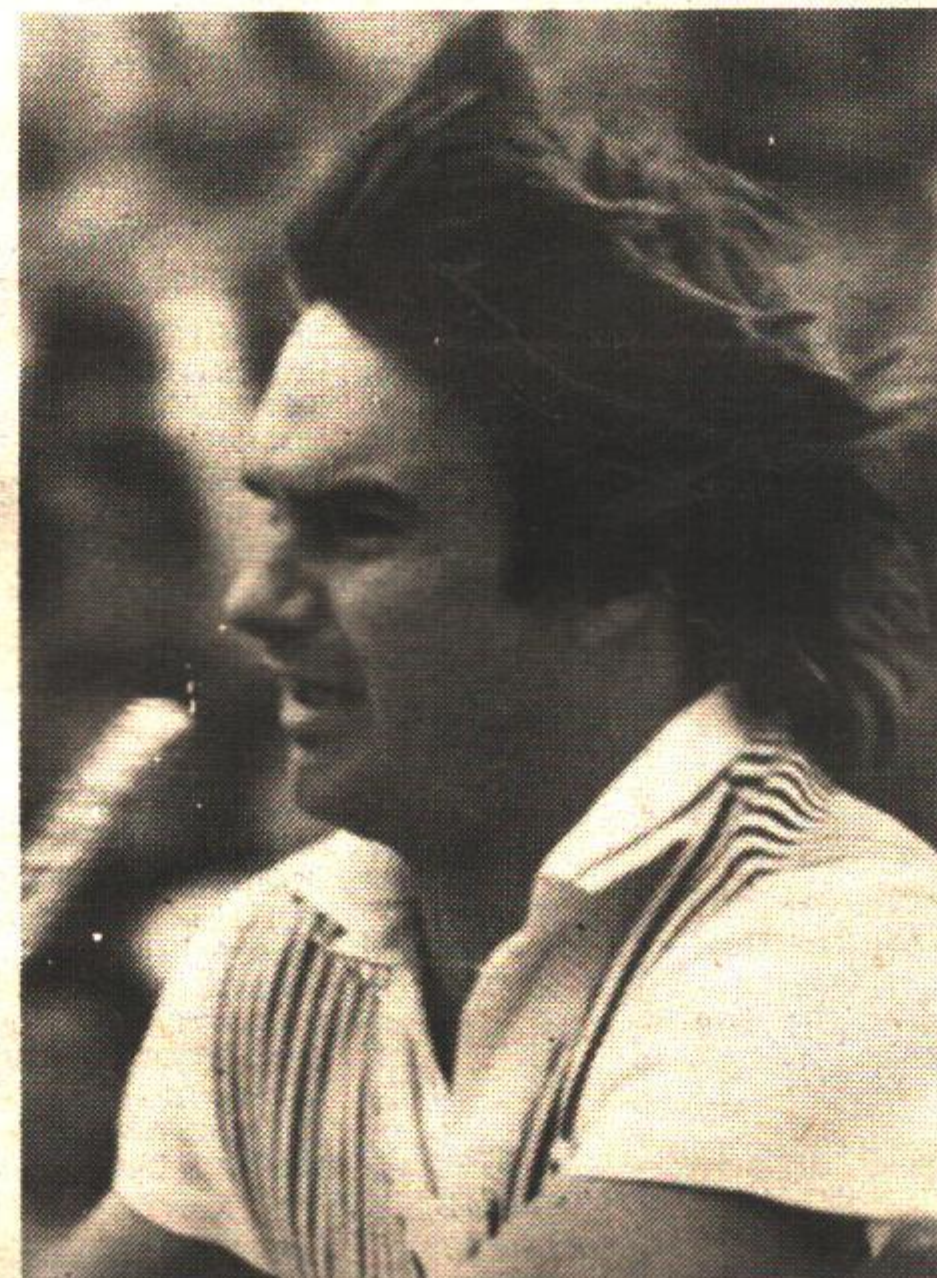
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