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Liz French on the platform of yesterday's 'Young Socialist' meeting, flanked by the GLC's deputy leader John McDonnell and John Moyle of the Kent NUM

'We're fighting to win'

BY BEN RUDDER

LIZ French, the wife of jailed Kent miner Terry French, declared yesterday she would not sit and cry at home but campaign for the victory of the miners in 1985.

She won a standing ovation from a 2,000-strong audience at yesterday's 34th Annual General Meeting of the Young Socialist newspaper, when she said that her husband had been imprisoned for fighting for his rights to a job in the Kent coalfield.

Violence

'I have been asked to tell you about violence, and I've seen police violence because I've had them in my house.

'They bust in, arrested him because he was active from day one. They have wanted him since day one and he was arrested eight times.

'Eventually they got him and they hit him hard.

'But I want to know about the police who battered our men at Orgreave. When are they

— says wife of jailed miner

going to be arrested and locked up for five years?' she demanded.

'I'm not going to waste my time crying at home, although I felt like it. I'm going to get out on platforms wherever I can and tell people like you the truth of violence, and how the courts, the press and the television are chucking it at you.

'Terry is not a violent person and never has been. He was fighting for his rights and his right was to a job in the Kent coalfield.

'If the pits go in Kent, we'll have nothing there and that makes us fight all the harder.'

She urged the youth and workers at the conference to organise the maximum support for the miners and their communities.

Workers should get out on the picket lines at the power stations, she said,

'because what I want is to report to Terry in jail that we have won the strike'.

She said she didn't want to speak simply as the wife of Terry French, but as she had done for the last 11 months as the wife of a striking Kent miner.

'At the beginning of the strike we stood up alongside our men. We are still there and we're staying there,' she said defiantly.

The women of the mining communities were currently preparing at a meeting in Barnsley for the next part of the struggle in 1985.

Support

'It will be a better fight than in 1984, because this time we are going to win it. We'll be there at the end,' she said.

She thanked workers and youth for the support for the mining communities and urged them to continue the struggle, not only to feed and clothe miners and their families but to ensure that the power stations were closed down through picketing.

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THE Tory government was in crisis last night after conceding to weekend pressure from the City of London to say something about the plunging pound.

Treasury statements were seen as clearing the way for a further rise in interest rates, adding to inflation and creating more unemployment. Higher mortgage rates would be certain to follow.

Prime Minister Thatcher has insisted personally that the pound can find its own level on the foreign exchanges.

Its dramatic fall — it has slumped 20 per cent against the dollar since last July — was in fact sought by Thatcher and Chancellor Lawson, because it boosted revenue from North Sea oil which is sold in dollars.

Although interest rates rose 1 per cent last Friday as the banks, led by NatWest, took crisis action to prevent sterling deposits from leaving London, Thatcher remained indifferent at the start of the weekend.

Downing Street briefed journalists, and the 'Sunday Times' proclaimed: 'Thatcher ready to let £1 equal £1'.

It reported: 'The government's resolve to allow the pound to find its own level on the international exchanges, even if it goes to parity with the dollar, was made clear yesterday at the highest levels in Whitehall.'

The 'highest level' means Thatcher, and the 'Sunday Telegraph' confirmed No 10's standpoint when it reported:

'The Prime Minister last night signalled her determination not to step in to defend the level of the pound even if sterling slides further towards parity with the dollar this week.'

But the turmoil in government circles was apparent, with 'The Observer' proclaiming: 'Thatcher in U-turn to save pound.'

As ministers gathered yesterday to discuss the March budget, the Treasury was forced to take the unusual step of speaking about its attitude to the pound.

No doubt this followed

BY AN ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

reports from the City of London that continued indifference would lead to an uncontrollable run on sterling this week.

According to a Treasury spokesman, the Prime Minister and Chancellor Lawson are 'dismayed at reports that the government is totally indifferent' to sterling's value.

The spokesman said there was no particular target level for sterling — it was selling at \$1.1185 in New York on Friday — but its value was important because it could have a devastating effect on the growth of inflation.

He recalled that the government had acted 'without hesitation' last July with two increases in interest rates after a run on the pound.

Inflation

The Treasury spokesman, ignoring everything Thatcher has said in recent months, said the government would not take risks on inflation or monetary control.

The Treasury man denied there had been a government U-turn, adding: 'We don't believe monetary growth is out of control, but it is at the top of the target range and we cannot ignore market pressures.'

These remarks were seen as the signal for a sharp rise in interest rates this week.

The overall impression, however, is of a Tory government which is losing control and this could well reinforce the selling of sterling on the foreign exchanges, as the objective laws of capitalist crisis force their way through.

Interest rates set for new increase

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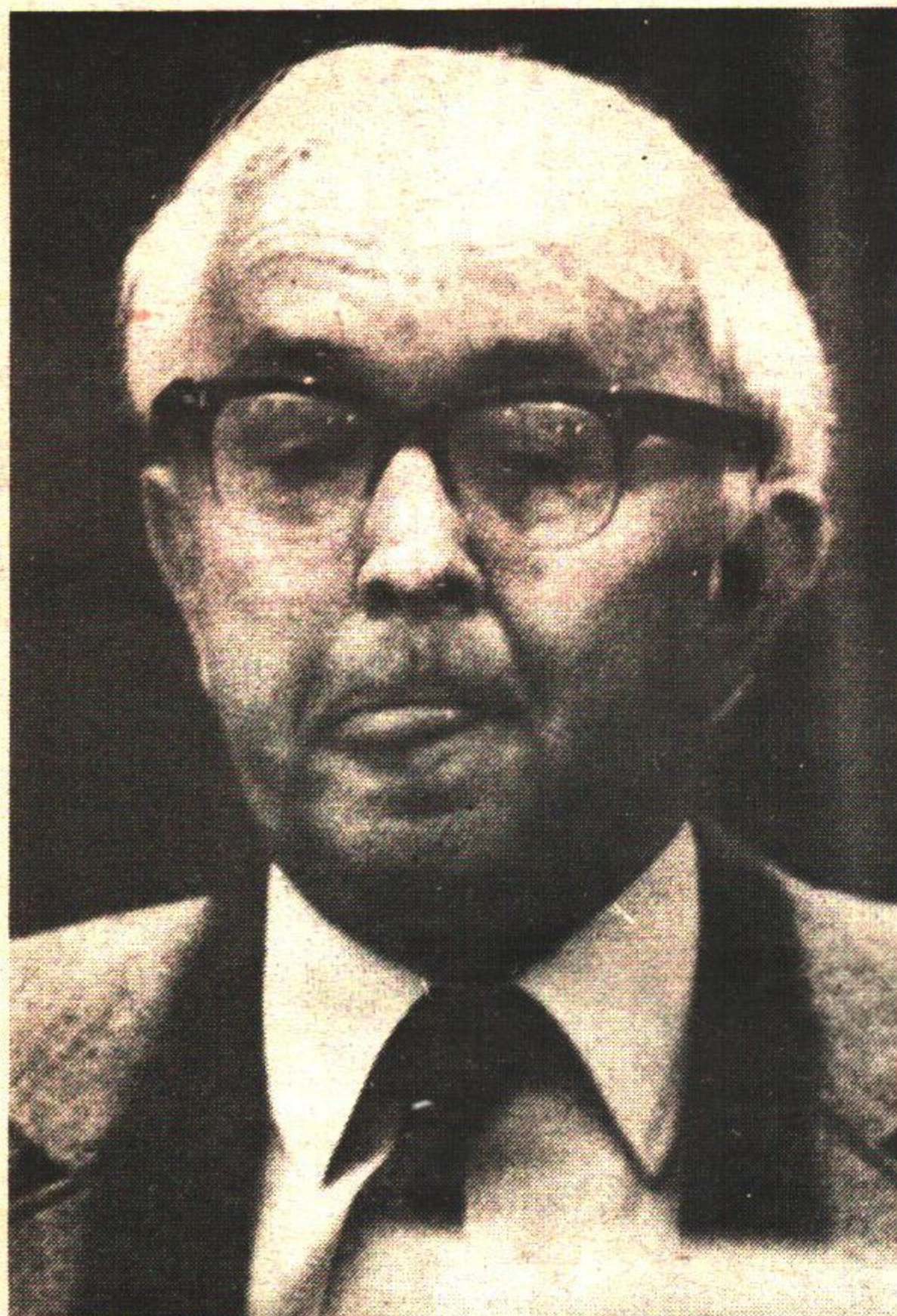
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Axe falls on Lothian hospitals

EDINBURGH — The final decision to close Bruntfield Hospital has been described as a 'scandalous shame' by the action committee that fought to save it.

Margaret Mortimer, secretary of the 'Save Bruntfield' group accused Lothian Health Board of agreeing government-imposed financial limits long before announcing the shut-down.

Councillor Gertrude Barton, who sits on the board, said all the evidence showed that the closure would lengthen waiting lists at other hospitals because their workload would be increased.

Board

Board chairman Alexander Findlay said he would rule councillor Barton out of order when she told the board last Thursday that George Younger, the Scottish Secretary, had appointed paid-up Tory Party members to the board to toe

the party line, and that most of them would be unaffected because they had private medical insurance.

The decision by the board awaits the approval of Younger. But this is a formality, as Bruntfield is the first of many similar closures.

Decision

Ken Seaward, of the Lothian health service joint trade union committee, said at the weekend that Younger's decision on Bruntfield 'will give an early indication of what is in store for the NHS in Scotland.'

The health board, said Seaward, 'did not attempt to consider the problems of the service in any way other than financial.'

In addition to the closure announcement, the Lothian board also axed Deaconess General Hospital. It is to be used merely to accommodate patients while other hospitals undergo renovation work.

Strike at YKK

OVER 250 transport union members at the YKK zip factory in Runcorn, Cheshire, have been on strike since last Monday after rejecting the company's 5.5 per cent pay offer.

Mark Mather, one of the pickets at the gates, explained: 'We have been underpaid and overworked for years. We can't afford to live, people are sick of living under the poverty line.'

He said all the workforce had responded to the strike call and the factory had been closed down completely. 'Even women who have never been on strike before have been coming down to the picket line for a couple of hours.'

Mather added that the workforce had always previously accepted low wage rises. But now, he said, 'we have had enough'.

The pickets have already won welcome support. A local striking

miner joined them on the picket line, bringing a flask and a packet of biscuits, and workers from the Bass brewery have lent a tent and brought food.

Another picket, Derrick Norwell, said: 'Over the last 12 months there have been about five men leaving because they are better off on the dole.'

'YKK is one of the largest Japanese firms. They are supposed to put a third of their money back into the workforce but they are not.'

'They gave £20,000 to the Lord Mayor's chain, £10,000 for a firework display and they have invested money into the YKK community centre and no one from YKK uses it.'

'If they can invest money into the community, why can't they invest it in the workforce?'

He concluded: 'We're dug in for as long as it takes.'

'MORNING STAR' EDITOR EXPELLED

BY PAUL FELDMAN

BRITISH Stalinism formally split into openly warring camps at the weekend when the editor and deputy editor of the 'Morning Star' were expelled from the Communist Party.

Tony Chater and his deputy, David Whitfield, have hijacked the paper from party control and used it as a mouthpiece for the pro-Moscow minority faction.

Now for the first time in 55 years, the Stalinist daily is edited by non-party elements.

Pro-executive editorial board members at the 'Morning Star' will immediately have to decide whether to work under people expelled for their anti-party activities.

Four other leading figures were expelled by the 'Euros', including executive member Mike Hicks who is a SOGAT official.

The expulsions are the start of a full-scale purge of the Chaterites and an open division of British Stalinism, with disunited warring factions.

The executive meeting decided to convene a special national congress of the CP in May — six months ahead of the scheduled date for the biennial conference.

A statement issued yesterday warned: 'Since the 38th congress of the party held in November 1983, a minority in the party have refused to accept the decisions of that congress, and campaigned against them and against the executive committee elected by congress. It is now urgently necessary to end this situation.'

The special congress would aim to 'defeat the factional activity and other breaches of democratic centralism which threaten the future of the

party and the "Morning Star".'

The statement said the present problems and divisions within the party would only 'weaken and immobilise it'.

It wanted the May congress to take decisions which were binding on all members, and elect an executive committee to fight for those decisions.

The CP is virtually paralysed in many areas, with the leadership using organisational powers to shut down stormy branch meetings and meetings of the industrial advisory groups.

Full-scale turmoil is now the order of the day following the executive's disciplinary moves.

The expulsions effectively mean there are two Stalinist parties in Britain, a situation already prevailing in Finland and on the cards in Spain and France.

Within each faction there are several groups. This was evident at the executive, when the 'Euros' around 'Marxism Today' editor Martin Jacques demanded more expulsions immediately, and opposed the calling of a special conference.

The so-called 'hardliners' have the dubious privilege of a 30p paper with a dwindling readership and few people selling it.

Chater's expulsion means that there could be some problems winning the Moscow franchise unless his group quickly forms another party and applies to the Kremlin for approval.

After much prevarication, the executive's hand was forced by the refusal

of Chater and the People's Press Printing Society — the co-operative which owns the paper — to accept the authority of the party.

The pro-Moscow faction won control of the PPPS management committee and broke the link between the paper and the party which founded and built it.

At last year's PPPS annual meeting, the Chaterites just about held on to control; the party then called its own meetings, but failed to mobilise the membership in sufficient numbers.

Warning

Chater then invited expulsion by turning the paper over openly to anti-executive statements and articles, ignoring a warning given to him by the November executive.

The executive statement said that a minority had 'a narrow and sectarian' approach and had 'slandered' the policies of the leadership.

Dealing with Chater's manipulation of the 'Morning Star', the executive committee claimed that he had attempted to 'reverse long-standing party policies on (these) questions of socialist democracy'.

This is a reference to the slavish pro-Moscow line taken by the paper, which the 'Euros' reject in favour of a turn towards an SDP-type of alliance with anti-socialist, middle class elements. Both are equally counter-revolutionary positions.

The executive attacked Chater and Whitfield for

'giving great space and prominence to claims' that the leadership was guilty of 'opportunism and revisionism'.

These claims were made in three recent articles by veteran Stalinists Andrew Rothstein and Robin Page Arnot, men who have accepted without flinching every crime of the Soviet bureaucracy, including the Moscow Trials and the assassination by the GPU of Leon Trotsky.

The statement says the 'Morning Star' has been used to systematically attack and undermine congress policy, support factional activities in the party, and help 'sectarian minority groupings' in their opposition to the party majority.

The executive said Chater and Whitfield had been expelled for refusing to accept majority decisions of the national congress and executive committee relating to the 'Morning Star', despite warnings of the consequences.

They had campaigned actively at meetings of the PPPS against the party's position, and more recently had supported 22 members suspended for their behaviour at and after the London district congress on November 24.

The 22 — all members of the London district committee — refused to accept closure of the congress by general secretary Gordon McLennan, with the authority of the executive committee, pending an investigation into 'irregularities'.

It had been clear that the congress would have

elected an anti-leadership slate. McLennan's walk-out was defied by a sizeable minority.

Since their suspension at an emergency executive meeting on November 30, all 22 have refused to have individual discussions with executive representatives, and 20 have refused to return their membership cards, as required by rule.

Some have insisted on attending party meetings which, as suspended members, they were not entitled to do.

Jacques wanted all 22 expelled, but only four were thrown out: Hicks, NALGO executive member Ivan Beavis, Brent Trades Council chairman Tom Durkin and London organiser Roger Trask.

Six more had their suspension continued until the March meeting: John Bowden, Mary Davis, Kevin Fitzgerald, Monty Goldman, Roy Mincoff and Margaret Witham.

The other 12 had their suspension lifted and membership restored, but were removed from office in the party. They are: David Baldwin, Margaret Bowden, Paul Bonython, Tony Brown, Megan Dobney, Peter Fuzzey, Christabel Gurney, Tom Lannnon, Angela Mason, Marjorie Mayo, Winston Pinder and George Wake.

Trask has been fired, along with full-time workers Brown and Wake.

The effect of these decisions is to remove the leadership of the London district committee.

The executive decided that there had been deception over addresses and membership counterfoils written out for people who were not party members. These apparently include some who were members of the anti-communist Socialist Workers Party.

There would be a 'verification' of membership in Hackney, 'where responsibility for malpractice lies'.

Victimisation struggle looms at BL

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

UNION leaders at Austin Rover's Cowley plant in Oxford say they are being forced to consider industrial action in defence of a victimised shop steward.

The company claim the steward was guilty of breaking official rules on a picket line when, it is alleged, damage was done to a foreman's car.

But after extensive inquiries, the union proved conclusively that the sacked man was not at the scene of the alleged incident.

Furthermore, since the alleged incident happened outside company premises, it was a matter for the civil courts and not internal company discipline.

Shop stewards will meet on Tuesday to consider strike action after the management refused

to withdraw dismissal notice on Bob Cullen despite a top level appeal by national officials of the Transport and General Workers Union.

Union convenor at the plant, Ivor Braggins, said yesterday that the shop stewards meeting had been called only after every possible official avenue of defence for Cullen had been taken.

'We are disappointed at the management's response, and we are left with no alternative but to consider industrial action,' Braggins said.

The first notification of the dismissal threat came a week after the ending of the pay strike at Austin Rover in November. Senior management said that two workers were to

be disciplined, including one shop steward.

'They said the purpose of the discipline concerned an incident in relation to the overtime ban in the weekend prior to the pay dispute. They were to be disciplined for an alleged attack on a foreman's car.'

'At the disciplinary hearing against the shop steward, Bob Cullen, management were acting on the basis of a single statement from this particular supervisor.'

'He alleged that on the Sunday morning in question, Cullen and another employee had caused damage to a vehicle. He claimed that Cullen had damaged the windscreen wiper, while the other

employee damaged the car aerial.'

'We went through all the internal proceedings on discipline, and through interviewing other members of the picket line, gate security people and supervisors we were able to conclude that:

'Firstly, Bob Cullen was not picketing Gate 16, the one in question, on that Sunday morning.'

'And secondly, that the company were dealing with a clear case of mistaken identity, and that another shop steward who almost fits identically with the description of Bob Cullen was at that gate.'

'Our position was that since the alleged incident took place outside the

company premises, they were in breach of no company rule. The company does not have any rules applicable outside the factory.'

After the management refused at both the internal and plant level stages of the inquiry to withdraw the dismissal notice on Cullen, the trade union side organised an official meeting of national officers with Austin Rover chairman Harold Musgrove. This took place on Friday.

At that meeting, Musgrove stood by the dismissal decision, and said that under no circumstances would the management reinstate Cullen.

'Because we see this as such a clear case of victimisation, of a man sacked for his union activities, we are taking the issue to a shop stewards meeting on Tuesday,' Braggins said.

Firemen call for national support

ABERDEEN — Country-wide support is being called for by the Fire Brigades Union in Grampian region in an escalating series of disputes with the firemaster, Thomas Bond.

Brigades from elsewhere in the country are being asked to back a demonstration outside Grampian's public protection committee meeting on Thursday, January 24. This coincides with a day of action.

