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MINERS BEWARE OF NACODS DECEPTION

MINERS must beware of false hopes that the joint approach to the Coal Board with the deputies' union NACODS can resolve the 11-month struggle for jobs by the National Union of Mineworkers.

Within four hours of the approach being made to the NCB, it was thrown out with contempt.

The holding of a public inquiry by ACAS, or any other body, has already been promised a similar rejection. Yesterday's Fleet Street press quoted government sources as saying the inquiry could go ahead 'but we won't be there'.

The Thatcher government has declared its determination to physically destroy the NUM, and is pursuing that aim ruthlessly.

With the British economy plunging deeper into crisis under the weight of tonnes of valueless paper currency in the form of credit surging desperately through the international banking system, Thatcher cannot and will not tolerate any negotiated settlement with the NUM.

Any indication of a compromise on the government's part could send sterling into a headlong dive, bringing the banking system in its wake.

The NACODS union have already been used as a stalking horse to undermine the confidence of the NUM. The Tories aim to try and ensnare the NUM in the NACODS deal, which NUM president Arthur Scargill described to a rally of Durham miners in Peterlee last month as a 'sophisticated closure programme'.

The fact that NACODS have now had this deal undermined — by the demand for a written undertaking from the NUM to accept closures on economic grounds — proves Scargill's point exactly.

The NACODS leadership

BY BEN RUDDER



ARTHUR SCARGILL

have already broken faith with the NUM and their own members when they refused to act on an 82 per cent ballot in support of strike action in October.

They cannot and will not provide a solution for the miners today. If they seriously supported the miners they would take action against all those crossing NUM picket lines, and join the strike against pit closures.

While every striking miner knows well the two-faced role played by the NACODS leadership in October, the Stalinists of the 'Morning Star' yesterday claimed the union was presenting a 'united front' with the NUM.

This is a calculated diver-

sion. The issue facing the miners and every union supporting them is the urgent need to force the TUC to call the General Strike.

The Tories must not be allowed to starve the miners back to work, though each day which passes without a challenge to the TUC to take action to defend trade unionism makes that danger greater.

There are already resolutions before the NUM executive demanding a recall TUC Congress to mobilise immediate industrial action in support of the miners.

Rejected

Now that the joint approach with NACODS has been rejected by the Coal Board and Thatcher's Bonapartist regime, these demands on the TUC must be taken up and fought for with the strength the miners have shown for the last 11 months.

Thatcher intends to pauperise the whole working class and destroy every

union within it through the institution of the corporatist state.

But the miners can and must give a further powerful impulse to the resistance of the working class to the burdens of the world capitalist slump by issuing a challenge to the TUC to call the General Strike.

This was the unanimous demand from over 2,000 miners and other workers at the All Trades Unions Alliance conference in Sheffield on February 3.

Only through the General Strike can all those workers in local government facing redundancies through rate-capping and abolition, as well as thousands more throughout the Health Service, steel, rail and manufacturing industry rally to the side of the miners to bring down the Thatcher government.

The preparation of the General Strike will be a vital step forward in the campaign for a Workers Revolutionary Government as the only class alternative to Thatcherism.

Volcker's new warning

FEDERAL Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker warned the Senate Budget Committee yesterday that the United States was becoming 'hostage to foreign borrowing'. Volcker said that failure to drastically cut the federal budget deficit could reignite inflation and lead to a loss of confidence in the United States among foreign investors.

Volcker repeated warnings about the budget and foreign trade deficits which he made earlier in the week to the joint economic committee of Congress. The head of America's central bank said that the imbalance between domestic savings and investment could not be resolved by excessive money creation.

'To the extent that it stirred new inflationary fears, this would have the effect of driving inflation right up, and could discourage the current foreign capital inflow on which the US is now dependent.' He called for 'decisive credible reductions in the budget deficit to reassure the markets'.

Volcker declared: 'The adverse implications of huge foreign capital inflows are melting. Our capital markets and interest rates have become hostage to foreign borrowing with consequences that

will be compounded in the future.'

Financing the deficit has sent the dollar soaring on currency markets, and boosted interest rates. Now everyone is worrying what will happen when it goes the other way.

Former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt noted yesterday: 'If there is a steep fall in the dollar, we will suffer more than the Americans.' The mark would rise quickly against the dollar and other trading partner currencies and German exports would begin to suffer, bringing political turbulence.

Schmidt warned: 'If America does not bring down its federal deficit then we're going to see increasing nervousness set in to currency markets.'

As he was speaking, the dollar soared to another high against the mark, the French franc, the Italian lira, the Portuguese escudo and Scandinavian currencies.

It reached an 11-year peak against the Swiss franc and pushed sterling to a record low in New York, where it plunged below \$1.10 for a time before edging back to \$1.1040. In London it closed at \$1.1100, a fall of 0.55 cents.

No politics, judge warns

THE JUDGE in the Belgrano secrets trial at the Old Bailey warned the jury yesterday not to get into political debates when deciding a verdict.

He made his remarks at the start of his summing up in the trial of Clive Ponting, who has denied a charge under Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act.

He told the jury: 'You are not concerned with whether you agree with the politics of the government at that time. A political debate on those policies is wholly outside the proper range of your discussion.'

Neither did they have to consider Ponting's motives. 'You are not concerned whether the defendant honestly believed that when he leaked the documents it was his duty to do so in the interests of the state.'

It did not matter what the motive was: 'It is no defence that he honestly believed it was his duty in the interest of the state.'

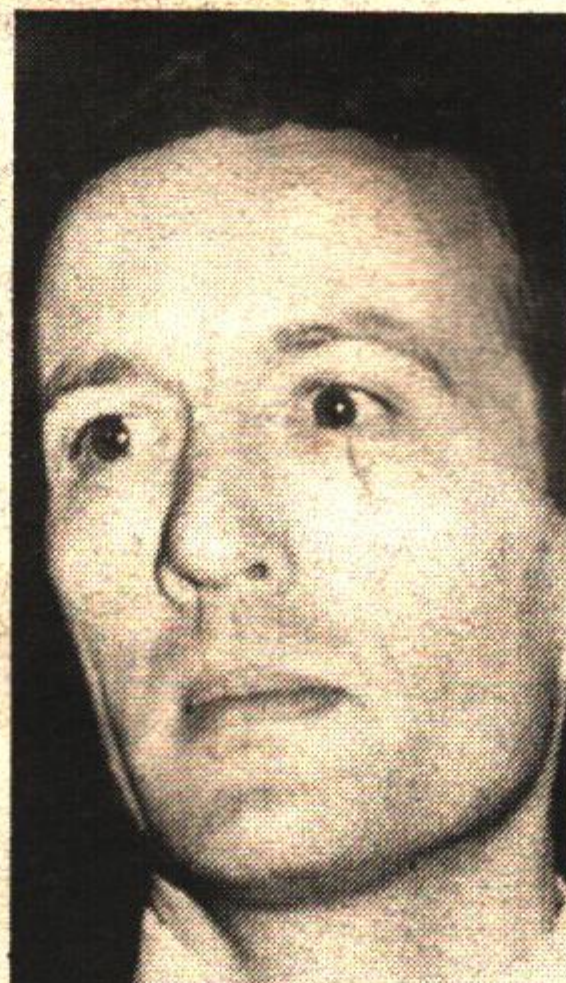
He said the only thing the prosecution had to prove was that Labour MP Tam Dalyell was not a person to whom it was Ponting's duty to communicate the docu-

ments in the interests of the state.

He directed that in law the 'interest of the state' applied to the policies of that state in July last year, policies laid down for it by its recognised organs of government and authority.

It could not have been in the interests of the state for Ponting to leak the documents to Dalyell, whom the judge described as 'the government's chief critic and interrogator'.

The judge criticised defence counsel Bruce Laughland QC for saying that a conviction could be a li-



CLIVE PONTING

cence for ministers to withhold information from parliament with the assistance of an acquiescent civil service.

The trial was adjourned until Monday, when the judge will continue his summing up in secret session. He is expected to send the jury out late in the morning.

The long wait for operations

DOCTORS yesterday called for an investigation into the 'appalling' length of time patients have to wait for treatment in some parts of Britain.

A report by independent experts confirms worries first expressed by the British Medical Association that patients are generally having to wait longer for operations and that the wait varies widely from district to district.

The BMA has now written to Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler in the hope that the Department of Health will come up with proposals for improving the service for patients.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

could improve services for long-stay elderly patients was at the expense of the acute medical sector.

Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, has written to Tory Health Secretary Norman Fowler to inform him of the results of the report.

The report, by the Health Services Management Centre, says: 'Whatever method of analysis is used, one cannot avoid a conclusion that out-patient waiting time deteriorated between 1983 and 1984.'

Variations

Even more worrying were the 'enormous' variations between districts.

In a report last September the BMA said that the time patients had to wait between seeing their family doctor and obtaining a hospital out-patient appointment increased by 20 per cent between 1983 and 1984.

Report

Dr Maurice Burrows, chairman of the BMA's central committee for hospital medical staff, said the report had found 31 health districts were providing an 'exceptionally poor' or 'very poor' service.

Burrows would not name the districts, but said the information had been passed on to the Department of Health which 'ought to look into it'.

Medical specialities with the longest waiting times included orthopaedics and ophthalmology.

One reason for the worsening situation, he said, was that when health districts had no 'growth money' the only way they



Dr Maurice Burrows and Dr John Havard at the British Medical Association press conference yesterday

Briefly . . .

Actors call for action

A CALL for a national day of protest against cuts in the arts has come from 'Centre Forward', a minority group on the Council of Actors Equity. The group is demanding action from the actor's union against cuts in the Arts Council budget and the effects of rate-capping on Labour councils and the abolition of the GLC.

'Centre Forward' want demonstrations in every town that has a subsidised theatre, and stoppages and industrial action with the agreement of managements to publicise the effect of the cuts on state and local authority funded arts.

The Equity Council will be discussing the Centre Forward demand for a national day of protest at the Council meeting next Thursday. Tomorrow, resolutions from Equity members on the fight for jobs will be voted upon at the London Area Committee AGM.

Petrol to rise Sunday

THE COST of petrol is set to rise from midnight on Sunday after Texaco announced yesterday it was withdrawing its retail price support. The company said that if retailers passed on the full effect, it would result in an average increase of 4p a gallon leading to four-star costing 191.9p. Other oil companies are considering the Texaco move.

THE National Union of Teachers said yesterday that members' refusal to stand in for sick colleagues — part of their selective action over pay — forced many schools to send children home early. Teachers seeking a 12 per cent pay rise, who have been offered only 4 per cent, have been refusing to cover for dinner duties all week. An NUT spokesman said schools in Cumbria, Northumberland, Durham, Oldham, Bolton, Manchester, Selby, Essex and the London borough of Merton were affected.

OVER 500 jobs are to be axed at the north London Gestetner factory in Tottenham, the company announced yesterday. The closure of the factory was announced as part of a 'restructuring' of the printing company, which claims it has suffered heavy losses in sales in recent years. However trade unions at the plant believe the company intends to expand its activity in Wellingborough, where a 'new enterprise zone' policy gives reduced overheads and cheaper labour than the centre of London.

BRITISH occupation forces are at the centre of another major row after the killing of a teenager in West Belfast on Thursday night. Local people say Gerard Logue, 19, shot dead in the Springfield road area, could have been captured alive, when he was cornered in a stolen car.

WEATHER

NORTH-east England and much of Scotland will be rather cloudy with a little sleet or snow in places but also some bright or sunny intervals. South-west Scotland, northern Ireland, north Wales and much of central and northern England will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain or sleet turning to snow in places, especially over higher ground. South Wales and southern districts of England will be cloudy with rain at times. In south and south-west England it will be rather cold, elsewhere it will be cold or very cold.

Merseyside

WIRRAL VOTE TO RETURN

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

THE 2,800 education and social services ancillary staff in Wirral — who have led a determined fight against the Tory council plans to axe £3.2 million from jobs and services — voted last night to go back to work.

The meeting was called to discuss a 'revised cuts package' put forward by Bill Hughes, Wirral's director of personnel, to NUPE officials earlier this week.

Hughes has proposed 12 revised items of cuts in the education section subject to 'an immediate return to work and the calling off of all industrial action across the authority'.

said: 'We have been negotiating over the last fortnight. We have solely negotiated with Bill Hughes, director of personnel, this agreement is signed, legal and binding if you agree with it tonight.'

general secretary of NUPE, told News Line earlier: 'This major dispute underlines the determination of NUPE members to safeguard local education services against the attacks dictated by an uncaring government.'

Meeting

Bill Jones, regional NUPE officer, said after the meeting voted to go back: 'We brought the council to its knees. We've really taught them a lesson. They've capitulated on everything.'

Jim Williams, chairman and district secretary,

Ken Crilley, NUPE branch steward, told News Line that he and other NUPE members were critical of the role of the local capitalist press for trying to pre-empt the outcome of the meeting and lead a campaign to break the strike.

Rodney Bickerstaffe,

Unity

'The massive scale of the cuts in Wirral illustrates the overriding need for total unity between workers in Tory-controlled councils and boroughs and staff in Labour-controlled councils.'



Pickets outside Eastham Secondary School in the Wirral

Jobless picket snoopers

TWENTY unemployed people and trade unionists mounted lobbies of DHSS offices in South Liverpool on Thursday against 'snoopers' from the Specialist Claims Control Unit.

The lobbies were organised by Merseyside Campaign Against Social Security Cuts, which is fighting benefits cuts and harassment of the claimants.

The campaign embraces delegates from trade unions (including DHSS unions), claimants' organisations and workers from unemployed centres.

Nigel Godfrey, chairman of MCASS, who picketing Garston dole office, said: 'The control units visits DHSS offices for three months at a time. They have been at Garston since the beginning of January.'

They attempt to push people off benefits, harassing single parent families in particular.

'The claimants are not prosecuted but intimidated. One woman ended up on tranquilisers for first time, but after protests her benefits were reinstated.'

Money

'While the DHSS spends money on these snoopers, staff cuts have resulted in claimants waiting three or four months for benefits.'

'These control units have visited every DHSS office

in Liverpool, but at Toxteth were forced to withdraw after one day because of opposition from unions, claimants and the community.'

Over £6,000 million has been cut from benefits nationally since 1979, while £12,000 million has been given out in tax hand-outs, mainly to the top income brackets.

Merseyside county council supports the campaign and has distributed a newspaper explaining the rights of unemployed, single parents, pensioners and disabled.

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struggle in local government

Liverpool spending is strangled

LIVERPOOL Council was yesterday threatened with a Whitehall takeover of its capital spending programme and an attack on its housing programme.

Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin claimed yesterday that the Labour-controlled authority had exceeded its allocation for 1985-1986.

He gave them a two-week deadline to get within his limit or face direct government control.

Jenkin's action was seen not as an attack on Liverpool, but a warning to the rate-capped councils that they would get nothing from the government.

Liverpool leaders rejected his claims, with finance committee chairman Tony Byrne saying:

'We are not like Jenkin. We only tell the truth. We are perfectly in order. We are not in a position that is illegal. What I do not understand is why he is saying this.'

'He is trying to stop us spending the resources we have every right to spend. As far as we're concerned the right thing is dealing with people's housing conditions, conditions that should have dis-

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appeared 100 years ago. 'Jenkin does not understand the rate support grant system or the capital process. When he gets our letter, he will see the light.'

The threat to hijack the council's capital programme came when Jenkin held a press conference in the city.

He claimed that Liverpool was set to overspend

the allocation by £27 million. If the gap was not bridged, he would use powers under the Local Government Planning and Land Act.

