

Jenkin eight times no to 26 councils on hit-list



Sheffield council leader David Blunkett, left, presenting the eight-point plan

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TORY RATE-CAP CLASH AHEAD



Warwickshire area miners at the Cammell-Lairds picket in Birkenhead yesterday morning... see story and another picture page 2

Scargill ridicules 'record return'

MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill yesterday ridiculed Coal Board claims of a record return to work in the pits, and again declared that he would not be party to a 'hari-kari' settlement.

Arriving for talks with officials from the government arbitration service ACAS, Scargill said the Coal Board was 'mixing figures like people mix cocktails in the West End'.

Later, after he and vice-president Mick McGahey met TUC general secretary Norman Willis at Congress House, Scargill said the NUM has received 'probably the most conciliatory letter from the Coal Board in months'.

He added that the letter suggested the Board would be in touch with the union later in the week.

TUC sources who saw the letter said it was more conciliatory in tone than public statements from the Board. However, the

Board had repeatedly said one thing in private and the opposite in public and there was no reason to assume the most recent letter was any different.

The Coal Board later repeated that they wanted written assurances from the NUM that it would accept closures on economic grounds before talks could begin. The NCB said there should be no 'false hopes' of any talks.

Statements

Merrick Spanton of the NCB said: 'In view of the many public statements made by leaders of the NUM in categorically refusing to countenance procedures which could lead to closure of pits on economic grounds, it remains essential that the NCB is satisfied that this no longer remains the position of the leaders of the NUM.'

Scargill had said earlier that the Coal Board figures were not even believed by NCB officials themselves.

'The so-called surge back to work has certainly not materialised as far as we are concerned. Indeed one is driven to the inescapable conclusion that figures don't lie, but lies can certainly figure.'

'At 10.30 this morning official Coal Board announcements were to the effect that about 900 or so people had gone back to work, and yet within about half-an-hour or so it had rocketed to some 2,000.'

'I am led to believe that even the National Coal Board representatives don't believe those figures.'

'The figures don't measure up and the fact of life is that there are more people on strike now than at the beginning of this dispute.'

● The assets of the South Wales NUM are to remain in the hands of court-appointed sequestrators 'indefinitely', the High Court was told yesterday.

Counsel

Anthony Scrivener, counsel for the union, told the High Court that since the union had a policy decision refusing to comply with an injunction on pickets, the funds were likely to remain outside the control of the union for an indefinite time.

● AN apprentice miner who completed his indentures yesterday walked out of Gedling colliery to join the strike. Chris Blore, 20, faced the sack if he struck work before completing his apprenticeship.

'I am proud to join the strike and I will stay out on strike until the end,' Blore said yesterday. His father is a striking miner from Newstead colliery.

THE TORIES yesterday rejected any kind of negotiations with rate-capped Labour authorities and set the scene for a confrontation with the councils early next month.

An eight-point plan drawn up by the hit-list councils as a basis for a settlement was met with eight 'NO's' by Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin. Sheffield leader David Blunkett, who spoke for the 26 rate-capped and heavily-penalised councils at the meeting, said afterwards that Jenkin was 'unbending and uncompromising'.

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He added: 'As far as the government is concerned, they have embarked on a particular course. Whether we do our best to try and be reasonable or try and find a solution, the Secretary of State has decided on confrontation and the dismemberment of services and the democratic framework.'

Blunkett added: 'We're not going to cut our services and jobs and he is aware of the consequences of trying to make us do it.' The rate-capped councils are pledged to defy the Tory spending limit which will be given the force of law in the next few weeks.

All will meet on March 7 and have said they will refuse to set a rate under the legislation, in a direct challenge to Thatcher's Bonapartist regime.

Blunkett said the way the councils had remained firm and composed during the meeting with Jenkin was an expression of their determination to go forward together.

The eight-point plan called on Jenkin to abandon his system of targets and grant penalties; provide the assumptions made in arriving at the rate limits; say what the impact of the financial limits on services and jobs would be and set aside the Rates Act 1984.

Councils also wanted Jenkin to agree to establish a commission of inquiry into financing local government services, restore grant levels to those existing in 1979 and, finally, to abandon his strict timetable for enforcing the rate limits by parliamentary orders.

The replies were forthright. On the question of targets, Jenkin said: 'There is no prospect of our being able to accede to your request.' The proposal for a commission of inquiry was described as 'unacceptable', and on the package as a whole Jenkin told them: 'Each and every demand has to be rejected.'

Just to make things clear, Jenkin said: 'Nothing for 1985/86 is negotiable.'

Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth Council, said: 'He was demanding we capitulate before negotiations could take place. Jenkin gave us the same treatment the Tories are giving to the miners. It was

clear from the meeting that he is not prepared to negotiate, and that as a result a confrontation seems inevitable.

'Jenkin wants us to cut jobs and services in the inner-city areas, and that we are not prepared to do. If our defiance results in social chaos, it will be his responsibility.'

John Cummings is leader of Easington Council in Co. Durham. He is a miner, as are most members of the Labour Group. He is fighting pit closures as well as a substantial reduction in grant to the council.

Cummings said after meeting Jenkin: 'This struggle affects the whole trade union and labour movement. It is a direct attack.' He added: 'The movement has to pull itself together and react as a united front in challenging the government. I believe trade union leaders are burying their heads in the sand.'

'In our area we have mobilised for the miners' dispute, services, and the attack on hospitals. We've tried to bring it all together. This is only way we can make an impact.'

Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington Council, said Jenkin was 'completely intransigent' and he was obviously speaking for the Prime Minister and the Treasury. She added: 'Jenkin was given a mandate, and all he was allowed to say was "no".'

If the government's attitude remained unchanged she was certain the resolve of the councils would hold. 'You don't protect democracy by sacrificing it, you don't protect services by cutting them, and you don't protect jobs by putting out redundancy notices.'

Steve Bundred, chairman of the Inner London Education Committee finance committee, said: 'If the government pushes ahead with its plans, ILEA would have to make £66 million cuts in just seven months. It would mean the loss of well over 5,000 jobs and massive cuts in maintenance and materials for schools and colleges. We at the ILEA are committed to protecting the education service in the inner city.'

TORIES STILL WANT NUM SURRENDER

ENERGY Secretary Peter Walker was repeatedly challenged by MPs yesterday evening to say whether the government still wanted a written undertaking from the NUM before any coal talks are held.

Walker tried to slither round the issue, hinting that it might be acceptable to the government if the issue of uneconomic pits was top of the agenda in the talks.

The minister shook his head when he asked if the government was still demanding the undertaking. But Prime Minister Thatcher, who had previously refused to answer

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a similar challenge from Labour Energy spokesman Stan Orme, sat beside him nodding.

Walker was also involved in clashes over the agreement which ended last year's brief conflict with NACODS, the colliery overmen's union.

Labour MPs maintained that the surrender document Thatcher is seeking from the NUM would undercut the NACODS deal.

Opening the debate, Orme accused the government of wanting victory over the NUM rather than a negotiated settlement.

Thatcher had led the campaign against the un-

ion and started planning the dispute in 1981.

The announcement of a four million tonne cut in capacity on March 6 last year had breached trial agreements and undermined established procedures, Orme said.

He challenged Thatcher to say whether she accepted the position of her adviser David Hart who wrote in 'The Times' last Saturday that negotiations would mean defeat for the Board and the nation: 'Is the Falklands factor coming into play?' Orme asked.

The government was willing to pay any price to break the strike, he added.

The direct cash cost of strike-breaking had already reached £2.4 billion.

He believed that if talks were started, a settlement could be arrived at. 'People have been out for 11 months. They have fought gallantly and will not accept being forced back on their knees.'

'Every sensible person knows that a negotiated settlement is the only way.'

Replying for the government, Walker trotted out the old slanders about the NUM's failure to hold a ballot and pointed to the previous Labour government record on pit closures. He brought Kinlock to his feet to assure MPs that he was in favour of commercial considera-

tions being taken into account in discussion of colliery closures.

Walker got involved in an argument with Labour MP Kevin Barron over the contents of the union's latest letter to the Board. Barron said that the letter contradicted the Tory claim that the union had not changed its position over closures.

He gave a detailed account of the TUC's talks last week with the Coal Board. Walker said the Board had told the TUC that if they could persuade the NUM to come forward with an agenda it would be carefully considered.

'The TUC came back and said that they couldn't get any agreement,' Walker claimed.

Thousands answer Scargill's call

THOUSANDS of pickets were out in force in North Yorkshire yesterday morning in response to Arthur Scargill's call. Their numbers were swelled by Labour Party members and trade unionists from the Leeds area.

Over 200 were on the picket line outside Allerton Bywater workshops where Cliff Martin, branch president, told News Line: 'I'm delighted at the turnout of support from Leeds. This proves that there is support for the miners in the working class.'

'So far six men have turned back from the pit this morning. We are continuing with the strike and we do not think there will be a big return. Out of 650 we have only 90 working, including weekly paid industrial staff, COSA and APEX members.'

Elizabeth Passman, a teacher from Leeds, was pulled by the hair and set upon by three policemen until she was pulled away by some of her colleagues.

At Kellingley there was an increase of scabbing of about 20. One man went into work and came out again saying that he could not face working with the scabs.

Tactics

David Fradgley of the Kellingley branch committee said: 'There has not been the flood back to work that the NCB predicted. Their tactics are the same as MacGregor uses in Canada and the USA — that is starting talks in order to lift up hopes, and then drop them down.'

Fred Smith from the strike centre said newspaper reports of a 'dramatic' return to work were lies. There had been no flood. 'We can't say none have gone back. But it is still a trickle. There are 55,000 miners in Yorkshire and there are still 50,000 out.'

'The mass majority are out on strike and still hold conviction for the strike.'

Prediction

'I do not envisage a big return to work today. As far as Scargill's call for stepped up picketing is concerned, I have no doubt this will be realised all over the area and the NCB prediction of a mass return to work will not materialise.'

When the scabs arrived there was a big push from the crowd and one young unemployed worker was pulled out and arrested.

Cammell Laird pickets arrested

THREE leading pickets who have already served sentences along with 34 others for fighting for their right to work at Cammell Laird shipyard in Birkenhead were arrested early yesterday morning in a clash at the yard gates.

A mass picket called for yesterday morning very nearly succeeded in stopping scabs from turning into work.

Shortly before 7a.m. there was a clash, as a result of which, it is alleged, two people were taken to hospital for treatment.

Billy Albertina is now accused of assault, using threatening behaviour and a breach of the peace, the last charge relating to an incident last Friday.

Colin Earley was also charged with threatening behaviour and John Brady with an assault on a security man.

Workers from all parts of Merseyside, a contingent of Warwickshire miners and Liverpool councillors and MPs responded to the call of the Cammell Laird strike committee for the mass picket.

Les Styles, a miner from Coventry colliery, Warwickshire, said: 'We didn't know that they had been struggling for eight months. I've done 14 days myself for disputing with a scab miner. I know what it's like.'

Experts 'fixed' safety levels

HEALTH experts overseeing Britain's nuclear tests in Australia in the 1950s deliberately understated the permissible radiation exposure level five times, between 1956 and 1959 an inquiry in London was told yesterday.

They took the steps specifically to cover up its effects on the Aboriginal community who lived in the test area — Maralinga, South Australia.

The tests at Maralinga and Monte Bello Island, Western Australia, took place between October 1952 and October 1957.

Geoffrey Dale, a nuclear safety expert who worked as the project's scientific officer, told the Australian Royal Commission that original safety reports did not consider its effects on Aborigines.

In 1956, an appendix was added to an earlier report that dealt specifically with Aborigines.

Dale admitted that when he went to Australia he knew little about the Aboriginal way of life, which might make them more vulnerable to radiation.

Peter McClellan, counsel assisting the Commission,

said Aborigines lived an exposed life in the open, wearing few clothes and little or no footwear.

He said that in a 1959 report, the recommended safety limit for radiation exposure had been cut five times.

'By the time Maralinga was being set up... the figures you were recommending as giving rise to level A radiation were higher by a factor of five than the figure which you ultimately determined in 1959,' he said.

Badges

Level A radiation is purported to show no measurable effect on the human body.

Dale rejected suggestions that film badges used to monitor radiation levels were improperly developed or that old film had been used that might give misleading results.

Later he said the cut in the radiation safety level was due to a change of standards by the International Commission on Radiation Protection.

The inquiry continues today

Israeli soldier killed

BEIRUT — An Israeli soldier was killed on the occupied West Bank in a daring escalation of resistance that has rocked the territory in recent weeks.

The attack coincided with the wounding of nine Israeli soldiers in south

Lebanon, where fighters have mounted retaliations against terror raids by Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army gunmen.

The Lebanese 'national unity' Cabinet of Prime Minister Rashid Karami, meanwhile, faced a new crisis — the Lebanese

pound dove to a new record, selling at 15.10 to the dollar.

The soldier on the West Bank was shot with a .22 calibre weapon as he stood guard outside a government building in El-Bireh, north of Jerusalem.



The mass picket at Cammell-Lairds yesterday morning watch scabs creeping past

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IT IS a short month and we have no time to lose. Please go into action at once and drive right ahead with February's fund. Post your donation in today.

The miners are firm and resolute in their battle for jobs and will not back down before the Tories. They are being joined by other sections of workers, such as the council workers, railwaymen and postmen.

But it is vital that the full strength of the working class is mobilised. The TUC must be forced to act and call the General Strike. The government must be defeated once and for all.

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Dollar surge hits pound and mark

THE POUND and West German mark suffered yesterday as the dollar surge continued on the foreign exchanges.

Sterling lost a cent on Friday's close to stand at \$1.1140, while the rampant dollar stormed to a 12-year peak of over 3.20 marks.

Currency traders forecast higher US interest rates in the wake of American budget plans which fail to tackle the mountainous federal deficit.

Central bank intervention failed to deter traders from marking down currencies against the dollar.

The Bank of Japan was estimated to have sold \$200 to \$250 million in Asia when the dollar first

breached the 3.20 level against the mark.

The Bundesbank alone is estimated to have sold \$500 million last Thursday and Friday in a futile attempt to hold its currency in check.

Another \$150 million worth of sales late yesterday made no dent on the dollar's rise.

Traders said yesterday that the US authorities seemed reluctant to make more than a token gesture.

'Central banks can't do much — market forces are decisive for the dollar,' said a West German currency dealer.

Britain's official gold and foreign currency reserves suffered their largest underlying fall for almost two years

Wirral NUPE strike bites

OVER 100 schools in Wirral have now closed and 22,000 pupils and students sent home as the indefinite all-out strike by the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) enters its second week.

The strike is part of NUPE's determined fight against the £3.2 million cut in local services and conditions which the Tory council are seeking to impose.

Talks held yesterday morning between NUPE officials and the chairman of the education committee broke down after two and a half hours.

Ken Crilley, NUPE district secretary, told News

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Line: 'The package of cuts put forward at the meeting were not acceptable to us.'

Two mass meetings are being called to report back on yesterday's meeting. The first meeting is of all striking education workers at Wallasey Town Hall tonight at 7.30p.m. The second is tomorrow night at the YMCA Birkenhead at 7.30p.m. This meeting will be for all social service and welfare members.

Pickets expressed their total opposition to any attempt by the Tory council to split their strike.

Margaret Roberts, at Park High Upper School, said: 'I think it is going to

be a long fight. It is disgusting that the council is trying to split us. We will stick together.'

Pickets at Bishop Chaloner school, Birkenhead, warned of the effects of the threatened privatisation of the school meals service.

Fifteen hundred free school meals are provided each week by the schools out of a total of 2,000.

Edith Casey said: 'Many kids would starve if they privatised school meals. It is the only meal many children get because of mass unemployment.'

Casey also saw the Tory attack on NUPE as part of the whole attack of Thatcher's government

on wage levels. 'All Thatcher wants is for everybody to be on £25 a week.'

Pickets were agreed that 'what we want is a General Strike to get Thatcher out'.

They also agreed that the NUPE strike must be widened. The social services are expected to take industrial action today.

Margaret Roberts added: 'We are going to stick it out. The social services must come out with us as long as there is cover for the sick, the elderly and the handicapped.'

'This is the same fight as the miners and today the NCB crossed our picket line to deliver coal. We've got to have a General Strike. It's got to come.'



Picket at Carlett College in the Wirral yesterday by schools staff

Seamen fight jobs threat

SEAMEN from different ports yesterday lobbied the National Union of Seamen's headquarters in Clapham, south London, to demand no job losses or redundancies.

Due to various mergers and changes, the seamen fear that there will be job losses and are concerned that their own union leaders do not accept high redundancy payments instead of insisting on keeping the jobs.

'We are getting in on the beginning,' one seaman said. 'We want to protest now, before the jobs are lost.'

Liverpool seamen working for Sealink were among those who joined yesterday's lobby.

Men working on Sealink's 'Manx Viking', which ferries to the Isle of Man, are concerned about possible job losses due to the merger of Sealink with another company, Isle of Man Steam Packet.

They say that by the end of the summer season two ships which are presently run separately by both companies could be scrapped in winter and replaced by just one.

Tony Santamara, chairman of the port committee at Heysham, Lancashire, told News Line: 'I think ultimately there will be a need for a national port committee meeting of all NUS port committees — not only Sealink — to thrash out a general policy agreed to by all port committees and

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to discuss what form of industrial action to take against the across-the-board threat to jobs.

'And the only way we can combat it is by doing it all together. Ultimately, when we come to any form of industrial action, any decision should be taken on a national port committee basis and not just leaving individual port committees to sort out their own afflictions.'

Pat Pearson and Iris August work in catering on Sealink ferries from Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Severance

Pat said: 'A threat to anybody's job will be a threat to our job. If they take severance and are put back on the pool that is less jobs for all of us. It means they can sell a job and come and look for another.'

Iris added: 'Sam McCluskie (NUS leader) backs the miners in saving jobs. How then can he be party to any deal that can lose jobs?'

'Jobs don't belong to the people who occupy them at the time, they belong to the whole workforce. Ours is not a Southampton or Portsmouth union, it's a national union of seamen.'