Alfie Dow, Grampian FBU secretary, said a 'multitude' of things were coming to a head — in particular Bond's refusal to meet regional or national union officials on any matter which the firemaster considered to be 'local'.

'We want the firemaster to acknowledge that regional officials have the right to represent members in the Grampian fire brigade in industrial problems,' said Dow.

The union also claims that an independent inquiry into industrial relations within the brigade — recommended by the ACAS advisory body — had never been implemented.

● PARKS staff, members of NALGO, are to take selective industrial action against employers' Glasgow district council if a dismissed worker is not reinstated. Willie Baxter, a council employee for 12 years, was dismissed last Monday for alleged insubordination.

Piccadilly gas alert

LONDON'S Piccadilly Circus was sealed off and evacuated last night as fears grew of a possible explosion.

Underground trains were stopped because the tunnels were filling up with gas seeping downwards.

Nearby cinemas were evacuated and hundreds of tourists and other visitors cleared from the scene.

All approach roads to the area, including Regent Street and Shaftesbury Avenue, were closed after a London Regional Transport employee, tipped off by an alert commuter, phoned the emergency services.

Gas Board officers warned the Fire Brigade to take extra precautions after a maintenance team failed to shut down gas supplies to the area. A team of engineers was then called in to try to seal a 24-inch fractured pipe.

Emergency Services cordoned off a large area around Piccadilly Circus station.

An LRT spokesman said: 'A passenger at the station first smelt the gas and told a member of our staff, who telephoned the emergency services.'

'Trains were turned around and passengers unloaded at other stations.'

A member of the staff at Piccadilly Theatre, 120 yards from the gas leak site, said police had warned people they could not go within 100 yards of Piccadilly Circus.

Tobacco: where the profits went

HUNDREDS of organisations, including health authorities, local authorities and church bodies, are investing in the tobacco industry without even being aware that they are doing so, it was claimed yesterday.

According to the British Medical Association, which published a survey of investment in the industry yesterday, organisations are holding shares in companies, not realising that the companies are involved in the tobacco industry.

At a London press conference, Dr John Harvard, secretary of the British Medical Association, said: 'When I saw the results of the survey, I was surprised to see what organisations were hold-

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

ing shares in companies concerned with the tobacco industry.

'I really must assume that a very high number of organisations do not realise when they hold shares in the companies that they are involved in the industry.'

The report lists a sample 350 organisations which hold shares in a pre-selected six com-

panies in the tobacco industry.

Social Audit, the non-profit-making body which carried out the survey, combed the shareholders' lists of BAT Industries, Imperial Group, Rothmans International, Molins, Bunzl and Grand Metropolitan.

Three of the six companies examined by the survey have obvious connections with the tobacco industry, but the another

three of them are less obviously involved.

Survey

Harvard said: 'The survey is to let people know, if they don't already know, that these companies are investing in tobacco.'

He stressed: 'We are asking the shareholders to consider the ethics of holding investments and receiving profits from

companies which are responsible for the single, most preventable cause of death.'

The man who carried out the research for the survey, David Gilbert, claimed that the organisations named were just the tip of the iceberg.

Gilbert drew particular attention to local councils named in the survey. 'Thirty seven out of 65 county councils, for example invest in Imperial Tobacco,' he said.

Organisations named included: Imperial Cancer Research, with one or more 100,000 shares in Grand Met; a number of local health authorities; children's welfare organisations, including the NSPCC; educational establishments, church and related organisations;

Others listed include the Medical Research Council, several universities, the PDSA and the RSPCA.



The London Schools Symphony Orchestra were busy rehearsing yesterday for their first concert of the year, next Sunday in the Festival Hall. The orchestra is financed by the Inner London Education Authority, whose funds are threatened by Tory rate-capping

New Scots force seeks 700 recruits

RECRUITMENT starts today of 700 men who will form Scotland's new Home Service Force for guarding state installations 'at times of tension and war'.

Six Scottish companies of the new force are being raised — part of a planned Britain-wide network of 47 companies with a strength of 5,000 men.

Scheme

This follows the operation of a pilot scheme, the Scottish arm of which was No 1 Company, Home Service Force, based at the headquarters of the 51st (Highland) Volunteers at Perth.

This scheme involved 80 men, including former Territorial Army servicemen, as well as former members of the Special Air Service, and Korean War veterans.

Commanding officer

Major Robert Sandeman (56), a solicitor, said most of the men were under 40. He commented last week: 'We held an exercise in the autumn which involved combat situations and were complimented by the regulars.'

'They are a very fit unit and would have a vital role in protecting installations. Their operations would include offensive and limited attack capabilities.'

The six new companies

WEATHER

SOUTHEAST Scotland and eastern England will be rather cloudy with snow showers, some moderate and prolonged. Central and western England and Wales will have sunny intervals and isolated snow showers. Northern Ireland and southwest Scotland will be dry with sunny intervals after the dispersal of freezing fog patches. Northern Scotland will be rather cloudy but mainly dry. It will be cold or very cold in most districts.

Outlook for next 48 hours: Cold or very cold, snow in the southeast, windy in the south later.

north of the border are being established at Ayr, Stirling, Dumfries, Edinburgh, Elgin and Aberdeen.

Entry

One of the qualifications for entry is a minimum of two years' service in the regular forces or TA.

The purpose of the units is officially to guard installations in order to release regular Army and Territorial Army units for other duties.

Stalinist 'No' to strike call

CALLS for industrial action to back the miners were rejected out of hand by the Stalinist-run Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions at the weekend.

The main resolution at a conference attended by fewer than 250 delegates, called merely for the implementation of TUC policy, and a national demonstration on Sunday, February 24.

A demand for an amendment to the resolution — that those unions supporting the miners take immediate strike action alongside them — was treated with undisguised political fear by the chairman, Kevin Halpin.

Remark

Durham Mechanics executive member Dave Temple had taken up a remark by rail union leader Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the NUR, that if mines were closed, rail jobs would be hit.

'Then why are we fighting separately?' Temple asked. 'Surely all those unions supporting the miners should be fighting together. I propose a formal amendment calling on all those trade unions supporting the miners to join the miners now in industrial action.'

The demand received applause from the hall, but was met with a stony silence from Halpin.

'I'm not taking amendments at this late stage,' Halpin declared eventually, after several delegates had loudly reminded him of the proposed amendment.

The organisers found themselves far to the right of other speakers at the event.

Betty Heathfield, wife of NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield, said at one point in her speech: 'We need you to take the same kind of action we've been taking for the last ten and a half months.'

And Tony Benn told the audience: 'We have to consider the possibility of a general stoppage. The

BY BEN RUDDER

only thing we have to ask is how long are we prepared to stand back.

'I do believe that in order to educate those who now rule the country, we have to teach those that think they are our masters that they do not create the wealth.'

Disregard

These contributions were treated with pointed disregard by Halpin. They got the obligatory standing ovation, and no more was said.

The request by Nottinghamshire miners' wife Gwen McCloud to organise a one-day strike in support of the miners was a complete embarrassment.

Clearly no one had explained to her that February 24 is a Sunday, and was deliberately chosen so that industrial action was out of the question.

By the end of the meeting, after the chairman had appealed to the remaining 100 delegates to stop drifting away, the time came to hear from the Scottish area NUM.

The Stalinist-dominated Scottish NUM executive had been billed

by the Liaison Committee organisers as the originators of the motion for the February 24 demonstration.

NUM Scottish secretary Eric Clarke said the time had come for the miners to demand things, not simply request them.

As we waited with bated breath, Clarke proclaimed demagogically: 'We are demanding to see the Secretary of State for Scotland.' (!)

The Stalinists on the Scottish TUC have proposed the mobilisation of workers in Glasgow for a demonstration to mark their visit to Tory Scottish Secretary George Young on January 25.

Expulsion

On the eve of the expulsion of the 'hardline' leaders from the Communist Party, the meeting was supposed to have been the rallying point of the 'Morning Star' supporters.

Instead, it confirmed that the Liaison Committee is a rump Stalinist organisation which covers for the TUC right-wing and their plans to make the NUM surrender to Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship.

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THE ECONOMIC crisis gets worse and the pound continues to fall. The Tories have no solution except to speculate and gamble on a bankrupt economy. Banks will topple, industry will crash and on top, there will be runaway inflation on an unprecedented scale.

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'YOUNG SOCIALIST' 34TH A

MORE than 2,000 youth and workers, including large delegations of striking miners and their families, attended the 34th Annual General Meeting of the 'Young Socialist' paper in London yesterday.

Delegations travelled in snowy weather conditions from all over Britain to take part in the meeting at the packed Walthamstow Assembly Hall. Areas represented included Scotland, Yorkshire, the North East, Kent, South Wales, the Midlands, the North West and London.

The common fight for jobs of miners, council workers and the

youth was at the centre of the discussion.

Dolly Short, Young Socialist editor, outlined the lead that the YS and its paper was taking up in this fight.

There were standing ovations for Liz French, the miner's wife from Kent whose husband was jailed for five years on Friday, and for John Moyle of Kent NUM. GLC deputy leader John McDonnell also won loud applause for his call to unite the struggle of council workers and youth.

Greetings from the Workers Revolutionary Party were brought to the rally by General Secretary Mike Banda.

The Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania and General Union of Palestinian Students also brought greetings as did international YS sections from all over the world.

And dozens of youth joined in the discussion, expressing their hatred for cheap labour schemes and their determination to fight the Tory government. The collection for the Young Socialist Fund raised £435.15.

Following a successful speaking contest every one enjoyed a dance to the live reggae music of Clint Eastwood and General Saint and a disco, played by striking Kent miners.

Youth in forefront of fight for jobs

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTING TEAM

YOUTH, in particular the young miners who have faced the police, are in the forefront of the fight for jobs, Dolly Short, 'Young Socialist' editor told the meeting.

'In the past year they have clearly shown that they are capable of great sacrifice in this struggle.'

'In fact, the working class, young and old, has demonstrated its readiness to suffer, go to jail, and even die in the common struggle for jobs and basic democratic rights.'

The only prospect for youth was the cheap labour Youth Training Scheme. But despite massive prop-

aganda and dole cuts the Tories had only been able to get a handful of youth on the schemes.

'Thousands have completely rejected them. They refuse to become a scab labour force to be used by the government to undermine trade union agreements and conditions.'

That was why the government intended to make the schemes compulsory by abolishing dole for all school leavers under 18. Youth instead would have to go on a two-year scheme paying £17 a week, starve or steal.

Short condemned the right-wing TUC leaders for participating in the Tory

government's Manpower Services Commission.

'It is only due to their co-operation that the Tories were able to introduce these schemes, which undermine every trade union right fought for by the working class.'

'They have betrayed the youth just as they are now working to betray the miners.'

'We demand that the TUC withdraws all support for the MSC, takes the training of youth out of the hands of the Tories and sets up independent Youth Training Centres,' Short said.

Short condemned the ending of housing allowance by the DHSS, forcing youth



'Young Socialist' editor DOLLY SHORT addressing the meeting yesterday

to stay at home with their parents.

She attacked Tory plans to screen teachers, the destruction of the right to a decent education through cuts and closures, the slashing of student grants and the intervention of the

MSC in schools and colleges.

The insoluble economic crisis of the capitalist system was driving the Tories to attack the working class, Short said.

'Whole economies are in chaos and Britain, where the value of the pound is declining at an incredible rate, is one of the most indebted nations.'

The falling pound, alongside the decimation of the manufacturing industry base in Britain, meant imports would cost more and prices would soar.

'These policies mean millions more unemployed, deprivation and starvation for the working class.'

The abolition of local councils and the GLC was part of the Tory strategy towards central control — aimed particularly at those resisting the attacks of the Tory government.

The Young Socialists ful-

ly supported those 16 Labour councils who had decided to defy the law and refuse to carry out the cuts.

The Thatcher Bonapartist dictatorship had sent out its national police force to attack all who challenged her rule with truncheons, riot shields, tracker dogs and horses.

'The working class has been branded as criminals. And all those who dare to defy this rule face the full onslaught from the capitalist state and its media.'

'Miners, 37 workers from the Cammell Laird shipyards, North London Polytechnic students and even civil servants have been locked up for fighting to defend their rights.'

The Tories had spent more than £4 billion on trying to physically break the miners' strike. Pit villages and communities had been placed under siege.

At least 9,000 miners had

been arrested and many imprisoned for years — the biggest sentence had been meted out to Kent miner Terry French, jailed on Friday for five years.

The army, trained in the north of Ireland, were now on standby to move coal stocks.

'But despite violence, brutality, imprisonment and even death the Tories have been completely unable to defeat the miners.'

'The whole strength of the working class and its capacity for sacrifice and struggle has, for the past 11 months, been embodied in the miners, their wives and children who are fighting for their lives and have nothing to lose but the dole queue.'

Financial and moral support for the strike was not enough, said Short to loud applause.

She condemned the treachery of the TUC and Labour leaders such as Kinnock who had refused to back the strike.

'It is now time for railwaymen, council workers — the whole working class — to come out on strike in support of the miners and in defence of its basic democratic rights.'

Short pledged the continued support of the Young Socialists for the national liberation movements all over the world, in Nicaragua, Latin America, South Africa and the struggle of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

'We do not believe socialism can be built in one country but only as a world system.'

Stalinism was a counter-revolutionary force throughout the world and this had also been seen in the British miners' strike.

The 'Young Socialist' paper was the weapon for building the revolutionary youth movement in Britain and for organising them alongside older workers against the common enemy.

This fight must be taken forward, under the leadership of the Young Socialists and the Workers Revolutionary Party, to the organisation of the General Strike and the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system by the working class.

Organise the General Strike

THERE IS an unpostponable urgency and necessity to unite the entire working class in the organisation of the General Strike to bring down the Thatcher government, Mike Banda, general secretary of the Workers Revolutionary Party, told the rally.

He said the struggle of the miners and the council workers outlined by fraternal speakers meant that the organisation of the General Strike must be the basis for the smashing of the capitalist state and the creation of a Workers Revolutionary Government in Britain.

This government must nationalise the economy under workers' control and end forever the menace of homelessness, unemployment, war and military-police dictatorships.

Banda said the Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists never shirked from telling the miners the truth, no matter how bitter.

From the start of the miners' struggle they had warned the fight would be long and without negotiated settlement.

The issue was whether the working class and independent trade unions would continue to exist or whether they would smash the Tory government and open the road for socialist revolution.

The Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists rejected completely the contemptible lies of the capitalist press and media and the apologies of the running dogs of

social democracy and Stalinism.

He said: 'They had claimed the world slump, unemployment and the resultant poverty and starvation were the natural order of things.'

'We reject that totally. We say these things are the product of the world economic crisis and that this crisis is a product of the policies of statesmen and of classes.'

'In the end it can only be resolved through the class struggle itself. What this requires above all is the comprehension of this crisis from the standpoint of building a world party of socialist revolution to resolve once and for all the crisis of working class leadership.'

Leadership

Banda said a principal lesson of the miners' strike was the bankruptcy of the traditional leadership in the working class.

The role of Labour Party leaders, Kinnock and Hattersley had been to denigrate the miners' strike, to slander its leaders and uphold the virtues of scabs.

Kinnock said on television that the British police were the finest in the world.

'That was spoken by the finest traitor of the working class in the world,' Banda said to loud applause.

'At the same time, we are seeing the complete exposure of international Stalinism — the strike-breaking role of the Polish Stalinist bureaucracy whom we exposed at the time of the TUC congress in 1983.'

'We did involve ourselves in controversy. But we think we have now proved our case before the whole

working class and particularly the miners, that Stalinism is counter-revolutionary through and through.'

This was proved further by the recent visit of the Soviet Minister Gorbachev to Thatcher and the crawling of the Soviet bureaucracy to talks with imperialism.

The only solution to the threat of nuclear war was the world socialist revolution.

The miners' strike in Britain had shown there could be no dialogue with the state.

'The aim of the Tories is to use the state to smash the working class. The only answer to that is to organise the working class to smash the state,' he said.

This was inseparable from the exposure of the TUC bureaucracy which had not lifted a finger for the miners.

'However, we are not despondent. The world crisis, the collapse of the pound, the huge increase in interest rates and the undermining of the whole Tory strategy is the basis for the movement of millions, despite the TUC.'

But, said Banda, the success of this mass movement depended entirely on building a new leadership in the working class of the international committee of the Fourth International and its British section, the Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists.

Banda concluded his speech to the enthusiastic audience, by urging jailed Kent miner Terry French to study the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky to train as a professional revolutionary.



A section of the audience at yesterday's Annual General Meeting

Appeal from YS secretary

JULIE HYLAND, Young Socialists national secretary, made a special appeal for all present to join the Young Socialists and Workers Revolutionary Party.

The resistance shown in the miners' strike was an expression of the international working class struggle and this was now emerging amongst council workers and youth.

The miners' struggle was now going to explode in the inner-city areas.

'We are engaged in a fight for jobs and we are saying you have to be in the forefront of the struggle for jobs.'

'But it is not just the Young Socialists that recognise the importance of the youth, but the Tory government recognises it too.'

'That is why they have done everything possible in six years to bring the youth to their knees.'

But a completely new generation was not prepared to lie down and be walked all over, which was why the Tories were now introducing compulsory YTS schemes at £17 a week.

'We say the struggle for jobs is a revolutionary

question. There is no way to provide jobs under the capitalist system and this is why the working class and youth must be organised in the struggle for power.'

Unity of the working class alone was not enough. The victory of the entire working class rested with the YS and WRP and how they prepared and organised these struggles.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



More than 2,000 youth and trade unionists packed the Walthamstow Assembly Hall yesterday

No compromise in miners' struggle

THERE can be no compromise in the miners' struggle, which must be won through the industrial action of the whole working class, **John Moyle**, Kent miners' leader, told the rally.

Bringing fraternal greetings to the Young Socialists AGM from the Kent area of the National Union of Mineworkers, Moyle said the miners had been faced with a competition of organisations and individuals trying to sell out their struggle for jobs.

This competition was between the government, the Coal Board, Stan Orme of the Labour Party, the church, the TUC and the government conciliation service ACAS.

But, declared Moyle: 'The conclusion of the miners' strike can come by one procedure alone. And that is by miners winning the strike with industrial action, not on their own, but with their national and international working class in support.'

'There can be no compromise, not with Stan Orme or any of them. We want a victory for the miners,' he declared.

Moyle said the miners were engaged in a battle for a basic right which was shared by all the youth and workers at the rally and that was the right to work.

The strike had already shown the depths to which the Thatcher government could sink to smash organised Labour in Britain and the demand for education,

a job, somewhere to live and a reasonable health service.

In this struggle 9,000 miners had been arrested, and 70 were currently in prison, some of them close comrades of Moyle himself.

'But regardless of what the judges say, their only crime in my eyes has been that they were fighting for the right to work,' he said as he turned to Liz French, whose husband was jailed for five years on Friday.

There were others who had given the ultimate sacrifice to the miners' campaign, and that was their life.

'But what we need to ask

is where is the rest of the trade union movement? Our message must be that if we can't embarrass those on between £20,000 and £40,000, who are shining their backsides in union offices to take action, then we have got to get to the rank and file,' Moyle said to loud applause.