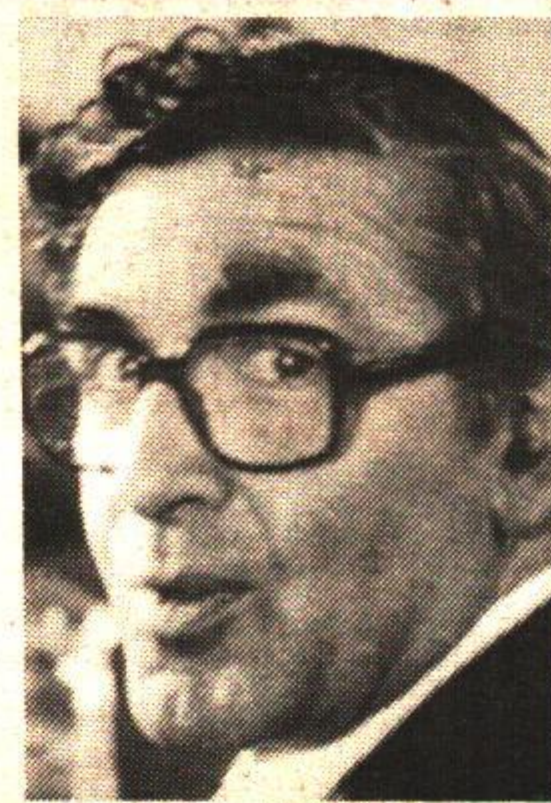
'Such a direction would oblige the city council to seek my consent to new contracts or work undertaken by direct labour above a given value, and to the making of any capital payments above the legal ceiling.'

'I very much regret having to carry out this

step, but given the facts we know I would be failing in my duty if I didn't act and I would be open to challenge in the courts by any ratepayer.'

He said that the council had 'made no secret of their intention to charge ahead regardless of what money they have to meet bills'.

Jenkin warned: 'Liverpool cannot make its own laws. They have to live within the same rules as anybody.'



PATRICK JENKIN



TONY BYRNE

Tory cash grab will raise LRT fares

TORY moves to legalise the seizure of £50 million from the Greater London Council will lead to fare increases and severe cuts in bus services, a union leader said yesterday.

T&GWU transport union London busmen's secretary Terry Allan made the warning in a letter to London bus garages.

Allan was commenting on Transport Minister Nicholas Ridley's announcement of a parliamentary Bill to legalise, in retrospect, his illegal seizure of the cash from the GLC.

Although the High Court last month overturned Ridley's decision to take the additional money — levied as part of the removal of London Transport from GLC control — Ridley intends to reverse the judicial decision through parliament.

'Whatever he does now will mean either a massive increase in the rates of Londoners or higher fares or both,' said Allan.

Ridley's actions may be 'legal', but were not in his opinion 'moral or ethical', Allan's letter added.

'Whatever it is, it's another example of putting dogma before sense and incompetent bungling where this industry pays the price.'

'He says that London cannot afford its buses. We say none of us can afford him. Please do not think he is leading by example.'

Ridley's new proposals come before the House of Commons on February 18. They would give the Transport Minister new powers to direct how much London rate payers must pay to LRT (London Regional Transport) without having to consult the GLC or the boroughs.

Mr Justice McNeil, in overturning Ridley's levy last month, ruled that his decision was 'unlawful, irrational and improper', in giving directions that exceeded his statutory powers and failing to consult with the GLC.

COACH BONUS PICKET

STRIKING coach drivers from South Wales set up picket lines outside three long-distance bus terminals in London, Bristol and Birmingham yesterday.

The dispute with local Welsh management is over bonus payments. National Welsh Bus services to and from Cardiff, Newport and Chepstow have already been halted for two weeks because of the strike.

Talks in London to try and settle the dispute broke down earlier this week. Yesterday's picket action affected services leaving the three key terminals.

But management appeared to threaten possible legal action yesterday when a spokesman said the pickets were taking 'secondary' action since the National Bus Company were not directly involved in the dispute.

The spokesman admitted that some drivers had refused to cross picket lines and that services to and from places as far afield as Penzance and Inverness had been affected.

Hypermarket plan snubbed

THE 'MILITANT' group on Liverpool's District Labour Party is still reeling from the shock setback it received at the hands of the majority.

By a vote of 65 to 58 the DLP rejected the recommendation of its 'Militant'-dominated executive committee to sanction ASDA's application for planning permission to set up hypermarket in the Speke enterprise zone.

The store comprises an 85,000 square-foot, £10 million project, which will be rate free.

It is further claimed that it would immediately 'create' 1,000 construction jobs and result in the employment of 400 workers after completion.

The plan raised opposition on all sides, from local Labour Parties, the unions, especially USDAW, the shopworkers' union, and the Co-Op.

The debate was 'thorough and searching,' said council leader John Hamilton.

It spread over two hours when deputy leader Derek Hatton spoke passionately against the Co-Op motion which asked the DLP not to support the planning ap-



DEREK HATTON



JOHN HAMILTON

plication for the development of a hypermarket.

It added: 'We believe that Enterprise Zones are wrong in principle and at no time should hypermarkets be allowed to develop on them.'

'We would draw the attention of the DLP to the detrimental policies of the ASDA group in Kirkby.'

However, the meeting concluded on a note of unanimity with a second resolution condemning the

campaign being conducted against the council and the party and its prominent members.

This was a reference to Liberal MP David Alton's invitation to the police to investigate Hatton in relation to the ASDA development.

Hatton has strongly denied in being involved in anything improper, and accused Alton of 'rank cowardice' in using the privilege of the House of Commons to make his attack.

Bat charges dropped Dr O'Shea bailed

MINERS' union official Roy Wright, who spent several weeks in custody accused of inciting a baseball bat attack on scab miner Michael Fletcher, walked free from a court yesterday after charges against him were dropped.

Magistrates at Pontefract, West Yorkshire, were told by David Adams, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, that it had been decided to take no further action.

Custody

Wright, 54, branch president at Fryston colliery, near Castleford, North Yorkshire, had faced charges that he incited others to cause grievous bodily harm to Fletcher on November 23. Wright had been remanded on custody but just before Christmas he was granted bail on condition he lived in Southport, Merseyside, and did not contact anyone in the NUM.

RETIRED consultant psychiatrist Dr Moira O'Shea was granted £50,000 bail when she appeared before Liverpool magistrates yesterday on bomb plot charges. Dr O'Shea, 65, is accused with five men of conspiring to cause an explosion in the UK.

Liverpool stipendiary magistrate Norman Wootton granted bail on condition that Dr O'Shea deposited £20,000 of her own money into the court and handed over her passport, and that three individuals provided sureties of £10,000 each.

He also asked her to continue to live at her home in Sparkhill, Birmingham. She was remanded until March 29.

Remanded in custody for seven days were: Peter Lynch, 45, of Balsall Heath, Birmingham; Dubliners Patrick Brazil, 34, a seaman, and William Grimes, 43, unemployed; former teacher Peter Jordan, 60, of Bristol, and seaman William Gallagher, 37, of Belfast.



FAIRY DOG MOTHER

A STUDY in coiffure at the Crufts Dog Show which got under way yesterday at Earls Court, in London. The show goes on until Sunday and thousands of hopeful owners with all kinds of dogs turn up in the hope of winning a prize.

Briefly . . .

Marchais takes a lashing

PARIS — A 'Euro-communist' member of the French Communist Party, Pierre Juquin, told the third day of the 25th Congress yesterday the leadership's attempts to stifle internal changes threatened the declining party's existence. Juquin labelled party leader Georges Marchais's line blaming France's economic crisis on the ruling Socialist Party as simplistic.

Workers take over tanker

FERROL, Spain — Angry shipyard workers yesterday took over an oil tanker docked in the northern port in protest against job cuts. A spokesman for the workers said they planned to turn on the tanker's engines and broadcast their protests over the ship's radio.

Austerity plan cuts deep

MEXICO CITY — The government has announced a public spending cut of about \$470 million and the sale of 236 state-run enterprises as part of an economic austerity programme. Officials said the measures were aimed at compensating for a fall in dollar revenues caused by a drop in oil prices.

Peasants erect blockades

LA PAZ — Bolivian farmers have blockaded roads and railway lines into the capital in support of demands for machinery and open markets, a peasants union leader, Simon Yampara, said yesterday. The government has also been challenged by private bankers who have locked out staff and a stoppage by private taxi, bus and lorry owners.

Defiant strikers laid off

MELBOURNE — The federal government yesterday began suspending public servants who refused to collect taxes in a pay dispute that Canberra has blamed for undermining the Australian dollar. Several hundred of the 100,000 civil servants were suspended without pay after refusing to resume work.

Pakistan swoop — 50 held

ISLAMABAD — More than 50 opposition leaders in the North-West Province have been arrested in a sweep against critics of forthcoming elections. Opposition spokesmen said the military regime had arrested all 11 provincial leaders of the Movement for the Restorations of Democracy (MRD).

ILO demands debt study

GENEVA — The International Labour Organisation (ILO) yesterday called for a high-level conference to review the impact of economic austerity policies on debtor countries. The call was made in a report to the ILO's governing body, the Executive Board, which meets next Monday.

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FARMERS' ANGER SPARKS DISSSENT

FROM MARTY MORAN
IN DETROIT

THE REAGAN government has issued no new proposals to deal with a wave of bankruptcies threatening the farming industry although Cabinet has been dominated by discussions on the sector.

Hundreds of farmers face foreclosure, many banks have collapsed and the future of many more is in jeopardy if farmers do not obtain new loans to refinance their spring activities.

Under the pressure of widespread protests, both Democratic and Republican farm-belt congressmen are pressing the White House to take steps to open up credit to farmers.

Republican Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa said early this month: 'This is a serious turning point.'

'Something has got to be done in the next 60 days about the debt restructuring or more farmers will go under and we'll see banks and businesses go with them.'

Bail-out

Grassley and other senators want the government to accelerate its bail-out plan to provide \$650 million in loan guarantees to banks that forgo at least 10 per cent of farmers' loans.

A mere \$25 million has been used of this emergency provision. Bankers have complained that the programme places a greater burden on farm banks to absorb more losses.

For the agricultural banks that fattened themselves on a near-exclusive diet of the post-war American farm boom, the government's directive is a certain recipe for crash.

America's farm debt is \$215 billion. As of December the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the government agency



Farmers meet to stop a foreclosure auction in Nebraska

that guarantees loans and debts) had 288 of the country's 4,300 farm banks on its problem list.

That figure is nearly double the number in 1983. Bourgeois economists estimate that between \$12 billion and \$45 billion in farm loans will be written off this year, compared with last year's \$8.4 billion.

Under the pressure of low crop prices, high interest rates, falling land values and poor exports — the consequences of the soaring dollar — the farm economy is breaking up.

In Minnesota, the state Senate approved a bill providing a 120-day moratorium on farm mortgage foreclosures to allow farmers to plant their spring crops.

The measure came one day after 12,000 farmers rallied at the state Capitol, St Paul.

Several emergency proposals are being considered in North Dakota, where the state's \$5.4-billion farm debt threatens to wipe out 5,000 of the state's 36,000 farms.

Among them are:

● A proposed \$50-million appropriation to subsidise operating loans for farmers by as much as 7 per cent or 8 per cent;

● A state takeover of farms, both those already bankrupt as well as those facing imminent foreclosure, and the setting up of a trust fund for investors who would lease the farms back to the farmers over ten years, with an option to buy them back;

Service

● The setting up of a farm credit counselling service that would try to bring together farmers and bankers to agree upon reducing interest and providing short-term loans for operating funds.

North Dakota's governor has threatened a one-year debt moratorium for individual farms as well as six-month countywide foreclosure postponements.

Earlier this week, hundreds of dairy farmers with the Wisconsin Farm Unity Alliance demonstrated at the state Capitol, Madison, where legislative debate has heated up over a state Senate proposal for a one-year moratorium on debt repayments.

Boston bank fined for cash racket

BOSTON — The First National Bank of Boston has pleaded guilty to charges of secretly transferring more than \$1.2 billion in cash to Swiss and Austrian banks.

According to US Attorney William Weld, the bank, the largest in New England, had agreed to pay a \$500,000 fine imposed by Federal Judge David Mazzone on Wednesday.

Weld said the fine was the largest imposed on and paid by a bank for violating laws that require reports filed with the Internal Revenue Service on foreign transfers of US currency over \$10,000.

Transfers

Weld gave no reason as to why the bank did not report its transfers but said it did so 'willfully and knowingly' between July 1980 and September last year.

The bank, owned by the Bank of Boston Corporation, has the country's fourth-largest international division.

Bank of Boston Corporation said the charges arose out of its subsidiary's routine business with foreign banks and emphasised that no account with individuals was involved.

The bank claimed that under federal regulations in effect before July 1980, all interbank currency transfers were exempt

from the reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act.

The Bank of Boston further claimed that in July 1980, the reporting requirements were extended to include foreign but not domestic interbank currency transactions in excess of \$10,000.

It said the bulk of the transactions detailed by the US Attorney's office involved some of the world's largest banks, including several major Swiss banks acting as clearing houses for other banks.

The scandal reveals the widespread parasitism rampant not only in the US, where the soaring dollar has become an irresistible bait, but throughout the imperialist banking system.

It was similar secret transactions and blind speculations in fictitious dollar balances and credits that brought down the Penn Square Bank in 1982.

Its benefactor Continental Illinois collapsed last year and its bankruptcy nationalised by President Reagan to prevent a banking catastrophe. Continental was followed by Finance Corporation of America, the country's largest home savings and real estate financing corporation, that came tumbling after adverse rumours in the West European money markets.

Sumitomo buys up mine

FROM DAVE NORTH
IN NEW YORK

THE ACQUISITION of a significant portion of Phelps Dodge's copper holding in Arizona by the Sumitomo Corporation is yet another measure aimed at the complete destruction of 13 unions that have been on strike since July 1, 1983.

The timing of the announcement is itself highly significant, coming just one week after the ruling by the National Labour Relations Board that the striking unions are officially deregistered.

In announcing the sale to Sumitomo, Phelps Dodge spokesman Richard Pendleton said the action was

part of 'the strategy aimed at putting the company in a better position to produce profits even if the price of copper stayed at 65 cents a pound for several years'.

Once the transaction is completed, the sale will be worth several hundred million dollars for the Phelps Dodge Corporation.

As for the Sumitomo Corporation, its attitude to the working class and trade unionism is no less ruthless than that of Phelps Dodge.

There can be little doubt

that its decision to proceed with the acquisition of portions of Phelps Dodge's mining properties was heavily influenced by the illegalisation of the miners' unions.

A Sumitomo spokesman said the corporation expected that the existing labour 'difficulties' would be completely over in the near future!

The Sumitomo Group is one of Japan's largest banking industrial-trade conglomerates whose combined components account for one-tenth of the country's entire gross national product.

World News Line

Rabin's threat to West Bank Arabs

TEL AVIV — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday said the government would consider tougher measures, including deportation, to retaliate against Arab resistance on the occupied West Bank.

He said: 'I would not rule out any of the possible punishments, including expulsion, administrative detention and destroying or sealing up houses.'

'These measures will not be taboo. If necessary, we will use them.'

Rabin made the threat in an interview with the daily 'Maariv' newspaper.

The former Prime Minister and Washington ambassador predicted another upsurge of anti-Israeli 'violence' on the West Bank, where an Israeli soldier and a civilian have been killed in recent attacks.

He said the army's presence had been boosted and patrols stepped up. 'It appears that in the near future we will face more disturbances, demonstrations, tyre-burnings, stone-throwings and terrorist attacks in which Molotov cocktails, weapons and explosives will be used,' he said.

Attacks

Rabin laid the blame for the recent attacks on the Palestine Liberation Organisation based in Amman, but refrained from accusing King Hussein of Jordan.

He said: 'Jordan does not allow the Palestine Liberation Organisation to send terrorist squads from its territory or to fire Katyusha rockets from there.'

Peace with Jordan was Israel's fourth-priority after reviving its economy, leaving Lebanon and improving relations with Egypt.

But he accused the PLO of having amassed 2,000 fighters in Beirut. He claimed that the Shi'ite Amal militia were carrying out anti-Israeli operations 'better than the Palestinians had done'.

'There was not one incident in which a PLO-type took a car and — as we witnessed this week — loaded it with explosives and turned himself into a human bomb.'

Ten Israeli soldiers were wounded in the suicide attack near Tyre, according to the Israeli army.

Gunboats for Sri Lanka

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka is buying more than ten British-built gunboats for its barbarous war against the struggle by the country's 2.5 million Tamils for a separate state of Eelam (Tamil Nation).

According to a Colombo newspaper, ten of the sophisticated boats built by Cougar Holdings, of Southampton, would be delivered soon. It did not specify when.

SEOUL POLICE ATTACK RETURNING EXILE

SEOUL — Opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung was kicked and punched by South Korean security men at Seoul airport yesterday, according to two American congressmen who flew with him on his return from exile.