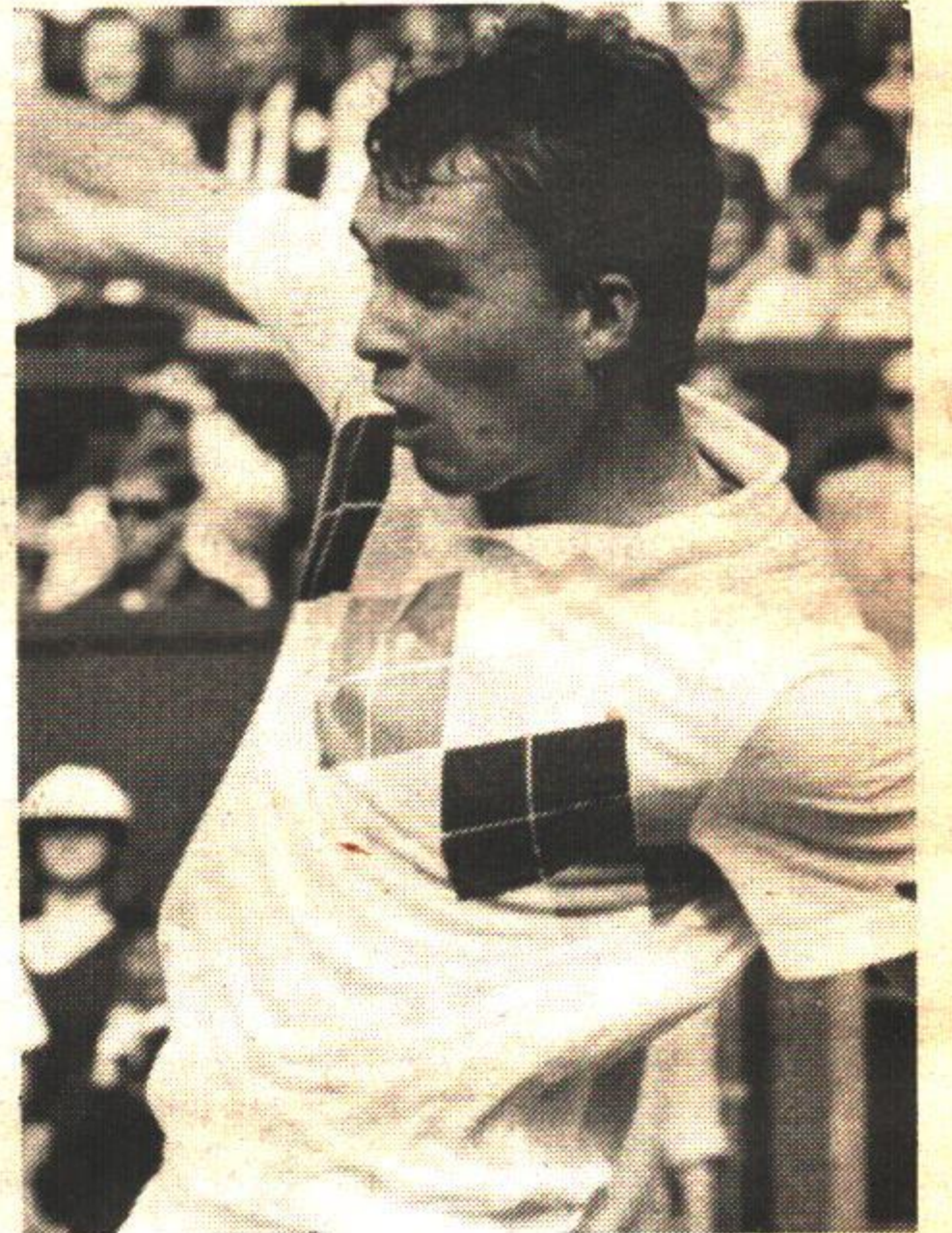
JOHN McENROE . . . Chasing the 'odd change'