In a scathing attack on the capitalist press and media he referred to the scabs who had been portrayed as heroes on the front page whilst their scurrilous history was never printed.

They were only interested in giving figures for the number of scabs

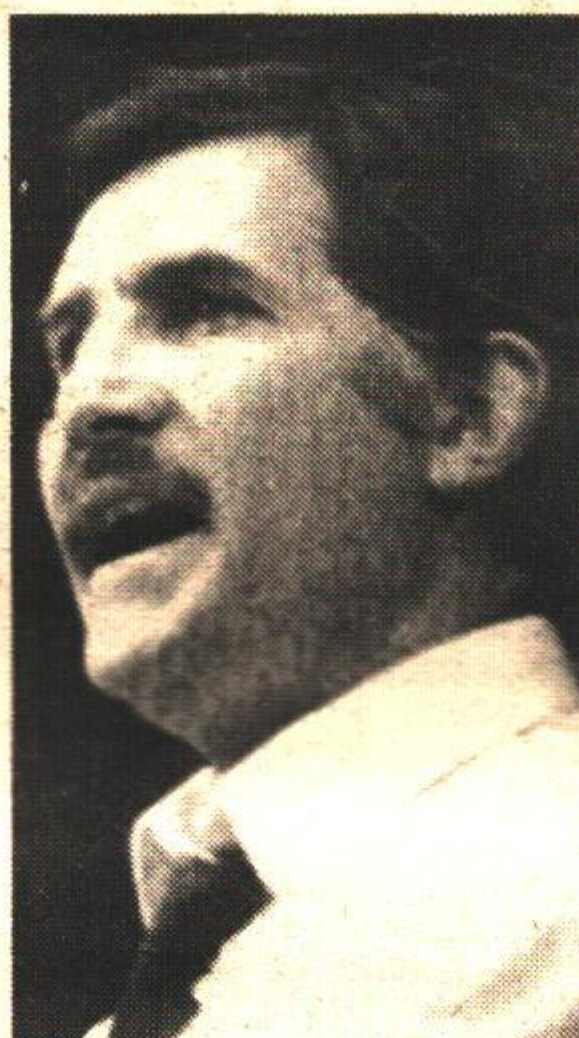
returning to work.

Nor did the press give the numbers of racist attacks while the police were on the picket lines away from the city centres.

And neither did they give the real reason for the collapse in the pound, which was their failure to beat the miners, and their destruction of the economy.

He said the miners must turn their attention to picketing the oil depots in the Thames Valley and to take every advantage of the cold weather.

'The Prime Minister and Walker have said there would be no power cuts, but



JOHN MOYLE

we have been having them periodically for weeks. There was one in London last week,' Moyle said.

He urged that miners turn their attention to one activity alone, and that was winning industrial support at the power stations.

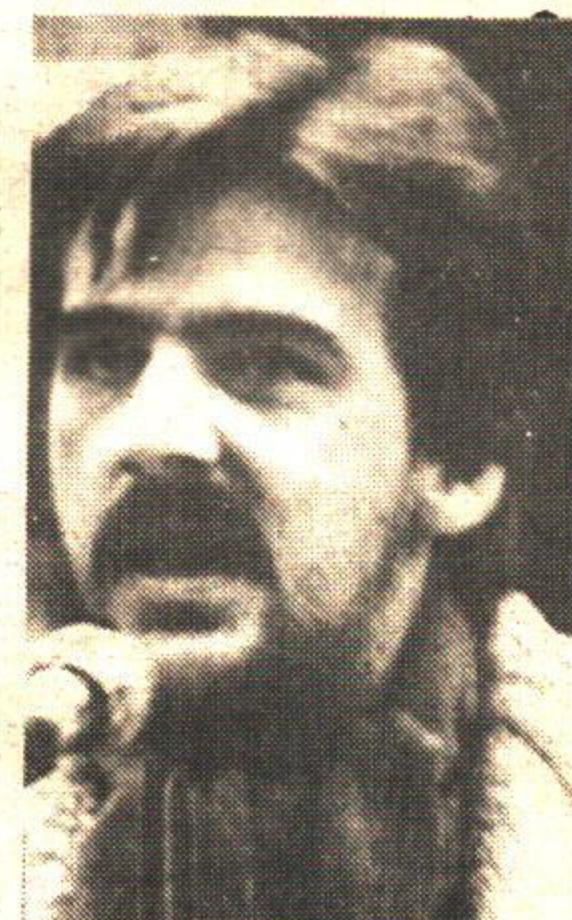
'We will stand firm'

AN APPRENTICE from Cammell Laird's shipyard told the conference: 'I have been out on strike for three months'.

He said he and the other workers there involved in the struggle had stood firm and would continue to stand firm, despite the jailing of 37 members of the occupation committee.

Before Christmas, 150 office staff were made redundant and he believed the whole yard would close within two months. The only way jobs could be defended was through the organisation of a General Strike.

Tommy Clegg, a miner from Hatfield Main colliery, said that after 11 months on strike the Thatcher regime was no nearer to beating the miners than one year ago. If need be they would stay out until 1986.



TOMMY CLEGG

Strike

'What we need now is strike action. I and all my members are calling for a general strike. Let's show this government what we can do.'

Sammy Tamms said when he was younger he had lived in Strabane. 'When I was four years old a front door was kicked down by the British army.'

His family were forced to leave Ireland.

'I am now 16 years old and I realise the tactics of the Thatcher regime are the same as in Northern Ireland.'

'They are doing the same thing against the miners, the British youth and their attacks on the working class.'

Neil Bingham from Peterborough spoke about his friend's experience on the government's Youth Training Scheme. He had learnt nothing but had cleared four tonnes of muck.

Brian Affleck, a miner from Ayrshire, said that financial support was no

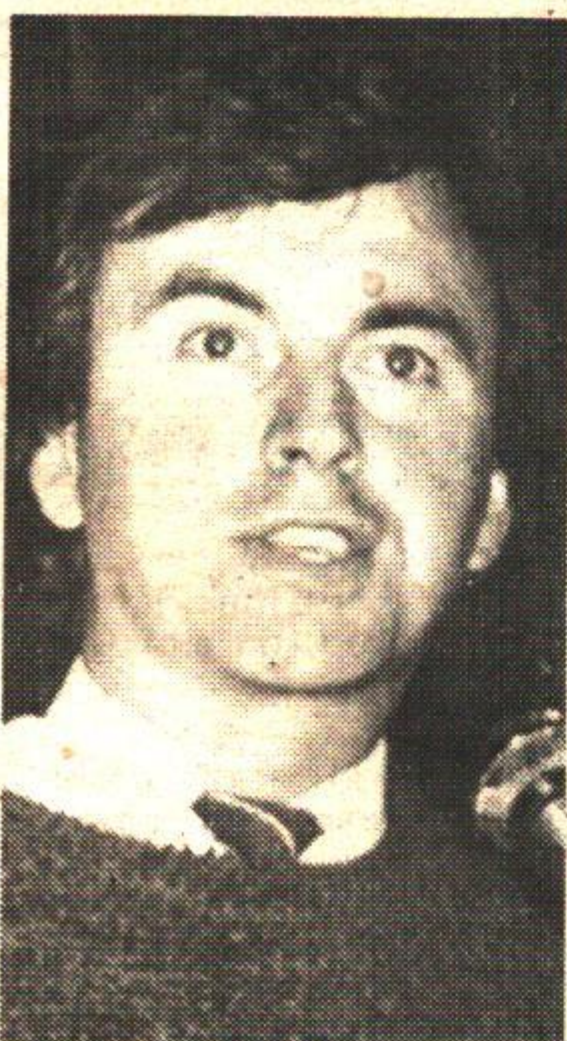


BRIAN AFFLECK

good. The miners needed industrial action. Some sections of workers have given their support. In Ireland seamen had been sacked for backing the miners.

He urged the conference to campaign for physical support. 'This is a war for the trade union movement,' he said.

Council workers will enter battle



JOHN McDONNELL

IN SEVEN weeks' time the second front in the battle against the government will be in operation, **John McDonnell**, deputy leader of the GLC, told the meeting.

Council workers in rate-capped authorities were entering the battle for the same reason as the miners on strike.

'We will be fighting for jobs, communities and services.'

The government was attacking the councils for the very same reason.

'They seek to smash the trade union movement by smashing the miners. They seek to cut the wages of

working people and restore profitability.'

'What they are seeking to do with council workers is to cut the social wage and restore profitability.'

But the impossibility of this task would bring the attacks back again and again.

Services

It was no longer possible to protect services by increasing rates because this had now been made illegal. The burden of rate had, in any case, become too harsh for working people.

'What we want is the money back they have stolen from us since 1979.'

The implications of rate-capping were 'horrendous',

said McDonnell. It meant sacking 9,000 local authority workers, closing 30 fire stations, massive cuts in support for voluntary organisations and rent increases.

'Labour local authorities had said — we are not willing to stand back and allow these cuts to be implemented.'

'That is why in several weeks' time we are telling the government that the option we are going for is to refuse to set a rate that involves cuts and that we will protect services by hitting them where it hurts hardest — by refusing to pay our debt to the city.'

McDonnell called for the same support and solidarity that the working class had given the miners.

'Yes, we are coming out on March 6 — but are then saying quite clearly — if the government goes further we come out permanently.'

McDonnell said: 'We have our own scabs. In the press today Kinnock and Hattersley urged us not to take illegal action.'

Struggle

'Can you imagine what they would have done to the Tolpuddle Martyrs?'

It had taken immense struggle by all working people to gain their democratic rights.

'These people are struggling against the law because it's not our law, it's their law.'

'We will stand firm without the assistance of Kinnock and Hattersley.'

'But what we do need is to hold individual councillors firm and together and that's the role you must play in the next seven weeks.'

McDonnell called for socialist discipline to be imposed on all councillors to make them carry out this fight.

He appealed for full support for the March 6 day of action and for people to rally outside their town halls on March 7.

The second front opening in seven weeks, combined with the miners' strike, would be, 'a political landmine which can be linked together to blow this government from office.'

Briefly ...**League condemns airlift**

TUNIS — The Arab League has condemned Israel's recent airlift of Ethiopian Jews as 'an undertaking combining piracy and racial discrimination'. The League's secretariat said: 'The Zionist state ... took advantage of exceptional circumstances as well as the tragedy striking thousands of African citizens to put to the fore its racist vision.'

Sandinists warn of plot

MANAGUA — The Sandinist government has accused US-backed mercenaries of planning to attack neighbouring Costa Rica to provoke a crisis between the two countries. The Foreign Ministry said the mercenaries planned to attack four Costa Rican border villages in the next few days.

FBI agent denies spying

LOS ANGELES — A former FBI agent has denied charges he was involved in espionage for the Soviet Union. Richard Miller, 48, was charged last October of passing counter-espionage information to a Soviet couple, Nikolay and Svetlana Ogarodnikov, who were also charged. He is the first FBI agent to face such charges.

Zia's poll decree rejected

ISLAMABAD — General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq has ordered elections next month but has banned parties from the poll. He declared at the weekend that the military regime staked the country's future on its policy of 'Islamisation'. Politicians rejected the military decree as a fraud.

Anti-abortion court order

NEW YORK — A Catholic bishop has obtained a court order preventing a licenced organisation from performing abortions, according to the 'New York Times' yesterday. The New York State Health Department last Friday licenced Planned Parenthood to carrying out abortions in Albany, New York.

Marcos's loan fraud probe

MANILA — President Ferdinand Marcos has ordered an inquiry into the alleged diversion overseas of part of a \$25-million foreign loan that threatens a multi-billion aid package for the Philippines. The Asian Reliability Company Inc. raised the loan through Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd.

Moroccan jet shot down

NAIROBI — National liberation guerrillas fighting Moroccan control of the Western Sahara have shot down one of Rabat's aircraft last Saturday. A Polisario Front spokesman said: 'Very big battles have been raging this morning. Parts of the Hassan Wall (Moroccan defences) were very quickly overrun.'

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POLICE SIEGE IN NEW CALEDONIA

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS — The Mitterrand government at the weekend declared an emergency over the French Pacific colony of New Caledonia and despatched a 1,000-strong police force to take over the territory.

Mitterrand's move followed the shooting to death of a white French teenager, the leader of the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS), Eloi Machoro, and one of his aides.

Machoro was shot dead on Saturday by a vigilante force of white French settlers who have mounted a brutal and racist war to try to wipe out the FLNKS struggle for independence.

Machoro was named Minister of Internal Security, when the FLNKS unilaterally declared an independent state of Kanaky in December.

Machoro was the architect of a successful

series of road barricades that barred New Caledonia's interior to the white settlers who fled to Noumea until French special envoy Edgard Pisani was sent to negotiate a truce.

The white teenager was shot dead late last week after nearly three months of savage reprisals against Kanaks by the settlers, who oppose attempts by Paris to negotiate a compromise, rejected by the FLNKS.

The white settlers have outnumbered the indigenous Melanesian people as a result of a heavy immigration programme sponsored by Paris in the past decade.

French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius accused the Kanaks of aggravating 'violence' as the police force left to aid a heavy Paris-controlled riot police presence in Noumea, the New Caledonian capital.

Fabius said: 'The people of New Caledonia should understand that nothing will come from

spiralling violence.'

Pisani declared the state of emergency in the territory after 24 hours of clashes provoked by the white settlers.

In Noumea, the white settlers fought running battles with French riot police after hearing of the death of Yves Tual, the farmer's son.

The three killings brought to 19 the death toll in the territory since last November, when the FLNKS began their campaign of electoral boycotts and barricades of the islands interior.

Demand for Pershing inquiry

BONN — West Germany's Social Democratic Party opposition yesterday demanded a government inquiry into a disaster involving a Pershing II missile last Friday.

The second stage of the solid fuel missile erupted in flames as it was being unpacked at a US military base, killing three American soldiers and injuring 16.

The call for an inquiry came as critics of the two-stage missile revealed that a string of failures during test flights in 1982 and 1983 indicated serious design flaws.

Some NATO chiefs have admitted the new missiles were possibly being moved about too frequently to allow proper safety standards to be maintained.

Erwin Horn, the deputy chairman of the Bundestag's (parliament's) Defence Committee and a member of the Social Democratic Party, said: 'The question naturally arises whether the Pershing IIs deployed in West Germany are technically up to scratch.'

It was the government's duty to conduct a rigorous inquiry into the accident and present the full facts to the committee, he said.

The accident took place while the missile was being removed from a shipping container at the American Camp Red Leg, Heilbronn, in the south west.

The anti-NATO Greens party accused the US military of irresponsible handling of weapons of mass destruction.

Nine of the injured were still in hospital, three in critical condition. The fire also damaged a missile transporter, a truck and a private car.



DEMONSTRATORS marched through London streets at the weekend to protest against the military repression of Sri Lanka's Tamil minority by the Junius Jayawardene regime

Libyan diplomat shot dead

ROME — The diplomat in charge of the information office at the Libyan People's Bureau in Rome was killed near his home early yesterday.

A spokesman for the Carabinieri national police said the diplomat, Rarag Omar Mkhayoun, 32, was shot dead in a north-east neighbourhood of the capital.

Police threw up roadblocks in the area. The Italian news agency Ansa said Mkhayoun, who joined the Rome bureau in 1981, was shot several times at close range.

The Italian Foreign Ministry diplomatic register listed him as a member of the Libyan Arab People's Jamahariya.

Ansa said Mkhayoun was carrying a gun (it did not specify the type) and managed to shoot toward his attacker or attackers.

The agency said a petrol station worker in a

nearby neighbourhood told investigators he had sold fuel to a man whose jacket appeared to be stained with blood in the area of the shoulder.

The police spokesman said he could not confirm the agency report and was awaiting information from investigators at the scene.

A Libyan bureau

spokesman said Mkhayoun assumed his post in the information office several months ago. He was formerly the bureau's cultural attache.

Ammar el-Tagazzy, the bureau head, was shot on January 21 last year near his Rome residence and died in a hospital on February 10.

Mohammed Homs, 39, also Libyan but not a diplomat, was found beaten and strangled to death in a small Rome hotel last September.

After his body was found, a self-styled Mauritanian opposition group claimed responsibility for Homs's killing, alleging he was a Libyan secret agent.

Israeli arms for mercenaries

NEW YORK — Israel is supplying anti-Sandinist mercenaries in Central America with Soviet-made weapons and ammunition seized in Lebanon.

The 'New York Times' yesterday named the Israeli government along with Honduras and El Salvador as suppliers of arms and support for the US-backed counter-

revolutionary forces for the overthrow of Nicaragua's Sandinist government.

Quoting officials in the White House, the paper said Honduras had become a major supplier of bullets, El Salvador a major base for aerial runs by the mercenaries and Israel a key supplier of captured weapons.

The 'Times' said Congressmen had become concerned because all three received substantial military aid from the Reagan government.

If part of that aid were being diverted to the 'Contras' (Nicaraguan term for counter-revolutionaries), it would be a direct contravention of US foreign aid laws.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

SCARGILL SLAMS SPENCERITE SPLIT

NUM president Arthur Scargill has condemned the Nottinghamshire area leadership for endorsing rule changes which will mean the establishment of 'a Spencer-type management-supported organisation'.

His reference to the scab breakaway set up in 1926 followed Saturday's decision by the Notts area council to press ahead with con-

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stitutional changes which directly undermine the authority of the national leadership.

On Thursday the NUM national executive gave the Notts leadership until January 29 to annul the rule changes or face expulsion at a special delegates conference.

Scargill said: 'The area council has in essence decided to set up a Spencer-type management-supported organisation, thus seeking to destroy the national union established in 1944.'

He said the council's decision to suspend area general secretary Henry Richardson 'for carrying out union policy by circulating national union correspondence, seems to signal the start of a witch-hunt.'

'I urge all branches and individual NUM members in Nottinghamshire — working miners and non-working miners alike — to indicate that they accept the rules and constitution adopted in 1944, and to remain within the national union, which will continue to operate in the Nottinghamshire coalfield.'

The 31-member Notts area council, which is controlled by scabs, took the decision to suspend Richardson during a five-hour meeting at the area NUM headquarters in Mansfield.

Expulsion

Notts treasurer Roy Lynk, one of the chief opponents of the strike, said afterwards that he believed expulsion of the area NUM was inevitable unless the national executive changed its mind.

'We will not change ours. There was no move at the meeting to change the rules back and we are not going to change them,' said Lynk.

He made it clear that the Notts leadership was intent on breaking from the national leadership when he added: 'I think other areas will join the Notts area and we will be the basis of a new national union. We won't work for Arthur.'

'If there was another national union set up with a new constitution which got rid of Rule 51 with a new leader at the top, I think the Notts area would run back in.'

As he left the council meeting, Richardson pledged: 'We are going to fight this Spencer-type union right to the bitter end.'

He said he had been



SCARGILL

disciplined 'for having the audacity' to send out information of behalf of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Richardson added: 'I am still a full-time official but I don't want to belong to a Spencer-type union. At the end of the day the vast majority of Nottinghamshire miners

will come back into the national union.'

'When MacGregor starts knocking at the Notts pits, they are going to need the national union. Then they will realise they have been conned.'