The South Korean police denied they had used violence against Kim but eyewitnesses said police also attacked supporters, mainly students, who rallied at the airport to welcome the leader's ending two years of exile in the United States.

An estimated 100,000 supporters packed the streets around the airport and lined the main route

into the city.

The cheering crowds chanted Kim's name and waved flags bearing his picture. Eyewitnesses said police kicked and punched students chanting anti-government slogans and several police vans were stoned.

Kim, 59, was escorted home by a score of Americans who said they were concerned he should not suffer the fate of another Asian opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, shot dead at Manila Airport in August 1983, when he returned to the Philippines from exile in the US.

Denying that Kim had been attacked, a police statement said he had only been separated from his American companions.

A government spokesman said that at one point Kim slapped the face of the chief of the security division of the Seoul metropolitan police.

Kim, a former presidential candidate, told a packed press conference at his home, however, that he had been treated 'with great violence' by security men at the airport when he resisted

being taken out by a rear exit.

He said: 'They forcefully pushed me into a elevator with great violence and it felt like I was being beaten. I am not sure I was beaten, because the situation was so confused.'

Democratic congressmen Edward Feighan and Tom Foglietta had no such reservation. They said Kim, two other Americans with him at the time and themselves were kicked and punched.

Foglietta said: 'They just bodily picked up Mr

Kim to put him in an elevator. He resisted and they started kicking and punching him.'

He said the four Americans tried to stay with Kim but were also beaten and thrown to the ground.

Kim said the district police chief had visited him at his house and told him he would not be allowed to leave the house or receive visitors. He said he had asked if he were under house arrest and the policeman had not denied that this was the case.

Dozens of riot police and ordinary police were patrolling the area around Kim's house, which was cut off from public view by a 150-foot-high screen of plastic sheeting spread over scaffolding.

Kim repeated an earlier assertion that he was willing to co-operate with the government and was prepared to be 'reasonable and moderate' if the government of President Chun Doo Hwan reciprocated.

He appealed for a 'dialogue' with the government along with other opposition leaders like Kim Young-sam on the restoration of democracy.



KIM DAE-JUNG

According to a Tokyo University professor, three Korean aides who escorted Kim from Washington had stayed in Japan for fear of reprisals.

Professor Haruki Wada, a leading member of a Japanese group supporting Kim, said the three planned to stay in Tokyo 'for some time'.

In Washington, a State Department spokeswoman said the government was aware of reports from Seoul's Kimpo Airport and was 'closely watching the situation'. There was no official reaction, she said.



Visiting Sandinist Vice-President Sergio Ramirez, right, with Managua's ambassador in London, Francisco D'Escoto, pictured during a courtesy call at Lambeth Palace, the home of Archbishop Robert Runcie, yesterday. Ramirez earlier met Prime Minister Thatcher at 10 Downing Street

Solidarity man seeks papers

PARIS — Solidarity activist Serweryn Blumsztajn, seeking to return to Poland, yesterday applied for a new passport to replace one cancelled earlier this week, when he was turned back from Warsaw airport.

A spokesman for the banned free trade union said Blumsztajn briefly met Polish embassy officials while making his application.

Blumsztajn, who came to France before the declaration of martial law in December 1981, tried to return home on Tuesday but was forced to reboard an aircraft for Paris.

He maintains his passport had been valid until 1986 but officials said it could not be used for personal travel because it had been issued for an official visit to France in 1981.

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Chernenko 'recovers'

MOSCOW — The Soviet news agency Tass has reported President Konstantin Chernenko as attending a Politburo meeting although he has still not officially been seen in the capital.

Chernenko, 73, has not been seen in public since a brief ceremony in the Kremlin on December 27.

Soviet officials have admitted he is ill, suffering from emphysema complicated by a heart condition.

Visit

Chernenko's recovery will be confirmed if he meets Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, when he arrives for an official visit on Monday.

He is scheduled also to make a formal acceptance speech within a fortnight of his nomination for the February 24 elections to regional parliamentary bodies.

The Aquino case

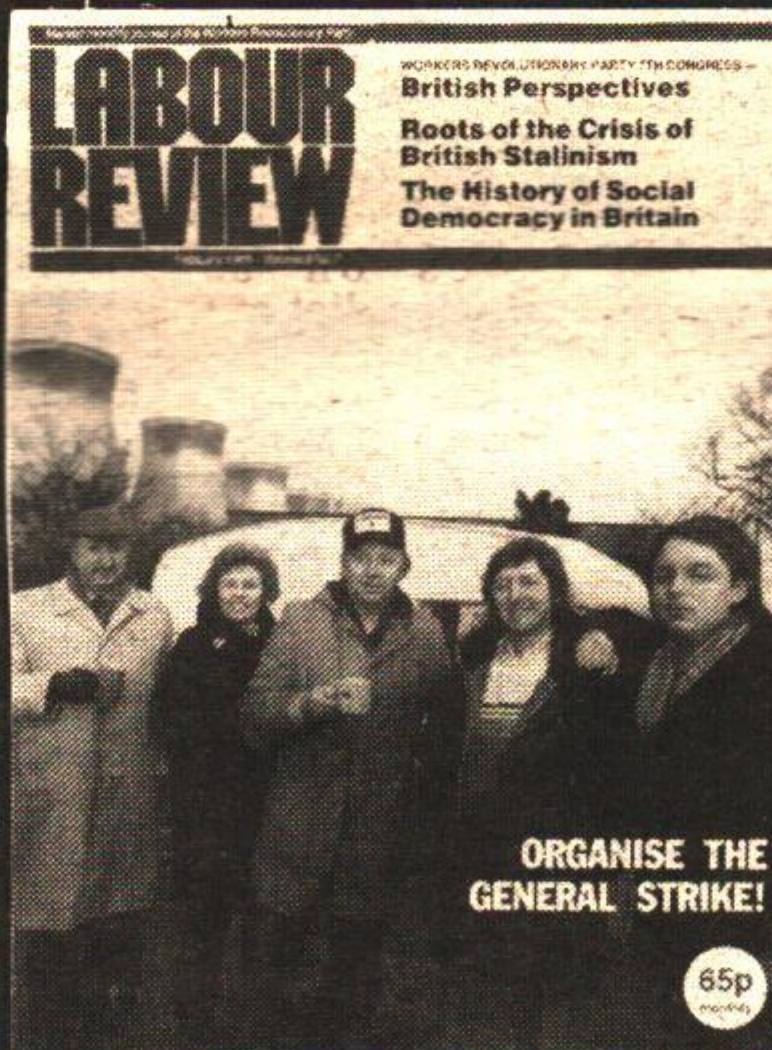
MANILA — Four members of an inquiry who linked armed forces chief General Fabian Ver and 25 other men to the murder of opposition leader Benigno Aquino will not testify in court.

The Philippine news agency PNA quoted educator Amado Dizon as saying he and three other members of the Agrava Commission of Inquiry

had decided not to give evidence because they were not eyewitnesses.

The three disagreed with retired judge Corazon Agrava, who maintains there is no incriminating evidence against Ver.

All five, including Agrava, have been subpoenaed by a special court trying the case.



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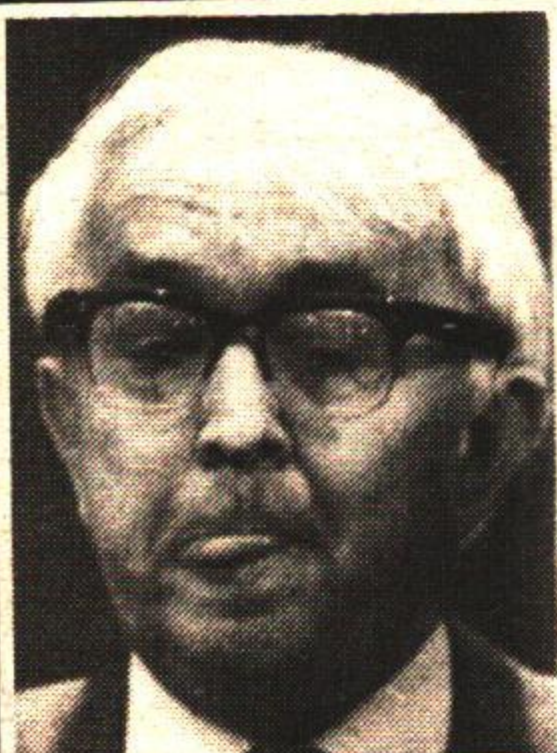
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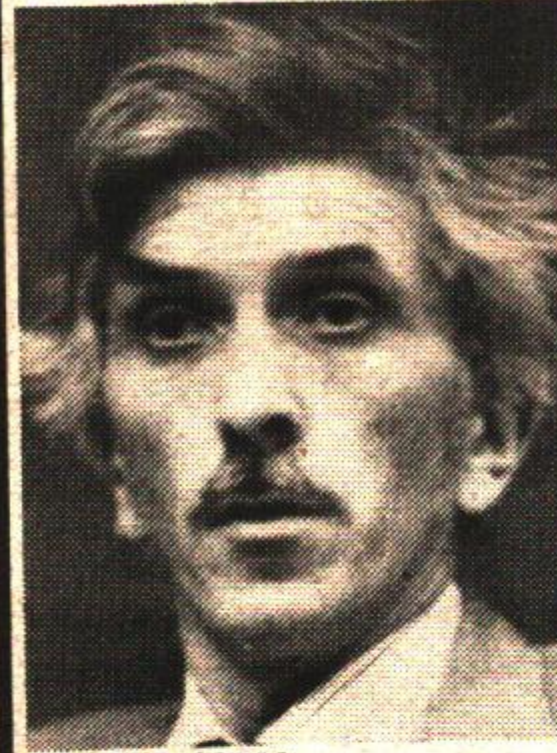
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The Communist Party and the 'Morning Star'



TONY CHATER



IAN MCKAY

A NEW battle between the two crisis-ridden wings of British Stalinism is expected at County Hall tomorrow when the pro-Moscow minority attempt to stage an unconstitutional all-London meeting.

The 'Euros' who control the Communist Party executive have warned that attendance by members 'will be viewed very seriously by the district committee'.

Executive members will be on hand to take the names of all those who go into the meeting called by a number of 'industrial advisories' against the wishes of the London district committee.

Ian McKay, acting London district secretary, has pointed out that the advisories exist to give advice to elected committees of the party. 'They have no power to convene aggregate meetings, and such an action is in breach of party rules,' he confirmed.

The fact that many London members are certain to ignore McKay and

turn up on Sunday afternoon will deepen the formal split inside the British CP.

Matters came to a head last month when the executive committee expelled the pro-Moscow editor and deputy editor of the 'Morning Star', Tony Chater and David Whitfield. Chater has helped organise the hijacking of the Stalinist daily from party control, and refuses

'Illegal' meeting will deepen split

BY PAUL FELDMAN

to accept directions from the executive.

The January EC also expelled four members of the London district committee and suspended another 18 from office. That action was taken because the group had led an anti-leadership revolt against an EC decision to shut down the London district congress last November.

If the congress had

gone ahead, it would undoubtedly have installed a pro-Moscow district committee.

Since the January executive, the 'Euros' have been busy preparing for the emergency national congress to be held in May at which they will win approval for a full-scale purge of the Chaterite 'hardliners'.

Whole areas of the party have ceased to function as the supporters of 'Marxism Today' seek to tighten their grip. Many industrial advisories have been closed down, while in London the 'hardliners' claim that borough committees have been dissolved and branch boundaries redrawn.

All this is to ensure that the minority faction is heavily outvoted by delegates in May.

The split appeared in the form of advertisements in yesterday's 'Morning Star'. The largest was the 'Call to all London Communists' to turn up at County Hall in a meeting called by the print, transport, local government and London Irish advisories.

Immediately above it was a smaller advert placed by the London district committee. It said: 'We wish to inform all members of the Communist Party in London that the "aggregate" meeting called... for February 10th is in violation of the rules and democratic procedures of the party.'

In the news pages, however, there was a lengthy attack on the executive by an unnamed 'spokesperson for the Communist Party advisories'. These groups have constituted themselves as an alternative party within the party, and there was no mincing of words.

SERTUC to boycott GLC Assembly

THE STALINIST-dominated executive committee of the South East Region of the TUC has voted to boycott the London Assembly called by the GLC in the fight against abolition and rate-capping.

Called for February 23, the Assembly will bring together representatives of the different community groups fighting Tory cuts, along with delegates from trade union organisations.

Previous Assemblies called by the GLC have proved successful in mobilising Londoners against the government.

SERTUC has apparently taken umbrage because the GLC has not treated it as the leading trade union body in the region, which it certainly is not. The Stalinists are upset that the GLC is pre-

pared to work with shop stewards' organisations like London Bridge and Democracy for London.

The SERTUC decision surfaces in the minutes of the Greater London Association of Trades Councils

A sub-committee of GLATCS, which included Stalinist chairman Steve Radford, concluded that 'there is little scope for any trade union input from either this association or SERTUC' into the Assembly.

GLATCS was recommended to circulate the Assembly material, 'despite the serious weakness in the GLC plans'.

But the minutes note: 'A similar report and recommendation has been made to SERTUC executive committee, who rejected the recommendation and decided to have this London Assembly.'

'To put it bluntly the present district committee is a rump with non-elected officers. It is the result of a palace coup,' said the spokesperson.

There was no question of accepting the authority of any bodies of the party not controlled by the pro-Moscow Stalinist faction.

The nameless person stated: 'The present London district Communist Party district committee is the product of a violation of rule and therefore cannot be regarded as having any authority to

reverse the custom and practice of holding meetings open to all Communists in London to discuss issues of crucial concern.'

The statement said there was no place for 'name-calling, witch-hunts and disciplinary measures'.

Sunday's meeting, denounced as a 'bogus aggregate' in the executive's weekly, 'Focus', is certain to intensify the conflict within British Stalinism. The result will be more suspensions and expulsions when the executive meets in March.

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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

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)

CREWE: Monday March 4, 8p.m. Room 06, Oakley Centre, Victoria Centre. Speakers: **Dave Curzon** (Crewe YS); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee)

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)

SHEFFIELD: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Sheffield Trades & Labour Club, Duke Street. Speakers: **Katie Rhodes** (YS Regional Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee)

BRADFORD: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Star Hotel, Westgate. Speakers: **David Gurney** (Bradford YS); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **Michael Barrat** (Emley Moor NUM, in personal capacity)

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

EAST MIDLANDS

MANSFIELD: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Masons Arms, Leeming Street.

Speakers: **Chris Lynas** (YS Regional Committee); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Annette Holroyd** (Blidworth WRP)

LEICESTER: Monday March 11, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.

Speakers: **Gary Greenwood** (Leicester YS); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Annette Holroyd** (Blidworth Miners Wives Support Group, in personal capacity)

CHESTERFIELD: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. Room 3/4, Market Hall.

Speakers: **Chris Lynas** (YS Regional Committee); **Ann Nettleship** (Alfreton WRP); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee)

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: John Holdcroft** (Senior EETPU shop steward); **Danny Anderson** (Wolstanton NUM)

SOUTH WALES

ABERDARE: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Boot Hotel.

Speakers: **Ann Pickard** (Aberdare YS); **Travis Gould** (WRP Central Committee)

FERNDALE: Tuesday February 26, 7.30p.m. Ferndale Workingmens Club.

Speakers: **Travis Gould** (WRP Central Committee); **Ann Pickard** (YS Regional Committee); **Harry Coombes** (NUM Maerdy Lodge, in personal capacity)

SUSSEX

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

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

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)

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)

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)

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)

MORDEN: Thursday February 28, 8p.m. South Wimbledon Community Centre, Haydens Road.

Speakers: **Pat Farrell** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Bell** (WRP London District Committee)

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

LAVENDER HILL: Thursday March 7, 8p.m. Garfield Community Centre, Garfield Road, SW11.

Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Vevers** (WRP Central Committee)

STOKE NEWINGTON: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Stoke Newington Library, Church Street, N16.

Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS Regional Committee); **Bill Rogers** (WRP London District Committee)

CLAPHAM: Wednesday March 13, 8p.m. Coronation Hall, Springfield Estate, Union Road, SW8.

Speakers: **Mohammed Jallow** (Clapham YS); **Judith White** (WRP London District Committee)

Midland CP official says vote for scab

A LEADING member of the Communist Party in the Midlands area, Ida Hackett, has urged support for a scab in the May county council elections.