Members of the National Union of Seamen lobbying their union headquarters yesterday

Teachers take action

THE National Union of Teachers is calling for no-cover action in all schools from tomorrow in pursuit of their latest pay claim, rejected by employers last week.

The 235,000-member union will start action tomorrow without waiting for the February 11 meeting of the Burnham pay negotiating committee.

Offer

The second-largest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, has said that if the employers do not come up with an adequate pay offer after next Monday's meeting, they will join the NUT.

The action by the NAS/ UWT will take the form of selective strikes, not covering for absent colleagues and not doing lunchtime and after-school duties.

From tomorrow the NUT members will refuse to supervise children at lunchtimes, administer dinners, or participate in sport, music or dramatic activities during lunchtimes.

They will attend no staff or departmental meetings outside school hours.

The action is being taken to put pressure on the employers to up their 4 per cent offer which the NUT says is 'insulting'.

The union says if there is no change, they will step up their 'low-key' action and

consider further industrial action.

The teachers' action coincides with a number of public sector unions who are also planning to take action over their own pay claims.

Deadlocked

The deadlocked pay talks of both sections in education will be discussed by the TUC's public services and local government committees on Monday.

Both the public service union NUPE and the Transport and General Workers Union have already said they will authorise industrial action by their manual staff members if employers do not increase their pay offers.

Receiver stays in student case

A £2,150 payment to miners on strike was made from student union funds at the North London Polytechnic in flagrant disobedience of a High Court injunction, a judge said today.

Justice Peter Gibson refused an application by officers of the union to discharge a receiver appointed by the court over the union's financial affairs.

Union president Peter Ross admitted making the £2,150 payment after he and two other officers had been banned by a court injunction from sending union money to striking miners or to help famine relief in Ethiopia.

In written evidence, Ross said he had made the payment in the belief that he was carrying out union policy. He now apologised.

Paid

The judge was also told that £1,000 had been paid to help striking miners' families before the injunction was obtained by the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, QC, in December.

Yesterday, Ross, union treasurer Philip Brett and vice-president Peter Redman undertook not to spend further union money on the miners or famine relief.

Divided families at Home Office

A DELEGATION from the Divided Families Campaign yesterday met Tory Home Office immigration minister David Waddington to demand immediate action to re-unite families from the Indian sub-continent because of racist immigration laws.

'The current situation is horrific,' a Divided Families Campaign spokesman said. 'Families are waiting more than two years just for an interview and maybe three or four years for a decision.'

'This is only the first hurdle — almost half the families are applying for the second or third time be-

cause of previous refusals.

'The government is simply using bureaucratic procedures to avoid its legal responsibilities in British and international law to respect the right to family life.'

The delegation and supporters later held a meeting in parliament with Labour, Liberal and SDP MPs.

Labour MPs who pledged their support to the campaign included: Gerald Kaufman (Labour's Home Affairs spokesman), Ian Mikado, Margaret Beckman, Dick Caborn, Harry Cohen, Alf Dubs and Stan Thorne.

Secrets judge warns Dalyell

LABOUR MP Tam Dalyell was warned yesterday by the judge in the 'Belgrano' secrets trial that he could be jailed if he does not keep quiet about the affair.

He was summoned before Mr Justice McCowan at the Old Bailey after complaints about reports of a weekend speech he made on the sinking of the Argentine cruiser.

The judge warned him: 'If you cannot control yourself for another week — even after this warning — I may be driven to put you somewhere where you will have no option.'

Dalyell gave an undertaking to refrain from any more public comments until the trial ends.

The confrontation came on the sixth day of the Official Secrets Act trial of Defence Ministry official Clive Ponting.

He is accused of sending two documents to Dalyell on the sinking of the 'General Belgrano', during the Malvinas (Falklands) war, by a British submarine.

Ponting from Islington, north London, pleads not guilty. Through his counsel, Bruce Laughland, QC, he has admitted sending the documents to Dalyell. But he claims that the Labour MP was entitled to receive them.

He said that he asked some of his staff to produce a chart of the 'Belgrano's'

movements up to her sinking.

Ponting added: 'It showed the course of the "Belgrano" plotted across the south Atlantic in relation to the British task force and the islands.'

'It showed a number of important facts, first, that the "Belgrano" group had been detected on April 30 and shadowed for the first time on May 1 and not, as the government had said, on May 2.'

'It also showed the course across the south Atlantic and the reversal of the course of the "Belgrano" away from the task force about 11 hours before it had been sunk.'

'I was very surprised to find that the accounts given by the government did not square with the facts and that many of the points made by Mr Dalyell and other people in the House of Commons over the previous 18 months or so were indeed correct.'

WEATHER

ENGLAND and Wales will be mainly dry apart from some light rain later in the south-west. There will be some fog patches at first, clearing during the morning with bright or sunny intervals developing. Scotland will be mainly dry apart from light rain or drizzle in some western and northern areas. It will be mild in the north, but temperatures near normal in the south.



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TUC must call General Strike in support of miners

THIS annual conference of the All Trades Unions Alliance pledges its complete and unconditional support for the 11-month-old miners' struggle against pit closures and the brutal repression of basic democratic rights by the Thatcherite Bonapartist government.

We demand the immediate reinstatement of sacked strikers and the release of all imprisoned miners.

The ATUA unreservedly endorses the courageous and principled stand of miners' leader Arthur Scargill when he rejected the NCB-Tory government ultimatum that the NUM surrender in advance its total opposition to pit closures on economic grounds.

The deliberate disruption of the talks by the government is inseparable from Thatcher's policy to smash the NUM and starve the miners back to work. There can be no negotiated settlement to the miners' dispute.

Despite the treachery of the TUC General Council, the miners have refused to be intimidated by the Bonapartist police and judiciary or surrender a single basic democratic right. On the contrary, the defiance of Scargill and the NUM executive has frustrated the greatest strike-breaking police operation in western Europe.

It has inspired millions of workers to go forward in the class war against Thatcherism. It has intensified the crisis of the Tory state and the capitalist state. The miners' sacrifice and tenacity have exposed and thwarted the TUC's sinister plan to drop all opposition to the anti-union laws and continue its political

collaboration with the Bonapartist government.

The ATUA demands that the TUC and Labour Party disaffiliate all sections of the NUM presently scabbing in the strike. Without the scabs the Tory government would be in an extremely difficult position. There is no place for anyone in the trade unions who refuses to defend a basic democratic right unconditionally.

The miners must not fight alone. The lessons of the last 11 months prove that the future of the miners and their communities is indissolubly linked to the struggle of the whole working class to bring down the Thatcherite government and smash the capitalist state. The road of reformist collaboration and class compromise is bankrupted and at an end.

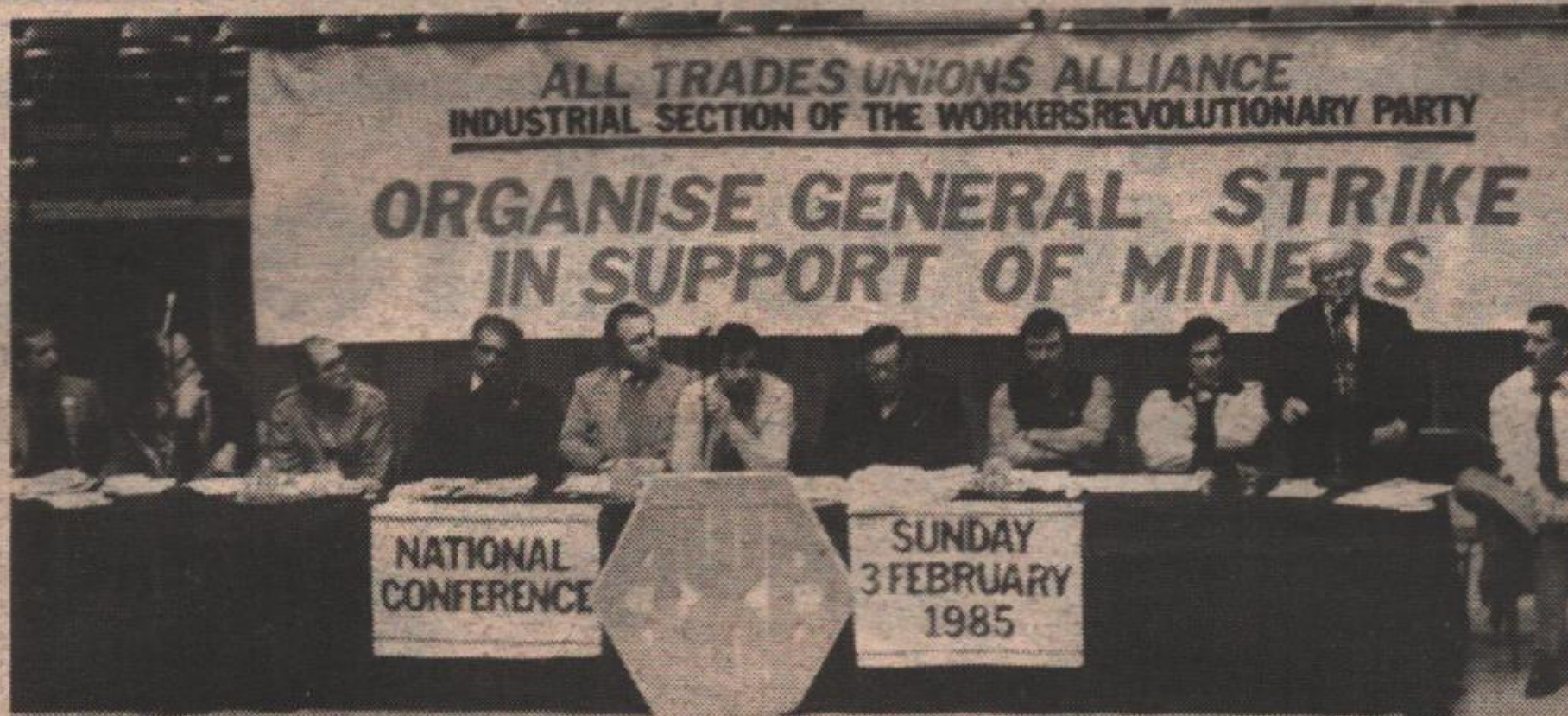
Broadening

The ATUA therefore calls for the broadening of the class struggle against the Thatcher government through the uniting of the miners' strike with council workers preparing to fight Tory rate-capping.

Both involve a fight for jobs against the Tory government and must be brought together in the organisation of a General Strike against the Bonapartist state.

In the miners' strike, over 9,000 miners have been arrested — not for obstruction charges but

Resolution passed at the All Trades Unions Alliance conference in Sheffield on February 3rd, 1985



The platform at Sunday's ATUA conference in Sheffield

for fighting for the right to work.

Thirty-seven Cammell Laird shipyard workers went to prison for a month rather than apologise to the Tory judiciary for occupying a rig to save their jobs.

Now tens of thousands of council workers in the inner-city areas are ready to defend their jobs and, like the miners and shipyard men, go to prison in the process. This is because the fight for jobs has become a struggle against the state which has in turn transformed it into a revolutionary struggle for power.

The world capitalist slump, the debt crisis and the fiscal and monetary policies of the Reagan government, now threatens Britain and Western Europe with an economic catastrophe. They drive the Tories to adopt the most savage monetarist measures, i.e. huge cuts in public ex-

penditure and cuts in living standards greater than the 1920s and 1930s.

Having destroyed manufacturing industry, the Thatcher regime now faces a collapse of oil prices which will destroy sterling, undermine the British banks and unleash runaway inflation and more mass unemployment. Under these conditions, the struggle for work is a revolutionary question.

Decisions

The Tory government's decisions on rate-capping and abolition of the GLC and metropolitan county councils has ended definitively the rights of elected Labour councils and imposed the arbitrary dictatorship of the Treasury and the City of London upon millions of families.

The aim is to dismantle and privatise the vital social services provided by local councils, especially

in the inner-city areas, to sack more than 200,000 council workers and remove them from the public sector. The ATUA is opposed to those councils proposing to make a rate insufficient to cover expenditure, the so-called 'deficit budget'.

It is an opportunist tactic which avoids the taking of a clear stand against the Tories.

We call on all Labour-controlled councils, whether they are rate-capped or not, to unite in this campaign to refuse to become Thatcher's local tax collectors or the implementers of her regime's attacks on social services, jobs and living conditions.

This conference calls on all trade unions involved in local government to transform the March 6 Day of Action called by the TUC into an indefinite strike in unity with the miners.

It must be the duty of

every trade unionist to broaden this strike and make it the basis for organising the General Strike against the government.

Conference unequivocally denounces the divisive and treacherous advice of Kinnock and Hattersley and other leaders of the Labour Party who openly back Thatcher's Rates Act and seek to split the unity of 'hit-list' councils with the formula of the 'best-possible settlement' with the government.

Drive these corporatist collaborators and Thatcher's Fifth Column from the labour movement in the same way as the miners dealt with scabs!

The expansion of the coal industry and the security of miners' jobs, as well as those of local government workers, can only be realised through the defeat of the Tory government by the organisation of a General Strike and the creation of a Workers Revolutionary Government implementing socialist economic planning.

Restored

The jobs and services can and will be restored only through the victorious struggle for a Workers Revolutionary Government based on the creation of Community Councils. The development of Community Councils (Soviets) are an integral part of the conscious mobilisation of the working class in the struggle for power.

The Tories cannot and will not yield. If the police cannot control the miners and the urban areas, the army will be called in.

The ATUA stands in the forefront of the defence of

all basic democratic rights. The greatest threat to these rights emanates from the war preparations of Anglo-US imperialism as exemplified by the banning of unions at GCHQ Cheltenham, the jailing of Sarah Tisdall, the prosecution of Clive Ponting, the murder of Mrs Hilda Murrell, the army-police harassment of Greenham Common protesters and the cynical cover-up of the Belgrano sinking.

The ATUA unhesitatingly defends the bureaucratic workers' states of the USSR, China, Eastern Europe and Vietnam, and the semi-colonial countries, against imperialist attack.

Our enemy is at home. Only the overthrow of imperialism and the smashing of the state can bring peace and real security. Down with NATO and the EEC!

The ATUA places itself unconditionally on the side of the northern Irish people in their struggle to unite Ireland and end British domination.

● WE DEMAND that the trade union leaders break all ties with the capitalist state, reject NEDC and withdraw from the slave-labour organisation, the MSC.

● OPPOSE Tory cash for ballots; fight all no-strike agreements and every attempt to betray and isolate the miners' struggle.

Recall

● RECALL THE TUC General Council immediately to call the General Strike to defend the NUM.

● UNITE the struggle in defence of jobs through the organisation of a General Strike.

● FIGHT for the Workers Revolutionary Government based on Community Councils to defend basic democratic rights and administer the political power of the working class in a socialist Britain.

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● FORWARD to the organising of the General Strike and a Workers Revolutionary Government!

● THE MINERS must and will win!

● DOWN WITH the Thatcher Bonapartist regime!

News Line — a powerful weapon

THE DAILY News Line is 'a powerful weapon in the organisation of the general strike,' said Simon Pirani, bringing greetings from the newspaper's editorial board.

Its unequalled coverage of the miners' strike over the last eleven months, and its prominent reports of calls by Arthur Scargill and others for workers to down tools alongside the miners, had strengthened the strike against the Fleet Street Tory propaganda machine.

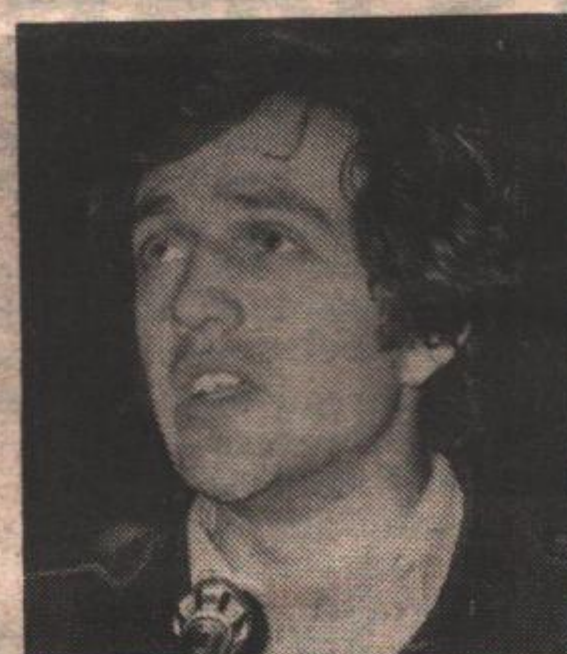
Pirani said that in Scotland, where he had reported the strike for News Line, Thatcher's inten-

tions towards trade unions were clear. Miners' union officials at every colliery were sacked, while teenagers were being recruited to train as miners alongside scabs at Bilston Glen pit.

The deliberate flooding of Polkemmet colliery meant the threat to Ravenscraig steelworks loomed large, a closure which would 'rip the heart out of Scottish industry'.

In returning to their areas and campaigning for the general strike, conference delegates should 'nail the treacherous calls for one-day protest actions', said Pirani.

Stalinist leaders of the Scottish TUC are organising these days of action on the one hand, and condoning scabbing on the min-



Simon Pirani

ers and the breaking of TUC decisions to support the miners on the other.

Following the News Line campaign to expose TGWU officials who had covered up for scab lorry drivers, there was 'up-roar in the TGWU in Scotland,' he said.

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'Dirty Thirty' demand action from the unions

Mick Richardson brought greetings from the Leicestershire 'Dirty Thirty' striking miners and 17 strikers in South Derbyshire.

'Eleven months now we have stayed out and another 11 months won't make any difference,' he said.