Notts area president Ray Chadburn described Richardson's suspension as 'diabolical'.

Strikers expose 'flooded pit' conspiracy

POLKEMMET has been added to the mounting list of pits whose future hangs directly on a victory being achieved by the miners nationally.

The West Lothian pit became badly flooded five months ago — in what local NUM strike leaders insist was an act of coal board sabotage.

Now the board has launched renewed attempts to use Polkemmet's precarious conditions as a means of provoking a panic return-to-work.

Amidst the repetitive clamour for negotiations by certain sections of the NUM, the Polkemmet scandal in fact stands as yet more proof that jobs and pits can only be defended through smashing the Tories and their NCB hirelings.

Only 150 scabs, out of 1,400 miners, were reporting for work in the pit at the end of last week.

Yet the Scottish 'Sunday Post' claimed yesterday that the strike at the pit was already breaking up. 'Information given to the Sunday Post suggests 90 per cent of striking miners there are on the verge of returning,' it claimed yesterday. No source was mentioned.

James Neilson, NUM delegate at Polkemmet, sharply repudiated the 'Post' claims last night: 'This is a total misquotation by this Tory newspaper.'

'This is the same paper, it must be remembered,

that portrayed Robert Marshall, and other men now scabbing, as heroes and the backbone of the industry. It is now well known that Marshall and 28 others are in fact taking their redundancy money and showing what they really think of the industry.'

The flooding at Polkemmet followed a management decision to switch off the power at the pit, informing the NUM an hour-and-a-half later. This decision had followed refusal by strikers on safety cover to work alongside scabs.

The pumps must have been turned off in a specific manner to maximize the flooding damage, say local NUM pickets.

The pit bottom, leading pickets explain, had lodgements which could hold the amount of water the colliery developed over a full week. To flood the pit in this way, the pumps at the pit bottom would have to be switched off while the others higher up were kept running.

'If we are right, this was nothing other than a deliberate act of sabotage,' said Neilson.

Now, since 'recovery' work started months ago, there is intense suspicion amongst the strikers that the necessary work will take place.

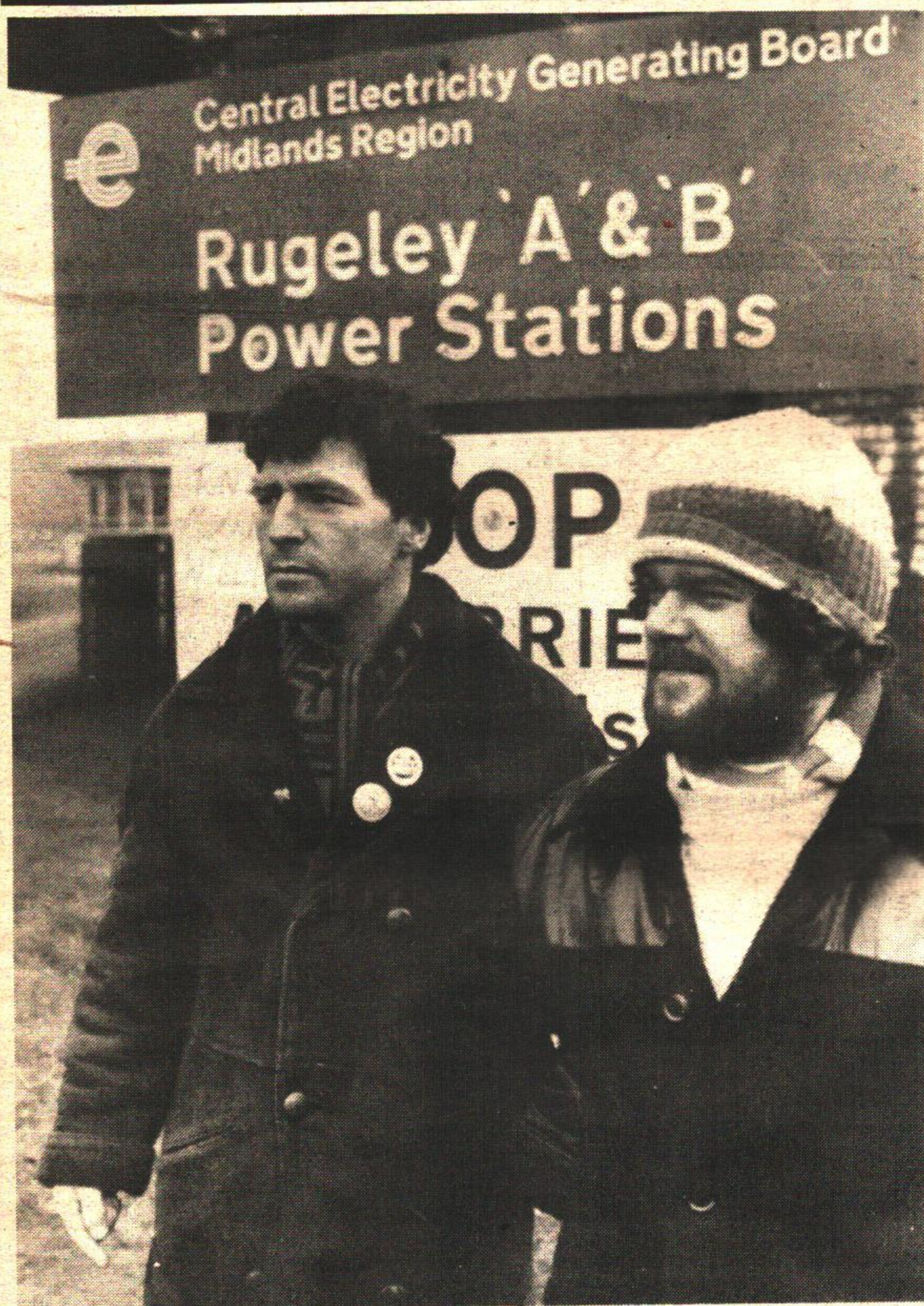
The NUM has urged that work begins first on the least seriously affected areas to prevent them deteriorating — leaving until later the most seriously affected areas which cannot deteriorate much further in any case.

Neilson told News Line yesterday that the pickets had no trust in the NCB. It was in the NUM lead-

ership that they placed their trust.

'We have got the guarantee from our area NUM leadership that Polkemmet will not be sacrificed. We also wrote off to the national executive, and the message back was that any settlement will include the complete recovery of Polkemmet.'

James Neilson



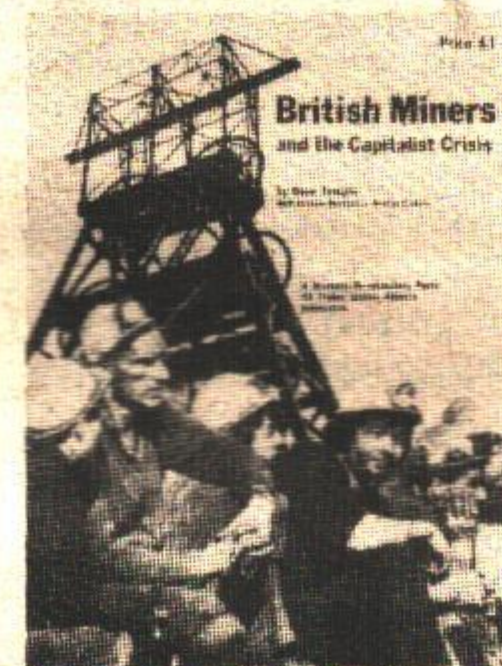
LEA HALL miners Tom Gillan and his brother Rab on picketing duty outside the Rugeley power stations in Staffordshire last week.

As scab lorries rumbled past every few minutes taking coal in to keep the stations going, Tom told News Line: 'We've had financial support, now that has to change to physical action by other workers so that we can win this dispute.'

Rab added: 'For a start we want the transport union to put a stop to these scab lorries. Hundreds of them are coming in each day to break our strike.'

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'THE Sunday Times' is Prime Minister Thatcher's weekend mouthpiece. Under owner Rupert Murdoch and editor Andrew Neill, the paper has hailed the Tory government's attempt to smash the National Union of Mineworkers.

Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, has been vilified by a paper which articulates the capitalist state attack on the miners' fight for jobs. The miners are denounced as a force trying to hold back progress.

Close co-operation with the state within the state produced the anti-Libyan witch-hunt in the 'Sunday Times', when it published details of NUM leaders' travelling arrangements which could only have been supplied by British intelligence.

A typical example of the virulence of the attack was on November 18, when an editorial declared: 'Britain's trade unions have been put in their place at last.' It said: 'The writing is on the wall for a group of workers who have been mischievously led. This is a watershed, not just for Mr Scargill, but for the nation.'

The capitalist press barons know their enemies — and they are equally well aware of the friends of the ruling class, especially those who have, as it were, been brought back into the fold.

Such a man is Tariq Ali, who is courted by Fleet Street gossip columnists as a tamed 'Trotskyist', someone who has shed his foolish, youthful past and become perfectly acceptable to invite to your home.

Ali, in truth, was not a difficult case because he was never a Trotskyist in the first place. He has not 'come home' as he never left the ranks of the middle class in the first place. The former president of the Oxford Union has remained in the bourgeois camp ever since the student days when he waved his clenched fist at TV cameras.

What conveyed Ali back to his starting point was revisionism. The International Marxist Group, of which Ali was leader, was an anti-Trotskyist outfit founded on the basis that it would oppose the building of an independent revolutionary party.

He started out in life through the IMG calling on people to spoil their ballot papers in the 1970 general election in a display of anti-parliamentarianism, and finished up leaving the IMG and crawling on his belly to try and get into the Labour Party.

The IMG itself finally disappeared into the political home of bourgeois ideology in the workers' movement — the Labour Party. Needless to say it has continued to career to the right and adapt to the Kinnock leadership.

Yesterday's 'Sunday Times' wrote glowingly of Ali's efforts to produce a book in 42 days on the Nehrus and the Gandhis. It 'represents an enormous achievement' wrote Henry Porter in his 'People' column. Scargill is reviled by the same paper, but of Ali the Thatcherite organ says: 'Ali is a man of immense charm, good humour and sporadic tolerance. He is still a good talker but now, at the age of 41, probably a better listener.'

We might add, especially when he is listening to the editors of the Tory 'Sunday Times'. Of course, Porter made sure his readers understood about 'Ali's lost hopes for revolution' and that the man who 'caused colonels in Somerset to kick their television sets, has gradually withdrawn from public protest'.

Ali's previous books can hardly be considered noteworthy. 'The Stalinist Legacy' by Tariq Ali is, in fact, a 21-page introduction by Ali and 515 pages of articles by other people! Hardly the sort of literary genius worthy of a mention in the 'Sunday Times'.

No, he is fêted as a man who strayed for a while but was successfully brought back into the fold. The headline on the 'Sunday Times' piece just about summed it up — 'Tariq's 42-day wonder'.

ORGANISE A GENERAL

Police are on side of right-wing

Says constable-turned-striker

BY SIMON VEVERS

THE POLICE are flagrantly abusing their powers to try and batter the miners into submission, warns Bernard Jackson, a Staffordshire striker — and ex-policeman.

In an interview with News Line Jackson, now a strike committee member at Lea Hall colliery, said the police had 'come off the fence firmly on the side of the right-wing' in enforcing government policy to smash the trade unions.

Jackson spent one year as a probationary constable with the West Midlands police. 'I was PC 2794 and I came out in 1977, or was it 1976? As a policeman you don't have to have a very good memory! You make it up as you go along,' he quipped.

Abuse

Warning of the sinister implications of the police operations, Jackson said: 'What we're seeing happening today is an absolute flagrant abuse of police officers' powers.'

'They are interfering in the civil law area. They are actually making sure that civil rights are upheld which is nothing to do with them. Their job is supposed to be to make sure that the criminal law is not broken.'

'To me they are overstepping their authority in every single area. And they are doing so with the wholesale blessing of their senior officers and the government.'

'From March 1984 senior officers have seen an opportunity to stamp their authority on this country and they have gone out of their way to use the miners to do it.'

'They have come off the fence and have come down firmly on the side of the right-wing. It has very sinister implications for the whole of society.'

'The police have been running riot in places like Brixton, St Pauls and

Toxteth. They have been giving the black community hell. Now, lo and behold, what a wonderful thing for a police officer because he can now give the white community hell.'

Jackson believes that when the miners' strike is over police will be let loose on the black community with an even greater vengeance.

He insists that the conspiracy against the miners — and the whole working class — must be answered by a General Strike.

'The day it comes won't be a day too soon for me. I feel that this is the cause. Many people felt that the NGA in Warrington was the vehicle behind which we should all stand. I think for many reasons it wasn't. It never had a real chance of being.'

'But I feel this is the dispute. This is the one behind which working people must mobilise. If they don't do it this time they will not see such an opportunity for 100 or 200 years.'

'If the Tories do the NUM, then they won't need to put a tenth of the effort into doing the rest.'

'I have never held the view that the TUC could do anything that it said it was going to do. Not since I became a trade unionist, a member of the NUM, at the tender age of 15, have I felt the TUC to be anything other than a talking-shop.'

'I was very grateful that the TUC came down on the side of the miners at its conference, but I didn't hold out a lot of hope that that would manifest itself in actual physical support on the day,' he added, thanking rank and file trade unionists who have obeyed the TUC resolutions.

Jackson said he saw 'no difference between the miners' fight, the fight to save the GLC, the fight to stop cuts in public expenditure, the fight to

save the health service and the fight against the monetarist ideal.'

'This is all part and parcel of exactly the same political philosophy. There is no difference.'

'I live 20 miles from the Michelin factory in Stoke-on-Trent. The 2,400 workers threatened there should be fighting now. Not only should they be fighting Michelin they should also be fighting Labour MPs like Jack Ashley and the union leaders who instead of fighting the redundancies are asking for increased aid for the area.'

Jackson said the state attack on the miners had transformed entire communities during the last ten months.

'I must say the government is making a mistake here. It's raising the level of political consciousness amongst the mineworking community to the extent that when this dispute is settled we're going to find 140,000 people wanting to join the army that's going to fight them on other fronts.'

Future

He said the bitter fight for jobs had 'pointed those of us who thought we were politically inclined in the right direction.'

'I see no future for capitalism or the right-wing trappings any more. To me whatever it costs we're going for full-blooded socialism.'

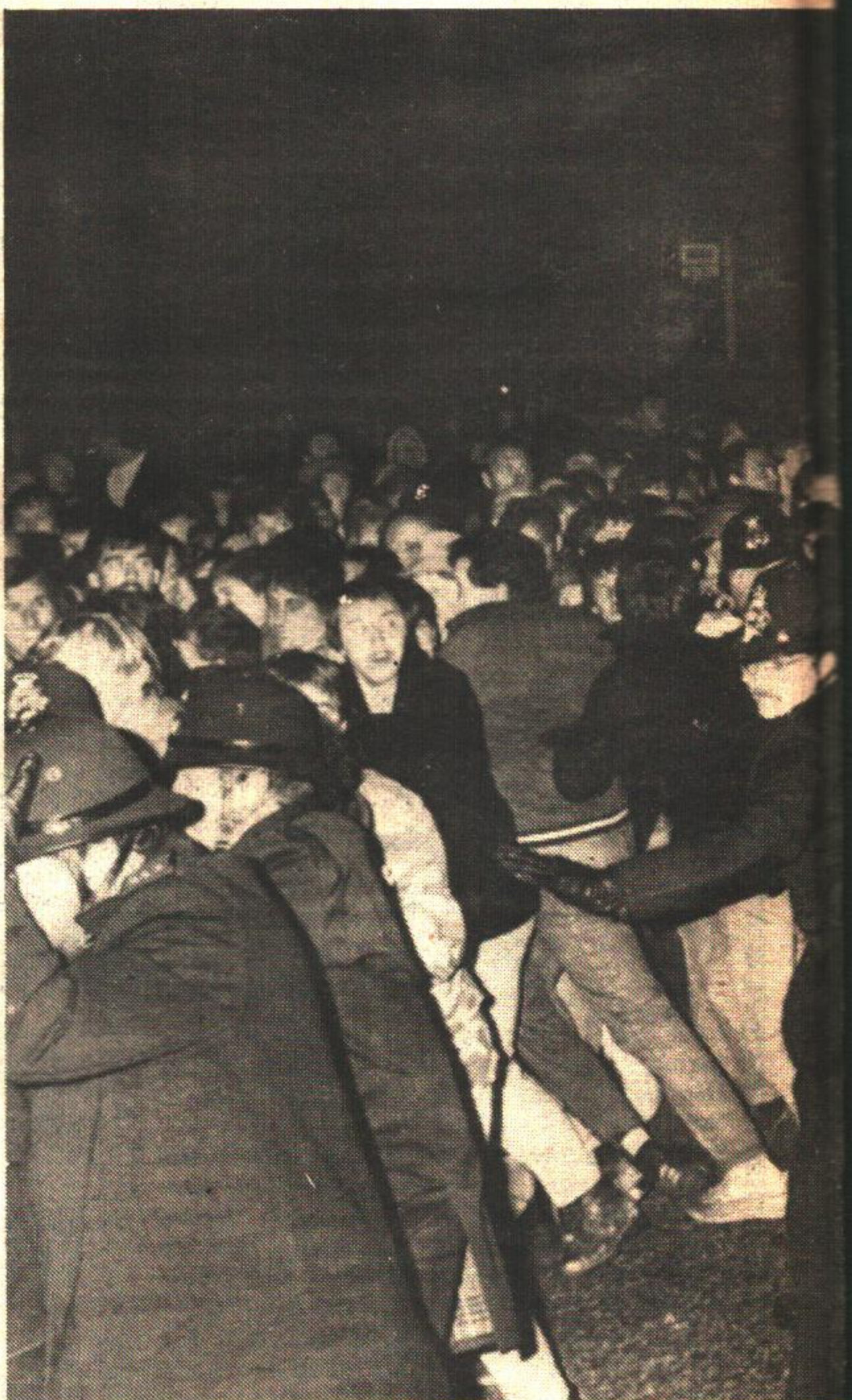
'I'm still a member of the Labour Party at the moment but I'm, to use the vernacular, a bit "iffy" about whether I should remain a member or not.'

Voicing strong criticism of Labour leader Neil Kinnock, Jackson added: 'Until the Labour Party offers a manifesto of full-blown socialism then it's not a Labour Party worth considering.'

'I, like a lot of people, threw my hat in the air when Kinnock was elected. Fortunately I caught my hat and I have it safely back on my head again when Kinnock decides that he is going to be a socialist.'

Unlike Arthur Scargill, Jackson said Kinnock was not 'true to his class. Kinnock is only true to the ideal of getting his backside on a seat in Number 10.'