Chairing a recent public meeting in Mansfield, Hackett, prominent in women's action groups, announced from the platform her intention to vote for a 'working miner' as Labour candidate.

In the face of violent opposition from the floor, Hackett claimed that this was 'official Communist Party policy'.

She said the alternative was to vote for the SDP or the Tories. The scab in question is Terry Butler, from Bilsthorpe colliery in Nottinghamshire.

This is how the Stalinists see the future of the trade unions — dominated by scabs who are essentially stooges of the capitalist

state and the Thatcher regime. Miners on strike for 11

months for jobs will reject Hackett's position with utter contempt.

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Courage of miners shines through book

The Story of David Gareth Jones by his father. New Park Publications £1.20. Reviewed by Penny Bloor

THIS book is about the courageous struggle of the miners and their families against the violence of the Tory state and about the way forward for the strike.

David Gareth Jones was killed by a brick thrown on the picket line at Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, in the first month of the miners' strike. He was only 24 when he gave his life on March 15, 1984, in the fight for jobs and the defence of trade unions.

His father, Mark Jones, writes with pride about his son's life, the tragic experience of his death, and the bitter but crucial lessons for the whole working class.

'We should all now call for the General Strike to defend the unions and in memory of all men and women who have died in the struggle of the working class of this country,' he says in the introduction.

Mark writes of his son as he was growing up: 'I suppose you could have called him a rebel without a cause then. But he ended up with a cause, and the greatest cause of all, the struggle of the working class to which he belonged. And for that cause he made the greatest sacrifice of all in the struggle we are all engaged in whether we know it or not.'

David died the very first day he went picketing. The group he was with ended up at Ollerton because they were stopped by a police roadblock on the way to Gedling, further south near Nottingham.

Finding out the real role of the police and what really happened to David was a bitter process for Mark and his family. By talking to friends who were with David the day he died, Mark Jones found that police inquiries did not tally. The police claim they took 270 statements from people — all present at the wrong time of day — and none from the people who were with David when he died.

'The police inquiry seems to have been put in a cupboard to gather dust. But it still stands that David was killed by someone who threw that brick. He was never produced in court, so the

question remains — who threw that brick?'

The authorities tried to stop the funeral from being held on the appointed day, Friday March 23. 'I know what I think,' says his father. 'And I'm convinced that it was a deliberate ploy to take the heat out of the situation. To try and stop the miners coming together solidly . . .'

Mark, his family and friends fought back, however, and the funeral went ahead, attended by over 5,000 people.

Mark Jones writes about many aspects of the strike and how it has transformed thousands of people's lives, including that of himself and his wife Doreen. He writes with pride about his son as he grew up. He writes of the role played by the women. A whole chapter takes up the class violence facing the youth with the Tory plans to turn them into slave labour.

Strength

And he especially takes up the treacherous role played by the TUC and Labour Party leaders who have left the miners isolated.

What comes across is the undefeated strength of the working class which is now in direct conflict with the capitalist state.

'I've spent 50 years with my head buried in the sand and I'll admit that to anyone. But when you've done it and seen it was a mistake, then you have the right to speak about it,' he says, adding that 'those who are opposed to the things her (Thatcher's) government are doing have to become actively opposed to them'.

This book is a must for every trade unionist, every youth, every unemployed worker. And its message must be taken up immediately: 'It's now time the working class got off its knees and supported the miners with a General Strike to defeat the government and its monetarist policies.'

'That is the only way to get the society we need, and the society we should have. A society that looks after the people totally.'



Face slashed but back on duty

GARY ARMSTRONG, a 22-year-old striking miner from Agecroft colliery, Lancashire, was slashed around the face and neck by a scab last week.

But despite his injuries he was soon back at Burnley strike headquarters, where he was just as busy and lively as ever.

The miners were organising as usual and pouring scorn on so-called 'honourable' returns to work and NCB figures of the 'latest drift back'.

As striker Steve O'Horo told News Line: 'We've cornered the Tories with our effect on the economy. The pound is collapsing and inflation is going to rip again.'

What we want is other trade unions out with us.

'The TUC should have given all-out support from the start. We've fought our hardest up to now but if we got more support from power stations that would help us a lot. As long as they have coal it makes our fight harder.'

'But all workers are

under attack. They are now trying to privatise public transport with loss of jobs. So busmen must see their struggle in line with ours — a fight for jobs!'

● A MAN has appeared in court in Burnley charged with causing grievous bodily harm and is now out on bail.



The slashed face and neck of GARY ARMSTRONG (above) didn't keep him away from Burnley strike HQ (top)

Unprovoked attack in Kiveton

Bruises make Alan stronger

KIVETON Park striker Alan Jeffreys still has two black eyes, a badly bruised face and a fractured nose — the result of being savagely beaten up by a scab in the South Yorkshire village a week ago.

Jeffreys was on his way back from the fish and chip shop when he was set upon and became the victim of a totally unprovoked attack.

The scab responsible has not been charged yet and is reported to be even considering counter-charges against Jeffreys, such is the arrogant confidence the strike-breakers have in Thatcher's police and courts.

When the police arrived on the scene, their first question to Jeffreys, who had blood pouring from his face, was predictably: 'Now which are you, the striking or the working miner?'

Jeffreys said: 'He looked at me a bit surprised when I



Alan Jeffreys at home with his wife Margaret

said I was on strike. I suppose he expected it to be the other way round.'

After the attack, Jeffreys spent three days in hospital where he received several

stitches and was treated for injuries to his kidneys.

The assault has made his wife Margaret all the more determined to back him until the strike is won.

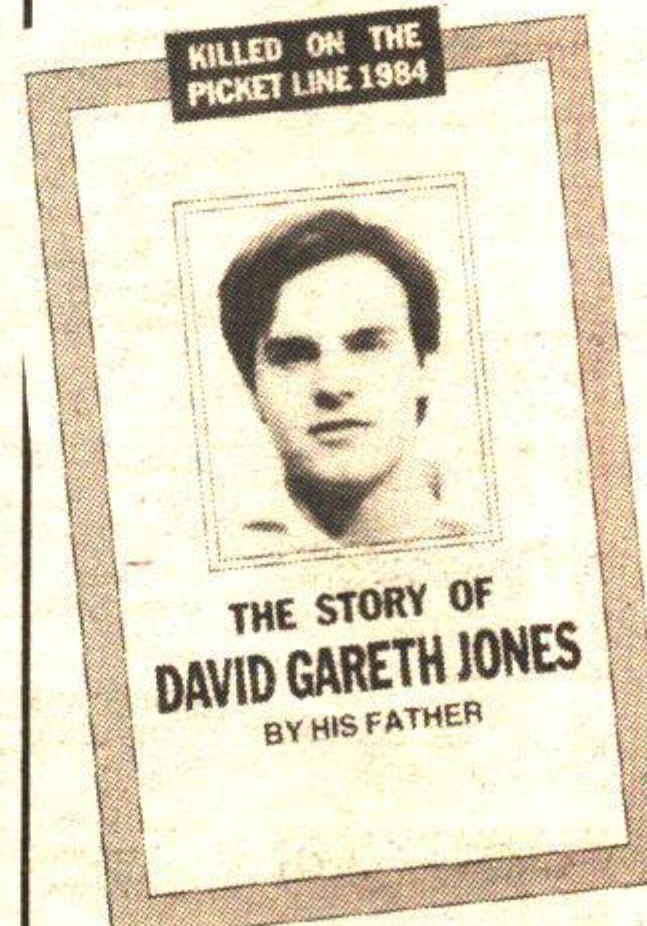
And Jeffreys, who has worked at the local pit for 17 years, added: 'I've always said that I'll go back when the union tells me and I'm sticking to that.'

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February 9, 1985

General strike getting closer

THE GENERAL Strike of 1926 lasted for nine days and from it emerged the nine-month lock-out of the miners, ending in the imposition of wage cuts by the coalowners. It took place against the economic background of the return to the gold standard and the doomed attempt of the Baldwin Tory government to restore British capitalism to the pre-eminent place it had occupied prior to World War I.

Today, after 11 months of the miners' strike it is becoming more and more evident that the issues at stake can be resolved only through the General Strike. In contrast to 1926, the miners' strike is the appearance, while the General Strike is the emerging content, expressing the essence of the world capitalist crisis.

Such is the depth of the political and economic crisis facing British capitalism and the Tory government that Prime Minister Thatcher cannot compromise on the destruction of the National Union of Mineworkers. Her policy is to destroy the union by turning its members into scabs. This cannot be done in Britain, the birthplace of trade unionism, without civil war. The social being of the NUM is the social being of all unions.

The trade union movement cannot compromise any more than Thatcher can. It cannot abandon the miners without abandoning all trade union principles. This means that Thatcher can isolate the miners completely only by defeating the organised working class. Capitalist state force has met immovable class object.

Thatcher insists that no talks can take place until the NUM unconditionally recognises the coal board's 'right to manage'. The union's only role would be to rubber-stamp closure decisions taken by the government.

But a coal mine is not a chocolate factory, as one old miner observed on BBC1's 'Real Lives' on Wednesday night. Mining requires not merely the passive acquiescence but the active and intelligent application of the miners' knowledge and skills.

The planned privatisation of coal and other nationalised industries is a form of fascist corporatism. It goes hand in hand with the destruction of the welfare state and all-out military-police terror against the working class.

The crisis for the ruling class is symbolised by the fact that the strike remains strong despite the police provocations, the unrelenting media campaign, the poverty and deprivation systematically inflicted on the miners and their families.

In South Wales only a handful have returned after 11 months. Kent remains solid and the Yorkshire, Scottish and Durham strikers determined. Thatcher has proved unable to break the strikers' spirit.

Her clash with NACODS, a junior management union, reveals the gulf between the Tory government and key sections of the NCB management. The reason for this split is that the government has no interest in the future of the coal industry, or indeed of industry in general. It simply wants to crush the trade unions.

The clearer this reality becomes the more the working class as a whole will be drawn into the battle with Thatcher's regime. The situation is moving inexorably towards the General Strike.

Defeatists and sceptics will find this incredible. They cannot understand that every revolutionary upsurge of the working class begins facing apparently hopeless odds. The content is completely different. The defeat of US imperialism in Vietnam, the overthrow of the Shah by the Iranian revolution, the defeat of the Israeli occupiers at the hands of the Lebanese guerrillas all demonstrate this.

The miners are fighting for a fundamental right — the right to work. British capitalism no longer pretends that it can fulfil that basic right. The power of the capitalist state is turned to destroying the miners' right to work, at a cost so far of more than £5.5 billion.

But without work there is no future for the working class at all. The content of the miners' strike is the General Strike. That is the reality of the no-compromise position of the Thatcher Bonapartist regime.

ORGANISE THE GENERAL

Powerful march in Goldthorpe

FIVE hundred miners and their wives marched through the South Yorkshire pit village of Goldthorpe yesterday in a powerful display of support for their union.

BY SIMON VEVERS

There were delegations on the demonstration from three local collieries, Barnburgh, Hickleton Main and Goldthorpe as well as women's support groups.

Only a tiny number of scabs have broken ranks and gone back in this part of the Doncaster area which is the most solid in the Yorkshire coalfield.

The miners gave a standing ovation to their national general secretary Peter Heathfield when he pledged: 'No sell-out, no bending of the knee. We stand firm behind the commitment we stated on March 6.'

He told the rally at the Highgate Miners' Club: 'There is now ample evidence that the National Coal Board are not concerned about a settlement. They have authority from Maggie Thatcher to spend the nation's money like water in order to defeat the miners.'

Heathfield said Thatcher was 'pre-occupied with humiliating the miners. She wants the heads of

Scargill, Heathfield and McGahey on a platter.

'Sadly in this situation the response from the trade union movement has not been what it should have been.

'Our problems have been compounded in my view by their willingness to turn the other cheek, by their feeling that they have some immunity from the problems affecting miners and their communities.

Myth

'That's a myth because almost every thinking trade unionist in this country recognises that the miners' problems are not exclusively theirs. They are the problems of working people.

'The objects of Mrs Thatcher and the MacGregor ilk is to bring about a transformation in British society where trade unions have no role to play.'

The Tory monetarist dream was to break the unions, bring back the policies of the 1930s Depression and slash wages to maximise profits.

Thatcher and MacGregor are preparing the mining industry for privatisation. 'They know

and we know that the government's ability to attract private capital into the mining industry will not succeed unless there is a passive trade union movement,' Heathfield said.

'Their objective is to destroy effective trade unionism,' he said urging the Labour and trade union movement to stand behind the miners.

There were clearly divisions in the NCB and the Tory government, said Heathfield who gave a graphic account of his meetings with first Ned Smith and then Merrick Spanton of the NCB and the Tories' sabotage of those talks.

He revealed that NCB chief spokesman Michael Eaton had told the Press that the Smith-Heathfield meeting had been 'futile' — two hours before it had even finished!

'Now that is part of a destabilisation action to demoralise miners, to lift them up when there is a possibility of talks and to drop them down when those talks are not on.'

Heathfield said that Smith had told him that his relationship with MacGregor was 'virtually non-existent'. Smith, the NCB's industrial relations chief, left the board in disgrace two days after the talks.



The Goldthorpe NUM banner carried with pride on yesterday



Miners wives turned out in force

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



ays demonstration

Seamen call for General Strike

AN emergency resolution calling for a TUC special congress has been passed unanimously by the Aberdeen branch of the National Union of Seamen.

Agreed on Wednesday night, it states: 'The recent announcement of the closure of Frances colliery in Fife and the threatened closure of nearby Seafield colliery are the direct responsibility of the Tories and the NCB.'

It is clear that that no-

thing short of the complete destruction of the NUM is required by the government, the resolution points out.

It continues: 'The solidity of the historic 11-month strike gives the lie to the NCB's black propaganda about the strength of the NUM and is in stark relief to the government's own weakness demonstrated by rising interest rates and the slide in the pound whenever there is the slightest move in any one

country's oil price. However the miners cannot be left to fight alone.

'This branch, in line with the South Wales NUM, demands that the TUC convene a special congress, to decide on indefinite industrial action in support of the miners and that this resolution be immediately forwarded to, for discussion and support by the Scottish TUC and all affiliated Trades Council, as well as the Executive Committee of the NUS.'

Stalinists backpedal on Seafield

COAL board bosses are to discuss closure of the whole of Seafield colliery, Fife, this weekend following the loss through fire of one of the pit's three coal faces.

Bert Wheeler, NCB Scottish director, yesterday repeated his claim that, following loss of the one face, Seafield is now 'uneconomic'.

Complete closure would bring to 2,300 the number of jobs to be lost at Seafield and the nearby Frances colliery, also hit by fire.

Wheeler arrogantly brushed aside feeble protests from George Bolton, the vice-president of the Scottish NUM who is also chairman of the Communist Party.

Bolton had gone on television earlier yesterday to plead for a public inquiry. He lamely accused Wheeler of vandalism and of breaking coal in-

dustrial Acts. Bolton's demand that Wheeler be 'sacked' was equally pathetic — and treacherous.

Bolton is fully aware that — far from facing the sack — Wheeler's career in the NCB is blossoming, his offensive against the Scottish miners having won Mrs Thatcher's per-

sonal approval.

The bluster from Bolton and other Stalinists is a smokescreen for refusing to echo Arthur Scargill's call for industrial action by other unions alongside the miners.

The attacks on Frances and Seafield miners have appalled trade unionists throughout Scotland.

MacGregor cries off

NCB chairman Ian MacGregor yesterday pulled out of a planned speech to students. He was expected to face hundreds of demonstrators last night, at Cambridge University where he was to deliver a 'lecture' on 'Democracy and Special Interest Groups' at the university's union society.

An NCB spokesman claimed MacGregor cancelled the engagement yesterday because 'we are in the middle of a dispute'. He said the date had been fixed on the basis that MacGregor might have to pull out at the last minute, but didn't explain why.

ORDER NEWS LINE EVERY DAY
FOR ALL 'MINERS' NEWS

Cleared miners condemn police

EIGHT miners cleared at Sheffield on Thursday of unlawful assembly outside the Orgreave coking plant accused the police of deliberately trying to frame them up.

Elated after the jury had acquitted them of the charge which carries a maximum life sentence, Sydney Deans, a striker at Coventry colliery told News Line:

'These last two and a half weeks have really opened my eyes to the way the police lie and how they operate in this country. Before I had some respect for them, but never again after this.'