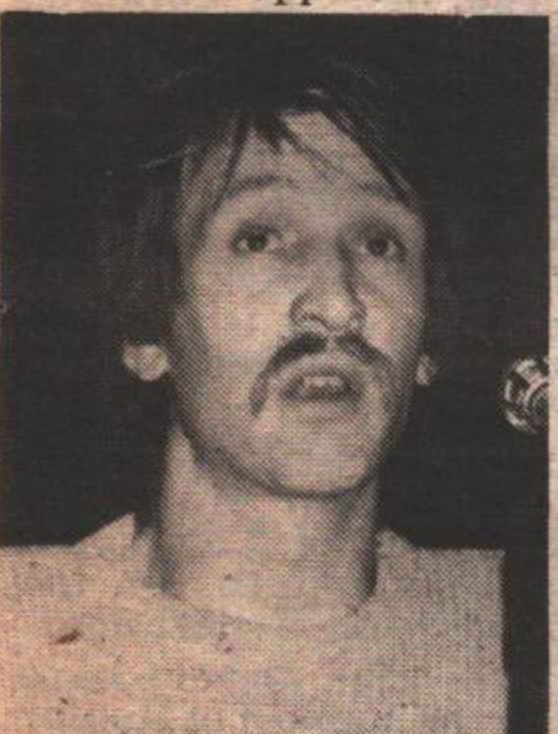
Scabs had prolonged the strike, but he doubted if they would ever realise it.

'The lads going back are like a carload of passengers without a driver,' he said.

'They aren't going anywhere without us. It is time for the whole working class to realise if we lose, they lose, and we haven't got time to lose.'

'The call for the General Strike goes out from the "Dirty Thirty".'

Richardson paid tribute to the Coalville railmen and their support.



John Howell, Houghton Main NUM

Introduction to the discussion from the A.T.U.A. conference



Mick Richardson from the Leicestershire 'Dirty Thirty'

John Howell, Houghton Main NUM, recalled the struggles of his grandparents in the mining industry.

'We have all got a history of struggle,' he said. 'In 1985 I have been on strike for 11 months and the situation of instability will continue for ever because we haven't got socialism.'

'We'll never have socialism with the likes of Kinnock and Willis.'

'My grandfather said if somebody is going to hit you, hit them back first, and that's the real spirit — not Kinnock and Willis because they are on their knees.'

Terri Bishop, convenor of Battle hospital, Reading

ing, said the Tories had launched an 'economic catastrophe' on the health services.

Council and health workers' jobs were up for tender, she said. The services were being taken over by private companies and agreements about pay and working conditions torn up by the employers.

'I am conscious that, as a health worker, what



Terri Bishop convenor of Battle hospital, Reading

connects me to other workers is the fight for jobs,' said Bishop.

The capitalist system could only remain on the agenda under conditions of the complete destruction of the working class, warned Tom White, a member of the Workers

Revolutionary Party Central Committee.

White, who is deputy senior steward at British Leyland, Cowley, said that the Thatcher government was in a desperate crisis.

Paper money no longer had any value, he said. 'This is the driving force of the Thatcher government. This was what lay behind the growth of the police force and the army.'

But all these developments could not answer the crisis of value, he emphasised. 'The message is clear — the Thatcher government and class enemy is deeply wounded and desperate.'

The working class would fight, he added, 'but what we face is a crisis of leadership'.

White spoke about the role of the TUC in the strike at Austin Rover. 'The majority voted for strike action, but the AUEW leadership declared the strike illegal.' Many of his members had been shocked by this, he added.

The government wanted to impose conditions of slavery, White warned, but they could not do that because of the strength of the working class.

But the working class could not achieve victory spontaneously, it had to have a leadership organising the General Strike, he urged.



Tom White, member of the Workers Revolutionary Party Central Committee and deputy senior steward at British Leyland

We have right to demand more backing

KENT miners' secretary Jack Collins sent a message which was read out from the platform:

IN greeting this conference I would like to place on record my thanks for the support and solidarity you have given the miners.

The bosses, the media and their lackeys are all forecasting the miners' defeat. But it should be noted that the people who produce coal, the coal face workers, have not returned to work.

In fact, if the number of so-called working miners is analysed it will be seen

that two-thirds of them have never been on strike and yet they are presented as having deserted the strike.

Thanks must go to the rest of the movement for sustaining us for almost a year. But to be frank, hospitality and clothing are not enough.

We have a right to demand from everyone who pledges support for the miners that they down tools immediately and ignore the advice of renegade union and Labour bosses.

United we stand! Divided we fall! A defeat for one is a defeat for all!

Des Warren sends greetings

MIKE FARLEY, a UCATT member and member of Wigan Trades Council, brought fraternal greetings from Des Warren, who was too ill to attend the conference.

Farley said that the jailing of the Shrewsbury pickets must be seen in the context of the attempts by the ruling class to criminalise the working class.

Warren had been abandoned by the Communist Party and betrayed by the Labour Party and trade union leaders, he added.



Mike Farley UCATT

Tories will make good the promise of the TUC that they would go to prison if necessary,' he warned. 'They will put them in jail as in Germany.'

'Des Warren and the Shrewsbury 24 were arrested six months after the strike and that's what they are doing now. They will arrest hundreds and thousands after the miners' strike.'

TOMORROW: Text of a statement submitted by Mike Farley and Peter Spalding, secretary of Croydon Trades Council, joint secretaries of the Des Warren Appeal Fund.

Jail

Some trade union leaders had said they would go to jail if they had to, but after 12 months of the miners' strike the only people to have gone to jail were miners, said Farley.

'If the trade union leaders want to go to jail, they should just get down on the picket lines. But we don't particularly want them on the picket lines, but other unions, and the organisation of the General Strike.'

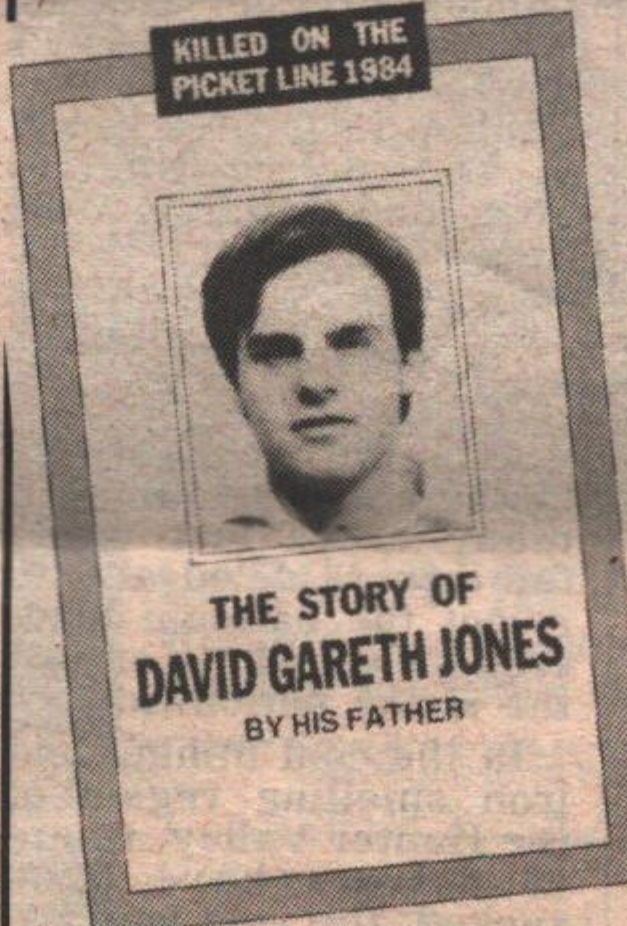
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Spy scandal suspensions

NEW DELHI — Two senior civil servants in charge of foreign loans and Defence production have been suspended on leave after the arrest of their aides as suspects in a spy network. A key figure in the scandal, Indian businessman Coommar Narayan, yesterday admitted to having passed on highly classified documents to the governments of France, East Germany and Poland for 25 years.

Reagan's man at Treasury

WASHINGTON — Former White House Chief of Staff James Baker has taken the formal oath of office as US Secretary of the Treasury. Baker yesterday took over from Donald Regan, who takes his job at the White House. Baker, a long-time right-wing ally of President Reagan's, is pledged to his budget policies.

Negotiating on The Rock

GENEVA — Talks on the future of Gibraltar, the British colony, were due to begin in the Swiss conventions city today, hours after Spain lifted its 16-year 'siege' of The Rock. The Spanish government has expressed hopes of recovering the colony, while British negotiators have pledged 'no-sellout'.

Rifkind on African shuttle

JOHANNESBURG — British Foreign Office Secretary Malcolm Rifkind is expected on a week-long three-country tour of southern Africa, purportedly to review development aid. Rifkind was flying first to Botswana, then to Swaziland and finally to Lesotho.

'Contras' coming unstuck

MIAMI — Anti-Nicaraguan counter-revolutionaries sponsored by the United States met in the Floridan resort town but failed to agree on a strategy for their Central American dirty war. A so-called unity forum at which 'Contra' leaders were scheduled to appear was noteworthy more for its absentees.

Nakasone calls a truce

TOKYO — The Diet (parliament) resumed business yesterday after Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone broke a four-day deadlock by promising he would try to keep Defence spending within 1 per cent of the gross national product (GNP). The row erupted last Thursday, when Nakasone said his government might break a nine-year-old spending limit of 1 per cent.

Earthquake havoc in Iran

TEHRAN — About 1,000 buildings have been destroyed and 500 others damaged by earthquakes in the southern Iranian town of Fath-Abad. One person was killed and about 100 others injured in the quakes that measured 5.6 degrees on the open-ended Richter scale on Sunday. Thousands took to the streets for safety.

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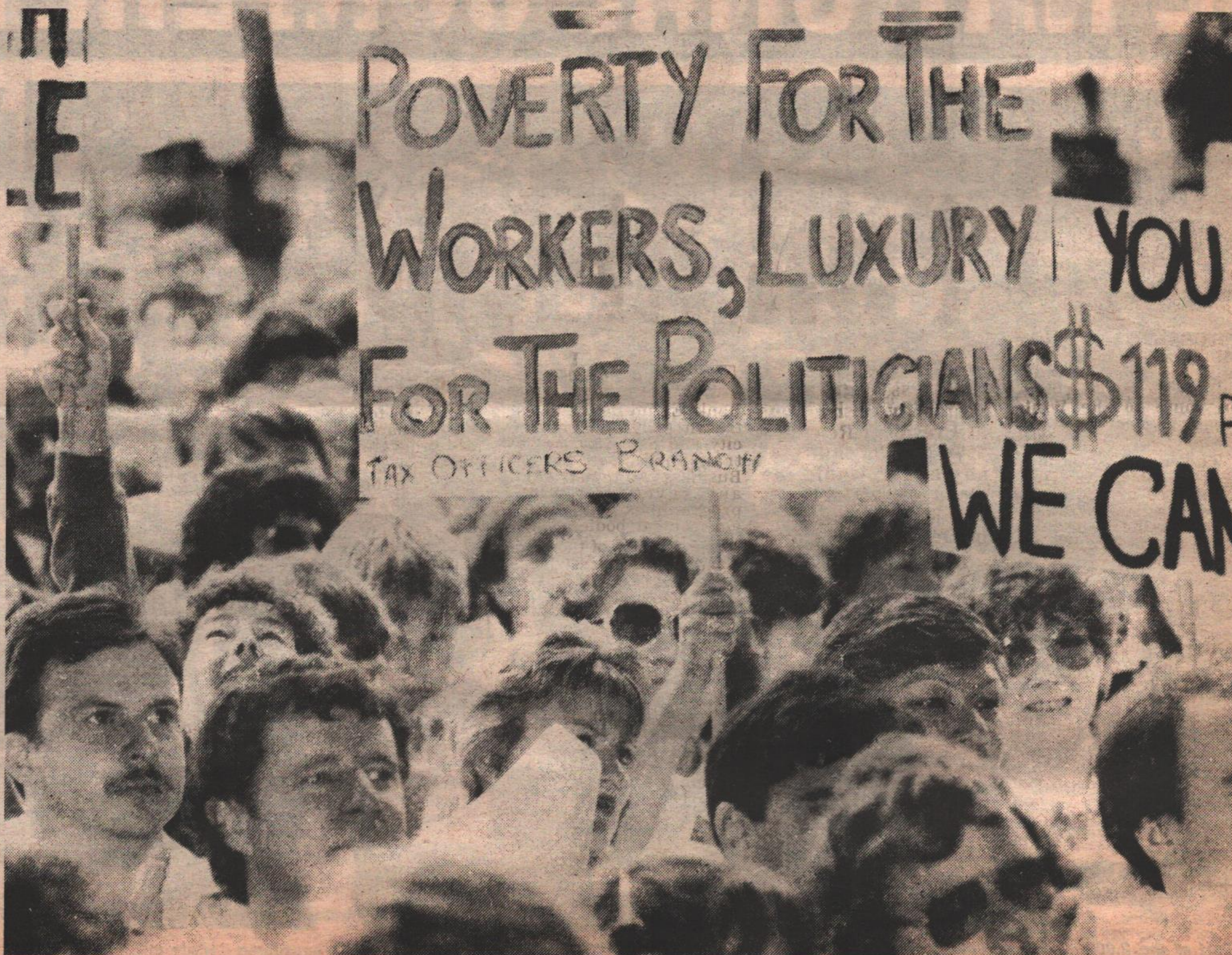
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World News Line



Australia's Labour government has launched an attack on the trade unions' basic rights. These civil service members of the Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association held a 24-hour strike in Sydney in the middle of January against threats to lay-off thousands of members fighting for an 8.3-per-cent pay rise. Builders, hospital, sewerage, waterside and transport workers have come under vicious onslaught from the Federal and state Labour governments

RAILMEN TAKE ON HAWKE

TRAIN DRIVERS in New South Wales (NSW) are at the head of a powerful wave of industrial action against the policies of Labour Prime Minister Hawke and three state Labour governments.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Re-elected with a reduced majority last December, Hawke, his Labour state counterparts and the right-wing trade union bureaucracy face the strongest opposition yet to their corporatist ALP-ACTU (Australian Labour Party - Australian Council of Trades Unions) accord.

The NSW train drivers last week defied NSW Labour Premier Neville Wran's threats to deregister their union, the Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Engineers, and voted to continue their strike.

Reject

At lengthy meetings lasting up to six hours in many areas last week, the drivers voted also to reject the national leadership's refusal to extend the strike nationwide.

In the coal mining and iron smelting region of the Hunter Valley, where 16 drivers have been sacked, the vote was 2-1. The overall NSW vote was 1,120 to 543.

Only the metropolitan Sydney region, where the drivers' job cuts do not affect the suburban driv-

ers, narrowly voted to return to work — by 298-219.

The national council had voted the day before not to extend industrial action despite the fact that 700 other drivers face the sack.

AFULE national president Ron Bradford implicitly accepted Wran's ultimatum to end the strike when he said the council considered it sufficient that the State Rail Authority (the NSW rail service) had told them the men would be reinstated if there was a return to work.

The NSW leadership

aided the national officers by not dissenting with their decision and AFULE national president announced a unanimous vote.

Manning

The state officials claimed they had reserved the right to recommend continuation of the action in NSW, but maintained also that the issue was manning levels, not sackings.

The dispute began over jobs but has extended to the basic democratic

right to trade union membership and industrial action to defend jobs and those rights.

Wran's Labour government is organising scabbing operations, including press advertisements calling on drivers to go back, running buses in place of train services and moving coal stocks by truck.

It has the full backing of the right-wing NSW Labour Council (state equivalent of the TUC), which has called on workers to co-operate with the SRA's 'emergency measures'.

Reassured and encouraged by this treachery,

Wran said: 'I state categorically: the government will not cave in in this dispute.'

The Labour Council's disputes committee, backing the strike-breaking, said: 'No responsible trade union can support the continuation of a strike by a union over a demarcation dispute with another union in which fellow trade unionists face the very real prospect of losing their jobs.'

Allegation

The disputes committee made the slanderous allegation that the strike had placed 'in jeopardy the future of the coal industry in the Hunter Valley and, as a consequence, puts at risk the jobs of trade unionists in the coal and allied industries'.

It could well have been a statement from the chambers of Commerce or Manufacture, or the Employers' Federation.

The NSW drivers have won the support of Hunter Valley mine mechanics, who have decided to ban any coal moved by scab train drivers.

Melbourne Labourites try to cut pay

FITZROY Council's Labour Party leaders are trying to cut wages and jobs to make council workers pay for a \$1.3-billion deficit. The Melbourne suburban council is demanding an agreement to cut overtime by two-thirds, force workers to give up a day's leave a month and slash the workforce by 10 per cent to 12 per cent within three years.

Threats of sackings have been used to try to force the leadership of the Municipal Employees' Union and the Municipal Officers Association. The MEU has

broken off talks but the MOA leadership is continuing discussions.

ALP Mayor Ralph McLean has demanded secrecy on how the council makes the cuts and has accused 'independent' councillors (often councillors who profess to support Labour) of 'an unfortunate breach of professionalism' for making public comments.

He said: 'All councillors, whether ALP or independent, should be scrupulous in their comments about staff.'

World News Line

Hawke in mission to boost ANZUS

BRUSSELS — Prime Minister Bob Hawke was in Brussels yesterday for talks with NATO chiefs, en route to the White House to meet President Reagan.

The pro-US Labour leader's diplomatic trip is dominated by concern in Canberra and Washington over the imperialist ANZUS alliance in the South Pacific.

Hawke, who this week approved a US proposal for an MX nuclear missile monitoring base near Sydney, faces a storm among anti-nuclear opponents in the Labour Party.

In Brussels, he was scheduled to meet Common Market President Jacques Delors and other EEC officials. He was due to meet Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens before leaving for Washington today.

Meet

In Washington, he is expected to meet Treasury Secretary James Baker and possibly his predecessor Donald Regan, now White House Chief of Secretary Malcolm Baldrige.

Hawke's trip is marked by disagreements in the ANZUS alliance because of New Zealand Labour Prime Minister David Lange's ban on visits to the country's ports by American nuclear-powered or nuclear weapons-carrying ships.

Hawke's Foreign Minister Bill Hayden accompanied US Secretary of State George Shultz to Wellington, the New Zealand capital, less than 24 hours after Lange's election last July to enforce an ANZUS 'nuclear concord' but failed.

A racist 'accord'

WEST Australian Labour Premier Brian Burke has provoked a new confrontation against the state's Aboriginal population, this time with the collaboration of his federal counterpart, Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

Last week Hawke, whose federal Cabinet wields powers over Aboriginal land rights, and Burke reached an 'accord' approving abandonment of Australian Labour Party policy on the issue.