BERNARD JACKSON



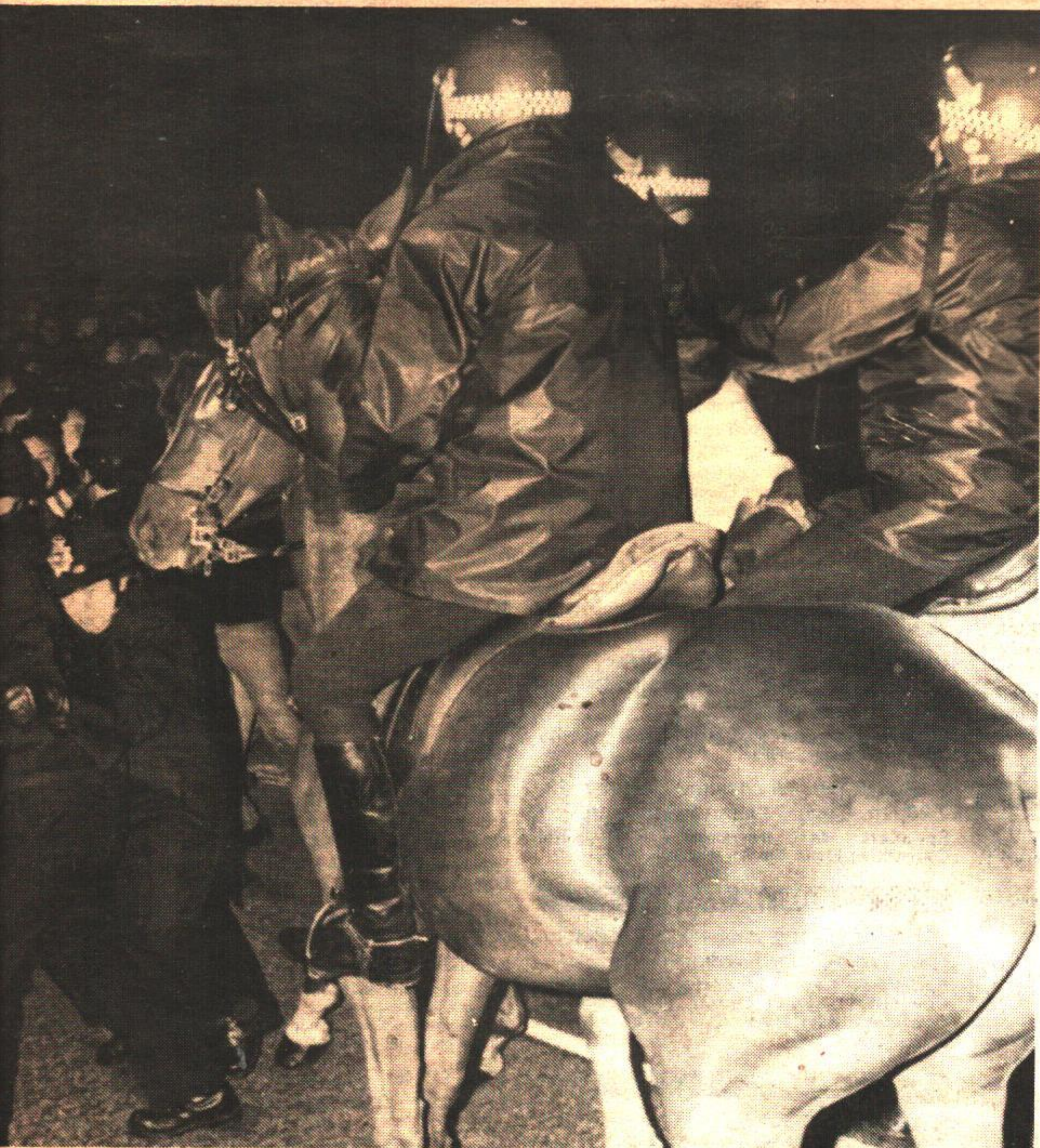
Mounted police charging into pickets at Kiveton Park colliery

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Warsop Main striker Peter Neilan surveys the remains of his garage and car which were gutted in a fire at the weekend

Striker's car burned by scabs



WAR SOP Main striker Peter Neilan and his pregnant wife Janice are lucky to be alive after scabs set fire to the garage adjoining their house early on Saturday morning.

The garage, and the Neilan's 'X' registration car, were gutted in the blaze which also caused smoke and fire damage to the house as the flames spread.

The arsonists completed their cowardly attack by daubing the word: 'Revenge' on a wall of the house in the North Derbyshire village of Shirebrook.

As he surveyed the shell of the garage on Saturday, Peter told News Line he had no doubt that scabs from his pit were responsible.



The message daubed on the wall of the Neilans' house in Shirebrook which convinced them that scabs were responsible

'I am the craftsmen's union rep at Warsop Main so they knew they were attacking somebody solidly behind the strike,' he said.

The Neilans managed to escape from the fire only because a passer-by saw the blaze and raised the alarm.

'He rang the fire brigade and then came back and woke us up. We got out of the house as quick-

ly as we could,' Peter added.

He said the police were investigating the attack and had found an empty petrol can inside the car which did not belong to him and two aerosol spray cans.

Peter said a spokesman for the fire brigade reckoned that on a preliminary examination the blaze had caused up to £10,000 worth of damage.

'But this won't affect

my support for the strike. We all want to go back to work but we want to go back when something has been sorted out so that our pits and jobs are protected,' he added.

The attack on the Neilan's home is the latest in a series of assaults on the homes of strikers in the villages of Shirebrook and Warsop which have been prime targets for the Coal Board's campaign to break the strike.

TOMORROW

The women of New Houghton talk to News Line about their jailed husbands and sons

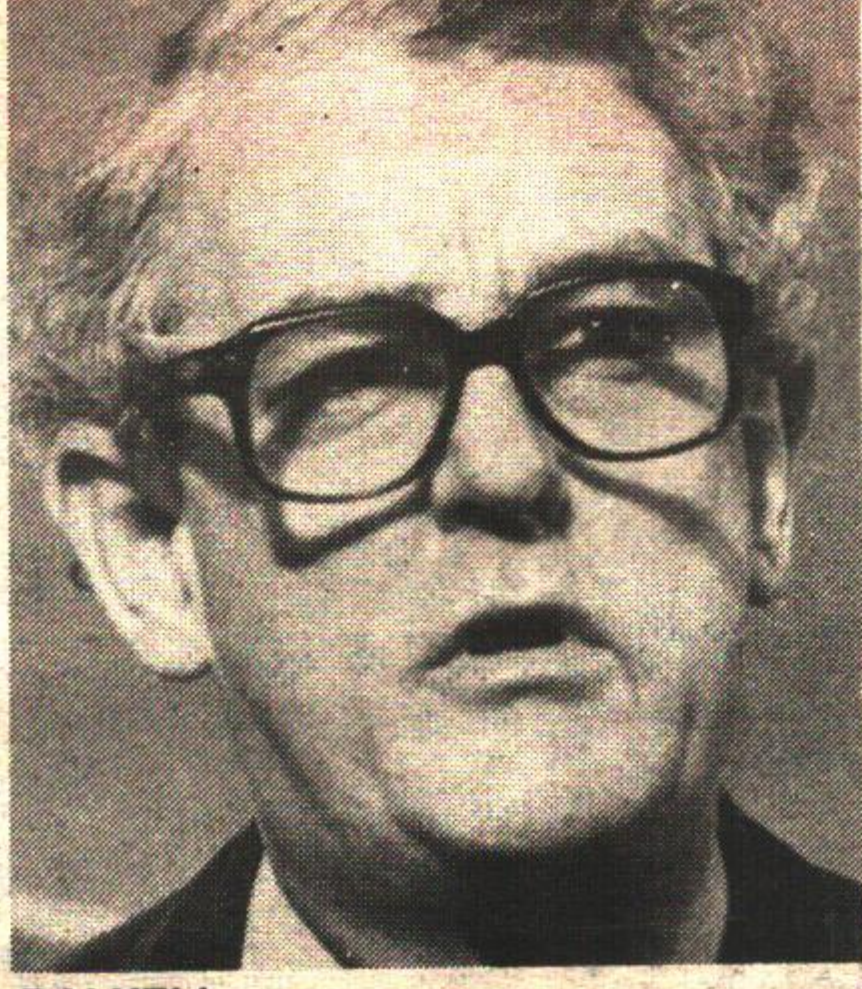
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The Malvinas war



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Argentina rearms for round two

ARGENTINA has rearmed so much since the Malvinas (Falklands) war that it is now in a better position than ever to take on Britain, according to a report today.

It has nearly six times as many Exocet missiles as it did at the beginning of the war: its aircraft, at the limit of their range then, can now re-fuel in mid-air: and it has sophisticated anti-runway bombs which could be used against the new Mount Pleasant airport on the islands.

It has now completely rebuilt its air force and naval air force and now has 160 front-line aircraft compared with 130 at the start of the war.

The report by Dr Paul Rogers of Bradford University, says Argentina is overcoming all the major military deficiencies it suffered in 1982.

'Although Britain was the victor in the 1982 conflict, it may well be more accurate to see that conflict as the opening stage of what could be a prolonged war of attrition,' he says.

'It is certainly the case that Argentina is becoming well equipped to engage in such a process.'

Missiles

The report says Argentina had five Exocet missiles during the conflict, now it has at least 28.

Five Meko escort ships are being built for the navy to join one which recently came into service. The six could carry 184 ship-launched Exocets.

Six West German-built Type 1700 submarines are on order and these could fire a new submarine-launched Exocet missile.

Dr Rogers says the Argentine air force and naval air force has more than made up for its war losses and now has 14 Super-Etendard attack aircraft compared with four in 1982 and 24 Skyhawks compared with 11 in the war.

Beside Exocet missiles some aircraft now carry the equally lethal Israeli Gabriel 111 anti-shiping missile.

'This important development would greatly increase Argentine anti-

shipping capabilities,' he says. Its 80 Mirage and Dagger aircraft have been fitted with aerial refuelling probes and the air force has been equipped with the French-made Durandal anti-runway bomb.

The air force is now looking to the country's aviation industry to produce a strike and intercept aircraft known as the Saia-90 for the 1990s.

Dr Rogers cannot confirm reports last year that Argentina is developing a huge missile capable of hitting the Malvinas 800 miles away from launch sites within Argentina. But he says the state-owned aviation industry currently employs 400 people on what is described as 'rocket construction'.

It has already tested a rocket capable of firing a 110lb warhead over 320 miles.

He says of the giant missile reports: 'Such a missile, if equipped with appropriate sub-munitions, would pose a serious threat to runways, aircraft shelters, early warning systems and army and navy installations on the Falklands.'

'It probably could not be countered by existing or planned air defence systems on the Falklands. Effective counter-measures would require attacks on launch sites in Argentina.'

An 'unusual feature' of the Argentine rearmament has been British involvement as sub-contractors.

Rolls-Royce has supplied Olympus gas turbines for new Argentine

frigates being built in West Germany and David Brown (UK) is supplying their main engine transmission systems.

Argentine corvettes under construction will be fitted with Decca radar.

Dr Rogers adds: 'Argentina has now acquired the ability to engage, should it desire, in a process of low-intensity military operations against British forces in the South Atlantic in a manner which would have been impossible two years ago.'

'There would not appear to be any possibility of a further invasion of the islands, even under an aggressive military regime in Argentina, but it would be possible to envisage a low intensity war of attrition which could be most costly to Britain and would require a massive increase in the UK commitment to the defence of the islands.'

Report

Commenting on the report, Labour MP Tam Dalyell said in his Linlithgow constituency: 'If there is a second Falklands war, Thatcher cannot say she has not been warned.'

Another critic of the government's position, Labour MP George Foulkes, said: 'My understanding of this issue is that Thatcher is now the chief obstacle in the British government to a resumption of negotiations.'

He said her belligerent Christmas message to the Falklands had created 'anger and frustration' in Argentina.

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SCOTLAND

CUMNOCK: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Netherthird Community Centre, Netherthird.

Speakers: George Faulds (YS Regional Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); George Laughlin (Auchinleck NUM strike committee chairman, in personal capacity)

EDINBURGH: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Cross Keys Public House, Dalkeith.

Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS National Committee); Terry Brotherstone (Edinburgh WRP); Duncan Foggo (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 Carbrain.

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 EAST

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)

YORKSHIRE

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); In personal capacity; Elliot Morley (Hull City Labour Councillor); John Ingamells (CPSA)

FEATHERSTONE: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. The Jubilee, Wakefield Road.

Speakers: Maxine Caswell (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity; Chris Hill (Actonhall NUM); John Goodhall (NALGO)

WEST MIDLANDS

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

COVENTRY: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Gosford Park Hotel, St Georges Road.

Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

COVENTRY: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Chase Hotel, London Road.

Speakers: Nigel Gilder (YS Regional Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from West Midlands 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)

NORTH WEST

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

CREWE: Wednesday January 30, 8p.m. Room MS, Meredith Building, Victoria Centre.

Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)

MIDDLETON: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Assheton Arms, Long Street, Manchester.

Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Ray Waring (WRP Central Committee); Joan Foster (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)

EASTERN

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, Earlham.

Speakers: Mark Harrison (Norwich YS); Roberts Colling (Norwich WRP)

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

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

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 Beyan (Port Talbot 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)

HERTS

LUTON: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Hightown Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road.

Speakers: Spencer Wylie (Colney Heath YS); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Friends Meeting House.

Speakers: Colin Jeffery (YS Regional Committee); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

MIDDLESEX

HARROW: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. The Railway Tavern, Wealdstone.

Speakers: Dolly Short ('Young Socialist' editor); Richard Price (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 Vevers (WRP Central Committee)

LONDON

PECKHAM: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road/Peckham Park Road, SE15.

Speakers: Richard Murphy (YS Regional Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)

BOW: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Bow Baths Community Centre, Sutherland Road, E3.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP London District Committee)

TOTTENHAM: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Cissbury Road Library, St Annes Road, N15.

Speakers: Marianne Kane (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP London District Committee)

ACTON: Tuesday January 22, 8p.m. Council Chamber, Town Hall, Acton High Street, W3.

Speakers: Dolly Short ('Young Socialist' editor); Geoff Pilling (Acton WRP)

CHARLTON: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Carlton House, Purcival 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, Archway, N7.

Speakers: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Committee); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee)

HACKNEY: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Hackney Town Hall, Reading Lane entrance, Mare Street, E8.

Speakers: Graham Campbell (Hackney YS); Bill Rogers (WRP London District Committee); Monique Watson (COHSE shop steward German hospital, in personal capacity)

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

Favoured exile for Chile Stalinists



MAULLIN, Chile — The prison settlement in Maullin, in Chile's far south, is something of a counter-insurgency indoctrination centre for the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet.

Maullin is unlike any other concentration camp along the foothills and mountaintops of Chile's Andes mountains.

Here, the junta collaborates unofficially with the work of the Roman Catholic Church and openly exploits the reactionary nationalistic and 'peaceful-roadist' policies of the still-outlawed Stalinist Communist Party.

In a house tucked away behind the city's main square is the relatively comfortable prison home of two priests, four seminary students — and a leading member of Chile's outlawed Communist Party.

The Communist Party member is Dr Fanny Pollarolo, 50, one of 224 people banished for three months of internal exile.

Since Pinochet's crackdown began in October, hundreds of opponents have been regularly bused into isolated towns and villages in army trucks.

In a country stretching 4,000 km (2,500 miles) along the Andes mountains from the northern desert to the barren, frozen south, there are plenty such spots to serve the junta's repressive purposes.

Detainees usually arrive with no money, no job, no lodgings, no personal effects, no return ticket and no explanation.

After being told by the local police to sign in at least twice a day, stay within the town or village limits and see the priest, they are sent on their way.

Pollarolo, a long-time Stalinist activist and agitator for the party's line

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

of negotiations for power-sharing with the army, headed straight for the priest.

Since the government crackdown began, 421 other people described as common criminals have been rounded up and sent to a prison camp in Pisagua, near the border with Peru, about 2,000 km (1,250 miles) north of Santiago.

At Pisagua, there is no food or shelter. The church is officially forbidden access and 'rehabilitation' is provided strictly by the military.

Beaten

Trade union oppositionists are brutally beaten and given the 'treatment' at the Pisagua concentration camp, while at Maullin, Pollarolo lives in relative comfort with the priests.

Hugo Montero, of the Vicaria of Solidarity, the Roman Catholic Church's human rights organisation, says: 'Apart from at the beginning and immediately after the coup, never before have there been so many people banished together.'

The crackdown, which gathered pace with the

Junta finds allies

imposition of a state of siege on November 6, followed by strict censorship, is reminiscent of the US-engineered 1973 coup that brought Pinochet to power.

Although none of those banished has been charged with an offence or appeared in a courtroom, their punishments are legal under the constitution, approved in a military-sponsored plebiscite in 1980.

Transitional Article 24 of the document gives Pinochet absolute power to arrest, exile and banish those considered a threat to internal peace.

But the undefeated Chilean working class and peasantry have defied the junta's brutal repression, secret police beatings, abductions and murder.

In desperation, Pinochet declared the state of siege on November 6, while among the petty bourgeois and reactionary backers of the US-sponsored junta, criticism began to rise of Article 24 as inadequate to quell the mass movement.

In the face of the hammer blows that the mass resistance has dealt the Pinochet junta, Chile's Stalinists have turned to blatant collaboration with the dictatorship.



PINOCHET

In return, Stalinist exiles like Pollarolo receive the indulgent treatment in exile. In their treacherous, counter-revolutionary politics, Pinochet sees his only hope of retaining his shaky grip on power.

Pollarolo says: 'I am enjoying a very enriching experience, learning how people love, how they think, what they do in remote parts of our country.'

'Our (party's) perception that the process in Chile is very strong and that those who fight are held in high esteem has been completely confirmed.'

Celebrity

She is prominent at Maullin because of the sympathetic treatment she receives from her captors who have helped make her something of a celebrity.

They emphasise she is a professional and practising psychiatrist, mainly to raise her in stature among fellow exiles whom she must convert to the Chilean 'process'.

Maullin is something of a middle class enclave for the recruitment of informers and converts to the police state ideology.

The 1,120-km (700-mile) journey from Santiago presents few problems

for friends and relatives, middle class people who usually take their summer holidays among the nearby lakes, forests and picturesque volcanoes of southern Chile.

Esteban Frias, 23, and Jorge Medina, 18, banished to Maullin shortly after Pollarolo, were arrested during anti-government protests in November.

Pollarolo has lent them money (clearly provided by the police state) and provided what passes for moral support. Her visitors also call in to see the two youths, who say they were never involved in politics at home in Santiago.

'I just thought the same as everyone thinks, that this government is no use for anything,' says Frias.

'Me, too, and now more than ever,' Medina says.

At the Vicaria of Solidarity, Montero says they know of very great hardship for those banished elsewhere — to Ollague, 5,400 metres (18,000 feet) above sea level in the Andes near the border with Bolivia, or Quillagua, a northern desert village where even drinking water has to be paid for.

'The government takes them away but doesn't bring them back three months later,' Montero says.

Jury out in Sharon case

NEW YORK — The jury's verdict would decide whether Israeli Cabinet Minister Ariel Sharon went down in history as a great man or a monster, his lawyer, Milton Gould, has told the New York district court.

Gould accused 'Time' magazine of arrogance during the \$50-million libel suit hearing that Sharon brought against the magazine two months ago.

At issue is a 113-word paragraph in a February 1983 'Time' cover story on the report of an Israeli inquiry that found Sharon indirectly responsible for the massacre of at least 500 Palestinian men, women and children at Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps south of Beirut.