MATS WILANDER . . . Swedish threat



JIMMY CONNORS . . . The No.3 seed



IVAN LENDL . . . To meet McEnroe in final

RINALDI OUSTS KOHDE

SIXTH-SEEDED Claudia Kohde of West Germany lost to American Kathy Rinaldi 7-5, 6-7, 6-1 in the opening round of the \$150,000 Washington Women's Indoor Tennis Championships on Monday night.

Seventh-seeded Zina Garrison of the United States fared better, advancing to the tournament's second round with an impressive 7-5, 6-3 win over fellow countrywoman Ann Henricksson.

Rinaldi played a patient baseline game throughout her gruelling match, keeping pace through the first two sets with the West German, number eight in world rankings.

After dropping a close first set, Kohde rallied to force a second set tie-breaker, which she won narrowly, 9-7, on a pair of unforced errors by Rinaldi.

But the final set went Rinaldi's way as she scored consistently with passing and forehand shots.

Garrison, ranked ninth in the world on the Women's Tennis Association computer, played a sloppy match



KATHY RINALDI . . . Shock winner

against the unseeded Henricksson, but she eventually won because of her aggressive play and fewer unforced errors.

In the final match of the evening, unseeded Pam Casale defeated fellow-American Terry Phelps 6-1, 6-4 to qualify for the tournament's second round.

Shiras survives shaky start

THIRD-SEEDED Leif Shiras of the United States survived a tough match against unseeded New Zealander David Lewis to win 3-6, 6-2, 8-6 and enter the second round of the Auckland Grand Prix tennis tournament in Auckland yesterday.

Lewis, brother of 1983 Wimbledon finalist Chris Lewis, shocked Shiras by winning the first set. After losing the second, he broke Shiras' service again in the second game of the third.

But Shiras broke back to draw level at 4-4 and he eventually won the two-hour match when Lewis failed to hold service in the 14th game.

David's brother Chris took control of his match against fellow-New Zealander Steve Guy only late in the first set. But once in command, he

romped to a 6-4, 6-1 victory.

'When I began David had won the first set and was struggling in the second. I was very conscious of his score,' Chris Lewis said.

Form

Top seed John Fitzgerald of Australia also had trouble finding his form in the first set and admitted he was 'hit off the court' by unseeded American Kelvin Belcher, who won it 6-2. But Fitzgerald recovered well to win the next two 6-3, 6-4.

Brian Levine of the United States made the quickest exit from the tournament when he bowed to second seed John Lloyd of Britain 6-2, 6-2 in 48 minutes.

ANOTHER BORG AWARD

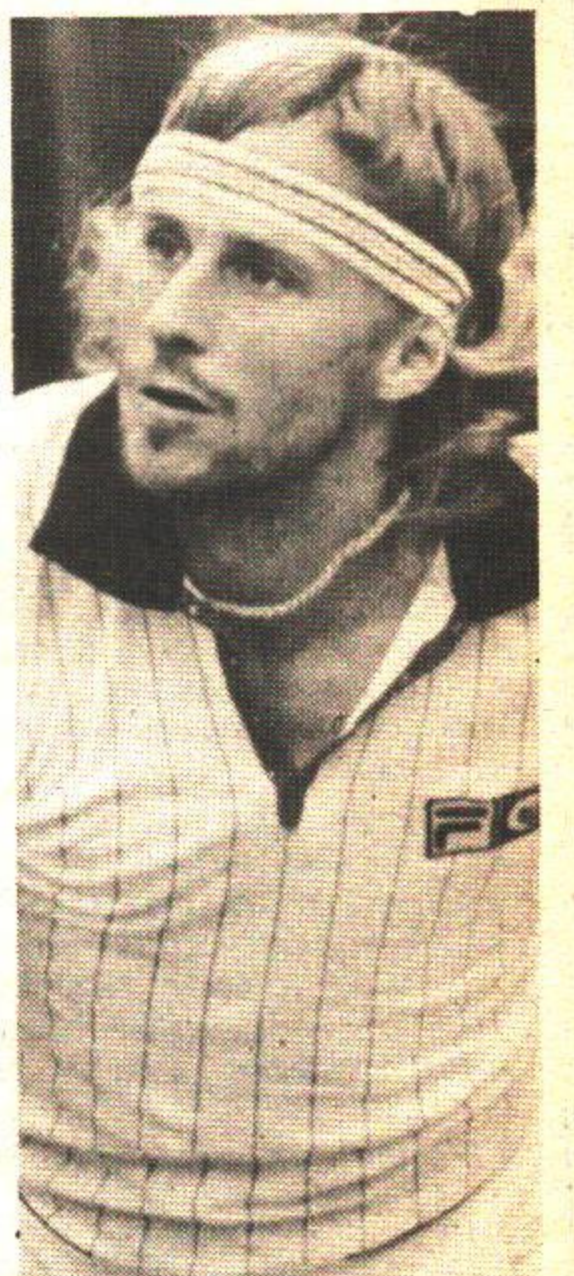
BJORN BORG has been named Player of the Decade and John McEnroe Player of the Year by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

Borg finished ahead of McEnroe, Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl in the voting.