'This has made me more determined than ever to go on and win this dispute.'

The miners found not guilty included Deans, John Brooks, also from Coventry; North Derbyshire miners Len Hunt, David Lee and Stuart Kirby; and Yorkshire strikers

Michael Oldham, John Fenton, and Mark Duke.

The jury was unable to reach a 10-1 majority verdict in the case of Chris McNicholas and Kevin Moxon from Barrow pit, near Barnsley, and they are likely to face a re-trial.

During the 15-day hearing major inconsistencies were exposed in the police evidence against the miners

Acquittal

Len Hunt said after his acquittal: 'This has been the longest two weeks of my life, it's been nerve-racking. The way the police behaved was an absolute disgrace.'

The miners accused the police of carrying out orders to make random arrests during the mass picket of the coking works on May 31.



The cleared miners jubilant after the jury's decision

YOUR TV GUIDE

SATURDAY



'As the Years Pass, As the Days Pass', with Wieslaw Wojcik as Bronik, is on 4 at 8.15



Gracie Allen and Warren William in 'The Gracie Allen Murder Case' on 4 at 3.45

BBC1

7.10-8.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 7.10 Introducing Photochemistry. 7.35 Mr Galileo was Correct. 8.00 The Power of Speech.

8.30 The Perishers. 8.35 The Littlest Hobo. 9.00 Saturday Superstore. 12.12 Weather.

12.15 GRANDSTAND: (12.50 News Summary); 12.20 Football Focus; 12.55 Skiing, the Ladies' Slalom from Italy; 1.25 Racing from Newbury (1.30, 2.00, 2.40 races); 1.40, 2.50, 4.15 Athletics, Britain v W. Germany from RAF Cosford and the Indoor European Championships from Greece; 2.10, 4.15 Bowls, the World Indoor Championship from Coatbridge; 2.50 Ice Skating, the European Championships from Gothenburg; 3.30, 3.55 Rugby League, Leeds v Widnes; 3.50 Half Times

5.05 NEWS; Weatherman

5.15 SPORT

5.20 DOCTOR WHO *The Mark of the Rani*

6.05 JIM'LL FIX IT

6.40 THE LITTLE AND LARGE SHOW Little Sid and large Eddie with special guests The Drifters

7.15 ONE BY ONE *You and Whose Army* Vet Donald Turner discovers the identity of the village vandals

8.05 DYNASTY

8.50 BERGERAC *Ninety Per Cent Proof* Jim Bergerac investigates a murder which could be just a figment of his drunken imagination

9.45 NEWS AND SPORT; Weatherman

10.00 MATCH OF THE DAY Jimmy Hill introduces Canon League First and Second Division matches

10.50 ONE-EYED JACKS (1961) Marlon Brando directed and stars in this tense Western. A bank robber spends five long years in a Mexican jail plotting revenge on the partner (Karl Malden) who left him to take the rap

1.05 Weather; Closedown

8.30-9.00 a.m. Rugby Union: Try, Try Again. 5.15 Sports News Wales.

BBC2

6.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.25 Instrumentation. 6.50 Interviewing Technique. 7.15 Modelling and the Modelling Cycle. 7.40 Science: The Planet Earth. 8.05 Introduction to Ecology. 8.30 Why Interdisciplinary Studies? 8.55 The Quest for Knowledge. 9.20 Animals Physiology. 9.45 Statistics. 10.10 Calculus. 10.35 Management at Prior School. 11.00 Inquiry. 11.25 Polymer Engineering. 11.50 17th-century England. 12.15 The Effective Manager. 12.40 Beginning Reading. 1.05 Paris: La Belle Epoque. 1.30 Chemistry. 1.55 Paris. 2.20 The Age of Oceanography. 3.10 Pages from CeeFax.

SATURDAY CINEMA DOUBLE BILL:

4.20 THE HOUNDS OF ZAROFF (1932) Thriller about the bizarre activities of the evil Count Zaroff who turns to human prey. With Joel McCrea, Fay Wray and Leslie Banks

5.20 STAGECOACH (1966) Remake of the classic John Ford Western with Ann-Margret, Red Buttons and Bing Crosby as three passengers on a stagecoach journey through Indian country

7.10 NEWS AND SPORT; Weather

7.25 A VOUS LA FRANCE!

7.50 RUGBY SPECIAL Highlights from today's Neath v Swansea match from The Groll

8.40 BEYOND SORROW, BEYOND PAIN (1983) Documentary film by the young Swedish film-maker Agneta Elers-Jarleman about her own determined attempts to rehabilitate her lover, French cameraman Jean Montgrenier after he was severely brain damaged after a car crash. (With subtitles)

10.00 BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE Repeat of the first episode of Tom Sharpe's black comedy with George Cole, Geraldine James and David Suchet

10.50 WORLD BOWLS The second semi-final in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship

11.40 WORLD SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS Highlights of the Ladies Slalom from Bormio, Italy

12.15 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.05 EVERYBODY HERE

1.30 THE MAKING OF BRITAIN *The Triumph of Scotland* Dr Alexander Grant looks at the reasons for the triumphant survival of Scotland in the Middle Ages

2.00 HUDSON'S BAY (1940) The story of the founding of the Hudson's Bay Company, as seen through the story of trapper and adventurer Pierre Radisson, played by Paul Muni

3.45 THE GRACIE ALLEN MURDER CASE (1939) Gracie Allen gets mixed up in murder and mayhem when she discovers a corpse and hires amateur detective Philo Vance, played by Warren William

5.05 BROOKSIDE

6.00 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS Paul Gambaccini talks to Culture Club and Don McLean talks about his attitudes and ideals

7.00 NEWS SUMMARY and Weather; followed by

SEVEN DAYS

7.30 SHAPE OF THE WORLD *The Communist Spectre* Caspar Weinberger and Denis Healey talk about communism. Presented by Fred Halliday of the LSE

8.15 AS THE YEARS PASS, AS THE DAYS PASS: *Cracow, 1901* Law student Antoni Relski is in love with his pupil, Misia. She reciprocates his love but he already has a baby by a country girl, Zoska

9.25 HONEGGER: Concerto/DE FALLA: Harpsichord Concerto/ANTHEIL: Jazz Symphony. The first two pieces this week are stylised studio presentations of the music and Antheil's Jazz Symphony is performed in a rubbish dump

10.00 HILL STREET BLUES *Intestinal Fortitude* Detectives Belker, Washington and LaRue pose as independent garbage men

11.00 TALKING HEADS David Byrne and his band Talking Heads are featured in a programme based on footage from a Wembley concert

12.20 Close

LWT

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Cartoon Time. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Space 1999.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT 12.20 Skiing; 12.45 ITN News; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.15 Racing from Ayr (1.20, 1.55, 2.25 races); 1.30 International Athletics from California; 2.05, 2.35 Darts from Hockley; 3.10 Skating: The European Ice Dance Championships from Gothenburg; 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-Up; 4.00 Wrestling from Croydon; 4.45 Results.

5.00 NEW FROM ITN AND SPORT

5.05 BLOCKBUSTERS Hosted by Bob Holness

5.35 THE A-TEAM *Breakout*

6.30 THE FAME GAME Presented by Tim Brooke-Taylor

7.15 ALL STAR SECRETS Presented by Michael Parkinson with guests Debbie Arnold, Jeremy Beadle, Lennie Bennett, Derek Jameson and Patricia Phoenix

7.45 TJ HOOKER *Undercover Affair*

8.45 THE PRICE IS RIGHT With Leslie Crowther

9.45 NEWS FROM ITN AND SPORT

10.00 ASPEL & COMPANY

10.50 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

AUF WIEDERSEHEN, PET *The Girls They Left Behind*

11.50 MAGNUM *Foiled Again* Higgins kills an old enemy in an apparently freak fencing accident

12.45 BIZARRE With John Byner

1.10 NEW FROM LONDON *H₂O* *H₂O* has emerged as one of the most exciting talents from the Scottish scene and have gone from strength to strength

2.10 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

S4C

2.00 A Question of Economics. 2.30 A Week in Politics. 3.15 The British at War. 5.10 The Decade of Destruction. 6.05 Where in the World? 6.35 The Avengers. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion A Siân. 8.15 Wedi Wyth. 8.45 Taro Tant. 9.25 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.20 Julia. 11.20 Film: *The Roaring Twenties*. 1.10 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half-hour until 12.30p.m., 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight.
6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Punk to Present (S). 2.00 Paul Gambaccini (S). 4.00 Saturday Live (S). 6.30 In Concert (S) Spandau Ballet at the Wembley Arena. 7.30 Phil Kennedy. 9.30-12.00 Dixie Peach.
2 News on the hour until 1p.m. then from 6.00 (except 8.00, 9.00); Headlines 6.30a.m., 7.30.
4.00 Chris Jones (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S). 8.05 David Jacobs (S) including a tribute to Matt Monro. 10.00 Sounds of the 60s (S). 11.00 Album Time (S) (11.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 The Impressionists (S). 1.30 Sport on 2. 6.00 Folk on 2. 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Ron Goodwin (S). 9.30 Big Band Special (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Steve Jones (S). 12.05 Night Owls (S). 1.00 Peter Dickinson (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00-4.00 Wally Whyton (S) introduces Country Concert.
3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Aubade (S) Verdi, Mozart (mono). Donizetti, Busoni, Ger-shwin, Carpenter. 9.00 News. 9.05 Record Review (S) 'The Planets' by Holst. 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Gounod's St Cecilia Mass. 11.10 BBC Symphony Orchestra (S) Berlioz, Chopin (12.00-12.05 Interval Reading) Strauss. 1.00 News. 1.05 Schubert and Brahms (S) Piano recital by Steven De Groote. 2.00 Verdi's Operas: 'Aida' (sung in Italian) (3.25-3.30 Julian Budden talks about the opera). 4.45 Frans Bruggen (S) Jean-Fery Rebel's Suite in G Minor arr Bruggen and played on solo recorder. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Critics' Forum. 6.35 Chilingirian String Quartet (S) Mozart, Stravinsky and Schubert (7.20-7.40 Black English Literature) Beethoven (Op.127). 8.25 The Idea Behind the Music. 8.45 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Bruckner's 7th Symphony. 9.45 The Troubadour Tradition (S) Folquet de Romans, Albertet de Sestero, Raimbaut de Vaqueiras, anon, Gherardello da Firenze. 10.30 Scar. 11.00 Norway After Grieg (S) Music by Ludvig Irgens Jensen (Symphony in D Minor) and Fartein Valen (Violin Concerto to Op.37). 11.57-12.00 News. **VHF:** 6.35-6.55 Open University: Biology, Brain and Behaviour.
4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News: Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather: Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather: Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Sport on 4. 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather: Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Breakaway. 9.50 News Stand. 10.05 The Week in Westminster. 10.30 Pick of the Week (S). 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 News: Money Box. 12.27 Blandings. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News: The Afternoon Play (S) *Clovis in the Country*. 3.00 News: A Lexicon of Laughter. 3.30 Maharaj (S). 4.15 Faces. 4.45 A Sideways Look At 5.00 Wildlife (S). 5.25 Week Ending (S). 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather: Travel. 6.00 News: Sports Round-Up. 6.25 Desert Island Discs (S). 7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (S). 7.45 Baker's Dozen (S). 8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre (S) *I'd Give My Right Arm to be Ambidextrous*. 9.45 The Haxey Hood Game. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 Evening Service (S). 10.30 Soundings. 11.00 Science Now. 11.30 The Wow Show (S). 12.00-12.15 News: Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 9.55 Young Lookaround. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 11.50 Batman. 12.13 North East News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 North East News. 5.07 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 The A-Team. 6.30 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 The Timeless Land. 12.50 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Adventures of the Blue Knight. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Chips. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 The A-Team. 6.30 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Shelley. 12.20 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; followed by Porky Pig. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20

Battlestar Galactica. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 The A-Team. 6.30 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 The Master. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 9.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Freeze Frame. 12.12 TSW Regional News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; 5.05 Newsport. 5.10 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 The A-Team. 6.30 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Live From London. 12.45 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Speedy Gonzales. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 The Green Hornet. 11.45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio. 12.12 TVS Weather. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; TVS News. 5.05 Blockbusters. 5.35 The A-Team.

6.30 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.45 TJ Hooker. 8.45 The Price is Right. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Jazz. 12.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Porky Pig. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 12.13 HTV News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; HTV News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 The A-Team. 6.30 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.45 The Price is Right. 8.45 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News and Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Jazz Special. 12.20 HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Porky Pig. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Battlestar Galactica. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Sport; Weather. 5.05 Blockbusters. 5.35 The A-Team. 6.30 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.45 TJ Hooker. 8.45 The Price is Right. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Jazz Special. 12.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

SUNDAY



Helen Shapiro is one of the 'Super Troupers' on 4 at 8.15



James Cagney and Annabella in '13 Rue Madeleine' on 4 at 10.50pm



James Bolam and Barbara Flynn in the final episode of 'The Beiderbecke Affair' on ITV at 8.45



Marc Chagall is featured in 'The South Bank Show' on ITV at 10.30pm

BBC1

6.45-8.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.45 Telecommunications. 7.10 Skye. 7.35 A Question of Colour. 8.25 Models in Chemistry.

8.55 The Flumps. 9.10 De Bono's Thinking Course. 9.35 Electronic Office. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Switch on to English. 10.55 France Actuelle. 11.20 Sunday Worship. 12.05 See Hear! 12.30 Farming. 12.53 Weather for Farmers. 12.55 Magic Roundabout. 1.00 This Week, Next Week. 1.55 Tom and Jerry. 2.05 Film: *Teacher's Pet* (1957) Romantic comedy with Clark Gable and Doris Day. 4.05 Sporting Chance (with regional variations). 4.35 European Figure Skating Championships from Gothenburg. 5.25 The Pickwick Papers. 5.55 Holiday.

6.30 NEWS Weatherman

6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE

7.15 BY THE SWORD DIVIDED 1653 The discovery of the true identity of Hugh Brandon plunges John and Anne Fletcher into a crisis

8.10 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE *The Mysterious Feet of Nora Batty*

8.40 MASTERMIND with Magnus Magnusson from the National Railway Museum, York

9.10 NEWS Weatherman

9.25 THAT'S LIFE

10.10 EVERYMAN *Hearts and Minds* This documentary about the Buddhist kingdom of Thailand, where the legacies of the American presence are still clearly visible, is the first of two films about South-East Asia ten years after the Vietnam war

10.50 CRUFTS 85 The champion dog is chosen at Earl's Court, London

11.35 THE SKY AT NIGHT *Colours of the Stars* Superb colour photographs of remote stars taken through the Anglo-Australian telescope in New South Wales

11.55 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 1.55 Weekend Rugby Union, Neath v Swansea. 2.35 Film: *Up in the World*. 4.05-4.35 A Question of Sport. 10.10 A View of the Rhonda. 11.00 The Sky at Night. 11.20 News of Wales Headlines; Weather; Closedown

BBC2

6.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.50 Introducing Photochemistry. 7.15 Curriculum in Action. 7.40 A Century of Change in Britain. 8.05 Rome Under Augustus. 8.30 Database. 8.55 Maths Methods. 9.20 What Account Counts? 9.45 Using Public Libraries. 10.10 Pure Maths. 10.35 Topological Surfaces. 11.00 Work and Society. 11.25 Maths Across the Curriculum. 11.50 Biology: Form and Function. 12.15 Psychology. 12.40 Talking to Children. 1.05 The Mechanisation of Textile Spinning. 1.30 One-stop Shopping.

1.55 Horizon: Mystery of the Left Hand. 2.45 The Great Art Collection. 3.15 Bridge Club. 3.40 One Man and His Dog. 4.25 World Bowls. 5.25 Ski Sunday.