The inquiry led to his resignation as Defence Minister.

In a sarcastic summation of evidence, Gould accused 'Time' last Friday of 'vicious lies and arrogance that sullied journalism and the reputation of the former Defence Minister'.

In another bizarre twist, spokesmen for both Sharon and 'Time' alleged Judge Abraham Sofaer had made a futile bid to engineer a settlement in the case last Wednesday.

Rejected

Gould accused Sofaer of drafting 'a form of retraction' for 'Time' but said Sharon rejected it after the magazine's officials revised the retraction.

The former Israeli Defence chief himself told reporters he was not satisfied with 'Time's' offer because it allegedly repeated a concession made in court that part of its story was erroneous.

'I want a retraction and an apology. There is no room to play around,' he said.

Gould told the jury the magazine had been exposed as a 'liar on the last day, in the 11th hour' in its article of 1983.

Gould said: "'Time' (the magazine) lied but they don't have the guts or the character or the honesty to say, 'We were wrong.'"

'Your verdict will go a long way to determine whether Ariel Sharon will go down in history as a great man, a great soldier regarded by countless people as a saviour of his country or, on the basis of the lies and vicious speculation of "Time", as a monster who encouraged murder of women and children.'

Sharon, Minister of Industry and Commerce in the government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, claims the magazine defamed him by suggesting

he instigated the massacre.

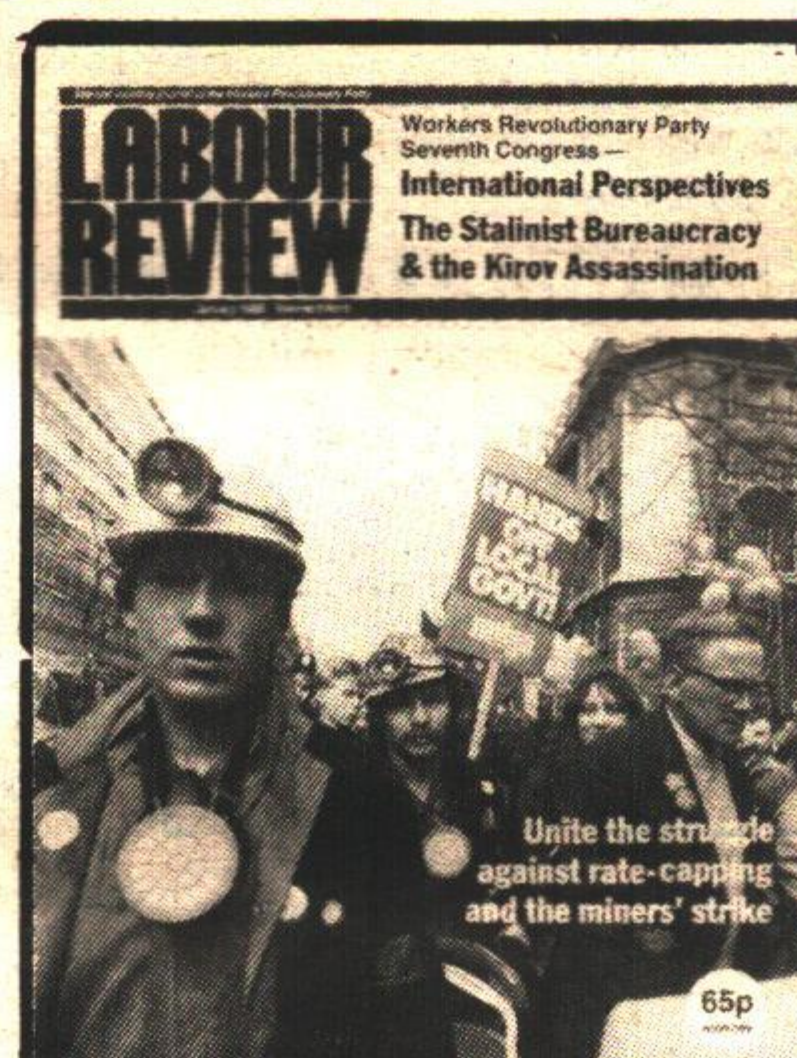
The four women and two men on the jury retired to consider the verdict at the end of Gould's day-long summary. They were expected to deliver their verdict today.

In a five-hour summation, 'Time' lawyer Thomas Barr conceded the magazine had erred by attributing Sharon's statement to a secret appendix of the Israeli inquiry, called the Kahan Commission.

Story

'Time's' reporters had believed the appendix contained the information when the story was published and, therefore, were not guilty of malice, a key element in a libel verdict in the United States.

He accused Sharon of filing his suit to purge himself of guilt and to save his political career.



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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Albert Finney and Fulton McKay star in 'Gumshoe' on BBC1 at 10.25pm



'Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War', on 4 at 2.35, looks at how Vietnamese communities were forced underground by American bombardment. Pictured are shelters being repaired after bomb damage

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE). Financial Report, News Headlines. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Postman Pat. 2.00 Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery. 2.25 See Hear! 2.50 Songs of Praise. 3.25 Pages from Ceefax. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Monday. 4.10 SuperTed. 4.15 Theseus the Hero. 4.30 Fonz and the Happy Days Gang. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Blue Peter. 5.30 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 THE SUPERTEAMS David Vine and Ron Pickering supervise as the teams of sportsmen and women compete

7.40 SUBMARINE John Nettles narrates the second film about the Navy's submarines.

8.10 PANORAMA

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 THE HOLLYWOOD GREATS Barry Norman presents a profile of Bing Crosby, with the help of Bob Hope, Crosby's family and other colleagues and friends

10.25 THE MONDAY FILM *Gumshoe* Albert Finney stars as a Liverpudlian bingo caller who starts a new career as a private investigator for a bit of a lark. A stylish 1971 thriller, with Billie Whitelaw and Fulton McKay

11.50 Weatherman; Closedown

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

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.15 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.15 Job Bank. 9.38 Going to Work. 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Music Time. 10.38 20th-Century History. 11.00 Zig Zag. 11.23 La Maree et Ses Secrets. 11.42 General Studies. 12.10 16 Up — The YTS Report. 12.40 Plants in Action. 1.05 Rockscool. 1.38 Scotland This Century. 2.00 Words and Pictures. 2.18 The History Trail. 2.40 The Music Arcade. 3.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; weather

5.30 100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS August 1976, where David and John Lloyd take on the Italian Davis Cup doubles team at Wimbledon

6.00 HOLLYWOOD LADIES: Betty Hutton in *Here Come the Waves* (1944) World War II musical with Hutton playing the two halves of a pair of twin sisters who both become romantically attached to the same sailor — Bing Crosby

7.35 CARTOON TWO *The Day Off*
7.45 VEGETARIAN KITCHEN presented by Sarah Brown

8.10 THE BOB MONKHOUSE SHOW Comedy from Bob Monkhouse and tonight's guests American Martin Mull, Su Pollard and Kit and the Widow

9.00 HILARY featuring Marti Caine as Hilary, the chaotic researcher on a TV chat show who repeatedly finds life unexpectedly complicated

9.30 HORIZON *A World of their Own* Documentary recording consultations between psychiatrists and patients in Friern Hospital, London

10.20 SEABROOK'S YEAR *Winter's End* The first of five films following a year in the life of shepherd and freeland farmworker Richard Seabrook

10.50 NEWSNIGHT

11.35 TELE-JOURNAL Chantal Cui returns with French television news

12.05 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.35 VIETNAM: THE TEN THOUSAND DAY WAR *Guerrilla Society* Today's programme looks at how Vietnamese schools were driven into caves and whole communities forced underground by American bombardment

3.00 THE LATE LATE SHOW The Irish Television song, dance and comedy show

4.00 A PLUS 4 Dr David Owen

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 ALICE *Mel Grows Up*

5.30 ME AND MY MICRO *Monstertap*

6.00 WHERE IN THE WORLD? Travel quiz game

6.30 BABY, BABY *The Eagle Has Landed* New series about babies and parenthood presented by Paula Yates and Jools Holland

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by barrister Robert Silver; followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 RELATIVE STRANGERS New comedy series with Matthew Kelly as a 36-year-old who is surprised by the arrival of his 17-year-old son — the unsuspected product of a holiday romance

9.00 BUILDINGS — WHO CARES?

10.00 ST ELSEWHERE *The Women*
10.55 THE ELEVENTH HOUR presents *Women Direct*. Three films about domestic work

CLOTHESLINES (1982) Witty documentary about laundry and American social history with dozens of women discussing their differing attitudes to washing

WOMEN OF THE RHONDDA (1973) Four women from the Rhondda Valley are interviewed about their role in the 1926 General Strike

PICTURES ON PINK PAPER (1982) Film by Lis Rhodes questioning what is 'normal' and 'natural'

12.35 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Samuel Goldwyn Presents *The Real Glory* (1939) with Gary Cooper and David Niven. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 AUTOMANIA *Chariots of Love* A look at the role of the car in courtship

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 FULL HOUSE *And Mother Came Too* Marsha is delighted with their new home, but Paul has his doubts

8.30 WORLD IN ACTION

9.00 QUINCY *Next Stop, Nowhere* A murder investigation sends Quincy into the sado-masochistic world of the Los Angeles' punk-rock scene

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 SLAP SHOT With Paul Newman. A rundown ice hockey team begins to claw its way up the league when the manager buys three young brothers who prove to be monsters of destruction on the ice (1977)

12.40 Night Thoughts Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Face the Press. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 Mali A Maldwyn. 2.35-2.55 Daearyddiaeth. 3.00 Film: *State Fair*. 4.50 Dan Draed. 5.00 Eitem Ddirgel. 5.05 Ysgoloriaeth. 5.35 Discovery. 6.30 The Addams Family. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Arolwg. 8.00 Treasure Hunt; News Headlines. 9.00 Y Cleicwr. 9.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 10.00 Just What Did the Doctor Order? 10.55 Opinions Special. 11.25 The Other Side of the Tracks. 12.25 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. and at 12 midnight.
6.00 Andy Peebles. 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 a.m. John Peel (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Mendelssohn, Smetana, Mozart. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Walton. 10.00 Piano music (S) Eric Parkin plays Liszt, Chopin, Scriabin and Falla. 10.45 Kurt Weill (S) Symphony No. 1; record. 11.10 Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and his Circle (S) Songs by Coleridge-Taylor, Stanford, Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Holst. 11.50 French Music (S) BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: D'Indy, Saint-Saens, Debussy. 1.00 News. 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert (S) Piano recital by Hans Leygraf: Haydn, Mozart. 2.00 Music Weekly (S). 2.45 New Records (S) Bach, Mozart, Weber, Wagner, Beethoven. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Organ (S) Elgar's Sonata No. 1. 7.00 Volcano on Ice: Richard Mayne profiles Raymond Aron. 7.45 Verdi's Operas: Simon Boccanegra (S) Claudio Abbado conducts this performance of the 1881: Act 1 (9.10-9.15 Julian Budden talk) Acts 2 and 3. 10.20 Gordon Fergus-Thompson (S) Piano music by Mathias and Liszt. 11.00 Another World (S) Music from India played by Ravi Shankar. 11.57-12.00 News. MF: 7.05-11.00 a.m. Cricket: Fourth Test — India v England.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Week. 6.25 Prayer for

the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.35 The Week on 4. 8.43 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker (S). 10.00 News; Money Box. 10.30 Morning Story: *Blackberry Day*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. 11.48 Poetry Please! 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Don't Stop Now — It's Foundation. 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: (S) *En Passant*. 4.30 Weigh-In. 4.40 Story Time: *Master of the Moor*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 The News Quiz (S). 7.00 News; 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Enterprise (S). 7.45 Science Now. 8.15 The Monday Play (S) *Famous Last Words*. 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. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-time Broadcasting.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Legmen. 2.00 Best of Three. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Nightline. 11.45 Best of Three. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Hell Drivers*. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 The Boys Inside. 11.50 Contact. 12.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30

Film: *Doctor in Love*. 3.15 From Grape to Glass. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 12.00 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Lunchtime Live! 2.00 Film: *Sink the Bismarck*. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.12 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Different Strokes. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; Late News and Weather. 10.35 Peterborough Festival of Country Music. 11.00 The Master. 12.00 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.40 Airmail. 7.00

Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Questions. 11.15 Kojak. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *Ball of Fire*; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Talk of the West. 11.00 Taste of Excitement. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: As HTV except 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 The Dragon Has Two Tongues. 11.00 The Irish Weave. 11.45 Kojak. 12.45 Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Busmen's Honeymoon*. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30 Different Strokes. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Quincy. 12.00 The Bounder. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS REVIEW

LENDL-McENROE FINAL

IVAN LENDL battled back from a 5-2 deficit in the last set to beat Jimmy Connors 7-5, 6-7, 7-5 on Saturday and set up a clash with John McEnroe in the final of the Grand Prix Masters tennis championship for the third year running.

Czechoslovak Lendl's pulsating triumph, after he was within two points of defeat in the ninth game of the final set, followed top seed McEnroe's surprisingly easy 6-1 6-1 rout of Sweden's Mats Wilander in the other semi-final match.

By running off the last five games of the best-played, and most exciting, match of the 12-man tournament, third seed Lendl reached the final for the fifth successive year.

His victory also foiled Connors' bid to reach the final for only the second time in ten Masters' appearances.

The winner of last night's best-of-five sets final will receive \$100,000 and the runner-up \$60,000.

With most of the capacity crowd of 18,741 at Madison Square Garden urging on Connors, he appeared to have victory in his grasp when he went 30-15 ahead, while leading 5-3 in the third set.

Volley

But Connors netted a low forehand volley, drove a forehand long and Lendl drilled a forehand placement down the line to pull back to 5-4 down.

Lendl then held serve at love to draw level 5-5, broke at 15 on three Connors' errors and another

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forehand down the line, and served out at 15 to end the two-hour 56 minutes match.

During his comeback from 30-15 in the ninth game, the Czechoslovak won 15 of 17 points as Connors appeared to wilt under his powerful ground strokes.

Climax

It was a surprising turnabout since Connors, once ahead at the climax of a match, rarely loses his momentum. Lendl, by contrast, has frequently appeared to lose his resolve and concentration.

But on Saturday, Lendl played his best tennis in adversity, electing to go for winners rather than play conservatively as he did in losing to Connors in the U.S. Open finals in 1982 and 1983.

The match was marked by a continuous, explosive baseline exchange of deeply-hit, sharply-angled ground strokes, many going for outright winners.

Connors attacked the net more, but not as often

Ivan comes back from the brink



JIMMY CONNORS

as usual, because of Lendl's capability down the line and his effective top spin lobs.

Lendl took the first set on a service break in the 12th game and recovered from a 4-1 deficit in the second set to force a tie-break which Connors won 7-5 on two backhand errors by his opponent.

Connors was at the top



IVAN LENDL

of his spectacular form in opening up 3-0 and 5-2 leads in the final set as he yielded only four points in his first four service games. During that stretch, he probed Lendl's backhand to induce a spate of errors and often scored with dazzling passing shots and volleys.

But in the ninth game, with Connors serving for the match, Lendl re-

gained the touch on his lethal ground strokes and began his climb back.

Lendl said: 'I thought Jimmy was getting tired because at 4-2 he started to come in on his second serve a lot and was trying to cheat on his footwork.'

'When I started hitting the ball a little harder and deeper, he just couldn't get to it.'

Behaviour

He was particularly inspired against Connors because of the American's behaviour at their last meeting, when Lendl beat him in the semi-finals of a tournament at Wembley.

'He wasn't very kind to me in London,' Lendl said but refused to elaborate.

Connors, however, denied there was any grudge between the two players. 'I don't have any grudge towards him. If he's carrying a grudge towards me, that's too bad.'

Four years ago, Connors called Lendl 'chicken' after the Czechoslovak appeared to have deliberately lost the final set of a round-robin match the night before the semi-finals.

At one point in the opening set, Connors made an obscene gesture towards Lendl, drawing a code violation and later a \$500 fine.

Winds

Connors said that contrary to his appearance, he did not tire at the end.

'I went through two winds but at the end I think he was just whacking the ball,' Connors said.

'He is not known for his gutsy performances at the end but today, he was just going for them and going for them.'

Earlier, McEnroe used a blend of power and finesse bordering on perfection to secure his berth in the final.



STUART BALE . . . In Britain's Kings Cup team

Czechs start favourites

KING'S CUP PREVIEW

BY ROBERT JAMES

CZECHOSLOVAKIA open their King's Cup campaign today as favourites to take the European nations' team tennis title for the second successive year.

Their opponents on the first day of the week-long contest are Switzerland, who won promotion from Division Two of the competition last year to replace the relegated Soviet Union.

In the absence of top stars Ivan Lendl and Tomas Smid, the Czechoslovaks are again relying on Libor Pimek and Miloslav Mecir to see them through in the singles, with Pimek and Jaroslav Navratil contesting the doubles.

The Swiss challenge is led by Czechoslovak-born Jakob Hlasek and Roland Stadler, who should present few problems for the holders.

West Germany, the third team in the Yellow group, could spring a surprise but the form of their No.1, Michael Westphal, can vary from one day to the next.

The other teams in the contest are last year's beaten finalists Sweden, Britain and Ireland. They play in the Blue group, with Sweden again expected to reach the final.

The Swedish and British teams are weaker this year. With Joakim Nystrom on duty in the Grand Prix Masters, Sweden are led by Jan Gunnarsson, backed by Thomas Hogstedt and the Simonsson brothers, Stefan and Hans.

Colours

The British squad, led last year by Buster Mottram, this year comprises Stephen Shaw, Jeremy Bates and Stuart Bale.

Ireland's colours will again be carried by Sean Sorensen and Matt Doyle.

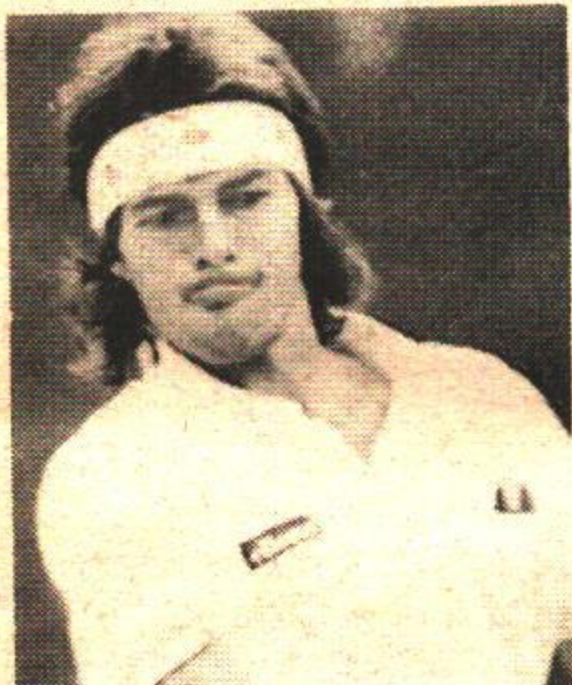
The winners of each group will play in Sunday's final, while the teams finishing bottom of the groups will play a relegation decider, with the loser going down to Division Two.

Teams in the lower divisions of the King's Cup will be competing in Italy and Hungary at the same time as Essen stages the Division One matches.