The Swede, winner of five Wimbledon and six French Open titles, won five Player of the Year awards between 1976 and 1980. McEnroe took the honour in 1981 and 1983.

McEnroe and Peter Fleming were named doubles team of the Year for the third time, while American Robert Green was elected Newcomer of the Year.

Green, who reached the fourth round of last year's US Open as a qualifier, rose from 369th to 40th in the world rankings during 1984.



BJORN BORG

Sports Line

Close
sounds
warning

RUGBY LEAGUE

ROY CLOSE, the Maidenhead businessman who rescued Fulham Rugby League club from extinction during the summer, yesterday spoke of a bleak future for the game in London unless the club at least gets back the money paid to the liquidator.

Close said in a statement: 'When we bought the loss-making club and players' registrations, together with some worthless bags of kit, from the liquidator in August, we very much relied on the representations made to us by both the liquidator and the Rugby League.'

Reprieve

'Our intentions at the time were to reprieve Fulham and the game in London and to do this we needed the club, its continuing full membership of the Rugby League, its inclusion in the 1984-85 fixture list, its ground to play on and the players' registrations to give us a team and/or an asset base from which to rebuild. Without all these things we would not have proceeded.'

'The recent High Court decision, following presentation of our case with which I was unhappy, has resulted in us acquiring neither the club nor the players' registrations — indeed it means the liquidator was not entitled to sell them.'

Money

'Three months ago the liquidator did acknowledge that, if the case was won by the players, he would have to return the money we paid.'

'However, we now learn he is refusing to repay the money, and a writ has been issued.'

'We hope his integrity and commonsense will prevail, so that further waste of time and money can be avoided and that we may be given the chance to continue the job we set out to do, despite everything.'

'We have also made overtures to the Rugby League, but it does not seem even they are prepared to provide any material assistance at the end of the day.'

Evidence

'Meanwhile, the old Fulham players continue to be signed up by other clubs, with what we believe to be overwhelming prima facie evidence of signing on fees, contrary to Rugby League by-laws, being demanded and paid.'

'It seems to us we are to be left holding the baby whilst other clubs pick the carcass, players line their pockets, Rugby League by-laws are flouted and the dream of a really national sport is in jeopardy.'

BRING ON
LIVERPOOLChris Hughton's
SPURS FILE

WHAT A lucky escape we had against Charlton at White Hart Lane in the FA Cup last weekend.

Like every fan at the game, my heart almost stopped as Mike Flanagan's last-minute effort crept wide of the upright. It certainly looked like curtains for us, but our luck held and I believe it will be a different story in the replay.

By now you will be only too well aware that if we do put Charlton out we must then make the trip to Liverpool — a club we have not beaten on their own ground for 73 years!

Fortunately — for a change — I think this time round Liverpool will fear us as much as we will respect them.

Already this season we have beaten them at our place in the League and Milk Cup.

Defeat

Indeed, that defeat in the Milk Cup ended a tremendous run by the European and League Champions in the competition which saw Liverpool monopolise the Milk Cup for almost four years.

They will be out to revenge that particular defeat I'm sure, but if Tottenham are going to put an end to this 73-year hoodoo then this could very well be the season.

We have a very important 10 days ahead of us starting, if possible, at the Valley tonight.

For after our FA Cup replay with Charlton we make the trip to west London to take on Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday, followed by the 'big one' — Everton at our place on Saturday, January 19.

Quite honestly I cannot see the Charlton FA Cup replay going ahead tonight. The weather has been so bad I cannot see their ground thawing enough for the game to go ahead.



GARY STEVENS . . . 'Possibly our best player in the first half of the season'

And with many games facing the chop this Saturday because of the Arctic-like conditions, Tottenham have a very good chance to open a gap on Everton at the top with a win over Rangers.

I can see the Goodison Park match between Everton and Newcastle being called off but our clash will go ahead against Rangers because they will be able to sweep the snow off their plastic pitch.