Burke said Hawke had accepted his proposal to abolish Aborigines' veto rights over mining on their land and to stop the payment of royalties to the Aboriginal community in compensation for mineral discoveries.

Hawke is considering an additional request by the racist Burke government to ban Aborigines from land with a mineral potential.

CLASS WAR BUDGET FOR ARMS BUILD-UP

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON — Key Congress legislators yesterday lashed out at President Reagan's \$974-billion budget, saying it would be 'dead on arrival' unless he accepted a cut in Defence spending.

The class-war budget will drastically cut student aid, veterans' health care, farm price supports, community development grants, energy research and development, soil conservation and a host of other services.

It will abolish subsidies for the Amtrak railway system, direct loans by the US Export-Import

Bank (Ex-im Bank), mass transit (suburban, inner-city and inter-city public transport), the Small Business Administration and revenue-sharing programmes with local government bodies.

The severity of the cuts and the already seething social backlash it will trigger has alarmed Republicans and Democrats alike who must face the voters before Reagan goes to his 1988 electoral convention.

Reagan is asking Congress to boost Pentagon spending by more than \$30 billion to \$322 billion — a rise of 5.9 per cent — including a near-tripling

of funds for the 'star wars' space militarisation programme.

But Senate Republican leader Robert Dole, a right-wing enthusiast of the President's policies, said in a TV interview: 'We'd like to say maybe a 3-per-cent growth rather than 5.9 per cent. You'd get around \$20 billion — \$18 billion to \$20 billion (savings) in 1986.'

Ohio Democratic Senator Howard Metzenbaum said: 'There isn't a snowball's chance in hell the budget will pass Congress as presented by the President.'

Interest payments on

government debt will rise \$15 billion to \$169.7 billion, according to the proposals. It will push total outlays for 1986 to \$937 billion — a rise of 1.5 per cent.

In a formal budget message to Congress, Reagan made the outlandish claim that his plan would reduce the runaway federal budget to \$180 billion from a record \$222.2 billion this year. He proposes to hold expenditure to \$804 billion, the same as for this fiscal year.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, meanwhile, was scheduled to drum Reagan's anti-Soviet warmongering message to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

He was despatched there to argue that military escalation was necessary 'to give Moscow an incentive' to agree to reduce nuclear missiles at talks in Geneva next March 12.

House Democratic leader James Wright retorted savings were possible 'without pulling the rug out from under the President in his efforts to negotiate with the Soviet Union'.

Reagan, however, is ensured of the Democrats' slavish endorsement of his anti-communist strategy.

The Democrats are merely pleading on behalf of sections of the American ruling class.

Kremlin offers to 'barter'

NEW YORK — The Soviet government has told the Reagan government it will consider increasing Jewish emigration providing the US helps improve diplomatic relations and increases trade with Moscow.

'The New York Times' quoted leaked classified documents in a weekend report that the proposal was made at a trade meeting in Moscow last month.

It said the chairman of the State Bank, Vladimir Alkhimov, told the US delegation '50,000 Jewish emigres annually would be no problem' if good relations were restored.

But US Commerce Department spokesman B.J. Cooper has ruled out 'great expectations' in Moscow, saying any trade expansion or improvement in relations through future talks would be 'small'.

The US delegation was led by Under Secretary of Commerce Lionel Olmer, who told the White House the Kremlin was 'keen' to discuss American restrictions against Soviet imports and that the Kremlin had offered to lift 'informal bans' on American companies and approve trade seminars and promotions in Moscow.

The Moscow Stalinist's offer is nothing short of a cynical and despicable attempt to trade Soviet Jews for commodity tonnage. The desperation is not missed in Washington.

For US imperialism, with its long record of collaboration in the barbarities inflicted on the Jewish people under Nazism, the issue of Soviet Jewry is strictly fodder for its anti-communist propaganda.

The counter-revolutionary bureaucracy are resorting to wild schemes in their search for solutions to serious economic problems at home and to try to 'neutralise' imperialist warmongering by secret diplomacy.

Record jobless in West Germany

NUREMBERG — The number of unemployed in West Germany hit a record last month as a building industry slump swelled the total by almost 300,000.

The January figure, at 2.62 million or 10.6 per cent of the workforce, compared with 2.33 million in December and was the worst since records began in 1953.

The previous high was 2.54 million or 10.2 per cent, in January last year.

The right-wing coalition government of Chancellor Kohl has forecast that this year's jobless total will dip for the first time since 1979 to below 9 per cent from 9.1 per cent

in 1984. It repeated the forecast yesterday.

Labour Office president Heinrich Franke and Kohl's Christian Democratic Union and liberal Social Democratic parties described the sharp January rise as 'a temporary setback'.

The seasonally-adjusted figure, which takes account of the winter weather, rose for the first time since last August, by 60,000 to 2.29 million.

Publication of the January figure coincides with a bleak report by the Munich-based Economic Research Institute (IFO) on prospects for the building industry.



Tondo shanty town in the Philippines

Riot police attack Philippine squatters

MANILA — More than 15 people were injured yesterday when government demolition squads backed by riot police fought pitched battles with hundreds of stone-throwing squatters in the Philippine capital.

At least two men were wounded when police opened fire. Riot police wielded batons in a charge to break up barricades erected by the squatters to protect their shanty town.

Jail

Eyewitnesses said four men were arrested. The demolition squads finally tore down the shacks, after police brought in water cannons and forced their way past the barricades.

About 100,000 people — families of street vendors, laundrywomen and building workers — live in the shanty town in a

Manila suburb.

Last year, the government began relocating squatters outside the city but new colonies continue to mushroom alongside railway tracks and under bridges.

Forced evictions to locations outside the city disrupt the livelihoods of these people who prefer to live near the place of their chosen trade and avoid expensive and in-

efficient transport into the city.

Many hawkers would be unable to bring their carts and stands into the relatively profitable metropolitan region if they are isolated in the outer suburbs.

The government has justified its brutal action on the homeless people by alleging they are illegally occupying government land.

Cradock killings

JOHANNESBURG — A youth and a policeman were killed and two other people injured during a weekend of protests in the Cradock black township near eastern Cape province.

The youth was killed after police fired birdshot at demonstrators. A woman and a man were injured when the police opened fire to quell the protesters who fought back with stones.

Opposition to the apartheid regime has increased since President Pieter Botha proposed bogus political concessions to the 70 per cent black majority.

Nobel Prize-winner Bishop Desmond Tutu yesterday reiterated his reformist policies when he gave the regime a two-year deadline to dismantle apartheid.

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Kinnock agrees with Thatcher

NEIL KINNOCK and his shadow Cabinet held out for months against the idea of a parliamentary debate on the miners' strike.

When he did finally agree that a debate should be held, in the 48th week of the strike, Kinnock prepared by making a major concession to Thatcher in advance. He went on the radio last Friday to announce that 'commercial considerations' would have to play a part in future pit closures.

Kinnock made this statement as the National Union of Mineworkers stood firm against demands from both government and Coal Board for an immediate written acknowledgement of their right to close 'uneconomic' pits — in effect a surrender document.

Thatcher was quick to take up the theme that same evening, in a 'no compromise' interview with Channel 4's Peter Jay.

She claimed that seven rounds of talks had foundered because 'this leadership of the NUM will not accept what has always been the case, namely that the greatest loss-making pits, indeed uneconomic pits, shall close and that after due procedures have been gone through and after consultation with those in the area, the NCB shall have the right to make the decision.'

The Jay interview was the highlight of a new attempt to stampede strikers over picket lines, destroy the NUM and crush trade unionism. But the hoped-for stampede never took place, although the Coal Board fiddled the figures yesterday to save the government's face.

The clearest indication of the reality of Thatcher's position came yesterday morning from NACODS, the union which represents junior NCB management.

Such is Thatcher's hostility to trade unionism that she cannot even abide by the NCB's deal with NACODS, which did not commit the Board to anything.

By demanding the NUM signs away its right to resist closures Thatcher was riding roughshod over the much vaunted deal. Clearly any agreement with this government is not worth the paper it's written on.

Not even the Tories have been able to point to any pit which is actually uneconomic. As NUM president Arthur Scargill has insisted, there are no uneconomic pits, only pits starved of investment.

Thatcher has raised the issue of uneconomic pits in such a way as make a settlement impossible. Her definition of an uneconomic pit is any pit the Coal Board wants to close. Kinnock tamely accepts this position, revealing his total subservience to Thatcher and the capitalist state in its struggle against the miners.

Stan Orme, who opened yesterday's debate on behalf of the Labour Party, admitted at the very beginning of his speech that 'the government don't want an acceptable settlement... they want a victory over the NUM'. But he went on later to claim that 'every sensible person knows a negotiated settlement is the only way out'.

This is a weasel formula. The truth is that the government has no intention of negotiating a deal, with the miners or any other section in confrontation with the Tories.

Council leaders discovered this yesterday when they went to see Patrick Jenkin. They were told bluntly that the Rates Act had to be accepted lock, stock and barrel. There is no compromise available.

The miners' strike can and must be victorious and it can only be won through the mobilisation of the full strength of the working class in the organisation of a General Strike to defeat Thatcher's regime.

ORGANISE THE GENERAL



Pickets at Silverwood yesterday were in fine voice at the pit entrance

Pickets scoff at 'record return'

THE strike is collapsing? The miners are demoralised? Not according to the 250 pickets who massed outside Silverwood pit in South Yorkshire at lunchtime yesterday.

Responding to Arthur Scargill's call for intensified picketing the strikers, all from the local pit, turned out in force to show their contempt for the small number of scabs at the colliery.

They scoffed at suggestions in mid-morning news broadcasts that there was a 'record return to work', as 25 scabs

trooped out of the pit — a number as last week.

Even this figure — a 1,200 normally working

is hotly disputed by the strikers. They point out that, in the local collieries, NCB management has been using clerical staff in the back office to boost them by dozens of contractors.

● There were large pickets at South Kirby collieries where a scab was arrested during class



Pickets shouting at a bus carrying scabs out of Kilnhurst colliery yesterday

Union out

BY DESTROYING the Thatcher government's gauntlet to all trade unionists, Kilnhurst colliery yesterday, Bryan Cooke told

Although his branch has not had a chance to debate the issue, Cooke feels sure he would back the demand from the South Wales area NUM for the recall of the TU Congress to win full support from all unions.

'It's certainly time other unions got off their backsides and carried out the decisions taken at last

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



One scab leaving Silverwood colliery yesterday certainly didn't want to be recognised. He wore a balaclava helmet, even though pickets were held back nearly 200 yards by the police

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SIMON VEVERS

year's TUC Congress,' he said.
'Thatcher thought that she could take us on and beat us into the ground. But she hasn't. The men here are as resolute as ever.
'The problem for the Tories is that they can't split us because we not only work together, we live in the same community.
'Thatcher would like us to

crawl back to work and become nothing more than serfs. But there's no way we'll ever do that — never.'
He added: 'The Tories see the working class as a means to make profit for their capitalist friends or to fight wars for them.
'But under socialism I tell you they'd have to work because they wouldn't be able to live off other people's backs.'
Cooke was not surprised

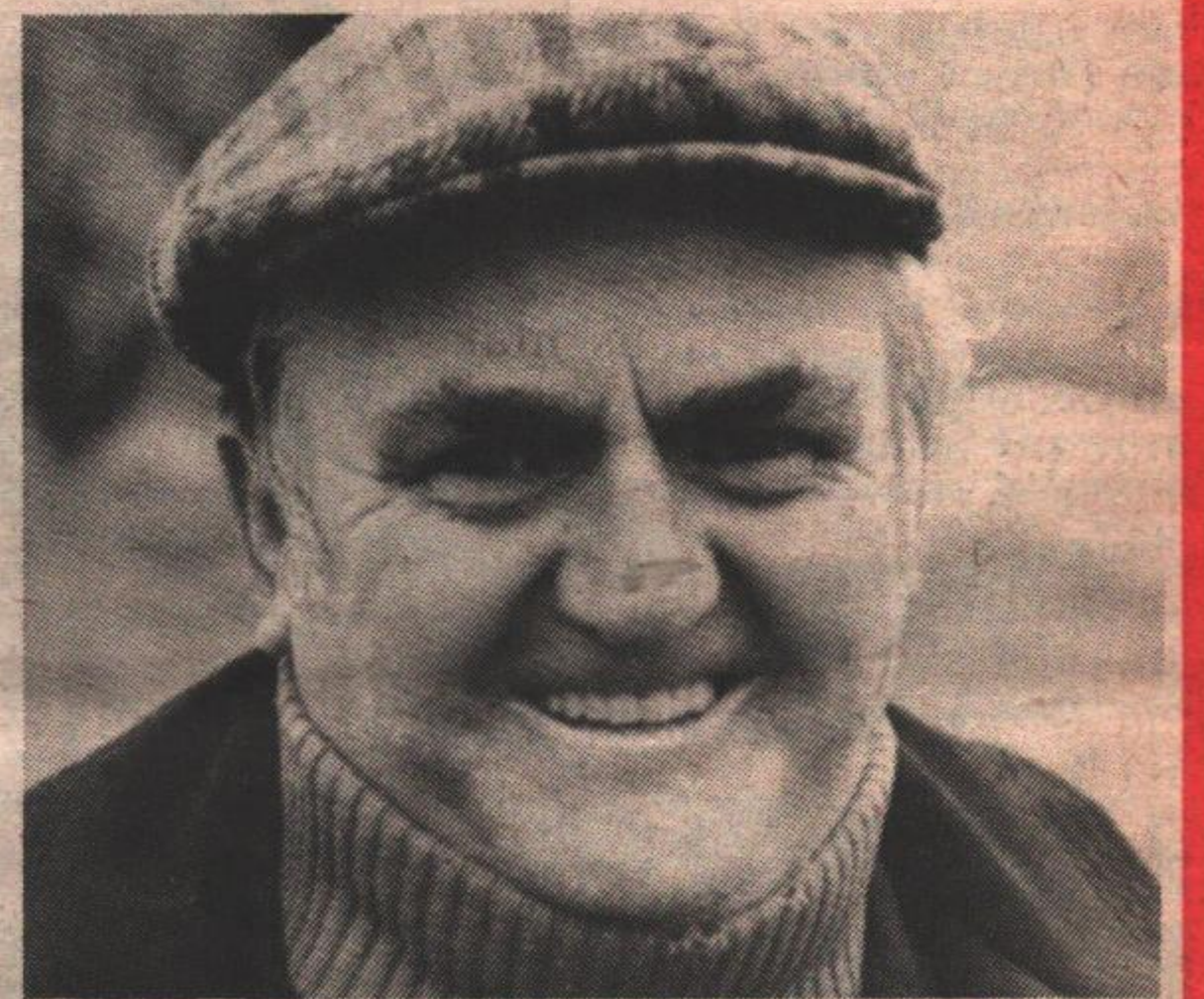
by the decision of the Coal Board, acting under Thatcher's direction, to sabotage talks with the NUM.
'It's what we've come to expect during this strike. I call it the Chinese torture treatment. They build the lads' hopes up high and then dash them. It's deliberately aimed at undermining the strength of the union.'
Cooke said an NCB official had told him that there



BRYAN COOKE . . . All trade unionists must respond

was 'no way that Scargill can be seen to win this strike'.
'In other words what he was saying was that this is no longer about the future of the industry, it's become a personal battle against Scargill to get him down because he represents us.'
Kilnhurst branch committee member Billy Mansell pointed to the call on the front-page of yesterday's News Line for action

by all unions, and commented: 'That's absolutely right, but how do we get it?'
'It's time the TUC woke up to the situation and supported us with physical action. Power workers, railwaymen — we want them to come out with us.
'Can't they see that Thatcher's out to break us and then break them? We'd have nothing without a union. We couldn't negotiate on wages, conditions or



BILLY MANSELL . . . Time that the TUC woke up

anything else if we go back without a strong union.
'I was disgusted that they should keep our executive waiting in London all that time and then ask them to sign away pits and jobs. Nobody is going to sign away this pit,' Mansell insisted.
'As far as I'm concerned we have to stick together now right to the bitter end and other trade unions must support us. We must support Arthur Scargill be-

cause he has been right from day one.
'If we don't win this one, we're as good as dead — and that goes for the rest of the trade union movement as well.'
For more than nine months Kilnhurst was scab-free. The NCB's much-publicised 'surge(s) back to work' have only produced four scabs and the figure has remained static for some weeks.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



FRANCES 'SABOTAGED' CLAIMS SCOTTISH NUM

ANOTHER Scottish pit — Seafield, in Kirkcaldy — was threatened by the coal board yesterday, less than 24 hours after the nearby Frances pit was axed.

An underground fire at Frances has been used by the coal board to shut the pit, Scotland's oldest.

But Frances is part of a linked complex with Seafield colliery. And the board is saying as many as 300 jobs at Seafield could be also lost as a result of the fire continuing.

Loss of all 2,300 jobs involved in the complex was hinted at by the coal board later, on the grounds that a reduction to two faces would leave Seafield unviable.

Jimmy Young, NUM Scottish agent, has accused the coal board of sacrificing Frances in a cold-blooded attempt to frighten miners into going back to work.

Both Frances and Seafield are part of the Fife coalfield which is rock solid behind the strike. Only a handful of scabs are working.

Young said an NUM delegation had gone to meet the board's senior management on Sunday afternoon to tell them the union would provide immediately all the manpower the board asked for in order to secure the future of the pit.

But, said Young, the board had deliberately sabotaged the meeting on the pretext that one of the NUM delegation — John

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

Mitchell, an NUM committee member at Frances — had been dismissed for alleged picket line offences.

Management refused to meet the union delegation because of Mitchell's presence in it. It was later on Sunday that the board announced Frances was to be axed.

Albert Wheeler, NCB Scottish area director, said that across the coal industry in Scotland ten coal faces out of a total of 33 had now been lost since the miners' strike began. This is 33 per cent of capacity.

NUM Scottish general secretary Eric Clarke has issued a letter to all strike centres, refuting coal board propaganda that men will be dismissed after 12 months of the strike.