The Division Two contest in Ioano, Italy, features France, Italy and the Soviet Union in one group and Holland, Finland and Austria in the other.

Division Three contestants in Hungary are Spain, Hungary and Monaco in one group and Belgium, Denmark and Norway in the other.

Lewis lifts Kiwi title



CHRIS LEWIS

NEW ZEALANDER Chris Lewis returned to form yesterday and beat Wally Masur of Australia 7-5, 6-0, 2-6, 6-4 to win the Auckland Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Seventh-seeded Lewis, the unsuccessful 1983 Wimbledon finalist, delighted his home crowd with fine passing shots and seemed headed for a straight set win after the second set.

But the Australian, seeded eighth, came back

in the third to break Lewis' service twice before rain interrupted play.

Concentration

After the 20-minute break, Lewis regained his concentration, held his next service and broke back in the seventh game. But Masur held service to take the set 6-2.

In the fourth, the scores

were level after eight games, each player having dropped service once. Then Lewis made a decisive breakthrough to take the ninth game and move 5-4 ahead with his own service to come.

The New Zealander took the next game to win the match and \$15,000 US.

On Saturday, Masur upset top seed John Fitzgerald of Australia and Lewis beat defending champion Danny Saltz in the semi-finals.

Upsets in Washington

TOP SEED Martina Navratilova sailed into the semi-finals of the \$150,000 Washington Women's Indoor Tennis Championships, while second seed Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia and third seed Wendy Turnbull of Australia were eliminated in quarter-final play on Saturday.

Navratilova crushed fifth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-0 6-4. Mandlikova was upset by unseeded American Kathy Rinaldi 6-4 6-2, and Turnbull lost to American Zina Garrison 6-2 7-6.

Fourth seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria also

advanced to the semi-final round with a 6-1, 6-4 win over American Kathy Jordan.

Taking every opportunity to rush the net, Navratilova, the No.1 women's tennis player in the world, dominated the first set, allowing only the fourth game to reach deuce.

Breaks

Sukova rebounded in the second, tying the set 3-3 but consecutive service breaks in the eighth, ninth and tenth games gave Navratilova the set and the match.

Rinaldi, the surprise of

this year's tournament, eliminated Mandlikova, ranked third in the world, with an effective arsenal of groundstrokes and passing shots.

Mandlikova made many unforced errors during the match, most of them on drop shots that failed to clear the net. Rinaldi, ranked 23rd in the world, played a near-flawless second set to take the match.

In the opening match of the day, Turnbull, 32, failed to hold service in three of her first four service games, while making numerous net and volley errors.

Turnbull recovered in

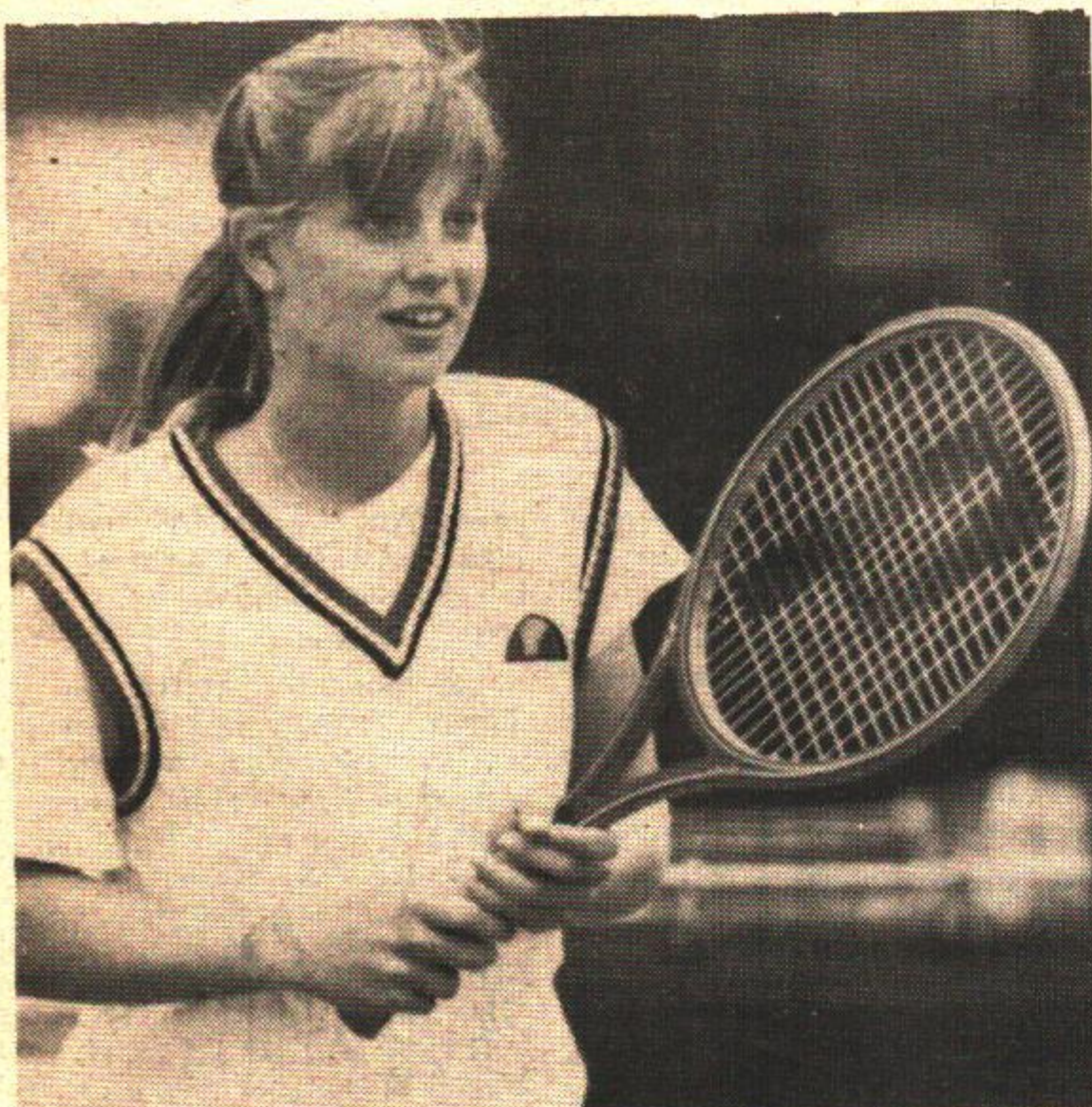
the second set but Garrison outlasted her fifth-ranked opponent in the tie-breaker 7-4.

Sixth-ranked Maleeva was too dominant for the tenth-ranked Jordan in their quarter-final match.

Strokes

Jordan played well, hitting effective strokes and making fewer errors but Maleeva was consistent, scoring on baseline winners and well-placed punch volleys.

Rinaldi was due to play Maleeva in the first semi-final yesterday afternoon and Navratilova faced Garrison in the evening.



KATHY RINALDI . . . Another top name bows out to the youngster

Sports Line

CAP THAT!

Everton men's reminder to Robson



CLIVE LLOYD . . . Still as good as ever

Lloyd punishes Aussies

BY OUR CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WEST INDIES captain Clive Lloyd continued to defy the years yesterday when he ran out three batsmen, then hit an unbeaten 52 as West Indies coasted to a five-wicket victory over Australia in their World Series Cup one-day cricket match.

Lloyd, 40, who has announced his retirement from Test Cricket after an international career stretching back to 1966, dominated the match which saw the West Indies win with 12.2 overs to spare.

On Saturday, Lloyd scored 89 not out against Sri Lanka and took a wicket with the only ball he bowled. But despite the evidence that he is still one of the world's great players, Lloyd was adamant that he still intended to retire at the end of the Australian season.

'I won't carry on playing after this season. You can have too much of a good thing but I'm happy to end my appearances here on such a high note,' Lloyd said.

Australia made a sound start with Graeme Wood and Andrew Hilditch adding 49 for the first wicket before they were separated.

But after Hilditch had been dismissed for 19 and Wood for 38, wickets fell quickly with only Kepler Wessels offering much resistance with a battling 47.

Lloyd threw the wicket down when captain Allan

Border was out of his crease after scoring seven, then repeated his feat to end Simon O'Donnell's contribution of 25.

He made it three in a row when his throw off the last ball of the 50th over to the bowler's end beat Craig McDermott's outstretched bat.

Lloyd, the world's top cover fieldsman before a series of knee operations robbed him of much of his mobility, said he had never before run out three people in one innings.

'I think two was my best before that, even when my knees were still in shape,' he said.

When the West Indies batted Craig McDermott, Australia's latest fast bowling discovery gave the crowd of 22,000 some hope when he struck twice in his first over. But the advent of Lloyd and his vice-captain Viv Richards, who hit 98 against Sri Lanka, quickly swung the game irrevocably towards the West Indies.

Richards struck 49 before he was caught by Border off fast bowler Rodney Hogg and although Gus Logie was out for only seven, West Indies were well in sight of victory by then.

After yesterday's fourth straight win, the West Indies have a maximum eight points from their four matches.

Australia have two points from three matches while Sri Lanka have lost all of their three games.

The tournament now moves to Sydney where the West Indies and Australia meet in a day-night match tomorrow.

EVERTON went back to the top of the First Division on Saturday evening after this mauling of Newcastle United. Now they are looking forward to their trip to second-placed Tottenham next weekend.

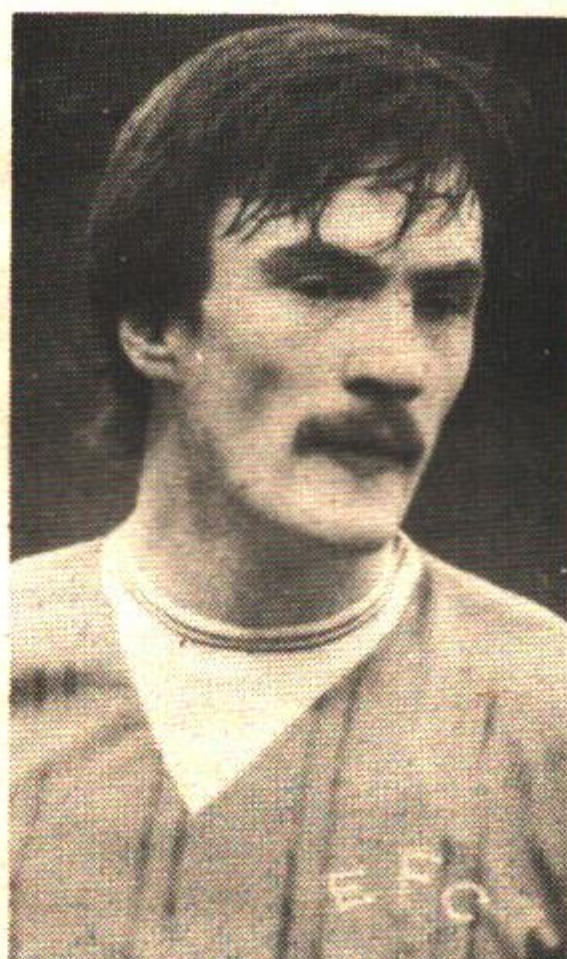
And Howard Kendall's bubbling Blues will be out to prove two points when they take on Spurs at White Hart Lane next weekend.

'A win there would put us into the driving seat in the League Championship,' said their stylish midfielder Peter Reid, 'and it would also prove that we have a lot of good players at Goodison Park right now.'

Reid's latter remark was a gentle reminder to England boss Bobby Robson that despite their impressive form this season he overlooked Everton when it came to selecting his squad for the England get-together at Bisham Abbey at the end of the month.

'I don't want to criticise Robson's decisions too much, but I think everyone knows it helps your chances if you play for Manchester United, Spurs or Arsenal,' Reid added.

With the news that England skipper Bryan Robson had injured himself on Saturday afternoon, there's every chance that Reid still might get a call-up for the England get-together — and the



DEREK MOUNTFIELD

national team manager could do far worse than have a good look at this Everton side in the next few weeks.

Derek Mountfield, their 21-year-old centre-half, gets better with every game and scored again on Saturday. Gary Stevens has developed into a fine

EVERTON 4
(Sharp, Mountfield, Sheedy 2)
NEWCASTLE 0
BY MATTHEW NUGENT

full back while Reid, Paul Bracewell and Trevor Steven in midfield must all be wondering what more they have to do to win Robson's approval.

There's also a case for Graeme Sharp. Scotland's Jock Stein cannot hold off denying him a place in their national squad for long.

Kendall stays aloof from all this international banter. His priorities lie with Everton and the winning of the League Championship.

Game

'It was great to be able to sit back today and watch a good game of football and not worry about the outcome,' he said afterwards.

'The lads are playing so well at the moment, they don't need to be motivated and it should be one hell of a match against Tottenham next weekend.'

'We are playing with so much confidence right now that we are not afraid of anybody. This is



PETER REID . . . Looking for an England chance

possibly the best time to take on Spurs. I can honestly say I am looking forward to it.'

Newcastle were outplayed in every department on Saturday and when Sharp converted his 21st goal of the season after 19 minutes the result was never in doubt.

Newcastle's porous defence allowed Mountfield to rob Gary Megson in the

eight-yard box and force a shot home while after the interval Kevin Sheedy capped a wonderful afternoon with two splendid goals.

Jack Charlton will possibly have to plunge into the transfer market before too long if Newcastle are to remain in the First Division next season. He needs players in all areas desperately.

Bannister blitz not enough

TWO-GOAL Gary Bannister tormented title-chasing Tottenham as QPR's magic carpet beat the big freeze.

Bannister's double took him to 20 for the season and was an emphatic response to a third-minute strike by Tottenham's in-form Garth Crooks.

Mark Falco snatched a draw — but it took a marvellous double save from goalkeeper Ray Clemence to deny Bannister his hat-trick.

After 72 minutes Clemence superbly turned aside Bannister's shot. From the corner Clemence reacted quickly to smother Bannister's header on the line.

Falco's header after 63 minutes set up a thrilling finale and Spurs twice came close to snatching victory.

Crooks' goal was his seventh in as many games and came after Falco had touched on a free kick by Graham Roberts. Peter Hucker blocked Crooks' first shot, but he squeezed in the rebound from the sharpest of angles.

Bannister equalised after 18 minutes following a slip by defender Paul Miller and eight minutes af-

QPR 2

(Bannister 2)

SPURS 2

(Crooks, Falco)

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

ter the interval he headed Rangers in front.

Spurs had earlier surrendered midfield control, Ossie Ardiles coming on for the ineffective John Chiedozie after 33 minutes.

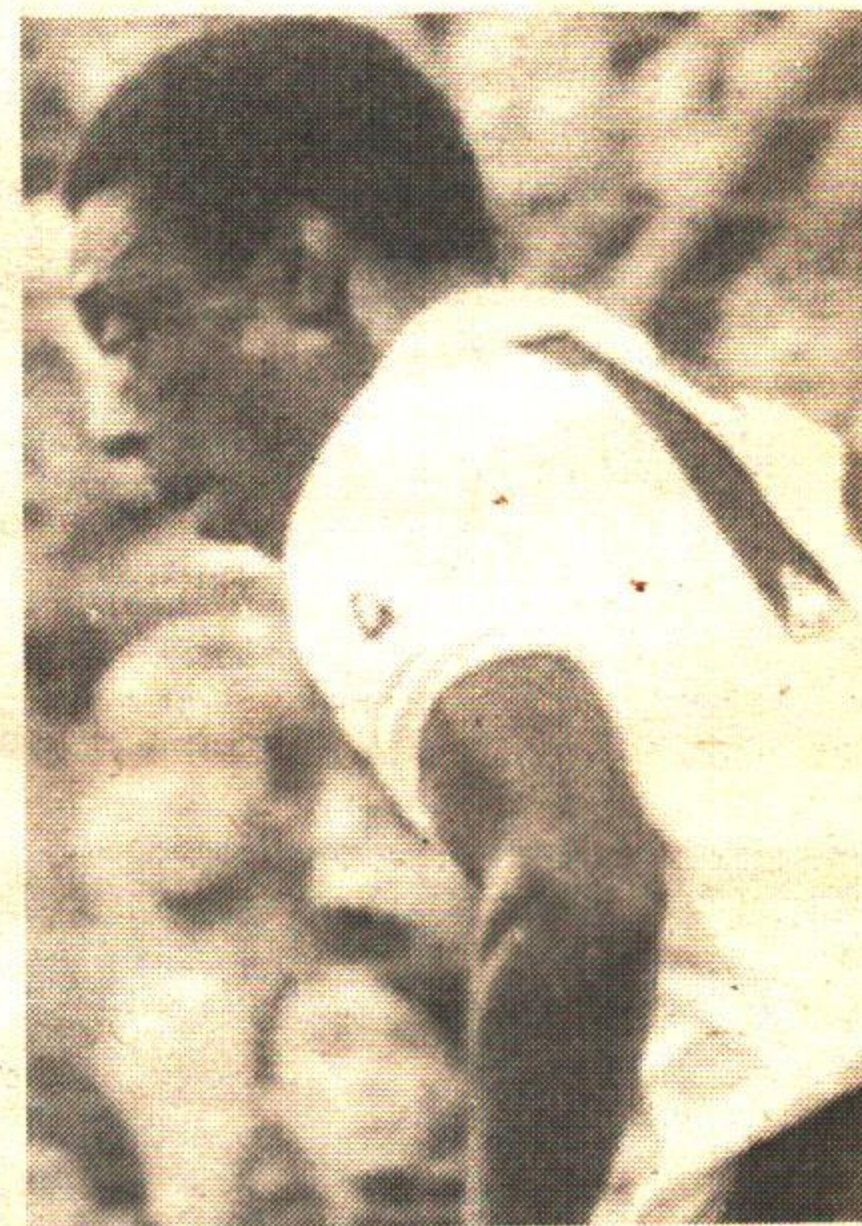
It was Ardiles's first outing of the season and he was still struggling to find his touch when Robbie James sent Gary Chivers away on the right and Bannister struck with a diving header.

QPR acting manager Frank Sibley then tipped Everton for the League Championship after the match.

The 2-2 draw knocked



GARY BANNISTER



GARTH CROOKS

Spurs off the top of the table and Sibley said: 'Everton are a different type of side to Tottenham — and my money might be on them.'

Sibley added: 'It will be very tight, but I think Everton are becoming a good "Liverpool". They haven't got outstanding individuals like Tottenham, but collectively they are very difficult to beat.'

Sibley, however, is sure of one thing. 'Spurs will win something this sea-

son. They are more consistent than Manchester United. They have got a bit more commitment in certain areas. I'll certainly give them credit for the way they clawed their way back today.'

Next Saturday Spurs take on Everton at home and White Hart Lane manager Peter Shreeves said: 'It should be a classic.'

Shreeves' immediate concern was tonight's FA Cup third round replay at Charlton. 'There is an in-

spection at 4p.m. tomorrow and I'll make it my business to be at the Valley for that,' he said.

Of the substitution of John Chiedozie, Shreeves said: 'He had problems coping with the surface and I don't regret sending on Ossie Ardiles.'