We went down 2-1 there last season but we are a

much better side now while Rangers have struggled somewhat so far culminating in their FA Cup exit at Third Division Doncaster last week.

A win there would certainly set us for the visit of Everton the following week. That will certainly be the match of the season, so far anyway.

I have been asked recently about our League form over the first half of the season. The most usual question has been which player has contri-

buted the most to our form over the past four months.

Well, while I feel the squad as a whole has showed great determination and commitment this season, I think I would have to single out Gary Stevens.

It took Gary the best part of last season to settle into the side but now his perseverance has paid off handsomely.

His work rate in midfield since the beginning of this season had to be seen to

be believed. Gary has done marvellously well and if, at the end of the season, we end up with the League Championship then Gary can honestly say he did his bit to bring the trophy home to White Hart Lane.

John Chiedozie, too, has contributed quite a lot to our rise to the top of the table. However, John's form in recent games has not been of the same high quality — but I'm sure he will bounce back shortly.

I'm sure it hasn't escaped your attention

either in recent weeks that I have been in and out of the side. I have been, however, assured by the boss, Peter Shreeves, that the left back position is mine but he felt that I had lost a little confidence.

It's just a case of knuckling down and getting back into the side — and I'm sure that won't be too long away.

Speak to you all again very soon.

Chris Hughton was talking to Matthew Nugent.

WE'RE READY — SHREEVES

FA CUP REPLAYS



PETER SHREEVES . . . 'Ready for anything'

PETER SHREEVES yesterday promised that Tottenham will be ready to fight for a fourth round FA Cup trip to Liverpool — whatever the state of the Charlton pitch tonight.

Snow and sub-zero temperatures which decimated last night's reply programme also threatened the Valley clash.

Charlton apprentices worked overtime clearing the terraces — and an early-morning inspection today will determine whether their back-breaking efforts have been worthwhile.

'It's the referee's decision and I'll abide by it,' said Shreeves last night. 'There'll be no com-

plaints from us if the match is on.'

Shreeves delays announcing his side until he knows the game is definitely on, and he has seen the pitch.

Charlton general secretary Graham Hor-top says the best chance of playing is if the snow is rolled into the pitch. Shreeves acknowledged: 'My players have appeared on those sort of tops, coming through the ranks, but we don't encounter them too often.'

'It will all be about attitudes. We have just got to go out and give it a go. My players know that.'

Arctic conditions have already claimed tonight's

replay between Norwich and Birmingham at Carrow Road.

With Norwich involved in a Milk Cup quarter-final at Grimsby next week, the FA rematch has been shelved until January 21.

That is the same night as Wigan play Chelsea. That tie was one of seven games postponed last night — with five of them re-arranged for next Monday.

They include the original, twice-postponed third round encounter between Gillingham and Cardiff, plus replays, Arsenal v. Hereford, Blackburn v. Portsmouth, Crystal Palace v. Millwall and Huddersfield v. Wolves.

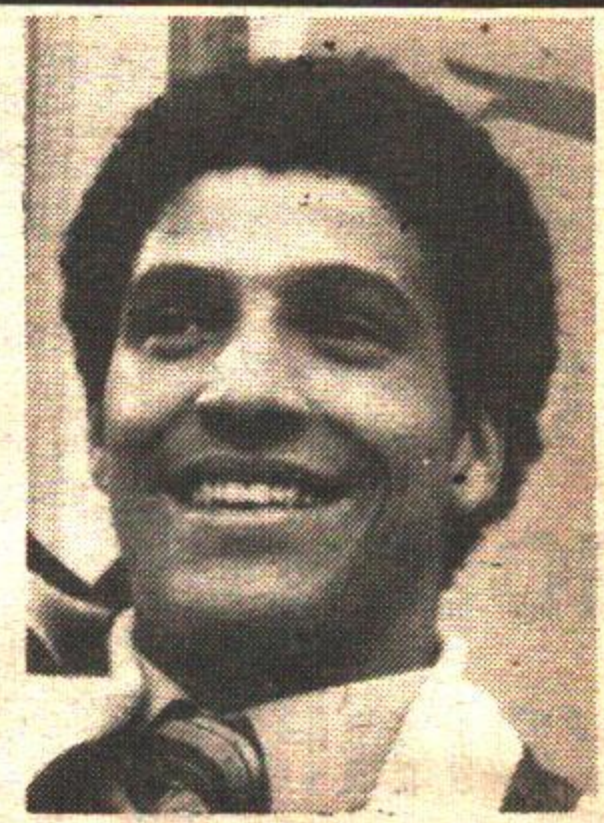
There is a good chance this list will be extended. Newcastle plan a break-fast-time inspection of St James's Park before the visit of Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest.