'I would call your attention to the fact that a Joint Agreed Note was agreed nationally on May 12, 1964, terminating the employment of men at the end of 15 months' absence, and this period was subsequently amended to 18 months from April 22, 1977,' Clarke's letter states.



Part of the 500-strong picket outside Polkemmet colliery, West Lothian, yesterday. Delegations of striking miners from other pits, particularly Fife, joined the demonstration

Fighting for the whole community

FRED BEECHAM is in no doubt about Thatcher's intentions for the miners.

Talking to News Line on the picket line at Nantgarw pit in South Wales, he said: 'She got a total defeat over the Argentinians but now she thinks that she can do the same to us. As far as she is concerned we are not honest working men, but the enemy within — criminals.'

'You would think we had all come down here from Cardiff jail the way they treat us.'

For him and fellow miner Alwyn Nutland, there was no question of admitting defeat or going back without fully achieving the strike's objectives or the reinstatement of sacked strikers.

'But the TUC has let us down. There should have been a General Strike long ago. It is 1926 all over again. We don't want to bring the country to a grinding halt, but we've no choice.'

'Even if the General Strike was spasmodic that's what we need.'

Alwyn Nutland insisted it wasn't only the TUC but the Labour Party too. 'Kinnock wants to show where he stands. I discussed it with him.'

'This is his constituency, but I tell you I'll never vote for him again. He's done nothing.'

Angry

Both men were angry at ex-Communist Party member Jimmy Reid, who had recently attacked Scargill on TV.

'He has no right to slag off Scargill and our leaders. Scargill represents us. He is doing what we tell him and if he didn't, that would be the finish of him.'

What underlies the men's determination to fight the strike to the finish, is the wholesale destruction of the valley communities.

Beecham has three sons of whom two are on cheap-labour schemes and the third is on the dole.

'We are not just fighting for our jobs but those of our children. This pit has men from nine valleys — in the morning it's like a bus terminus! They queue up at the gates from all over.'

Nutland challenged anyone to go up the valleys and see the wholesale destruction of villages and small towns: 'In the five miles from Pontypridd to Cross Keys three pits have been closed.'

'As there's no work, the youngsters move out. It's just old people. And there's 40 houses for sale now.'

'What will it be like if they close this pit? We can't go to Staffordshire on an NCB transfer because who'd buy our houses, so I've refused.'

'So we've got to win, see. You tell people that because they don't hear it from the other papers.'



A large force of police formed up at Polkemmet pit yesterday, separating pickets from scabs

Row over gas safety sparks strike

OVER 150 gas workers walked out on strike yesterday morning alleging attempts by the North Thames Gas management to undermine safety standards.

This is despite the recent gas explosions throughout the country due to bad weather.

Teams

Management are insisting that the unions agree to two-man teams working at night instead of the safe level of manning of at least three men per gang.

The decision has so outraged gas fitters and service engineers in the West London region that all gas inspection was halted yesterday when over 60 men at the Ascot depot, 60 at the Slough depot and a further 20 men at Staines walked out in disgust.

Any householder discovering a gas leak will be left without any cover if there is a leak in the area.

Gas workers insisted that the safety standards established over many years were made to ensure that no men could die or be left in a dangerous situation since two men would investigate a leak whilst the third remained at a safe distance to report to headquarters for assistance if necessary.

Cutback

The cutback in safety standards was imposed without consultation with the unions yesterday morning after the management had failed over a year to win agreement with the General Municipal and Boilermakers' Union.

Since the advent of North Sea gas the management have claimed that safety standards



Firemen search for victims of the gas blast in a block of flats in Putney, south west London last month

could be reduced. This is because North Sea gas is not as poisonous as coal gas.

But the unions have said that North Sea gas can still asphyxiate, and is just as liable to explode as the coal gas.

The management called in contractors yesterday, but these men are inexperienced, and cannot give the standard of safety required by the trained union members.

There was a day strike on Friday of last week when the management first suggested they would impose the new safety levels, and when the men reported for work yesterday morning, the management implemented their threat.

Forty go blind after cataract operations

AT LEAST 40 people went blind after a charity organised operations to remove cataracts at a camp in India's eastern state of Bihar, the United News of India (UNI) said yesterday.

The news agency said 168 people had the eye operations last month at a free camp organised by a charity.

It quoted the patients who went blind as saying that they were not given proper post-operative care or anti-infection drugs. Some patients also complained they were not provided with free spectacles after their operation.

An eye doctor who examined the victims said

they were not examined carefully enough before the operations, nor kept under medical supervision for six weeks afterwards as they should have been, UNI added.

An estimated nine million people in India are blind and at least 45 million have defective sight. Cataract is one of the main causes of adult blindness.

Briefly

THE Soviet Union have described a method which they claim is cutting snow and rainfall in Moscow by one fifth. The system involves a special air unit based on the outskirts of Moscow which releases solid granules of carbon dioxide into clouds which are approaching the capital.

The cold granules cause the cloud vapour to precipitate before it reaches the city, saving money and effort in snow clearance and flooding. The air unit is to get eight new jet planes for its operations, and the government has asked for a special effort to prevent snow or rain on the May 8 and May 9 public holidays to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the World War II.

BRITISH Aerospace are now moving into the surveillance business with a new X-ray and 'sniffer' device to detect smuggled contraband.

The new equipment went on show in Singapore last week, at an international security ex-

hibition. The system uses an X-ray to detect metal objects inside crates, and a mass spectrometer to 'smell' the packing cases.

The chemical composition of a range of substances can be programmed into the mass spectrometer, which will then give an alarm signal if the chemical signature of the substance is discovered.

The machine is said to be capable of detecting drugs, alcohol and explosives by the odour they produce. The systems need two separate buildings to house them, and cost £20 million each.

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SOVIET scientists have calculated that bacteria in the sea annually digest about 1,600,000 tonnes of oil from the surface layers of the world's oceans. In a special conference, scientists from the Soviet Institute of Oceanography were attempting to estimate the ability of the seas to recover from the pollution poured into them every year.

The scientists discovered in oceanographic surveys that bacteria and other micro-organisms which live in the sea are able to hold much higher concentrations of poisonous metals than are found on the seabed. They estimated that around the world, 2,000 million tonnes of mercury and 5,000 million tonnes of lead are inside these small organisms.

The conference concluded that while the oceans had a remarkable ability to digest and get rid of pollution, the limits of this ability were now being pressed.

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BRITISH astronomers observing Halley's comet from the infrared telescope on Mauna Kea, Hawaii, have made the first estimate of its size. The team judged that the nucleus of the comet is about eight miles across. By the time the comet is closer to earth it is enveloped in a cloud of dust and ice particles which make it appear several hundreds of miles across.

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

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

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

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Phil McCall as Bob McLeish, James Copeland as Billy Sharkey, Patricia Brake as Penny Hodges and Paul Rogers as James Fuller Hayes in 'Brigadista' on BBC1 at 9.25



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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 & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. 2.00 Can You Avoid Cancer? 2.25 Pages from Ceefax. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Tuesday. 4.10 Dastardly and Muttley. 4.20 The BFG. 4.35 Wildtrack. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 The Record Breakers. 5.30 Dr Kildare. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 WILDLIFE ON ONE *Redtail* David Attenborough tells the life story of a red-tailed hawk in North America

7.20 THE VARIETY CLUB AWARDS Terry Wogan and Ray Moore introduce tonight's awards ceremony from the London Hilton, Park Lane

8.10 MAELSTROM Left a fortune by a man she never knew, a young woman sets out on the journey of a lifetime to find some answers. With Tusse Silberg as Catherine Durrell

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weatherman

9.25 BRIGADISTA Play by Terence Hodgkinson about a best-selling author who has written his personal account of the Spanish Civil War. On a promotion tour he meets two old comrades who reveal contradictory and devastating information

10.35 LOOSE ENDS

11.05 EUROPEAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS from Gothenburg, including the Pairs Free Programme

11.35 Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.30 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Dr Kildare. 10.35-11.05 On Behalf of the Working Class. A documentary about the mining community of Glyncoedwg.

BBC2

9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.00 Tele-Journal. 9.26 Twentieth-Century History. 9.48 Mathscore Two. 10.10 Look and Read. 10.35 Brazil. 11.00 Watch. 11.17 History: The Middle Ages. 11.40 Job Bank. 12.00 Une Annee Chez Les Francais. 12.30 Inside Japan. 1.00 Maths Help II. 1.15 Science Topics. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 You and Me. 2.15 Near and Far. 2.40 Look, Look and Look Again.

3.00 World Bowls.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 WORLD SKI-ING CHAMPIONSHIPS Coverage of the Men's Combined Slalom from Bormio, Italy

6.00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL *Mark of the Turtle* John Cannon intervenes to try and stop High Chaparral cowhands joining a posse searching for bandits on Montoya territory

6.50 OPEN TO QUESTION Enoch Powell answers studio questions

7.30 WHISTLE TEST Pop news, views and videos plus live music from Sade and Cook Da Books

8.30 FOOD AND DRINK presented by Chris Kelly

9.00 POT BLACK '85 Former champion Ray Reardon challenges young professional Neal Foulds in the BBC2 international snooker tournament

9.25 DOCTORS' DILEMMAS *Buying Time* In the fifth of his case studies of medical dilemmas, lawyer Ian Kennedy examines the plight of Edna Bryant who is on a three-year waiting list for a hip replacement, which could be performed within a couple of weeks if she produced £2,500

10.05 WORLD BOWLS Coverage of tonight's match in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship from Coatbridge

10.55 NEWSNIGHT

11.40 WORLD BOWLS Further highlights

12.10 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 THE HUMAN JUNGLE *Thin Ice* Psychiatrist Dr Corder (Herbert Lom) helps a young skater prepared to sacrifice her career for the sake of her parents' happiness

3.30 THE THREE STOOGES *Pop Goes the Easel*

3.45 YEARS AHEAD Tory Secretary of State for Health and Social Security Norman Fowler answers questions from a studio audience

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 BEWITCHED *Nobody's Perfect* Samantha wonders how to break the news to Darrin that their daughter has inherited her magical powers

5.30 MAKING THE MOST OF ... Hobby ideas from how to repair second-hand bikes to conservation work and batik

6.00 THE AVENGERS *Two's A Crowd* A quartet of spies hatch a plan to use Steed's double, a seedy male model called Webster, to infiltrate a top level conference

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by State Registered Nurse Lurline Champagnie; followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 HOLIDAY TALK *Greece*

9.00 COAST TO COAST (1980) Dyan Cannon and Robert Blake star in this screwball comedy-romance as a mis-matched couple making their incident-packed way from Pennsylvania to California. With Quinn Redeker and Michael Lerner

10.45 COURT REPORT *Regina v Ponting* Report from proceedings at the Old Bailey today in the trial of civil servant Clive Ponting

11.10 EASTERN EYE presented by Aziz Kurtha and Jaswinder Bancel

12.10 Close

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; School Programmes. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.20 HELP!

6.30 CROSSROADS

6.55 REPORTING LONDON

7.30 NAME THAT TUNE Lionel Blair

8.00 UP THE ELEPHANT AND ROUND THE CASTLE *Jim Davidson in And They Came Unto Jim*

8.30 FRESH FIELDS

9.00 THE SWEENEY

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by **Thames News Headlines**

10.30 FIRST TUESDAY *The Unofficial Famine* Tonight's programme witnesses at first hand the life of refugees in Tigray, who have been deprived of food supplies from the Ethiopian government

11.30 THE EUROPEAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS From Gothenburg, featuring the Pairs' Free Programme and Ladies' Short Programme; introduced by Steve Rider

12.15 Night Thoughts and **Closedown**

GRANADA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 The Glass Box. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 Three Little Words. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 NAME THAT TUNE

8.00 UP THE ELEPHANT AND ROUND THE CASTLE *And They Came Unto Jim* Cockney Jim London is into health and fitness and two pocket-sized burglars are into Jim's castle!

8.30 FRESH FIELDS *A Night to Remember* William plans a surprise for the wedding anniversary.

9.00 THE BILL *Clutching at Straws* Theft in the street market

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 FIRST TUESDAY *The Unofficial Famine* For the first time a film crew has penetrated government lines in the Ethiopian famine to report on the civil war in Tigray. The crew travelled rough for six weeks in rebel-held areas

11.30 SKATING *The European Figure Skating Championships*

12.20 Closedown

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.50 Am Gymru. 3.25 The Late, Late Show. 4.20 A Plus 4. 4.50 Ffalabalam. 5.05 Bilidowcar. 5.35 Larwm. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Does Unman Yn Debyg. 8.00 The Dragon Has Two Tongues. 8.30 Relative Strangers; News Headlines. 9.00 Minafon. 9.40 Elinor Ac Eraill. 10.25 Film: *Hell's Angels on Wheels*. 12.10 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Gary Byrd. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30a.m. 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00 Colin Berry (S) (5.02 Cricket Desk). 6.00 Ray Moore (S) (6.02 Cricket Desk). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S) (9.02, 10.02 Cricket Desks). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S) (11.02, 12.02 Cricket Desks). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 8.00 Jerome Kern, American Genius (S). 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Where Were You in 62? 10.30 Give Us a Conch. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Gluck, Boccherini, Vivaldi, Boieldieu, Inghelbrecht (8.00 News) Stanford, Beethoven, Brahms.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55

9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Berg. 9.50 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Smetana and Martinu. 10.30 BBC Singers at Arundel (S) Gesualdo, Byrd, Victoria, Weelkes, Bruckner, Villa-Lobos. 11.00 Violin and Piano (S) Sonatas by Debussy and Grieg and variations by Wieniawski. 12.10 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (S) Dvorak, Edward Gregson (1.00 News) Vaughan Williams Symphony No.5. 1.50 Guitar Encores (S) anon., Sor, Villa-Lobos, Albeniz. 2.20 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (S) Bach orch Schoenberg, Bach (Concerto in D minor, with Lukas Foss, piano) (3.00-3.05 Interval) Brahms Symphony No.1. 4.00 Allan Stenfield (S) Piano recital: Mendelssohn, Barber (the piano sonata) and Debussy. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Scribes and Scholars (S) Philip the Chancellor, Peter of Blois, anon. 7.00 Twilight is My Hour. 7.30 London Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Beethoven 4th Concerto with Brendel (8.05-8.25 A Life Misspelt) Bruckner Symphony No.4. 9.40 A Staffordshire Murderer. 10.00 Jazz Today (S) The Elton Dean Quartet. 11.00 Mozart (S). 11.57-12.00 News.

MF: 6.40-11.00 Cricket: Fifth Test, India v England.

Weather: 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Morning Story: *Mrs Pocket's Boston Fern*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre *Marion*. 11.33 Wildlife. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My World! (S). 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) *Daddy's Girl*. 4.00 News; Gib. 4.40 Story Time: *The 27th Kingdom*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Don't Stop Now — It's Fundation (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 File on 4. 8.00 Medicine Now. 8.30 A Touch of Midas? 9.00 In Touch. 9.30 Good Books. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Second from Last in the Sack-Race*. 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:** 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4. 11.30-12.10 Open University. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sullivan. 1.00 News; North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Nothing But The Best. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Vintage Quiz. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Name That Tune. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 First Tuesday. 11.30 Skating. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Keep it in the Family. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Name That Tune. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Skating. 12.15 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Calendar Tuesday. 1.00 News;

Calendar News and Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Dreams. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Name That Tune. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Skating. 12.15 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Televiews. 6.30 Knight Rider. 7.30 Name That Tune. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 First Tuesday. 11.30 Skating. 12.15 Fisheries News. 12.25 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sullivan. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club; A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Questions. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25

Police 5. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Name That Tune. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Skating. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Vintage Quiz; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 The Beverly Hillbillies. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Name That Tune. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Skating. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: As HTV West except 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardens for All. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bygones Special. 7.30 Name That Tune. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Skating. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

BURNLEY UNIONS MEET ON TRANSPORT BILL



Cleaners at Barking hospital picket against the privatisation of the cleaning services

Picket for Barking cleaning services

A PICKET will be held outside a district health authority meeting due to decide the fate of cleaning services at Barking Hospital, east London, today.

Cleaners have been out on strike since last March against the conditions imposed by the private contractors Crothalls, a subsidiary of Pritchard's, when they took over the contract.

The women have maintained a 24-hour picket every day and are determined to get their jobs back, despite the fact that Crothalls has employed a steady stream of scab labour to replace them.

There have been numerous reports and complaints about the state of cleanliness

in the hospital since Crothalls took over the cleaning contract. The district health authority meets at St George's Hospital, Newbury Park, this afternoon, to discuss three options:

- To give the private company Crothall's a four-year extension on their cleaning contract;
- To re-tender for another private company to run the cleaning of the hospital;
- To go in-house and take the striking women on as direct labour.

The strikers are also calling on trade unionists to support a mass picket outside the hospital tomorrow morning, starting at 6.30a.m.

Youthaid attacks YTS schemes

YOUTHaid yesterday attacked the Tory government's cheap-labour Youth Training Scheme in a report to the Commons select committee on employment.

The charity campaigning against youth unemployment says: young people are shunning the scheme, those who join leave early, and others are disillusioned by what the scheme offers.

The report says the scheme's performance does not justify the government's plans to withdraw benefit from the 16-18 year olds who do not choose to join it.

Youthaid accuses government ministers of making exaggerated claims for the scheme, claiming the number of young people on it has barely increased since

last year.

It says only two out of three of this year's places were filled, with 50,000 fewer joining than expected. Only a little over half those leaving the scheme found the full-time jobs.

Youthaid director Paul Lewis urges the government to use £100 million saved by the shortfall on the scheme to help 120,000 people leaving it without jobs.

Youthaid's comments came a day after the announcement of 'an urgent new job creation scheme' by the Tory government following the release of record unemployment figures of more than 3.3 million according to official figures.

The Tory press reaffirmed the government's plans to bring out a White Paper soon aimed at forcing unemployed youth into compulsory cheap

labour in order to drive down the figures on the dole.