6.00 NEWS REVIEW With subtitles

6.30 THE MONEY PROGRAMME Brian Widdlake and Valerie Singleton present the financial and business programme

7.15 THE NATURAL WORLD *Through Animal Eyes* With the use of video techniques and specially-developed cameras this programme takes a look at the world as animals see it

8.05 A WILL TO WIN Amin Ali who arrived in Britain from Bangladesh as a penniless but ambitious teenager, is now working towards opening his fourth restaurant

8.35 INTERNATIONAL PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF Terry Wogan and Suzanne Danielle join Johnny Miller and Nick Faldo

9.25 DID YOU SEE . . . Television review chaired by Ludovic Kennedy

10.10 SCREEN TWO *Lent* by Michael Wilcox. Four elderly members of staff and the orphan son of the former headmaster are left alone at Gorse Park Preparatory School to spend a less than peaceful Easter holidays

11.40 WORLD BOWLS Highlights of today's final in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship from Coatbridge

12.45 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.05 IRISH ANGLE

1.30 FACE THE PRESS Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts and the Civil Service

2.00 A QUESTION OF ECONOMICS *Is the Government Borrowing Too Much?*

2.30 MOON OVER MIAMI (1941)

4.10 SILENT LAUGHTER A selection of short silent comedy films including *Backstage* with Buster Keaton and Fatty Arbuckle

5.00 THE AMATEUR NATURALIST *Creatures of the Sun* Gerald and Lee Durrell go to the Sonora Desert in Arizona to examine how creatures survive when exposed to severe heat

5.30 NEWS SUMMARY AND WEATHER followed by THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME

6.15 AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL Final of the Victoria Football League

7.15 THE BIRD BUSINESS Bill Oddie reports on commercial activities aimed at making big money out of rare birds and threatening the survival of the species

8.05 THE SHORTEST RUNNING SHOW ON EARTH

8.15 SUPER TROUPERS

9.15 THE PRICE Geoffrey Carr finally agrees a ransom figure for his wife and her daughter

10.15 CITY GENERAL *It's Not A Romantic Life* Beginning a new series about what it's like to work in Stoke City General Hospital, talking to staff both past and present

10.50 13 RUE MADELEINE (1946) Semi-documentary thriller with James Cagney as the leader of a quartet of agents sent into France during World War II to locate a rocket base. With Annabella, Richard Conte and Frank Latimore

12.35 Close

LWT

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Under Fives. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 12.00 Weekend World: Live Interview with Arthur Scargill. 1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 London News Headlines; followed by The David Lean Film: *Summer Madness* (1955) With Katharine Hepburn and Rossano Brazzi. 4.25 Supergran. 4.55 The European Figure Skating Championships from Gothenburg. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 NEWS FROM ITN

6.40 HIGHWAY

7.15 GAME FOR A LAUGH Presented by Jeremy Beadle, Martin Daniels, Rustie Lee and Lee Peck

8.15 THE PRACTICE

8.45 THE BEIDERBECKE AFFAIR *We Are On the Brink of a New Era, If Only . . .*

9.45 NEWS FROM ITN

10.00 SPITTING IMAGE

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW With a major exhibition of his work now showing at The Royal Academy, The South Bank Show has taken the opportunity to make a programme on the important 20th century painter Marc Chagall, now 97

11.30 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

WANTED — DEAD OR ALIVE *Reunion For Revenge* With Steve McQueen. Randall finds himself involved in a fight to the death

11.55 THAT'S HOLLYWOOD *The Chase is On*

12.20 Night Thoughts and Closedown

GRANADA

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9.35 Window on the World. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Under-Fives. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30 Down to Earth. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Cartoon Time. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The David Lean Film: *Summer Madness* (1955) With Katharine Hepburn

4.25 Supergran. 4.55 Skating: The European Figure Skating Championships from Gothenburg. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 ITN NEWS

6.40 HIGHWAY

7.15 GAME FOR A LAUGH Jeremy Beadle, Martin Daniels, Rustie Lee and Lee Peck with more crazy stunts

8.15 THE PRACTICE More problems than usual at the northern health centre

8.45 THE BEIDERBECKE AFFAIR *We Are on the Brink of a New Era, If Only . . .* Jill retires from politics before the recount

9.45 ITN NEWS

10.00 SPITTING IMAGE The vicious, fun-poking puppet show

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW Artist Marc Chagall is a living legend. Now the grand old man of French painting, he was born into a poor Jewish family in Tsarist Russia in 1887. As a young man he was attracted to Paris, then the world capital of art, where he developed the unique style which captivated art-lovers and fascinated or infuriated the critics for nearly 80 years. Introduced by Melvyn Bragg

11.30 THE TIMELESS LAND *Smell of Rebellion*

12.35 Closedown

S4C

1.50 The Living Body. 2.20 In Search of Paradise. 2.45 Film: *The Jolson Story*. 5.00 Piglets and Cream. 5.30 The Business Programme. 6.15 Australian Rules Football. 7.15 Hanner Dwsin. 7.20 Newyddion Amaeth. 7.25 Newyddion. 7.30 Hafod Henri. 8.00 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.40 Dechrau Canu. Dechrau Canmol. 9.10 Hill Street Blues. 10.10 As the Years Pass, As the Days Pass. 11.40 Shape of the World. 12.25 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Under Fives. 11.25 Lookaround. 11.30 Batman. 11.58 North East News. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Farming Outlook. 1.30 Extra Time. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Film: *Big Rose*. 4.25 Supergran. 4.55 Skating. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Game For a Laugh. 8.15 The Practice. 8.45 The Beiderbecke Affair. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Irish RM. 12.30 Five Minutes; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Wattoo Wattoo. 9.30 Farming '85. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Under Fives. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Here and Now. 1.30 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Summer Madness*. 4.25 Supergran. 4.55 Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Game For a Laugh. 8.15 The Practice. 8.45 The Beiderbecke Affair. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Peterborough Country Music Festival. 11.55 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather; followed by Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Under Fives. 11.30 Farming Diary.

Weather. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 The Smurfs. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Summer Madness*. 4.25 Supergran. 4.55 Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Game For a Laugh. 8.15 The Practice. 8.45 The Beiderbecke Affair. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Irish RM. 12.30 Five Minutes; Closedown.

TSW

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Under Fives. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30 Farming News. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Gardens for All. 1.30 The South West Week. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Summer Madness*. 4.25 Supergran. 4.55 Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Game For a Laugh. 8.15 The Practice. 8.45 The Beiderbecke Affair. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Big Match. 12.15 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Action Line. 9.35 Atom Ant. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Under Fives. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Agenda. 1.30 Farm Focus. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Film: *Summer Madness*. 5.15 The Smurfs. 5.25 TVS News. 5.30 Supergran. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Game For a Laugh. 8.15 The Practice. 8.45

The Beiderbecke Affair. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Home Cookery Club. 9.30 A Question of Faith. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Under Fives. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 West Country Farming; Weather for Farmers. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Summer Madness*. 4.25 Supergran. 4.55 Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; HTV News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Game For a Laugh. 8.15 The Practice. 8.45 The Beiderbecke Affair. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 War. 12.30 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 9.30-10.00 Encounter. 2.00-2.30 Celebration.

ANGLIA

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Perspective. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Under Fives. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Just Our Luck. 1.25 Weather Trends. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Hardcastle and McCormick. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.25 Supergran. 4.55 Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 Game For a Laugh. 8.15 The Practice. 8.45 The Beiderbecke Affair. 9.45 News; Weather. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Magnum. 12.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

1 News on the half hour until 11.30a.m., then 2.30p.m., 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30, and at 12 midnight.

6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Paul Gambaccini and Tim Rice. 12.30 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.30 Bruno Brookes. 4.30 Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5.00 Top 40 (S). 7.00 Anne Nightingale (S). 9.00 Robbie Vincent (S). 11.00-12.00 Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations (S).

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

4.00 Chris Jones (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S). 7.30 Paul McDowell (S). 9.00 Melodies for You (S). 11.00 Desmond Carrington (S) (12.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 David Hamilton Presents Two's Best (S). 2.00 Benny Green (S). 3.00 Alan Dell (S). 4.00 Listen To Les (S). 4.30 Sing Something Simple (S). 5.00 Charlie Chester (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.30 Denis Compton Has . . . A Word with Williams. 7.00 Black Magic. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 Johnny Pearson. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 Peter Dickinson (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00-4.00 David Hamilton presents Two's Best (S).

RADIO

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 English Chamber Orchestra (S) Tchaikovsky, Wagner.

3 Haydn. 8.00 Bach Cantatas 1724 (S) including No.181 'Leichte-sinnige Flattergeister'. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Bax, Cherubini, Patrick Hadley. 10.30 Music Weekly (S). 11.15 From the Proms 1984 (S) Mahler's 'Resurrection'. 12.45 Debussy (S) second book of Preludes for piano. 1.35 Haydn and Mozart (S). 2.30 Oboe and Piano (S) Vivaldi, Debussy arr. Messiaen, Piggott. 3.10 Bruckner (S) Symphony No.8. 4.40 Songs from Salzburg (S) Schumann and Duparc. 5.30 Just Gossiping. 6.00 Boulez Conducts Webern and Schoenberg (S). 7.00 The Theban Plays (S) 'Oedipus at Colonus'. 9.10 Mozart (S) Fortepiano recital. 10.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Erich Urbanner's Cello Concerto and Vaughan Williams' Symphony No.4. 11.00 Dong-Suk Kang and Pascal Devoyon (S) Sonatas for violin and piano by Lekeu and Ravel. 11.57-12.00 News.

VHF: 6.35-6.55a.m. Open University: Why Study the State?

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday

Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Week's Good Cause. 8.55 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers. 11.15 Weekend. 12.00 Smash of the Day. Educating Archie. 12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend; News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 The Afternoon Play (S) *Survival*. 3.45 In the Shadow of the Revolution. 4.00 News; Talking About Antiques. 4.30 The Living World. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 Down Your Way. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 Feedback. 6.30 Bookshelf. 7.00 Travel; The Great Impersonation (S). 7.30 Once Upon a Bedtime. 8.05 Law in Action. 8.30 Mad Dogs and Englishmen. 9.00 News; Cousin Bazilio (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 Other Men's Flowers. 11.00 The Savage Pilgrimage. 11.15 Inside Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 6.45-7.15 Open University. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study On 4.

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WEEKLY FROM NOVEMBER 4, 1984

The reformist and Stalinist bureaucracies and the struggle for revolutionary leadership in the working class

1. The economic and political crisis of world capitalism

The world capitalist crisis as the driving force of the world socialist revolution; the objective laws of capitalist decline and socialist revolution; the revolutionary nature of the political situation in Britain; the transformation of the capitalist state under the Tory Bonapartist dictatorship; the miners' strike and the struggle for power.

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

2. The reformist Labour and trade union bureaucracies: 'The backbone of British imperialism' (Trotsky)

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

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

3. Stalinism: the most counter-revolutionary force in the world working class

The significance of the Russian Revolution October 1917; the isolation and economic backwardness of Russia as the objective source of the Stalinist bureaucratic degeneration of the Soviet state; the Stalinist bureaucracy not a new ruling class; unconditional defence of the nationalised property relations of the USSR; significance of Trotsky's struggle against Stalinism; the national reformist nature of 'socialism in one country'; the lessons of the Stalinist betrayals of the 1930s; Third Periodism and Popular Frontism; the counter-revolutionary role of Stalinism today; the crisis within British Stalinism.

Reading: Trotsky 'Revolution Betrayed', 'The Class Nature of the Soviet State', 'Germany 1931-1932', 'Whither France?'; Alex Mitchell 'Behind the Crisis in British Stalinism'; Robert Shaw — 'Fighter for Trotskyism' by Mickie Shaw.

4. Revolution versus Reform: The Building of the Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists

The crisis and bankruptcy of reformism and Stalinism and their common opportunist source; the building of the revolutionary leadership of the working class; the Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists. The struggle to oppose and defeat the counter-revolutionary bureaucracies and their revisionist defenders; the role of Labour governments; the tactic of the United Front; the organisation of the General Strike as the struggle for power; the smashing of the bourgeois state and the dictatorship of the proletariat; the fight for Community Councils (Soviets) and for a workers' revolutionary government.

Reading: Lenin 'Left Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder'; Trotsky 'Transitional Programme'; Programme for a Workers Revolutionary Government; Letter of the WRP Political Committee No.7.

Lecturer: P. Jones (WRP Central Committee)

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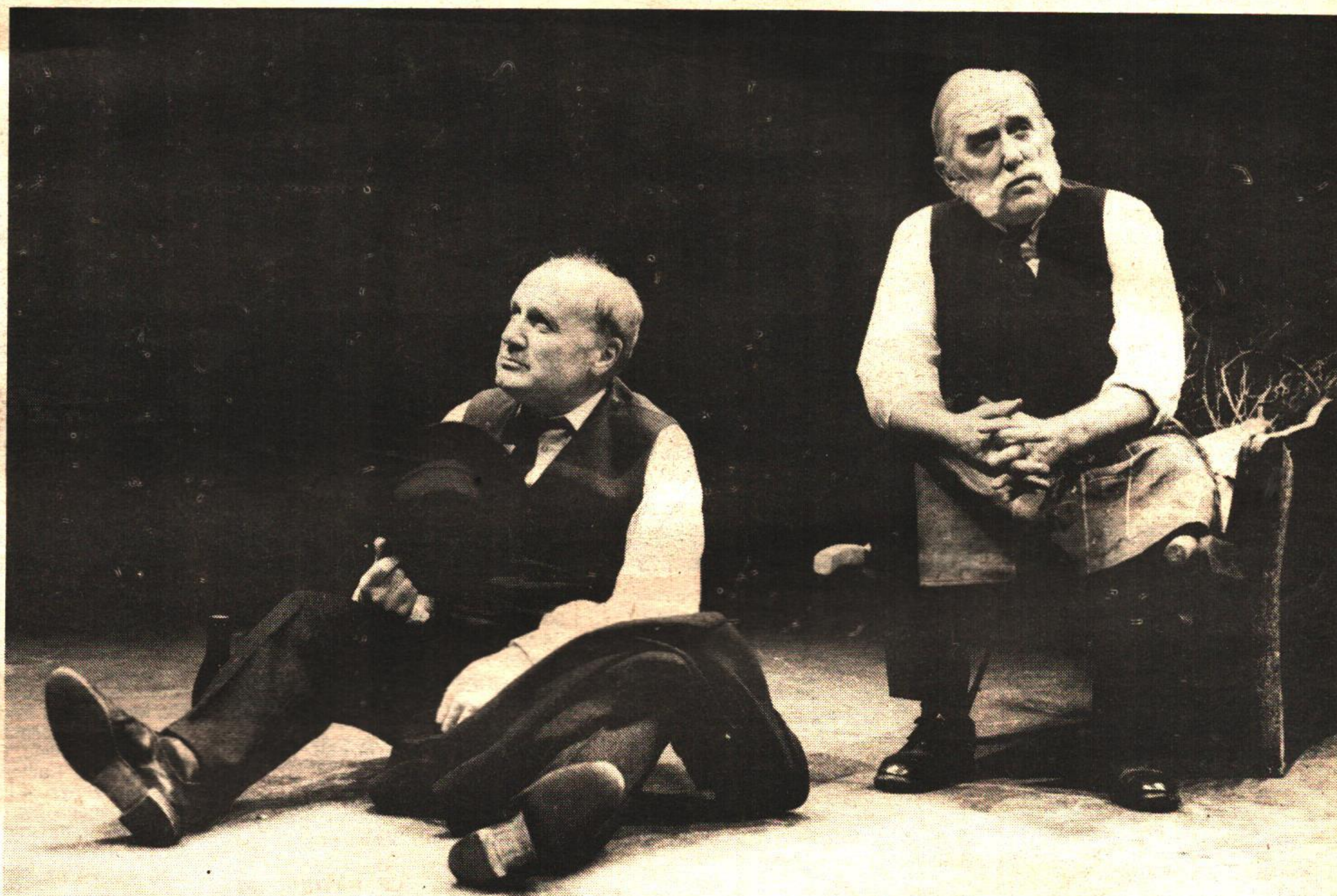
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Better Times by Barrie Keefe, directed by
Philip Hedley at the Theatre Royal,
Stratford, east London. 8p.m. Tickets £2
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News
Line

Theatre



Robert Keegan (George Lansbury) and Donald Morley (Cllr Sam March) in a scene from Barrie Keefe's 'Better Times'

A timely look at Poplar's rate revolt

REVIEW BY BRIAN MOORE

**BARRY KEEFE's
new play 'Better
Times', now at
Theatre Royal Strat-
ford East, takes as its
subject the Poplar rate
revolt of 1921.**

1920 saw the election in Poplar, along with several other London Boroughs, of the very first Labour council.