Forest will be unchanged as Clough attempts to avoid a fourth successive third round exit.

Stoke will delay a decision until noon, regarding the tie against Luton Town.

'The pitch is very hard. If it continues to freeze or the snow persists the game will be off,' said acting manager Tony Lacey, who delays selection on Mark Chamberlain's groin strain.

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BURTON BOUNCE BACK

BURTON ALBION, the non-League side knocked out of the FA Cup by Leicester City 6-1 at Derby last weekend, have won the first stage of their battle to have the tie replayed.

As exclusively revealed in the News Line on Monday, the Burton directors decided unanimously to lodge a protest with the Football Association after incidents at the game — and yesterday the FA announced that they would hold a commission of inquiry at Derby's Baseball Ground tomorrow.

The FA decided to take this action after reports were submitted to them by Burton and an independent doctor on the in-



TED CROKER... Agreed to a commission of inquiry

juries incurred by their goalkeeper Paul Evans during the tie.

The game was poised at 1-1 when Evans was knocked out by a lump of wood and Leicester scored immediately after this before going on to trounce the non-League.

'The commission has been fixed on the basis of the referee's report and Burton's letter of appeal,' FA secretary Ted Croker said last night.

'Representatives of Leicester, Burton and Derby will be asked to attend along with the match officials.'

Croker added that the commission, headed by Lionel Smart, will have 'unlimited powers'.

Burton decided to take their case to the FA after a two-hour meeting at their Eton Park ground which included a video of the game.

After making their decision to appeal, club secretary David Mellow said: 'We feel we cannot put words into the mouths of the FA. We are simply asking them to take what

FA to launch inquiry

ever action they consider appropriate.'

There is a post-war precedent for the FA to order a rematch.

Eleven years ago they ordered Newcastle and Nottingham Forest to replay a fifth round tie after crowd trouble at St James' Park.

And this season UEFA ordered Glasgow Celtic to replay their European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Rapid Vienna after an Austrian player had been hit by a missile

during the second leg in Scotland.

Leicester, who have been drawn at home to Carlisle in the next round, claim that Derby fans could have thrown the missile that struck the Burton keeper.

Secretary Alan Bennett said last night: 'Of the 6,000 tickets sold to supporters behind the goal, only 1,828 were issued by Leicester. The rest were sold at the gate on the day to anyone.

'There were incidents earlier in the match when Leicester fans behind the goal were hit by missiles from the stand above and the feeling was that the culprits were Derby fans.'

The FA could take action against both Derby County — who are responsible for security arrangements at the ground — and Leicester City. A replay could very well be arranged for next week.

Burton go for replay

BURTON ALBION, non-League side

Monday's News Line (above) reported exclusively Burton directors' unanimous decision to lodge a protest with the FA

Davis demolishes Reardon

THE COOL and clinical professionalism of Steve Davis helped him surge into the semi-finals of the Mercantile Credit £200,000 snooker Classic at Warrington yesterday.

The 27-year-old Davis from Romford beat Stoke's Ray Reardon 5-1 in the first of the quarter-finals, but it might have been closer. Reardon played well enough and at the interval could have been level but instead trailed 4-0.

'When I had my chances I simply could not pot enough balls. In fact I can't pot like I used to. Steve can and that is why he is the champ. He's just too consistent,' said Reardon.

A former world champion, Reardon could have won the first frame and should have won the fourth when he led 48-0 and 68-31, at which point



STEVE DAVIS

Davis let his opponent get back to the table when he potted the cue ball straight over the black and into the pocket 'first bounce'.

But Reardon could not make the most of this golden opportunity and back came Davis to clear the table and win the frame by one point, 69-68.