The plans include:

- A major expansion of YTS and the blocking of supplementary benefit for all youth under 18;
- Massive expansion of the Community Programme which provides jobs for the long-term unemployed on so-called 'social' projects;
- Changes to employment protection legislation to encourage employers to take on new workers by lessening job guarantees and unfair dismissal provisions;
- Exempting young workers from the levels set by Wages Councils, which set minimum rates of pay for low-paid workers, or abolishing them
- Re-organising national insurance so employers don't have to pay so much.

BUSMEN, passengers, councillors and trade unionists packed a meeting in Burnley to discuss the Tories' Transport Bill, which has its second reading in the Commons next week.

The local Labour councillors who called the meeting at Nelson's Silverman Hall astonished the audience by trying to claim the issue was 'non-political'.

But bus driver from Burnley and Pendle, John Johnson, a Labour Party member, described the Bill as an outright attack on trade unions—to drive down wages and conditions.

The main other criticisms were that the Bill was detrimental to bus users in general and bus workers in particular.

Roy Marshall, general

manager of Burnley-Pendle buses, said the Bill 'was opposed by all of the industry, both Passenger Transport Executives and the National Bus Company and all the municipal undertakings', despite Tory arguments to the contrary.

The original 1930 Act had come about because of the problems of public transport and the need to rationalise it as in the joint operations with Burnley, Colne and Nelson undertaking, he said.

Speakers expressed fears over safety of passengers. Marshall gave an example in South Wales where after privatisation and the break-up of public transport there would be just one extra examiner hired although they were short now.

George Reed, branch secretary at Burnley,

asked councillors present why school contracts had been given to private operators.

Neither the councillors or the management could clearly answer his question. There were some embarrassed glances and fudged remarks about tenders not being put in.

Lancashire county councillor Joe French voiced the fears of workers in the industry when he warned 'that wage negotiating bodies will collapse and pension schemes are in danger. No one knows what is going to happen to these things'.

Among the revelations contained in the Bill was that the National Bus Company was to be broken up, that the municipal transport undertakings would be made into public limited companies

(PLCs), bodies which can be broken up if the Ministry decides it necessary.

Only a certain number of councillors would be allowed to sit on the new PLCs so the community would not be fully represented as at present.

It will mean the end of cross subsidies, leading to the end of non-profitable routes and operators fighting and jostling for more lucrative routes. Part-time working or 'job splitting' would be rife.

The meeting's emphasis on 'stopping' the Bill by persuading the government through argument, is, however, inadequate.

Bill Morris, the transport unions' national secretary, has recently affirmed said that workers in the industry would take 'whatever' action was necessary to prevent the Bill becoming law.

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Unite struggle of council workers with miners!
- TUC must call General Strike now!

Plus film: 'The Organisation of the General Strike'

SCOTLAND

SPRINGBURN: Thursday February 14, 7.30p.m. Hawthorn Street Primary School, Hawthorn Street.

Speakers: Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); Gary Dempsey (Springburn YS); George McKinlay (Springburn WRP)

GLASGOW EAST END: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. YS Youth Training Centre, Tobago Street, Off London Road. Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); John Barrie (NUR, in personal capacity)

NORTH WEST

KIRKBY: Tuesday February 5, 7.30p.m. Kirkby Unemployed Centre, Leeds Avenue.

Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); John Mullen (Chairman NUS Cairnryan, in personal capacity)

MANCHESTER: Wednesday February 13, 7.30p.m. Basement Theatre, Town Hall Extension, Albert Square.

Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP general secretary); In personal capacity: Peter Jepson (Tameside councillor); Speaker from Walkden NCB workshops; Steve Howells (NUM Agecroft strike co-ordinator)

STOCKPORT: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Trades Union Club, High Street. Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

LEYLAND: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. Civic Hall, Towngate. Speakers: John Worthington (Leyland YS); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Allen Jones (Point of Ayr NUM); Steve Brindle (BAC AUEW senior steward)

STAFFS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: Tuesday February 19, 7.30p.m. Chesterton Library and Community Centre, London Road.

Speakers: Robin Bickerstaffe (Stoke YS); P. Reid (Stoke WRP); In personal capacity: Clir John Holdcroft (Senior EETPU shop steward); Danny Anderson (Wolstanton NUM)

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Tuesday February 12, 7.30p.m. The Plough Inn, Bedminster Down Road, Bedminster.

Speakers: Mick Byrne (Bristol WRP); Caroline Kearney (YS Regional Committee); Jim Cheek (T&GWU bus regional committee, in personal capacity)

SWINDON: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. The Ship, Westcott Place. Speakers: Bruce Chapman (YS Regional Committee); Dave Good (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

PETERBOROUGH: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. AUEW Hall, Lincoln Road.

Speakers: Sammy Tams (YS Regional Committee); Pat Brooks (Peterborough WRP)

PETERBOROUGH: Monday March 25, 7.30p.m. Tyesdale Community Centre, Tyesdale, South Bretton. Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Pat Brooks (Peterborough WRP)

WEST MIDLANDS

NUNEATON: Wednesday February 13, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Church Street.

Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Ken Tyrell (AUEW Convenor Massey Ferguson); Speaker from Warwickshire NUM

YORKSHIRE

YORK: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. York Community Centre, Room 5, Priory Street.

Speakers: Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Kevin Warren (Kippax Young Socialists)

SOUTH WALES

ABERTILLERY: Thursday February 7, 7.30p.m. Abertillery Miners Institute. Speakers: Ann Pickard (YS Regional Committee); Travis Gould (WRP Central Committee); Maddison Kelsoe (Compens. Secretary Rose Heyworth NUM)

ABERDARE: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Boot Hotel. Speakers: Ann Pickard (Aberdare YS); Travis Gould (WRP Central Committee)

FERNDARE: Tuesday February 26, 7.30p.m. Ferndale Workingmen's Club. Speakers: Travis Gould (WRP Central Committee); Ann Pickard (YS Regional Committee); Harry Coombes (NUM Maerdy Lodge, in personal capacity)

SURREY

CROYDON: Monday February 25, 7.30p.m. Norbury Public Library, London Road (entrance Beatrice Avenue)

Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS National Committee); Peter Gibson (WRP Central Committee)

BEDS

BEDFORD: Tuesday February 5, 7.30p.m. Tavistock Community Centre, nr. Queen Street car park.

Speakers: Spencer Wiley (YS Regional Committee); Paul Stickley (WRP London District Committee); John Gallacher (SCPS, in personal capacity)

ESSEX

GRAYS: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Thameside 2, Central Complex, Orsett Road.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Keith Scotcher (WRP London District Committee)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Monday February 4, 7.30p.m. The Hungry Years Pub, Marine Parade, opp. Palace pier.

Speakers: Paul Smith (Brighton YS); John Hulme (Brighton WRP); Peter Gibson (WRP Central Committee); Speakers from Kent NUM

CRAWLEY: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Ifield Community Centre, Ifield Drive.

Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS National Committee); Joe Kearney (Crawley WRP)

MIDDLESEX

ISLEWORTH: Tuesday February 19, 7.30p.m. Town Hall, South Street.

Speakers: Steve Mott (YS Regional Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); Lynne Roberts (West Middlesex hospital NUPE, in personal capacity)

LONDON

CATFORD: Wednesday February 13, 7.30p.m. Lewisham Theatre, Committee Room A.

Speakers: Eric Morgan (Woolwich YS); Jean Kerrigan (WRP London District Committee)

HORNSEY: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, N8.

Speakers: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP London District Committee)

HARLESDEN: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Harlesden Library, Craven Park, NW10.

Speakers: Matt Hanlon (YS National Committee); Dany Sylveire (Harlesden WRP)

LEWISHAM: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Deptford Town Hall, New Cross. Speakers: Eric Morgan (YS Regional Committee); Jean Kerrigan (WRP London District Committee)

ACTON: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Council Chamber, Acton Town Hall, Winchester Street entrance.

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

BRIXTON: Tuesday March 5, 7.30p.m. Room 7, Brixton Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.

Speakers: Gary Hughes (Brixton YS); Paul Feldman (WRP Central Committee); Sylvester Smart (Lambeth AUEW convenor, in personal capacity); Speaker from South Wales NUM

Winning Post

Last Suspect - too good for Corbiere

CORBIERE is certain to be the centre of attraction at WARWICK today.

Lambourn trainer Jenny Pitman is rarely out of the news these days and at the appearance of her 1983 Aintree Grand National winner always attracts big crowds.

Pitman was delighted with Corbiere's last run when he battled on to be a length second to Lucky Vane at Cheltenham. That was the first real form the 10-year-old had shown for some time, but he has not won since his Aintree triumph.

On Cheltenham running, Corbiere has a fine

chance of getting back into the winner's enclosure again today, but may have to be content with second place again.

Last Suspect (3.00), who runs in the colours made famous by Arkle, can spring a surprise here.

Last Suspect stays extremely well and beat Crosa by half a length at Worcester on his debut. With Tim Forster's Wantage team in fine form, he

SELECTIONS

WARWICK: 1.30 Carado, 2.00 Mount Harvard, 2.30 Oakley House, 3.00 Last Suspect (nap), 3.30 Hot Fever, 4.00 Spring.
CARLISLE: Keno Hill (n.b.), 1.45 Chetel, 2.15 Pitcruevie, 2.45 Maracas Bay, 3.15 The Divider, 3.45 Press Gang.

may just have too much speed this time.

Another trainer who has his string in good fettle is Martin Pipe, and his Carado (1.30), can follow up his victory at Lingfield last week in the Ryton

Novice Hurdle.

Oakley House (2.30), who showed promise in his first two runs, could appreciate a drop in class in the Malden Timber Novice Hurdle qualifier.

Fulke Walwyn's six-

Handicap Hurdle on Keno Hill (1.15).

Rowe, who lives near Chichester, rode Keno Hill to land a gamble at Leicester last week, and has been booked again by Caterham trainer Albert Davison.

Bob Champion has made the trip worthwhile by booking Rowe for Prince Bai in the Kirklington Novice Chase, but this race may go to The Divider (3.15).

Press Gang (3.45), has the ability to take the Kingmoor Handicap Chase, while Maracas Bay (2.45), is weighed to win the Klix Drinks Handicap Hurdle.

WARWICK

1.30 RYTON NOVICE HURDLE £800

2m (25 runners)		
1 0	0 AISLING GAIL D Gandolfo 5116	J Burke
2 022-03	AL-ABJAR (BF) C Jackson 5116	H Davies
3	BRIANOGAN T Forster 5116	R Dunwoody
4	BROUGHTON STAR T Forster 5116	Peter Hobbs
5 002FF0	COUNCILLOR BILL Mrs J Barrow 9116	A Webb
6 423	DOWN FLIGHT C Holmes 5116	NON-RUNNER
7	DROMODAN M H Easterby 5116	Mr B Dowling (7)
8	DUTCH CHALLENGER A Hollingsworth 8116	M Hammond
9 000/U4U	EIGHTH WONDER M Haynes 5116	G McCourt
10 0	FIRST QUADRANT H O'Neill 7116	(runs in 2.30 race)
11	HEADIN' ON M Eckley 5116	T Wall
12	LAST ENEMY J Webber 5116	M Pitman (7)
13	LEVANT WAY W E Fisher 5116	B Wright
14 00-P2B	MERCHANT FRUITERER B McMahon 5116	D McKeown (7)
15	MIDAD Mrs J Pitman 8116	J J O'Neill
16	MUMMYS SWIFT T Hallett 6116	P Leach
17	PADDY SLIEVEEN J Glover 5116	C Brown
18	PINK PANTHER R Hollinshead 5116	S Morshead
19	TWO MINUTES J Spearing 6116	J A Harris
20	PLAYBOY BUNNY Mrs N Macaulay 7111	
21 00-003	VULGAN'S HONOR O O'Neill 7111	
22 40/00P-0	CARADO (D) M Pipe 4102	
23	JODY'S BOY B Stevens 4102	
24	PEARL RUN G Price 4102	
25	SQUIRES GOLD M Dickinson 4102	

BLINKERS: 36
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Carado, 100-30 Down Flight, 5-1 Al-Abjar, 6-1 Mid Dad, 10-1 Two Minutes and Pink Panther, 12-1 Brianogan and Broughton Star, 16-1 others.

2.00 PRINCETHORPE HANDICAP CHASE £2,000

2m 4f (9 runners)		
1 3-12303	NICKLE MOPPETT (D) J Webber 8123	A Webber
2 0/0312-P	UNDER-RATED (D) R Holder 7116	P Richards
3 03-2B12	MOUNT HARVARD (C) N Henderson 9113	P Croucher (4)
4 02P104	INTOXICATED (D) T Nicholls 1110	J Doyle (4)
5 4-00F2	CRACK A JOKE M Eckley 6102	H Davies
6 11-000P32	NORTH DOWN N M Morgan 9100	P Dever
7 0P-0414	RIVER WARRIOR (D) J M Bradley 7100	G Davies
8 4BP/0P4	ROYAL POTION D Pearson 10100	R Dunwoody

CARLISLE

1.15 WETHERAL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE £500

2m (18 runners)		
1 1	SPLENDID AGAIN N Tinkler 10110	N Tinkler
2 00P000	GALA LAD (C-D) M B James 1111	K Jones
3 0-POP21	KENO HILL A Davison 10101 (5 ex)	R Rowe
4 4-00	MORE FOR ENGLAND D McCain 5109	K Doolan (4)
5 030040	EDWARD'S CORNER T A Barnes 7108	M Barnes
6 004342	ASCOT AGAIN J P Smith 9106	P Tuck
7 000300	SECRET MINSTREL J Parks 8105	Lynn Whiffen (7)
8 P000	BRIANT FELLOW P Monteith 8104	
9 F02PFP	CARIBLUE A Davison 8104	B Storey
10 0030P1	CARLINGFORD BAY R Gray 6104	M Pepper
11 00-PP	KATRINA LYNNE J Dooler 9104	W Hayes (7)
12 322331	WARREN GORSE S Avery 11103	J Brough (7)
13 PF-0	WESTWARD TALBOT R Jeffrey 8102	Nr N Waggott (7)
14 00/00F0	SPARKLING BARRON N Waggott 8101	
15 0-20004	CLAYMORE J Townson 8101	Jayne Thompson (7)
16 004	MOON MELODY Ronald Thompson 4101	D Dutton
17 00P32	ICACOS BAY E Alston 4100	S Keightley
18 000000	LITTLE TYRANT B Richmond 8100	

BLINKERS: 7, 10, 21
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Keno Hill, 7-2 Carlingford Bay, 5-1 Ascot Again, 6-1 Warren Gorse, 8-1 Secret Minstrel, 12-1 More For England, 16-1 Moon Melody, 20-1 others.

1.45 STANWIX HANDICAP CHASE £1,750

3m (10 runners)		
1 30FF13	RUN'N FLY (D) A Mactaggart 10117	M Dwyer
2 31F0U1	SUCCEDED (D) W A Stephenson 8114	Mr P J Dun
3 2-FF233	MR SHUGG (D) K Oliver 10110	T G Dun
4 P-44121	CHETEL (C-D) R Brewis 11103	A Stringer
5 4-3F44P	TWIFLIGHT (C-D) B Wilkinson 10102	C Hawkins
6 144203	HOLBORN HEAD (C-D) W A Stephenson 9102	K Jones
7 31F212	STRAWHILL (C/D)(BF) E Alston 10101	K Doolan (4)
8 11404P	IMMIGRATE G Richards 121010	N Doughty
9 4/F-304	TENS OR BETTER (D) R Francis 11104	R Crank
10 P34U14	BITTERMAN (C-D) J Jefferson 8100	C Grant

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Succeeded, 4-1 Strawhill, 4-1 Chetel, 11-2 Run'n Fly, 8-1 Holborn Head, 12-1 Mr Shugg, 16-1 others.

2.15 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE (Q'FIER)

£1,000 2m (15 runners)		
1 001	CHIPCHASE (C-D) B Wilkinson 5115	Mr G Harker (7)
2 00-1022	PITCRUIVIE G Richards 6115	N Doughty
3 422	AMADIS T Barron 5110	P Tuck
4 0	ANOTHER HALF D McCain 5110	K Doolan (4)
5 0-0	AORTIC R Fisher 6110	M Meagher (4)
6 0-02033	BORDER TINKER D MacDonald 5110	A Cockburn (7)
7 00-0000	COOL THOMAS H Rebanks 6110	M Barnes

2.30 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE (Q'FIER)

£1,000 2m (18 runners)		
4	BEAUVALE N Gaselee 6110	V McKevitt
5 P-000	CALL ON DICKINS J L Harris 6110	J A Harris
6 000P-0	CAPE FLATTERY R Hartop 6110	J Barlow
7 PP00P-0	COOMBE GREEN R Shall 7110	S Sharpe
8	COTTAGE RUN D Nicholson 5110	P Scudamore
9	FRENCHLANDS LANE Mrs S Tainton 5110	C Smith
12	GOLDEN RAIDER D Nicholson 5110	G Newman
13 000	KOUROS Mrs N Kennedy 6110	R Dunwoody
14	LEVANT WAY W E Fisher 5110	H Davies
15 00-P2B	LORD LAURENCE D Gandolfo 5110	S Shilston
16 0B0	OAKLEY HOUSE F Walwyn 6110	Mr A J Wilson
17	PARATROOP C J V Miller 7110	J Barlow
18	PROUD PILGRIM G Thorne 6110	
19	AUGUST FOLLY R Hartop 5109	
20	FERNESA M Henriques 5109	
21	LINCOMBE LASS F Yardley 6109	P Scudamore
22	MEADOW MAID M H Easterby 5109	NON-RUNNER
23	SILVER KEYS M Pipe 5109	P Leach

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Oakley House, 3-1 Kouros, 4-1 Levant Way, 13-2 Silver Keys, 8-1 Proud Pilgrim, 10-1 Golden Raider, 14-1 others.