Led by George Lansbury, veteran pacifist, Christian and 'left' Fabian, the council comprised a various assortment of suffragettes, and trade unionists bound by a common and peculiarly British vision of public welfare and municipal parks for all, as the road to socialism.

They were swept to power by the East End working class, but within a year the councillors came up against a harsh reality — there were insufficient funds to carry through their programme at the necessary pace.

They did not dare increase the rates, which their rate payers could ill afford yet they needed more money to provide proper social services.

As a poor Borough with high unemployment, sickness and slum housing, Poplar needed greater funds while London's wealthy boroughs could levy a bigger rate yet needed to spend infinitely less on welfare services.

The demand to equalise London rates so that the wealthy boroughs bore their share of the burden

of maintaining the sick, the aged and the unemployed had been ignored by successive Tory and Liberal governments.

To focus attention on this struggle and to maintain their welfare services Poplar decided to withhold the statutory payment of a proportion of their annual rate to the Tory dominated LCC.

In doing so they knew they faced prison.

Horror swept the Labour party bureaucracy. Herbert Morrison, chairman of the London Labour councils, pleaded with them to climb down.

But Poplar stood firm and the council were all committed to prison for contempt while thousands demonstrated on the streets.

Spectre

And there they stayed refusing to back down while mounting feelings swept the working class and the spectre of revolution forced Prime Minister Lloyd George to cobble a compromise, with the craven assistance of Herbert Morrison, his hod carrier in chief.

The councillors were released, a face-saving formula was arrived at and a law was changed. It was a victory of sorts.

Philip Hedley's production has encouraged some fine and detailed per-

formances from an excellent cast. And Jenny Tiramani's set, a large backdrop like a trade union banner with a vista of the illuminated trees of the municipal park by the Thames, is witty and clever.

But there is a fundamental contradiction in the play which author Barry Keefe can't really solve but which clearly pulls him here and there in grappling with it.

On the one hand the major political thrust of the play is to contrast as it were left and right of the Labour Party, Lansbury and Morrison, and to affirm that when the Labour Party has challenged existing law and taken direct action against it, progress has been made.

This is clearly his message for the struggle today.

Yet one senses his unease about the politics of Lansbury, the genial buffer, ever on his knees to the Almighty, returning from Moscow having put Lenin 'in his place'. But Barry Keefe can't elevate that critique above the level of satire.

What's on the agenda for the working class today is not just direct action but the revolutionary struggle to bring down this hated government in a struggle for workers power.

In doing so the working class will test out its lead-

ership and in struggle must break from the reformist, pacifist illusions of today's Lansbury's, the congenial acceptors of capitalist rule. And if they don't they will be defeated. That's the bitter lesson for today.

Direct action may have won a partial gain for Poplar in 1921, and it may as the play says have

driven the Mosleyites out of Cable Street in the 1930s.

But it was reformism of right and left of the TUC that led to the bitter defeat, just five years after the rate revolt, of the General Strike.

Those are the real issues for Better Times, the best times of all — the socialist revolution.

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Winning Post

Centroline to surprise everyone

CENTROLINE (2.40), a top class handicapper on the flat but still inexperienced over hurdles, can cause one of the biggest upsets in the 22-year history of the Schweppes Gold Trophy by winning the valuable handicap at muddy **NEWBURY** today.

An overnight deluge has turned the going on the hur-

dle track from soft to heavy, and only the truest stayers will see out the two mile, one hundred yard trip.

Chris Bell's horse can handle any ground, however, and the Wantage trainer is quietly confident he will overcome his lack of experience over timber and bring his excellent flat ability into play.

Centroline's major claim to fame last summer was a battling fourth place behind

BY A RACING CORRESPONDENT

Opale in the Jefferson Smurfit Irish St Leger, behind the winner, having won a valuable Doncaster handicap on softish ground a month before.

Last August he was worn down in the last 50 yards of the Tote Ebor by Crazy, and Bell blames the hard autumn campaign which followed — culminating in the French St

Leger (Prix Royal Oak) where he was unplaced behind Agent Double at Longchamps in October — for Centroline's lifeless display in Sandown's Mecca Hurdle a month later.

On that form he would have no chance against horses like the winner, Prideaux Boy, but what pleased Bell about the performance was that Centroline jumped every bit as well as his opponents.

The Game Spirit Chase provides a fascinating curtain-raiser to the Schweppes, with Nick Henderson's national entry **Classified** (2.00) taking on Little Bay, one of the most popular horses in training.

John Francome has developed an understanding with the temperamental little bay which has already paid dividends this season, but classified is the type of tough and genuine fighter to

SELECTIONS

NEWBURY: 1.30 Fist Bout, 2.00 Classified (n.b.), 2.40 Centroline (nap), 3.15 Burrough Hill Lad, 3.45 Ashford Ditton, 4.15 Pottstown.

AYR: 1.20 Hand Over, 1.55 Miss Goldingay, 2.25 Earls Brig, 2.55 Mountain Hays, 3.25 The Small Miracle, 3.55 Joca.

CATTERICK: 1.30 Game Rocket, 2.00 Solar Light, 2.30 Planetman, 3.00 Ballywell, 3.30 Nudge Nudge, 4.00 Baton Match.

bring out the worst in the northern challenger, and if he can pressurise Little Bay on the run-in, he may find his rival throwing in the towel yet again.

AYR ITV 1.20, 1.55, 2.25

1.20 FISHERTON HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000

2m (12 runners)		
1 3P1133-	MR SUNBIRD (C-D) R Allan 7 11 10	D Coakley (4)
2 13112	HAND OVER (D) Mrs M Dickinson 6 11 8	R Earnshaw
3 100101	COMEDY FAIR (D) M H Easterby 5 11 4 (6 ex)	A Brown
4 112131	MARK EDELSON (C-D) J M Jefferson 8 11 2	M Hill (7)
5 2-34002	RIVERS EDGE (C-D) Denys Smith 7 11 2	D Thompson (7)
6 420000	STARLIGHT ROCKY Miss Z Green 9 10 13	J Goulding
7 00-0302	COLONEL ROSE (C-D) T Goldie 8 10 13	P A Charlton
8 01-F220	CENTRE ATTRACTION (C-D) G Richards 6 10 11	N Doughty
9 02301P-	SWEDISH PINE (D) M J Lambert 6 10 7	P A Charlton
12 0301-00	SHUMARD (D) R F Fisher 5 10 0	M Meagher (4)
13 4-003D4	TARCHIN (D) S J Leadbetter 8 10 0	M Barnes
14 400-000	VICTORY BOY T A Cuthbert 7 10 0	D McCaskill

BLINKERS: 13
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Colonel Rose, 7-2 Hand Over, 4-1 Mark Edelson, 5-1 Rivers Edge, 7-1 Comedy Fair, 10-1 Centre Attraction, 12-1 others.

1.55 LADBROKE NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000

2m (13 runners)		
2 4110	CONNAUGHT QUEEN (D) G Richards 5 11 7	N Doughty
3 212221	MELHAGEN (FR) (D) M H Easterby 5 11 5	A Brown
5 021	MAJESTIC LAD (C) M J Lambert 4 10 12	P A Charlton
6 240020	SUSANNA J Andrews 7 10 9	Mrs S Bradburne
7 422211	MISS GOLDINGAY (D) M W Easterby 4 10 9	P Tuck
10 303330	MOONLIGHTING P Calver 5 10 8	T G Dun
11 0234/03	VIMYS PET T A Barnes 8 10 7	M Barnes
13 003	THE BUILDER Mrs G Reveley 6 10 5	C Hawkins
14 0013	CHEERFUL DAYS (D) A Scott 4 10 4	Mr R J Beggan
15 P00310	PERFECT IMAGE (D) Mrs E Slack 5 10 1	J Goulding
16 0-00000	KING'S HOLT N Waggett 6 10 0	R Earnshaw
17 1	CHATTY CHEZ Denys Smith 4 10 0	J Murphy
19 000-F00	GOLDEN FAME J S Haldane 5 10 0	D Coakley (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Miss Goldingay, 100-30 Melhagen, 4-1 Majestic Lad, 6-1 The Builder, 8-1 Connaught Queen, 12-1 Cheerful Days and Chatty Chez, 14-1 others.

2.25 MERCEDES-BENZ CHASE (LTD H'CAP) £8,000

3m (7 runners)		
1 1P-1123	WAYWARD LAD Mrs M Dickinson 10 12 0	R Earnshaw
2 423-320	RICHDEE N F Crump 9 10 10	C Hawkins
3 1U0211	EARLS BRIG (C-D) W Hamilton 10 10 10 (4 ex)	P Tuck
4 11010-4	BROOMY BANK J A Edwards 10 10 7	P Warner
6 00P-310	PEATY SANDY (C-D) Miss H Hamilton 11 10 7	T G Dun
7 1P0/110	FINAL ARGUMENT (C) G Richards 9 10 7	D Coakley (4)

CATTERICK

1.30 BROUGH NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE £700

2m (21 runners)		
5 040110	MENINGI (D) (BF) N Tinkler 4 11 9	N Tinkler
7 03302F	BULLION Denys Smith 5 11 6	D Leadbitter (7)
8 1	GAME ROCKET (C-D) Hbt Jones 5 11 6	M Hindley
9 224331	CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE (C-D) M H Easterby 5 11 5	A Stringer
10 2110	STRATHEARN (D) J G FitzGerald 4 11 5	R O'Leary
12 400223	STARSHOT D G Swindlehurst 10 11 3	Mr D Swindlehurst
13 3-32113	LUCYLET (D) (BF) Mrs G Reveley 6 11 3	A Lang (7)
15 002420	PRIVATE LABEL (USA) F H Lee 5 11 0	S Holland
16 40/4-400	RUSHYFORD W A Stephenson 7 11 0	Mr M Thompson (7)
17 0000/0-2	SKEETINGS B M Temple 7 10 13	C Pimlott
18 U0400	OWEN HERBERT C Wardman 5 10 13	C J Wardman (7)
19 2B-P000	SILVER SEASON M C Chapman 7 10 13	G Evans (7)
20 P0P04-	JUBILEE KING M C Chapman 7 10 12	S Keightley
22 134U	FRENCH NEPHEW (D) (BF) Denys Smith 4 10 11	C Grant
24 2F-2403	KEYCORN J W Blundell 5 10 11	D Dutton
27 0040	MAGIC W Wharton 4 10 9	Mrs G Rees
28 000	MISHA Capt J Wilson 5 10 9	Mrs G Rees
29 0-00	ARCHIMBOLD W A Stephenson 7 10 6	M Maguire (4)
31 00-0000	GOLDEN LEICESTER P Wigham 9 10 4	R Crank
32 04300-0	TYPECAST J Townsend 6 10 3	M Dwyer
35 P/00-00	MINNIE THE MOOCHER M Avison 7 10 1	M Dwyer

BLINKERS: 24
PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Meningi, 5-1 Charlotte's Dunce and Skeetings, 6-1 Strathearn, 8-1 Lucylet and Game Rocket, 10-1 French Nephew and Keycorn, 14-1 Bullion, 16-1 others.

2.00 BRIDGE HOTEL SELLING HURDLE £600

2m (19 runners)		
3 0-P-P	BOUNTEOUS SPIRIT J Townsend 5 11 3	Sharron James (7)
5 P00-FP0	EXCAVATOR EXPERT (D) G M Moore 5 11 3	C Pimlott
6 00	FAIR MARINER S J Wiles 5 11 3	S Charlton
8 010-0	RED RIBBLE (FR) (D) R W Jeffrey 5 11 3	J Brough (7)
9 0-0432	SOLAR LIGHT F J Yardley 5 11 3	N Tinkler
11 P0-P0P	PEMELIA J Dooler 5 10 12	M Pepper
12 0	REBEL'S FANCY F T Walton 5 10 12	Mr J Walton
14 0	CROSS FARM BOY Capt J Wilson 4 10 7	Mrs G Rees
15 F0342	HAVE YOU TIME W Wharton 4 10 7	Mandy Harrison (7)
16 00	LINDRICK VICTOR G R Harman 4 10 7	K Whyte
17 0000	MAHOGANY HALL Mrs G Bartle 4 10 7	D Browne
18 P	STEVULA D T Garratton 4 10 7	A Dickman
19 004	TORSKI M W Easterby 4 10 7	M Dwyer
21 00	WOODPECKER BOY J G FitzGerald 4 10 7	P Armitage
23 0P	IMPORT DUTY W C Watts 4 10 2	K Teelan (4)
24 0P	KUWAIT TAXI W Storey 4 10 2	A Charlton (7)
25 002	LADY LOCKET M J Lambert 4 10 2	K Jones
26 0	MISS RAPID W A Stephenson 4 10 2	S Keightley
27 0P	TOUCH OF STEEL R D Woodhouse 4 10 2	S Keightley

BLINKERS: 8
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Lady Locket, 3-1 Have You Time, 7-2 Solar Light, 6-1 Woodpecker Boy, 8-1 Torski, 10-1 Red Ribble, 16-1 others.

2.30 CATTERICK GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL (H'CAP CHASE) £3,500 3m 4f (11 runners)

1 0PPP	GREY WARBLER (NZ) S Mellor 11 11 7	G Charles-Jones (4)
2 211-113	PLANETMAN (C) (D) (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 8 11 5	D Browne
4 11-0000	ONAPROMISE (C) Denys Smith 9 10 12	C Grant
5 2-01220	WHY FORGET (D) W A Stephenson 9 10 10	R Lamb
6 0P-2040	COCKLE STRAND (C) K M Oliver 12 10 5	D Dutton
7 PU-PP4P	SUNSET CRISTO (C) R Hawkey 11 10 4	B Storey
9 3U032F	JETHARTS HERE (C) G W Renilson 11 10 0	S Charlton
10 30-P232	LITTLE FRENCHMAN E H Robson 12 10 0	C Pimlott

2.55 VULMIDAS TROPHY (H'CAP CHASE) £2,200

2m 4f (4 runners)		
1 23-4114	MOSSY MOORE (C-D) (BF) K M Oliver 9 11 10	T G Dun
3 F-11110	BROKEN SPEECH (D) N F Crump 9 11 4	C Hawkins
6 0-02003	MOUNTAIN HAYS (C-D) M H Easterby 10 10 4	A Brown
11 210203	SAINT-MUNN Mrs D Culham 11 10 0	R Earnshaw

BLINKERS: 11
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Mountain Hays, 5-2 Mossy Moore, 7-2 Broken Speech, 7-1 Saint-Munn.

3.25 CARWINSHOCH NOVICE CHASE £1,600

2m (9 runners)		
1 0F41-11	TARN (D) T P Tate 7 12 0	R Earnshaw
5 0-021F1	THE DIVIDER Mrs T Calder 7 12 0	T G Dun
6 40/1302	THE SMALL MIRACLE (C-D) N Bycroft 7 11 8	P Tuck
10 003-000	JONDALE M J Lambert 8 11 2	P A Charlton
15 00-21P0	SCOTTISH DREAM G Richards 7 11 2	N Doughty
16 0U-0UP0	TAMSON'S TIPPLE D Robertson 9 11 2	Mr D Robertson
17 230F22	KELSEY LADY (BF) M J Lambert 7 10 11	Mr R J Beggan
19 00-300F	PURPLE BEAM T A Barnes 6 10 11	M Barnes
20 0000-	THE HOWLET K M Oliver 6 10 11	M Barnes

BLINKERS: 17
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Tarn, 7-2 The Divider, 5-1 The Small Miracle, 8-1 Scottish Dream, 12-1 Kelsey Lady, 14-1 others.