Reardon did show one touch of his old class in taking the first frame after the interval, but then had to sit back and watch Davis clinch his semi-final place with a brilliantly compiled 102 in the sixth.

Davis commented: 'There were situations where it could have been 2-2 but Ray left me with too many chances.' Davis's semi-final opponent will come from today's quarter-final between John Virgo and Willie Thorne.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

(7.30p.m. unless stated)

FA CUP

3RD ROUND REPLAYS

Charlton v Tottenham (7.45).....

Newcastle v Nottm Forest.....

Stoke v Luton.....

MOXON SIGNS IN

AFTER two months spent virtually on the sidelines, Martyn Moxon yesterday found a stage to display the talents that earned him a place on England's winter tour.

The 24-year-old Yorkshire opener battled his way to 97 not out as England reached 251 for seven in reply to South Zone's 306 all out at Hyderabad.

His 311 minutes of Boycott-type concentration helped erase the bitter memories of the past six months.

In that time Moxon had been forced to miss the Lord's Test against the West Indies with cracked ribs, the warm-up games in Sri Lanka through illness, and England's early games in India through the death of his father.

As a result, the selectors could not pick him for the first three Tests on the evidence of just two previous visits to the crease in nine weeks.

Now, Moxon is ready to challenge Graeme Fowler for the right to partner Tim Robinson in the fourth Test at Madras next week. He is still short of match fitness, however, as the cramp and constant need for anti-dehydration drinks late in the day revealed.

Although he looks more solid than Fowler, Moxon is not counting any chickens yet. He said: 'I can't think about the Test — the lads have been playing pretty well as it is. I am just going to concentrate on batting

tomorrow and see what happens.'

Moxon then revealed how the heat, which yesterday reached the 90s, had affected him from mid-afternoon onwards. 'When I gripped the bat I couldn't straighten the middle fingers of either hand, I think it was cramp in the forearm tendons.'

Moxon was especially pleased to be in the runs just two days after his fiancée Sue arrived from England to join him on tour.

But there was further disappointment yesterday for England captain David Gower. He made just 13 before falling to a slip catch and has now scored only 83 runs in his last eight innings. Gower put on a brave face afterwards, saying: 'I still feel confident in my batting and know the runs will come.'

But Gower is now the only specialist batsman in the England party not to have played a major innings on tour. And that's in complete contrast to his vice-captain Mike Gatting, who hit another sparkling



MARTYN MOXON... 97 not out in his first England knock in India

50 yesterday, keeping Moxon company in a fourth wicket stand which raised 88 runs.

There was little else from the other England batsmen who, to a man, fell to catches close to the wicket.

Earlier in the day Eng-

land needed just ten deliveries to remove the last two South Zone batsmen, with one falling to Jon Agnew to make him the first Englishman to take five victims in an innings on tour, on what was his first appearance.

SCORECARD

OVERNIGHT: Hyderabad 305 for eight (Srikkanth 90, Ayub 57 n.o.)

SOUTH ZONE 1st innings
Ayub c French b Foster..... 58
Raman lbw b Agnew..... 26
Sekar n.o..... 0
EXTRAS..... 22

TOTAL 306

FALL: 9-306
BOWLING: Cowans 9-2-37-1; Agnew 19-1-102-5; Foster 19-4-6-45-3; Edmonds 13-7-28-0; Marks 7-2-27-0; Cowdrey 11-1-44-1; Gatting 3-0-13-0

ENGLAND 1st innings
Moxon n.o..... 97
Robinson c Raman b Sekar 13
Gower c Srinivasaprasad b Sekar..... 13
Cowdrey c Srikkanth b Ayub 22
Gatting c Kanwilkar b Raman 50
Marks c Srinivasaprasad b Raman..... 0
French c Kanwilkar b Ayub..... 1
Edmonds c Srinivasaprasad b Raman..... 29
Foster n.o..... 15
EXTRAS..... 11

TOTAL (7 wkts) 251

FALL: 1-18, 2-45, 3-88, 4-176, 5-176, 6-179, 7-226
BOWLING: Sekar 14-2-44-2; binny 8-1-29-0; Kanwilkar 9-3-17-0; Ayub 26-2-103-2; Raman 21-8-45-3; Srinivasaprasad 1-0-8-0