3.00 GEORGE CONEY CHALLENGE CUP (H'CAP CHASE)

£4,000 3m 4f (10 runners)		
4 23-4402	CORBIERE Mrs J Pitman 10117	B de Haan
5 2210P-1	LAST SUSPECT T Forster 11117	H Davies
6 4310FF	SOLIHULL SPORT J Spearing 11103	S Morshead
7 P-F020P	WINNING BRIEF M Naughton 10102	R Stronge
8 R/004-PF	BONUM OMEN (C) F Walwyn 11101	K Mooney
9 0-44320	MID DAY GUN (C) J Webber 11100	A Webber
10 3P-0U43	WOODLANDS LAD P Pritchard 10100	C Mann
11 04P0-30	VULRORY'S PIE Mrs H Dowson 8100	P Nicholls
12 3400P0	BAULKING BYWAY Miss R Harper 10100	Miss R Harper
13 U-FF2P1	BAY FOREST Mrs E Kennard 7100 (6 ex)	S McNeill

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Corbiere, 100-30 Last Suspect, 5-1 Mid Day Gun, 13-2 Bonum Omen, 8-1 Solihull Sport, 10-1 Winning Brief, 16-1 others.

2.45 KLIX DRINKS HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

3m (13 runners)		
1 123/0-00	PEN ROYAL T Craig 81110	C Grant
2 30/0000	DUNCOMBE PRINCE (C) J Jefferson 61110	M Hill (7)
3 002212	COOL ANDY H Rebanks 71110	Mr G Harker (7)
4 003343	SECRET LAKE (C) D MacDonald 6115	A Cockburn (7)
5 130-U02	MEND IT (C) N Bycroft 7115	P A Charlton
6 0-0320P	JOE'S FANCY P Liddle 71012	G W Gray
7 FF00FP	ALWAYS LINPAC W Elsey 9108	D Dutton
8 332030	WHO'S FREE (C-D) J Charlton 10107	B Storey
9 003-020	HEARTBREAK HOTEL Mrs B Butterworth 7103	Mrs B Butterworth
10 00403-1	MARACAS BAY N Waggott 6103	
11 000/303	TELEGRAPH BUSH G Renison 8100	C Pimlott
12 00-00000	VICTORY MORN J Dixon 9100	K Doolan (4)
13 0004/0-0	SAWYER'S SON Mrs P Rigby 6100	Mrs P Rigby

BLINKERS: 1, 8, 10
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Secret Lake, 3-1 Maracas Bay, 9-2 Mend It, 6-1 Heartbreak Hotel, 12-1 Pen Royal, 16-1 Telegraph Bush, 20-1 others.

3.15 KIRKLINTON NOVICE CHASE £1,000

2m 4f (16 runners)		
2 21-F143	PEBBLE ISLAND (C) G Richards 61110	D Coakley (4)
3 00-021F	THE DIVIDER (C-D)(BF) Mrs T Calder 71110	T G Dun
4 P-FFP33	ANOTHER WAGER R Fisher 8113	M Meagher (4)
5 0003FP	FROSTY TOUCH Mrs E Slack 7113	Mr C Storey (7)
6 0P/4U0F	GRADWOOD E Alston 10113	K Doolan (4)
7 0P/4U0F	GRAY THATCH C Parker 9113	B Storey
8 0-P4PUP	IMPAGE R Robinson 7113	Mandy Harrison (7)
9 00200P	KILROY MANOR J Jefferson 9113	P Tuck
10 00201P	LIGHT DEMON G Richards 8113	N Doughty
11 P-PFF	MANNIA REEF J Edwards 7113	P Barton
12 00F/0	MARMALITE Miss J Salkeld 10113	D Nolan
13 33002P	NORTON CAVALIER M H Easterby 10113	Non-Runner
14 2-41304	PRINCE BAI (FR) R Champion 9113	R Rowe
15	SQUIRES CLOSE N Crump 7113	C Hawkins

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 The Divider, 9-4 Pebble Island, 7-2 Another Wager, 10-1 Squires Close, 16-1 others.

3.45 KINGMOOR HANDICAP CHASE £1,100

2m (7 runners)		
1 F14422	PRESS GANG (D) J S Wilson 10110	T G Dun
2 0-12301	POLLY'S PAL (C-D) S G Payne 71110	B Storey
3 014021	TROILENA (D) R Fisher 9113	J D Doyle (4)
4 2300-02	EVEN MELODY (C-D) N Crump 16112	C Hawkins
5 2-001P4	OLD HEAD (C-D)(BF) P Monteith 13109	D Nolan
6 0-02123	REAY'S SONG (C/D)(BF) M Naughton 11106	
7 041102	DR GUILLotine (C-D) W Fairgrieve 10100	M Barnes

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Polly's Pal, 9-4 Troilena, 100-30 Press Gang, 7-1 Reay's Song, 9-1 Even Melody, 12-1 others.

RACING RESULTS

WOLVERHAMPTON

1.45 (2m): WALHAN A Hulburd (12-1); Star Burst (20-1); Arapaho Prince (100-30 fav); Cradle of Jazz (9-1); 16 ran. 5, 1. (M W Eckley) T: £10.90; £4.80, £7.90, £1.90. CSF: £196.17. NR: Habanne.

2.15 (2m): PAPERACER R Stronge (9-2); Secondary Image (5-2 fav); Tailored To Taste (13-2); Burnditch Boy (7-1); 10 ran. 6, 3. (B Preece) T: £5.20; £1.30, £1.60, £2.40. CSF: £16.16. NR: Celtic Princess.

2.45 (2m 4f): DUESENBERG B de Haan (11-4 fav); Emmason (6-1); Stearsby (7-1); John's Present (13-2); 15 ran. 3, 1. (Mrs J Pitman) T: £5.20; £2.30, £1.30, £1.80. CSF: £18.58.

3.15 (3m 1f): SMITH'S MAN M Perrett (7-4 fav); Royscript (3-1); Leney Dual (12-1); Personality Plus (13-2); 10 ran. 3, 8. (Mrs J Pitman) T: £2.60; £1.10, £2.10, £2.20. CSF: £7.20.

3.45 (2m): LIFE GUARD J Frost (15-2); Wassem (9-4); Fifty Bucks (7-2); Sparkling Jenny (2-1 fav); 16 ran. 1, 7. (S T Harris) T: £5.30; £1.60, £1.60, £1.50. CSF: £24.20. NR: Al-Abjar.

4.15 (2m 4f): MODEL PUPIL J Burke (12-1); Pelham Line (7-1); Lone Raider (50-1); Donegal Hope (50-1); 20 ran. 3/4, 6. (O O'Neill) T: £71.20; £12.50, £2.40, £32.90, £11.90. CSF: £95.71.

3.30 AIR WEDDING HUNTERS TROPHY CHASE £1,000

2m 4f (16 runners)		
1 1FP/04P	ACHILL SOUND F Barton 10122	Mr S Crank (7)
2 3/P04P	BEACON RAMBLER C Spate 11122	Mr C Spate (7)
3 21130P	BROCKIE LAW J Webber 7122	Miss T Webber (7)
4 1P/PP	CAMP HILL L Oakes 9122	Mr S Roberts (7)
5 00	CHARLEY CHEEK Mrs H Dowson 9122	Mr S Roberts (7)
6 3030P1	COUNTERLONE (D) J Docker 11122	Mr S Sharpe (4)
7 F-	HOT FEVER T Holland-Martin 7122	Mr T Holland-Martin (7)
8 FP/P122	RUGY (D) R Weaving 9122	Mr M Waindson (7)
9 0212FP	SIOSHAN'S JOY (C) Mrs C Janaway 10122	Mr G Maundrell (7)
10	THE MIGHTY BOCO P Hiatt 6122	Mr M Lucas (7)
11 PFFP/4U	VALARION M Churches 12122	Mr S Stickland (7)
12 0P00/0P	YANKEE DOODLE DANDY A Long 7122	Mr S Long (7)
13 20-3123	DEEP DEPRESSION B Oakes 10111	Mr S Oakes (7)
14 3/40400	GAME TRUST (D) C W Nash 9111	Mr L Harvey (7)
15 102031	HI DARLIN (D) H Manners 8111	Mr S Bush (7)
16 30/4310	WISE LADY (D) Mrs C Jane Stallard 9111	Mr N Oliver (4)

BLINKERS: 9
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Hot Fever, 2-1 Rugy, 4-1 Brockie Law, 8-1 Valarion, 10-1 Siohan's Joy, 12-1 Game Trust, 16-1 others.

4.00 BURTON HILL HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000

2m (16 runners)		
2 1010	KLAIROVE (D) B McMahon 6117	T Wall
3 0/433-12	CORN STREET (C-D) J R Bosley 7116	Mr M Bosley (7)
4 010010	COMEDY FAIR (D) M H Easterby 5111 (7 ex)	NON-RUNNER
5 003002	HIGH OLD TIME (D) J L Harris 91011	J A Harris
6 2-33231	NO FLUKE (D) F Yardley 5108	C Smith
7 00P0-00	CONS PAL (D) D Wintle 7107	J Ather (7)
8 000-20	PEP TALK F Walwyn 7105	K Mooney
9 03302F	WINART (BF) R Hodges 7104	S Earle (7)
10 224331	CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE (D) M H Easterby 5103	NON-RUNNER
11 004000	SALLY BLUE C Jackson 9102	J Burke
12 310-030	PIP (D) B Stevens 6100	C Brown
13 000002	BALI GEORGE (D) P M Taylor 7100	A Carroll
14 43101	SPRINGLE (D) R Hollinshead 4100	J J O'Neill
15 04140P	TIT FOR TAT (D) Miss A King 6100	M Jenkins (7)
16 F00PP-P	PRINCE PIRATE O Henley 10100	W Elderfield (4)
17 021F10	I WONDER WHEN R Hodges 4100	

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Corn Street, 4-1 No Flake, 6-1 Springle, 8-1 Pep Talk and Klairove, 10-1 Winart and High Old Time, 14-1 others.

3.15 KIRKLINTON NOVICE CHASE £1,000

2	21-F143	PEBBLE ISLAND (C) G Richards 61110	D Coakley (4)
3	00-021F	THE DIVIDER (C-D)(BF) Mrs T Calder 71110	T G Dun
4	P-FFP33	ANOTHER WAGER R Fisher 8113	M Meagher (4)
10	0003FP	FROSTY TOUCH Mrs E Slack 7113	Mr C Storey (7)
11	0P/4U0F	GRADWOOD E Alston 10113	K Doolan (4)
12	P/4U0F	GRAY THATCH C Parker 9113	B Storey
14	0-P4PUP	IMPAGE R Robinson 7113	Mandy Harrison (7)
15	00200P	KILROY MANOR J Jefferson 9113	P Tuck
16	00	LIGHT DEMON G Richards 8113	N Doughty
17	020201P	MANNA REEF J Edwards 7113	P Barton
18	P/PFF	MARMALITE Miss J Salkeld 10113	D Nolan
20	00F/0	NORTON CAVALIER M H Easterby 10113	Non-Runner
22	33002/P	PRINCE BAI (FR) R Champion 9113	R Rowe
24	2-41304	SQUIRES CLOE N Crump 7113	C Hawkins

Sports Line

Thorburn out of the shadows

CLIFF THORBURN finally gave up being the bridesmaid and for the first time this season took the leading role when he won the Benson and Hedges £150,000 Masters snooker tournament at Wembley on Sunday night.

Thorburn after appearing in and losing the last three finals of this season's important tournaments succeeded in taking his first title of the term when he beat Doug Mountjoy 9-6 after nearly seven hours of action.



CLIFF THORBURN . . . A winner at last this season

Mountjoy, a 42-year-old Welshman from Ebbw Vale, who now owns a public house in Herefordshire, had given Canadian Thorburn a tremendous battle. He was still there with a chance at only 5-6 down but then found the world No. 3 gradually pulling away.

And afterwards Mountjoy, who began the tournament as the 66-1 outsider, paid 37-year-old Thorburn the supreme compliment.

'I rate him as difficult to beat as Steve Davis,' he said.

'I certainly rate Cliff next to Steve for toughness — he is a tremendous player. Just look at some of his performances this past week, especially his semi-final win on Saturday night against Jimmy White.'

'Jimmy was knocking the balls down from all over the place to run away with the first three frames, but there was Cliff, as tough and as patient as ever, taking six of the last seven.'

Mountjoy, despite the odds stacked against him — he has not been in a final for

Canadian takes first of season

almost four years nor won a major title since 1978 — still thought he had chances of winning.

'I might have been 4-0 up,' he said. 'But I still had to recognise that it was Cliff who was in control of the game.'

Thorburn, who flew home to Toronto yesterday for 11 days' holiday before returning with his wife Barbara and son Jamie to continue their search for a new house in this country, said he was especially pleased to have succeeded after working so hard for a big win this season.

Three times he has lost in important finals and this was one occasion he was determined not to let his chances slip away.

'I was fed up with always being the bridesmaid and decided it was time I started winning tournaments once more,' he said.

For the world No. 3, it was his second Masters title in two years and it brought him the winner's prize of £37,500.

He also took the bonus prize of £3,750, for compiling the biggest break of the tournament.

Edberg's one-sided victory

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Stefan Edberg of Sweden crushed third-seeded Yannick Noah of France 6-1, 6-0 to win the \$315,000 US National Indoor Tennis Championships in Memphis on Sunday.

'It was quite easy,' Edberg said. 'I couldn't miss the ball. I never played so well. I tried to move him around and hit to his forehand. He wasn't moving so well.'

Edberg's win was the most one-sided victory since this tournament began in 1898.

Noah, who sprained ligaments in his left ankle in a quarter-final match Friday night, said: 'Stefan played the right way today . . . He played

smart. You have to give him credit for that.'

Edberg, who did not lose a set all week, received a \$45,000 first prize. Noah received \$22,500.

Top-seeded doubles team Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid, both of Czechoslovakia, beat fifth-seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa and Steve Denton (US) in a come-from-behind victory 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 to take the doubles title.

Bonnie Gadusek came back to claim her crown by defeating Pam Casale 6-3, 6-4 in the all-American final of the Florida \$140,000 women's tennis tournament at Marcos Island.

Gadusek played near-perfect ten-

nis, committing only one unforced error in the first four games of the opening set. But the lead started to dwindle away as third-seeded Casale battled back to 4-3.

Gadusek was not finished after her singles victory. Within 20 minutes she was back on the court with partner Camille Benjamin of the US to face Kathy Jordan (US) and Liz Smylie (Australia) in the doubles final.

The top-seeded team of Jordan and Smylie defeated Gadusek and Benjamin 6-3, 6-3.

'They haven't been playing together for that long and Kathy and I really play an attacking game,' said Smylie.

McDermott back for Aussies

QUEENSLAND paceman Craig McDermott has recovered from a viral infection and will return to the Australian cricket team for the first of the World Series Cup finals against the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground tomorrow.

McDermott was forced to miss Australia's final qualifying match against Sri Lanka in Perth on Sunday because of the infection, but he has now made a full recovery.

Australian captain Allan Border said Kim Hughes could also return to the side, although the former skipper is not included in the home team's squad.

'There is no secret formula

la to beating the West Indies — it's got to be playing a better game, holding our catches. Bowling a good line and length and being positive with the bat,' he said.

'That's where we have to outdo them to win.'

AUSTRALIA: Rodney Hogg, Terry Alderman, Geoff Lawson, Dean Jones, Rod McCurdy, Craig McDermott, Simon O'Donnell, Wayne Phillips, Steve Smith, Kepler Wessels, Graeme Wood.

WEST INDIES (probable): Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Larry Gomes, Viv Richards, Clive Lloyd, Gus Logie, Jeff Dujon, Malcolm Marshall, Michael Holding, Joel Garner, Winston Davis.

BYRNE'S FIRST CAP

QUEEN'S PARK Rangers' striker John Byrne makes his debut for the Republic of Ireland against World Champions Italy in the friendly in Dublin tonight.

Byrne, 24 last Friday, has earned his chance with a series of impressive displays for QPR since his £100,000 transfer from Third Division York.

Arsenal's David O'Leary is dropped as Republic manager Eoin Hand opts for the central defensive partnership of Mark Lawrenson and Mick McCarthy.

In goal there is a rare chance for Celtic's Pat Bonner to add to his collection of five caps.

Chris Hughton returns at right-back, while Liverpool reserve Jim Beglin keeps his place at left-back.

Byrne's clubmate Gary Waddock, who has not played for the Republic since last April after breaking an ankle, makes his comeback in midfield.

The powerful Italian lineup includes seven players who took part in the successful 1982 World Cup final against West Germany.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Bonner, Hughton, McCarthy, Lawrenson, Beglin, Waddock, Brady, Sheedy, Byrne, Stapleton, Galvin.

ITALY: Tancredi, Bergomi, Scirea, Vierchowod, Cabrini, Contini, Bagni, Di Gennaro, Tardelli, Rossi, Altobelli.