It was Ardiles's first appearance of the season. 'He has overcome the barrier and is back in the First Division. I was very pleased for him and now he will go from strength to strength.'

Sports Line

BRYAN'S UNITED

BLUES Robson accident rocks Old Trafford

**MAN UTD 0
COVENTRY 1**

(Gibson)

BY ROBERT JAMES

ENGLAND captain Bryan Robson was taken to hospital after a freak accident at Old Trafford at the weekend.

With him went Manchester United's title hopes as Terry Gibson struck in the 69th minute to inflict a second successive home League defeat on Ron Atkinson's side.

Robson had already left the ground by the time the cries of 'What a load of rubbish' were ringing out as United surrendered more ground behind Everton and Spurs.

But Atkinson is desperately worried about his captain, injured after crashing over advertising hoardings behind Coventry's goal while trying to retrieve Mike Duxbury's wild 54th minute cross.

Robson apparently crashed into one of the electricity transformers for the new under-soil heating system and damaged his shoulder.

United's dependence on him was soon evident.

Within 15 minutes the match was lost by some slack defending.

Gibson, surrounded by defenders on the edge of the penalty area, dipped and swerved until he spotted a gap and then beat Stephan Pears with a superb shot on the turn.

This was a match that United should have won comfortably well before half-time as they overran a Coventry side struggling to avoid relegation.

But elaborate attacks were frequently self-destructing and Coventry escaped lightly without ever posing much threat to Pears.

Scored

Even in the second half United should have been in front before Coventry scored. Frank Stapleton had a shot tipped on to the woodwork by Steve Ogrizovic and Robson glanced a header that went wide narrowly, only seconds before his accident.

United staged a desperate attempt to retrieve the match and Paul McGrath had a shot cleared off the line by Stewart Pearce in the 72nd minute.

McGrath was denied again eight minutes from time when Ogrizovic, catching sight late of his 35-yard thunder bolt as it emerged from the fog, managed to block the shot.

In the end, United left with the boos of the home crowd ringing in their ears and the prospect of more damage being inflicted to their reputation if Robson stays out any length of time.

Robson's departure to hospital was delayed when a pregnant female spectator went into labour. She was given preference to use the club ambulance, always on standby.

Manager Ron Atkinson said: 'Losing Bryan was a body blow. It's worse than losing the game and that was bad enough.'

Atkinson had still not heard from the hospital the full extent of the damage. He said: 'It could be anything, and it would be silly to comment until we know how bad it is.'

He refused to criticise the positioning of the hoarding that led to the accident: 'It's the first time that I have seen anything like that happen on this ground. It was a freak.'

The United manager was upset with his side's form: 'Normally we would beat these sort of

sides comprehensively and, today, I thought we looked like doing that without ever being at our best. They scored with their first shot on goal.'

Coventry caretaker manager Don Mackay said: 'We're delighted with the result and that makes it three wins in 1985. But there's still a long way to go. However, I was very pleased with our discipline today.'

● BRYAN ROBSON left hospital yesterday afternoon with the good news that his freak accident may not have ruled him out of England's next World Cup game.



BRYAN ROBSON . . . Major setback for United

Danny's the boy

AMERICAN FOOTBALL SPECIAL

AMERICA'S newest sports superstar is a curly-haired 23-year-old quarterback with a rocket-like right arm, who sneers at superstition by playing his football in a number 13 jersey.

At an age when many promising players are still fighting to win a regular spot on a professional team, Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins has rewritten the record books of the National Football League (NFL).

Now, to complete only his second season as a professional, Marino will spearhead the Dolphins' explosive offence in Super Bowl XIX — the equivalent of a World Cup final — against the San Francisco 49ers in Palo Alto, California, on January 20.

Bob Griese, one of Marino's illustrious predecessors with the Dolphins, marvelled a couple of months ago, when 'Danny Boy', as the local media call him, broke Griese's longstanding team record of 22 touchdown passes in a regular season.

'Hey, I don't mind him breaking it,' said Griese, now a television commentator. 'I do mind him breaking it halfway through the season.'

By the end of the regular season, Marino had thrown a previously unimaginable 48 touchdown passes, eclipsing the NFL record of 36 set by George Blanda of Houston 23 years ago and



DOLPHINS' running back Mark Clayton (white shirt) runs into a wall of New York Jet line blockers earlier this season

matched by Y.A. Title of New York in 1963.

In a sport in which statistics count almost as much as the on-field action, Marino's year-end figures also included most-passing yards (5,084) and most-completed passes (362).

He also helped the Dolphins fill a basket of team records, including most touchdowns (70) and highest total offensive yardage (6,936). His favourite pass receiver, the impish Mark Clayton, caught a record 18 touchdown throws.

Passes

This month, in post-season playoff's en route to the 'Super Bowl', the Dolphins beat both the Seattle Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Marino threw three more touchdown passes against Seattle and four in a 48-25 rout of Pittsburgh, which happens to be his hometown.

Two years ago the Steelers turned down a chance to sign Marino straight out of college. So did almost all the other NFL coaches, leaving it to the Dolphin's knowledgeable coach Don Shula to spot the potential.

'When I first saw Dan I couldn't get over how he could always throw it right between the eyes,' Shula said as he sipped champagne after Marino skewered the Steelers' defence.

How does Marino do it? New York times sportswriter Michael Janofsky says he has 'an amazing knack for avoiding the rush, seeing all his receivers, reading the defences and releasing the ball as quickly as any quarterback ever'.

They rarely succeed. Marino was sacked — tackled before he could pass — only 13 times last year.

The marketing of Marino has begun and he is thought to have doubled his modest — by NFL standards — 1984 salary and bonuses of 300,000 dollars with product endorsement fees.

So far, though, his television commercial and newspaper advertisement appearances have mostly been limited to the greater Miami area.

That will change as the year goes on, especially if the Dolphins win at Palo Alto and Marino maintains his sensational average of passing more than 300 yards — including three

touchdown passes — a game.

Peter Johnson, vice-president of International Management Group, the world's largest firm specialising in the fields, says: 'Marino is at the top of the list' of new sports stars to be merchandised.

Profits

Already, 'Marino Corps' tee-shirts are on sale in Miami and Pittsburgh but Marino has ordered that most of the profits go to food banks for the needy in the two cities.

That kind of gesture helps make Marino — justifiably self-confident, even cocky, on the field — immensely popular with fellow players, fans and sportswriters.

He is disarmingly modest about his achievements: 'I'm happy. I'm having fun but I'm just doing what I'm supposed to do.'

Wallace under fire

BY OUR SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

Rangers 1 (Ferguson) Hibs 2 (Rice, Harris)

JOCK Wallace, rapturously welcomed back as Rangers' manager after the ignominious exit of predecessor John Greig, felt a backlash from the Ibrox fans on Saturday.

The haunting chorus 'Wallace must go', echoed around the stadium that has seen just one solitary win for the club in the last seven home League games.

That this latest defeat was against relegation contenders Hibs was impossible to swallow for light blues' supporters.

Wallace has never been slow to aim rasping criticism at his players. But, while it is true he inherited atrocious problems, Wallace can himself no longer escape the wrath of those who provided a hero's reception on his return — not so long ago — to Ibrox.

Large sections of the 18,500 crowd trudged out

of the ground shouting, 'What a load of rubbish!'

But this is not merely Wallace's crisis. Rangers' massive investment in new stands and other ground improvements are totally dependent on busy turnstiles.

Saturday's defeat by Hibs was a humiliation that the Ibrox faithful will find difficult to stomach — especially as it was Hibs' first win since October.

Rangers' now trail nine points behind Premier League leaders Aberdeen who, incidentally, they face at Pittodrie in five days.

Wallace, after the match, was less than his usual vociferous self. 'We threw it away with a disappointing second-half performance' he stated. 'We couldn't get the ball into the box, and if you can't do that there's no pressure on the opposition. At one point, we went 12 points without a shot at goal... that's just not good enough.'

● At Pittodrie on Saturday, Aberdeen coldly dissected visitors Morton, who must have been regretting their agreement to transfer the fixture from home to away, due to Cappielow being frost-bound.

BLEARY-EYED BURTON

BURTON fear they will have a bleary-eyed team of part-timers in this afternoon's FA Cup replay against Leicester behind closed doors at Derby.

But manager Neil Warnock insists, 'we'll still give them a hard game'.

Burton lost the first game 6-1, but won a second chance from the FA, following the inquiry into missile-throwing incidents. Warnock backed the FA decision, adding: 'I am sure if the boot was on the other foot, Leicester would have done the same and their fans would have agreed with it.'

'Playing behind closed doors does us no favours. Indeed, it will be Leicester who will benefit because they will be more relaxed and able to treat it more like a training session.'

Warnock is concerned that two of his players will have to work double shifts to get the time off to play, but they could be rescued by an early pitch inspection at 9a.m. this morning.

The weather has already wrecked Blackburn's hopes of replaying

against Portsmouth, while Charlton's big game against Tottenham was called off yesterday afternoon, and Crystal Palace plan a 10a.m. inspection before their game against Millwall.

Hereford are hoping that Arsenal's Highbury pitch will be fit — and former Arsenal midfielder Jim Harvey especially.

Harvey, called into Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland squad for next weekend's training session, said yesterday: 'My wrist is heavily strapped and didn't worry me at Peterborough yesterday. There is no way I am going to miss the chance of playing at Highbury again.'

Hereford are also betting to get Steve Emery and Chris Price, who scored in the original 1-1 draw, fit to play.

Every coach in the county has been booked to bring an estimated 5,000 Hereford fans south.

But last night all those efforts looked in vain, with Arsenal manager Don Howe saying: 'I just can't see the match being played. It's no better than it was on Saturday when the game against Ipswich was postponed. There's still a lot of ice on the pitch.'

It's too late now says Clough

BRIAN CLOUGH believes he should have been made England manager over eight years ago.

The controversial Nottingham Forest boss, who has just completed ten years' service at the City Ground, said in a BBC Radio interview on Saturday that he felt he ought to have got the England job in 1977 instead of Ron Greenwood.

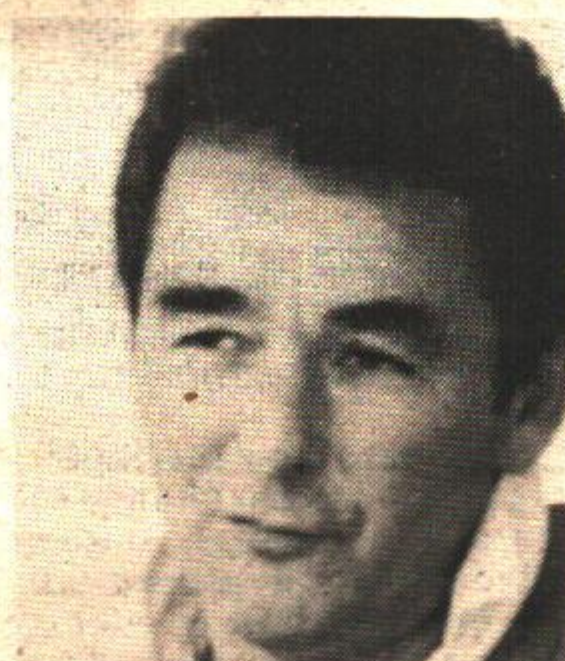
'I had a superb interview and they (the Football Association) should have appointed me. I

knew I had done well. Any footballer knows when he has played well.

'The time was ripe for me to do the job, but they settled for Ron instead, and he made a superb job of it.'

Asked why the FA had decided against him, Clough added: 'I think they were a little wary of me and also I think they might have had a sneaking suspicion that I would try to run the English FA — and they were right!'

The Forest boss also said that he felt the oppor-



BRIAN CLOUGH

tunity of managing England had now passed him by, and said that in Bobby Robson England had the right man to do the job now.

Rugby clash in doubt

ARCTIC weather forced widespread cancellation in France's rugby union League programme yesterday and put next Saturday's Five Nations match between France and Wales at the Parc des Princes stadium in jeopardy.

Only seven of 20 First Division matches were

expected to take place yesterday, officials said.

Jean Chavanon, a top official at the Parc des Princes, said there was great uncertainty over whether next Saturday's sold-out clash on the opening day of the Championship could take place.

'The Parc des Princes pitch is frozen to a depth

of 15cms,' Chavanon said in an interview. 'If the match were to have taken place today, it would have been cancelled.'

He added that only a sharp rise in temperature in the next few days would solve the problem. The pitch is not equipped with an underground heating system.

NEIL NAILS INDIA

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND's pace plan came up trumps yesterday as Neil Foster's six-wicket blast shattered India on the opening day of the fourth Test in Madras.

With Norman Cowans and Chris Cowdrey claiming two victims each, India, having chosen to bat first, were bundled out for 272.

It was the perfect answer to England's pre-match strategy. The selectors felt there would be life in the pitch and preferred Foster to Richard Ellison because of his extra pace.

The 22-year-old Essex seamer, playing his first Test for six months, responded with the best figures of his seven-match England career.

In ten overs before the close, openers Graeme Fowler and Tim Robinson then took England through to 32 without loss, needing a further 240 for a first innings lead.

It was a satisfactory end to an exhilarating day's cricket that began with Sunil Gavaskar smashing 17 runs off three and a half overs before Foster began his spree by knocking out the Indian captain's middle stump.

Afterwards he said: 'That was the first time I have bowled a person in a Test match and it gave me a great deal of pleasure because I was pretty confident with an lbw appeal the ball before.'

Two balls later Cowans had Krishna Srikanth caught behind without scoring a run in his first Test for two years but then Dilip Vengsarkar and Mohinder Amarnath began to stroke both bowlers to the boundary with ease.

On the hour, however, Foster intervened as Vengsarkar edged a catch to Allan Lamb at slip setting a pattern of heavy run scoring — 304 in the day — and wickets tumbling.

Said Foster: 'At times it felt like a one-day match out there. They also found the middle of the bat as well as the edge and at times I wondered why I kept disappearing for four. But I'll settle for six for 104 any day.'

England were held up by a 110-run fourth wicket stand in just 25 overs by Mohinder Amarnath, who struck one fierce six on

his way to 78, and Azharuddin who followed his debut century at Calcutta with a stylish 48 yesterday.

But back came Foster for his second spell to have both Amarnath and Ravi Shastri caught behind off away swingers. With Cowdrey flattening two of Azharuddin's stumps, India were in trouble at 167 for six.

They were spared further immediate embarrassment by Kapil Dev, recalled after being dropped for the Calcutta Test and quickly into his stride by driving his first ball to the ropes.

Anchor

He was dropped fourth ball by Lamb, but with Syed Kirmani playing an anchor role Kapil Dev whistled his way to 53 in a stand of 74 in 73 minutes. Then, however, he fell to a brilliant catch at long off by Cowans off Cowdrey.

Foster returned to wrap up the Indian innings in his third spell, bowling Yadav and having Laxman Sivaramakrishnan caught hooking by Cowdrey at square leg.

When Cowans had Chetan Sharma caught by Allan Lamb, India's previously stubborn tail had collapsed with the last four wickets adding only 22 runs.



NEIL FOSTER tore a hole in the Indian defence yesterday

SCORECARD

India 1st Innings
Gavaskar b Foster 17
Srikanth c Downton b Cowans 0
Vengsarkar c Lamb b Foster 17
Amarnath c Downton b Foster

78
Azharuddin b Cowdrey 48
Shastri c Downton b Foster ... 2
Kapil Dev c Cowans b Cowdrey 53
Kirmani n.o. 30
Yadav b Foster 2
Sivaramakrishnan c Cowdrey b Cowans 5
EXTRAS 7

TOTAL 272

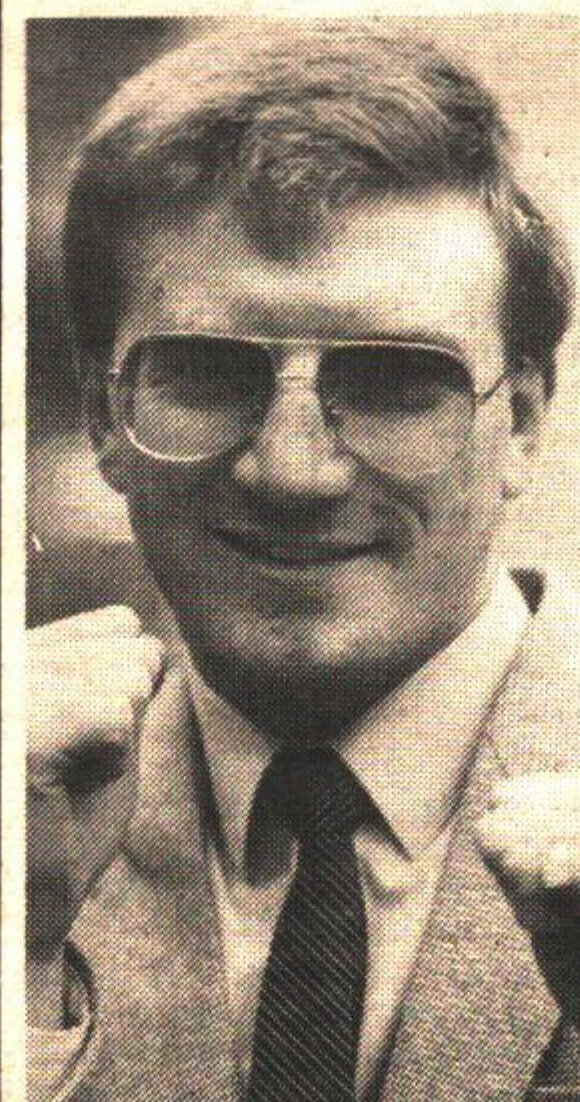
FALL: 1-17 2-17 3-45 4-155 5-167 6-167 7-241 8-243 9-263.
BOWLING: Cowans 12.5-3-39-2; Foster 23-2-104-6; Edmonds 6-1-33-0; Cowdrey 19-1-65-2; Pocock 7-1-28-0.

England 1st Innings
Fowler n.o. 10
Robinson n.o. 18
EXTRAS 4

TOTAL (0 wkt) 32

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 3-1-5-0; Sharma 2-0-10-0; Sivaramakrishnan 3-1-5-0; Yadav 2-0-8-0.

Sport's big week



COLIN JONES

IT'S A BIG, BIG week for sport — and News Line will have all the BIG stories and the BIG names.

Last night JOHN McENROE was due to play IVAN LENDL in the final of the New Year's first major tennis championship, the VOLVO MASTERS in New York.

Tomorrow we will have a full report on that match plus GARY WADDOCK of Queen's Park Rangers telling our readers in his regular column how the west London side can retrieve their season by winning the Milk Cup.

On Wednesday we start the COLIN JONES story as the lad from the

Welsh valleys prepares for his world title tilt with American Don Curry in Birmingham on Saturday night.

It's an intriguing series, one not to be missed, and will run for three days until Friday.

We will focus on this week's MILK CUP quarter-final ties too, and look forward to the match of the season so far — Tottenham's clash with Everton at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

The weekend also sees a special big fight preview as well as an insight into the American Football SUPERBOWL between the Miami Dolphins and the San Francisco 49ers.



GARY WADDOCK

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