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	25	9	3	2	39	15	7	1	3	18	14	52
Tottenham	25	7	3	1	29	12	7	3	4	22	15	48
Man Utd	25	9	3	2	31	9	4	2	5	17	21	44
Arsenal	25	9	3	2	31	10	4	1	7	19	22	43
Southampton	25	7	2	2	12	10	5	5	4	22	18	43
Sheff Wed	25	7	5	1	26	14	4	4	4	14	11	42
Liverpool	25	5	4	3	17	9	5	5	3	17	14	39
Nottm For	24	8	1	2	23	13	4	2	7	14	21	39
Chelsea	25	8	2	3	27	13	1	8	3	14	17	37
Norwich	26	8	3	2	21	11	2	3	8	10	24	36
W.B.A.	26	7	3	2	24	11	3	2	9	13	27	35
Aston Villa	25	7	4	2	22	14	2	3	7	14	25	34
West Ham	24	5	4	4	16	13	3	4	4	15	22	32
Q.P.R.	26	5	5	3	23	20	2	5	6	9	23	31
Leicester	25	6	4	4	30	19	2	2	7	13	27	30
Watford	24	4	4	4	26	22	3	4	5	19	24	29
Sunderland	25	7	2	3	18	13	1	3	9	12	23	29
Newcastle	25	6	3	3	21	15	1	5	7	17	35	29
Coventry	26	5	3	5	15	16	2	1	10	12	31	25
Ipswich	24	4	4	4	15	15	1	3	8	7	20	22
Luton	24	4	5	3	18	15	1	2	9	11	30	22
Stoke	25	2	2	7	13	24	0	4	10	4	29	12

DIVISION II												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	22	10	1	0	39	9	5	3	3	13	9	49
Blackburn	25	9	1	1	26	9	5	6	3	22	15	48
Man City	26	9	2	1	24	8	5	5	4	18	13	48
Birmingham	24	5	4	2	14	10	10	0	3	20	11	49
Portsmouth	25	7	4	2	24	16	4	5	3	15	17	42
Leeds Utd	25	7	4	2	28	10	5	1	6	18	20	41
Barnsley	23	7	2	2	16	7	3	7	2	10	8	39
Fulham	25	9	0	3	24	15	3	3	2	21	29	39
Shrewsbury	25	7	3	2	29	17	3	5	5	17	20	38
Grimsby	25	8	1	5	28	20	3	3	5	19	22	37
Huddersfield	25	6	2	5	17	20	2	5	6	16	16	37
Brighton	24	5	4	2	11	6	5	2	6	13	13	36
Wimbledon	25	5	4	3	23	21	4	1	8	20	31	32
Sheff Utd	26	4	4	5	22	20	2	6	5	17	22	28
Carlisle	24	5	2	5	11	10	3	2	7	13	25	28
Charlton	25	4	4	4	21	18	3	2	8	11	19	27
Oldham	24	6	3	5	18	18	1	2	7	8	26	26
Middlesbro	25	3	5	4	13	18	3	1	9	16	22	24
Crystal Pal	23	3	5	3	16	14	2	3	7	12	22	23
Wolves	26	4	3	7	15	20	2	2	8	15	32	23
Notts City	26	3	4	7	11	21	1	1	10	11	31	17
Cardiff	24	3	2	8	16	29	1	2	8	11	23	16

DIVISION III												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	26	10	3	1	26	10	7	2	3	18	11	56
Gillingham	25	8	4	1	33	16	6	0	6	13	23	46
Hull	25	9	2	1	24	7	3	7	3	17	20	45
Bournemouth	28	11	2	2	23	8	2	4	7	8	14	45
Rotherham	26	7	4	1	24	14	6	1	7	12	17	44
Millwall	25	10	3	0	25	7	2	4	6	16	21	43
Bristol R	26	8	3	1	21	9	4	3	7	20	23	42
Reading	26	7	3	4	24	20	5	2	5	18	20	41
York	25	8	3	2	28	12	4	1	7	17	22	40
Bristol C	25	9	2	2	27	14	2	4	6	13	18	39
Derby City	26	9	3	1	27	15	3	3	8	13	19	39
Bolton	27	10	3	2	30	9	1	0	11	15	28	36
Walsall	24	3	6	2	13	10	6	3	4	17	17	36
Wigan	26	7	3	2	15	8	2	6	6	15	25	36
Doncaster	25	7	2	4	24	18	3	2	7	17	22	34
Barnsley	26	7	2	4	23	18	2	5	9	19	34	34
Newport	26	7	2	3	18	12	1	6	7	14	23	32
Plymouth	25	5	4	3	18	12	2	3	8	13	31	28
Lincoln	24	5	6	2	21	11	1	3	7	7	15	27
Burnley	24	4	4	5	22	15	2	3	6	15	25	25
Orient	26	5	1	6	18	24	2	2	10	10	24	24
Preston	25	4	4	6	21	28	2	0	9	10	31	22
Swansea	26	3	1	7	13	21	2	4	9	15	30	20
Cambridge	25	2	1	8	8	19	1	3	10	12	29	13

POOLS FORECAST

DIVISION I

1	WWWDLWD	Chelsea	1	A Villa	LLDLLDW
2	WDLWLWL	Coventry	x	Everton	WLWLWW
3	DWDLWLW	Ipswich	1	Leicester	LLLLWL
4	dLWLWLW	Liverpool	1	Arsenal	WLWLWL
5	WDLWLWL	Newcastle	x	Man Utd	WLWLWL
6	WDLWLWL	Nottm F	x	QPR	LLLLWL
7	WWWLWLW	Stampton	1	Luton	WLWLWL
8	DLLLLWL	Stoke	2	Norwich	DWDLWL
9	WWWLWDW	Tottenham	1	Sheff Wed	WLDLdWW
10	LdWWLWL	Watford	x	West Ham	DLWdLWL
11	WdWWWLd	West Brom	1	Sunderland	LLLLWL

DIVISION II

12	WWWLWLd	Barnsley	x	Portsmouth	WLWLdLd
13	LdLdWWD	Birmingham	1	C Palace	LLDLdWL
14	WDLWLWLW	Blackburn	1	Fulham	DWLWLdL
15	WdLdLdW	Brighton	1	Cardiff	LWLdLdL
16	LdLWLWL	Charlton	1	Wolves	LWLWLdL
17	WDWLdDW	Leeds	x	Grimsby	WLWdDL
18	WWWLWDW	Man City	1	Carlisle	LdLWLWL
19	WdLdLdL	Middlesbro	x	Notts Co	WLWLdLd
20	WWWLWLWLW	Oxford	1	Wimbledon	LdLWLWL
21	WdLdLWL	Sheff Utd	1	Oldham	LLDLdLd
22	WDLWLWLW	Shrewsbury	1	Huddersfield	LWDLWLWL

DIVISION III

23	WDDLWLWL	Bristol R	1	Lincoln	LWLdLdL
24	LLDLWLW	Cambridge	x	York	LLLLWL
25	WDLWLWLW	Derby	1	Reading	WLWLWLW
26	WDLWLWLW	Doncaster	1	Bournemouth	dWLdLWL
27	WdLWLWLWL	Hull	1	Burnley	LdLdLWL
28	WLWLWLWL	Newport	1	Bradford C	WdLdLWL
29	DWLWLWLW	Orient	1	Bristol C	WdLdLWL
30	LWLdLWLW	Plymouth	1	Bolton	LLLLWL
31	DWLWLWLW	Rotherham	1	Preston	LLLLWL
32	LWLdLWL	Swansea	x	Brentford	LdLdLdL
33	WdLdLWL	Walsall	2	Gillingham	LLWLWL
34	DWLWLWLW	Wigan	x	Millwall	WdLdLdL

DIVISION IV

2	Colchester	WDLWLWL
1	Chesterfield	WdWDLWL
1	Exeter	LWLdLWL
1	Peterboro	LLLLWL
1	Swindon	dLWLWL
1	Stockport	DWLWLWL
x	Chester	DLdLdL
1	Rochdale	dLdLdL
1	Port Vale	WLWLdL
2	Crewe	LWLdLdL

SOUTHERN PREMIER

45	WLLWLWL	Cheltenham	1	Bedworth	LdLdLdL
46	DLWLWLW	Corby	x	Gravesend	DWLdLdL
47	LWWLWLd	Fareham	1	Witney	WLWLdLd
48	WLWLWLW	R.S. Soton	x	Chelmsford	WLdWLWL

SCOTTISH PREMIER

49	WWWLWLW	Aberdeen	1	Hearts	LWWLWLW
50	LLWLdLW	Dumbarton	1	St Mirren	WLWLWLW
51	LLWLWLW	Dundee	2	Celtic	WWWLWLW
52	WLdLWLW	Hibs	1	Morton	LLLLLWL
53	LdLdLWL	Rangers	x	Dundee Utd	LLWdWLW

SCOTTISH DIV I

54	LWLWLWLW	Brechin	2	East Fife	LdWLWLW
55	LdLWLWL	Clyde	1	Partick	LdLWLWL
	WLWLWLWL	Falkirk	x	Motherwell	DWLWLdL
	dWDLWLW	Forfar	x	Ayr	WLWLWL
	WLWLWLW	Hamilton	1	Airdrie	WdLdLWL
	WdLWLWLW	Kilmarnock	1	Clydebank	WdLdLWL
	DLWLdLWL	St Johnstone	1	Meadowbank	LLLLLWL

SCOTTISH DIV II

	DWDLWLW	Alloa	x	Berwick	DWLdLWL
	DWDLdLW	Dunfermline	2	Albion	WWWLdL
	LdLWLWL	E Stirling	1	Arbroath	LWLdLWL
	WWWLWLW	Montrose	1	Raith	DLdLWL
	DWLWLdW	Queen of S	x	Cowdenbeath	LdLWLWL
	WDLWLWL	Stenhousemuir	1	Stirling	WWWLdL
	LLWLWLW	Stranraer	1	Queen's Park	WDLWLWL

1 = home win, 2 = away win, x = draw. The last eight home results of the home team are shown on the left and the last eight away results of the away team on the right. In both cases the most recent results are at the right hand end of the row. D = score draw, d = no-score draw.

Captain finds form in final Test

GOWER

BOUNCES BACK

SCORECARD

India v England, fifth Test, fourth day
Overnight: India 553 for eight dec. (Vengsarkar 137, Azharuddin 122, Srikanth 84, Shastri 59); England 163 for one (Fowler 69).

England First Innings cont:
Robinson lbw b Kapil Dev.... 96
Gatting c and b Sharma..... 62
Lamb c Srikanth b Shastri 13
Gower n.o..... 66
Cowdrey c Kirmani b Sharma 1
Downton b Sharma..... 1
Edmonds n.o..... 42
EXTRAS..... 23

TOTAL (6 wks) 373
FALL: 2-196 3-222 4-276 5-278 6-286.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 27-6-55-1; Amarnath 4-1-6-0; Sharma 54-14-106-3; Sivaramakrishnan 53-11-132-0; Shastri 29-12-48-2; Malhotra 2-0-3-0.

DAVID GOWER found his long lost form again to play a captain's role for England on the fourth day of the final Test against India at Kanpur yesterday.

The 27-year-old left hander scored 66 not out to pilot England past the dangers of following on behind India's 553 for eight declared.

Although at the close England were still 180 in arrears with only four first innings wickets left, the champagne can now go on ice.

Unless India can produce a whirlwind batting performance today and then bowl out England in what little time is left, the winter series will go to England 2-1.

BY OUR CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

But for a time yesterday it looked touch and go whether England could cling on to the lead earned by the wins at Delhi and Madras.

There seemed little to worry about as Tim Robinson, with 94, and Mike Gatting (62) steered England to within 78 runs of the 354 follow-on mark.

Although the Green Park wicket had begun to aid the spinners, particularly Laxman Sivaramakrishnan, England cruised towards safety.

Shipwrecked

But suddenly their plans looked shipwrecked by a three-wicket burst from 24-year-old Indian off spinner Gopal Sharma, who was making his debut.

Gatting offered a sharp return catch that was held, Chris Cowdrey was caught behind down the leg side and Paul Downton lost his off stump.

At the time Gower had made 22, only three more

than his previous highest score in five Tests on tour and, as Phil Edmonds strode to the wicket with 68 more runs wanted, the situation seemed bleak.

Gower, who had made 57 in five previous Test innings on tour, and only two 50s since he took over the captaincy full-time at the start of last summer, kept a cool head.

Edmonds, used in the Madras Test as a run-chasing slogger, knuckled down to his responsibilities and, with the gaps in the field made larger by the fielders clustered around the bat, the pair pulled England around.

Their 50 partnership took 62 minutes and with only two of their colleagues able to stand the tension and watch from the England enclosure, the tide turned.

The follow-on was averted half an hour before the close and even the Indian new ball, finally taken when the innings was 166 overs old, could not shift them.

Edmonds, who picked up two boundaries from Kapil

Dev late in the day, finished with 42 not out, and had played an equally vital part.

Their heroic efforts should not have been necessary. Robinson and Gatting had steadily taken their second wicket partnership to 40 before the Nottinghamshire opener fell before a ball from Kapil Dev which kept low.

Allan Lamb fell to a dubious bat pad decision at 222, but Gower and Gatting, playing cautiously, still had the situation under control as they took England to 276.

Restraint

But then Gatting, after 215 minutes of self restraint and within sight, at least, of the 124 runs he needed to become the highest England run scorer in a series against India, tried to drive Sharma aggressively and for a moment panic set in.

Fortunately Gower was unruffled and by the close, after 212 minutes at the crease, his old grace and timing were beginning to return.



DAVID GOWER . . . To the rescue in Kanpur yesterday



BRYAN ROBSON . . . Back in training at United

Robson resumes training

BRYAN ROBSON was back in light training with Manchester United yesterday, for the first time since he dislocated his shoulder three weeks ago. Robson did some jogging, but was still not able to put a firm date on his return to first team action.

Afterwards the England captain said: 'I got through some jogging and felt no pain. But the fact that I am back in training makes me feel a lot better.'

At the end of an hour's jogging Robson tried a couple of shots at goal. He added: 'I couldn't resist a couple of shots, but it felt a bit sore so I quickly packed up. With an injury like this you cannot really set yourself a comeback target.'

'The specialist said it could heal in two weeks or it could take six. If I did have to say anything about a possible return I maybe looking at the Arsenal match at Highbury in three weeks time.'

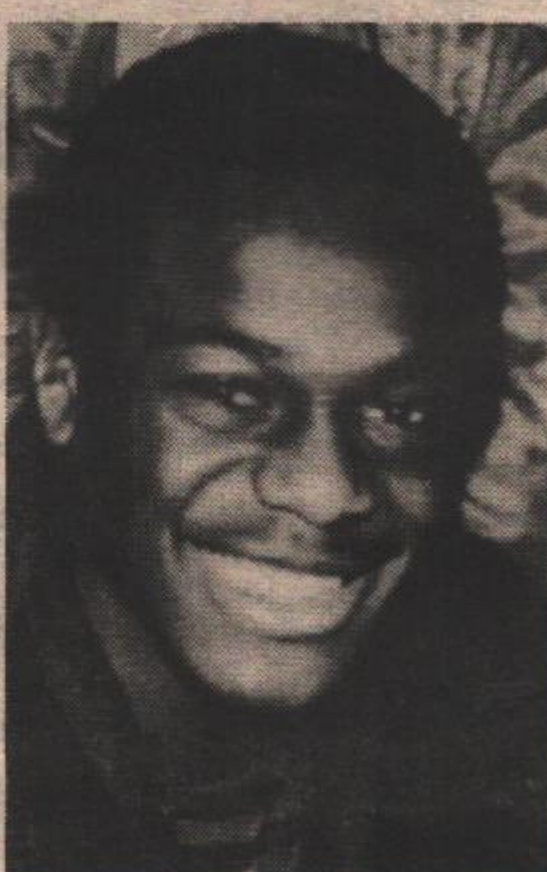
United's young England goalkeeper Gary Bailey — who is out with a damaged finger — flew home to South Africa yesterday.

Bailey has been given a week's holiday to visit his parents in Johannesburg. He will continue treatment on his injury and be back in training next week.

He is hoping to be fit in time for United's fifth round FA Cup tie at Blackburn.

● **OXFORD UNITED** have failed in their bid to sign Notts County striker Justin Fashanu on a month's loan. Manager Jim Smith wanted Fashanu as a replacement for Northern Ireland international Billy Hamilton, who is recovering from a cartilage operation, but County want to sell the player, valued at £125,000, immediately.

● **ENGLAND** striker Tony



JUSTIN FASHANU

Woodcock settled his differences with Arsenal manager Don Howe yesterday. Woodcock walked out of Highbury last Saturday lunchtime when he was dropped by Howe for the home game against Coventry.

'I had a chat with Woodcock this morning and then he got down to training as usual,' said Howe.

'There is no question of any punishment and it is all in the past.'

Woodcock cost £500,000 from Cologne two-and-a-half years ago — and last Saturday was the first time he had been axed at Arsenal.

● **UNHAPPY** Wigan manager Harry McNally has been persuaded to stay with the Third Division club by Chairman Brian Heathcote.

McNally has become increasingly concerned at his team's poor disciplinary record and he offered his resignation after being cautioned by referee George Tyson at York on Saturday following the sending-off of young defender Steve Walsh.

Wigan are to seek talks with the FA and their PFA representative Neil Bailey is taking up Walsh's case with the player's union. The club claims that his tackle on Keith Walwyn was perfectly fair.

● **PORT VALE** 'keeper Barry Siddall, who stepped in at the last minute for Stoke City at the weekend, is poised to join the First Division strugglers on a permanent basis following talks with manager Bill Asprey.

Siddall moved to Stoke on a month's loan and played against his former club Sunderland on Saturday after Paul Barron had been recalled by West Brom.

'Vale are prepared to release 30-year-old Siddall if Stoke will take on the remaining 18 months of his contract.'

ALL BLACKS' S.A. TOUR PLAN

NEW ZEALAND'S All Blacks rugby team have received an invitation to tour racist South Africa later this year.

The invitation is expected to be accepted when the full council of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU) meet in Wellington this weekend.

Jeopardise

Such a decision will jeopardise the country's hopes of participating in the Commonwealth Games, scheduled for Edinburgh next year.

Many African, Asian and Caribbean nations will correctly see this as a direct contravention of

the Gleneagles Agreement and will move to ask for New Zealand to be suspended from the Games or stage a mass boycott.

News of the invitation was mistakenly leaked by council delegate Peter Wild yesterday morning. He told the New Zealand Press Association that the South African Rugby Board (SARB) had invited the All Blacks to tour the racist state for six weeks beginning in mid-July and would include three Test matches.

Later Ces Blazey, chairman of the NZRFU, refused to confirm that he had received an invitation.

● **A DECISION** by the

West German Rugby Federation (WGRF) to send a team to South Africa was attacked yesterday by the Greens Party as a political scandal.

The federation executive decided by seven votes to four on Saturday to accept an invitation from the SARB to send a representative XV to South Africa.

Undermined

The parliamentary representatives of the Greens, a grouping of environmentalists, pacifists and opponents of nuclear energy, said the decision undermined the international sporting boycott of South Africa.

'The Greens in the Bundestag (lower house) urge the German Rugby Federation to call off the planned trip to South Africa,' a party spokesman said.

It added: 'We appeal to the government not to allow this and to apply sanctions against South Africa in other areas, for example by cancelling the cultural agreement and stopping coal imports.'

The Federation had earlier postponed a decision pending advice from the West German Sports Federation (DSV).

But after the DSV advised them to reject the invitation, the Federation's executive decided to send a team.