3.55 EGLINTON AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN HURDLE £700 2m 6f (12 runners)

1 0043B	CLANNAD R F Fisher 6 12 3	Mr T Reed (4)
2 P	COLONEL MURPHY J Robinson 6 12 3	Mr R Robinson (7)
3 00	DIGGER BARNES J P Wight 6 12 3	Mr A Wight (7)
5 003FP0	FROSTY TOUCH Mrs E Slack 7 12 3	Miss D Slack (7)
7 0403-30	MARACAS BAY N Waggett 6 12 3	Miss T Waggett (7)
10 000F0-0	ROYAL BOWLER J I Charlton 6 12 3	Mr P Dennis (7)
11 0/00F0-0	SPARKLING BARRON N Waggett 8 12 3	Mr N Waggett (7)
13 00-0000	COLISLACE H McConnell 7 11 12	Mr D Robertson (7)
14 03-0204	HEARTBREAK HOTEL Mrs B Butterworth 7 11 12	Mrs B Butterworth (7)
15 0000-	CUMCATCH R Bainbridge 4 11 0	Mr L Hudson (7)
16 002	INRANGE R W Johnson 4 11 0	Mr P Johnson (7)
17 002	JOCA J Parks 4 11 0	Mr A Orkney (7)

BLINKERS: 7, 11
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Joca, 5-2 Clannad, 5-1 Maracas Bay, 8-1 Heartbreak Hotel, 10-1 Digger Barnes, 12-1 Royal Bowler, 14-1 others.

3.00 GIRSBY NOVICE CHASE £1,200

3m (12 runners)		
1 030043	CALDWELL CASE R W Swiers 10 11 10	Mr S Swiers (7)
3 00/422-3	BALLYWELL F J Yardley 10 11 3	N Tinkler
5 200-0UP	CHEVRON BLUE R A Perkins 7 11 3	Mr G Vergette (Jnr)
7 00/44-	DOUBLE EARNING G M Vergette 10 11 3	Mr G Vergette (Jnr)
8 1030-	GALESBURG Mrs M Dickinson 6 11 3	D Browne
11 U	JAYS GREY J W Blundell 7 11 3	D Dutton
12 00000-0	KRYPTON Capt J Wilson 7 11 3	C Grant
14 000	LIGHT DEMON G Richards 8 11 3	J K Kinane
16 0P31-03	NEWLIFE CONNECTION W A Stephenson 6 11 3	R Lamb
18 4-03F30	RASTASEMPHAF S N Burt 7 11 3	Mr L Kirby
19 00/303-B	TELEGRAPH BUSH G W Renilson 8 11 3	C Pimlott
22 13400-	TAMARIND GEM J H Johnson 9 10 12	J Hansen (4)

BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Galesburg, 5-2 Newlife Connection, 7-2 Ballywell, 8-1 Caldwell Case, 10-1 Double Earning and Rastasemphaf, 16-1 others.

3.30 SCORTON NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE £1,200 2m (13 runners)

2 022-223	ABU TORKEY J W Blundell 8 11 7	D Dutton
3 10-4432	BORDER KNIGHT J S Haldane 10 11 5	C Grant
7 0004F-3	NUDGE NUDGE (D) S Mellor 5 10 10	G Charles-Jones (4)
8 421414	SOMERLED (C-D) R McDonald 6 10 9	A Stringer
9 F4F4-F0	CSTALLACK V Thompson 7 10 6	Mr M Thompson (7)
10 0/2-UP33	CRICKSTOWN G Richards 8 10 5	J K Kinane
12 030023/	GREAT TARQUIN A S Corner 8 10 2	K Jones
13 040-01F	NERO WOLF O Brennan 8 10 1	
14 00-0044	DRUMMONY L Griffiths 11 10 1	
15 000D21	MR PONGEE (C-D) F S Storey 10 10 0	
17 0/0-00	STARJESTIC R Robinson 7 10 0	
18 0P00-40	MILITARY CROWN E J Carr 8 10 0	
20 00P-00F	MOUNT ST MARY'S M J Camacho 6 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Nudge Nudge, 4-1 Abu Torkey, 5-1 Border Knight and Somerled, 6-1 Crickstown, 8-1 Mr Pongee, 12-1 Drummony, 14-1 others.

4.00 ASKE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

2m (14 runners)		
1 30-0010	PITTENCRIEFF (C-D) E Weymes 10 11 10	
3 00-0010	ALBERTAT (D) Denys Smith 5 11 6	
4 110003/	SHOOLER PRINCE (D) F Watson 8 11 5	
5 100-030	BURGARS WALK (D) Denys Smith 5 11 3	
6 022041	MILORE (C-D) O Brennan 7 11 1	
7 10F213	BATON MATCH (D) M C Chapman 5 11 0	
8 1/2	SPLENDID AGAIN (D) N Tinkler 10 10 12	
9 110013	MALISTRANO (D) (BF) S Mellor 4 10 11	
10 14-4200	FELIXSTOWE LAD (D) J H Johnson 6 10 11	
12 100-420	EXCAVATOR LADY (D) (BF) G M Moore 6 10 9	
13 11-04P0	INDIAN CALL (D) Hbt Jones 6 10 7	
14 132020	GREENACRES JOY (D) S B Avery 5 10 7	C McIlfratrick (4)
15 23-0004	HIGH DROP (D) F S Storey 5 10 7	
17 P3420F-	NOTIKI (D) J Twibell 10 10 0	

BLINKERS: 12
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Baton Match, 9-2 Splendid Again, 11-2 Malistrano, 6-1 High Drop, 8-1 Excavator Lady, 10-1 Greenacres Joy and Milore, 14-1 Albertat, 16-1 others.

NEWBURY BBC1, 2.00, 2.40

1.30 MINORS NOVICE HURDLE (DIV I) £2,000

(4-Y-O) 2m (15 runners)		
2 1	FOREWARN R Akehurst 11 9	D Smith
4 030	APRIL PRINCE F Winter 11 4	J Francome
5 00034	BLUELIMIT D R Elsworth 11 4	C Brown
7 0	CANT DISCLOSE D Nicholson 11 4	P Scudamore
8	CANUCK CLOWN D A Oughton 11 4	P Double
9 304	DIAMONDS HIGH P Mitchell 11 4	R Dunwoody
11	FIRST BOUT N J Henderson 11 4	S Smith Eccles
12 040	FLYING TENDERFOOT P G Bailey 11 4	R Linley
13 0	IRISH HARVEST Mrs M Rimmell 11 4	S Morshead
15	MERDON MONARCH R Sheather 11 4	A Coogan
16 040	MR GREGORY (USA) G B Balding 11 4	B Reilly
18	SHANGOSEER J R Jenkins 11 4	J J O'Neill
19	SHINYWOOD P M Taylor 11 4	A Carroll
21 0	HOLYWELL CAGARRY Mrs N Kennedy 10 13	A Chamberlain
22	LEGAL GENDER Miss E Sneyd 10 13	A Webb

BLINKERS: 12
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 First Bout, 3-1 Forewarn, 9-2 Shangoseer, 8-1 Flying Tenderfoot, 12-1 Diamonds High, April Prince and Blueimit, 16-1 others.

2.00 GAME SPIRIT CHASE (LTD H'CAP) (Grade 2) £15,000 2m (3 runners)

1 2-31222	LITTLE BAY (BF) G Richards 10 11 10	J Francome
2 4-31221	CLASSIFIED (C-D) N J Henderson 9 10 11	P Croucher (4)
4 0P-4320	RAGAFAN (C-D) B Stevens 8 10 7	J J O'Neill

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Classified, 7-4 Little Bay, 11-2 Ragafan.

2.40 SCHWEPES GOLD TROPHY (H'CAP HURDLE) £25,000 2m (30 runners)

1 00-2130	ROBIN WONDER D R Elsworth 7 11 10	Mr M Bosley (7)
2 21-4123	BAJAN SUNSHINE (C-D) M Tate 6 11 9	C Smith
4 0-00214	DALBURY P D Haynes 7 11 6	P Corrigan (7)
5 3-04013	STANS PRIDE (BF) G Price 8 11 2	S Morshead

Sports Line

KERR WINS HIS PLACE

QUEENSLAND's Robbie Kerr was rewarded for his outstanding form in one-day cricket yesterday when he was named in the Australian squad for the World Series Cup match against the West Indies in Melbourne tomorrow.

Kerr has been added to the 12 who were on duty when Australia surprisingly won the first match of the best-of-three finals by 26 runs in Sydney on

Wednesday to give the team more flexibility.

The right-handed opening batsman, who said he believed his style was well-suited to the one-day game, added: 'I've wanted to make the Australian side for a long time and I'm absolutely thrilled. I love one-day cricket.'

Match

Kerr, who smashed an unbeaten double century in a Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania

recently, has an impressive record in limited-over cricket this season, amassing 232 runs in four games.

The West Indies, who won all ten matches against Australia and Sri Lanka in the qualifying series, must win in Melbourne to keep the finals alive.

Their chances of levelling the series will soar if opener Gordon Greenidge, who missed the game in Sydney with a strained back, recovers in time.

Greenidge, 33, received

intensive treatment yesterday while his teammates practiced in the nets under the guidance of captain Clive Lloyd.

Victory

Lloyd has already warned Australia not to become carried away with their victory in the first match.

'It's something they should celebrate, then forget for the time being,' he said earlier this week.

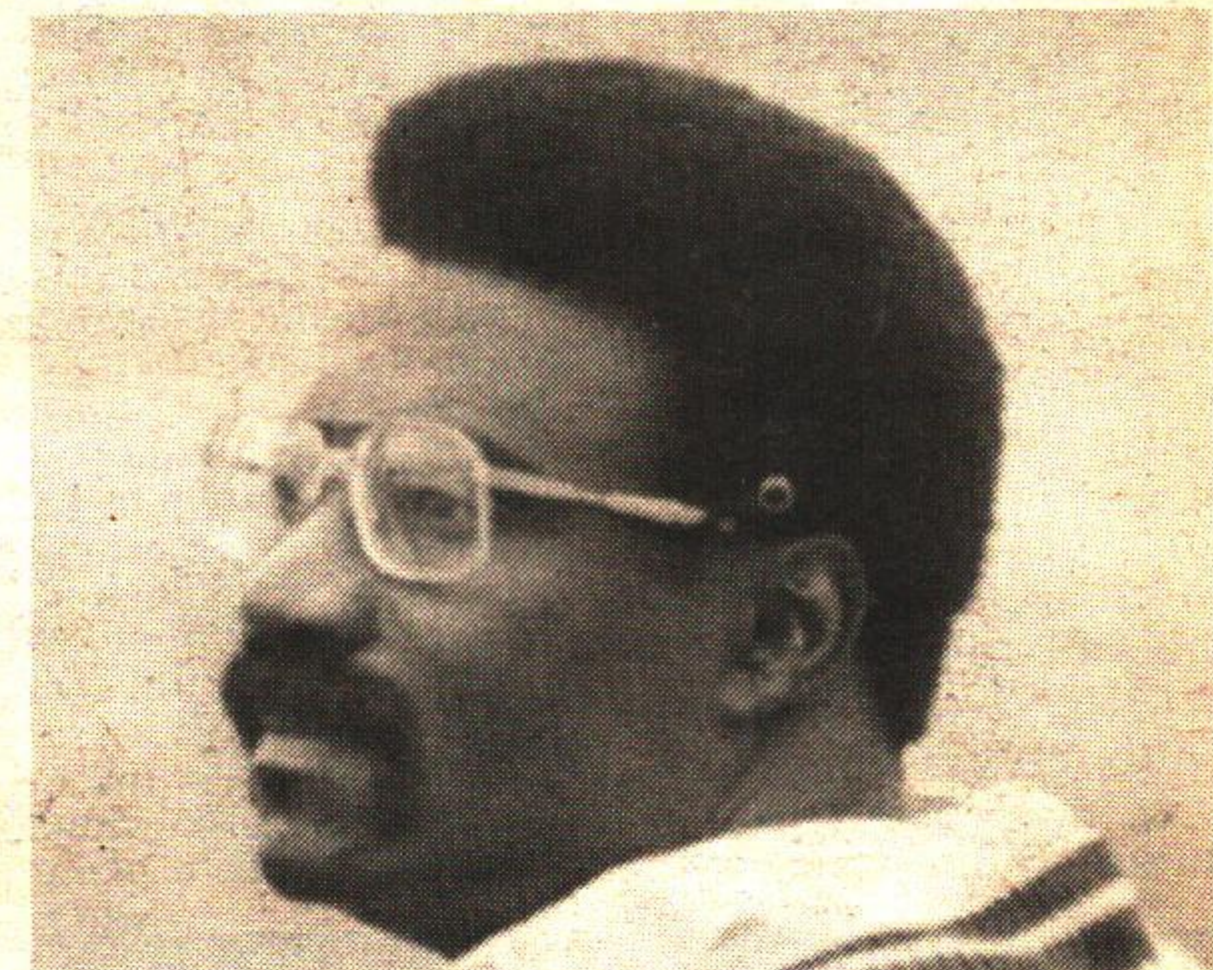
Lloyd said his team had become complacent.

allowing Australian skipper Allan Border to take control.

Border made an unbeaten 127 to record his highest one-day score and the biggest innings scored against the West Indies in 96 limited-over matches.

AUSTRALIA (from): Steve Smith, Kepler Wessels, Robbie Kerr, Graeme Wood, Allan Border, Wayne Phillips, Dean Jones, Simon O'Donnell, Geoff Lawson, Rodney Hodge, Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy, Craig McDermott.

WEST INDIES: to be announced.



CLIVE LLOYD . . . 'The Australians should forget the last match'

Bracewell back for Kiwis

NEW ZEALAND fast medium bowler Brendon Bracewell is set to end a four-year absence from Test cricket against Pakistan as both teams aim to exploit conditions expected to suit pacemen in the third and final Test starting in Dunedin today.

Bracewell's likely return, with left-arm spinner Stephen Boock being made 12th man, will give New Zealand a four-pronged pace attack.

Pakistan have also put the accent on seam bowling in their attempt to gain the victory which would enable them to square the series after drawing the first Test and losing the second by an innings and 99 runs.

Both captains agree the recently re-laid pitch at Carisbrook, which is hosting its first Test since 1980, holds the key to the outcome. The surface has yet to stage a four or five-day match, but both teams are convinced its hardness and the expected overcast conditions will favour the seammers.

Bracewell, 25-year-old brother of off-spinner John Bracewell, whom he has replaced in the squad of 12, made his Test debut against England at the Oval in 1978. Since then, he has made only four Test appearances, the last against Australia in 1981.

Pakistan fast medium bowler Rashid Khan, who arrived in New Zealand on Tuesday as a late re-

placement, is expected to play and supplement a pace attack also including Azeem Hafeez, Tahir Naqqash and Wasim Akram.

Rashid replaced leg spinner Abdul Qadir, who was sent home for disciplinary reasons.

New Zealand all-rounder Richard Hadlee and Pakistan wicketkeeper Anil Dalpat are each suffering from bruised fingers, while the touring team's elegant middle-order batsman Zaheer Abbas missed practice yesterday because of a bruised wrist.

New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth said they had no intention of settling for a draw. 'When you start thinking about playing for a draw there is only one way to go, and that's downhill. We will play positively to win,' he said.

NEW ZEALAND (from 12): Geoff Howarth, John Wright, John Reid, Martin Crowe, Jeff Crowe, Jeremy Coney, Richard Hadlee, Ian Smith, Lance Cairns, Ewen Chatfield, Stephen Boock, Brendon Bracewell.

PAKISTAN (from 12): Mudassar Nazar, Mohsin Khan, Qasim Omar, Javed Miandad, Zaheer Abbas, Saleem Malik, Rameez Raja, Anil Dalpat, Tahir Naqqash, Rashid Khan, Azeem Hafeez, Wasim Akram.

Lendl victor in tough battle

IVAN LENDL'S chances of winning the inaugural \$1.8 million International Tennis Players' Championship were almost blown away by unseeded American John Sadri at Delray Beach, Florida, on Thursday night.

Lendl, the holder of the French Open title and ranked third in the world, was within two points of losing the first set before he recovered to win his second-round match 7-6, 6-0.

Windy

'I was caught by surprise because I didn't expect it to be windy,' said Lendl. 'When I was warming up earlier there was no wind out there.'

Top-seeded Lendl,

BY OUR TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

favourite to win this new event in the absence of John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, was joined in the third round by Swedish pair Anders Jarryd and Joakim Nystrom.

Jarryd, the number four seed, crushed American Tim Gullikson 6-1, 6-3, while eighth-seeded Nystrom dispatched Puerto Rican Ernie Fernandez 6-3, 7-5.

The big-serving Sadri, who is one of the most awkward opponents on the circuit, appeared to have Lendl in trouble in the first set when he stood 5-4, 30-0 on the Czechoslovak's serve.

'I think Sadri felt he had the first set won, because he then missed an easy shot,' said Lendl, who went on to hold serve

and win the eventual tie break 7-5.

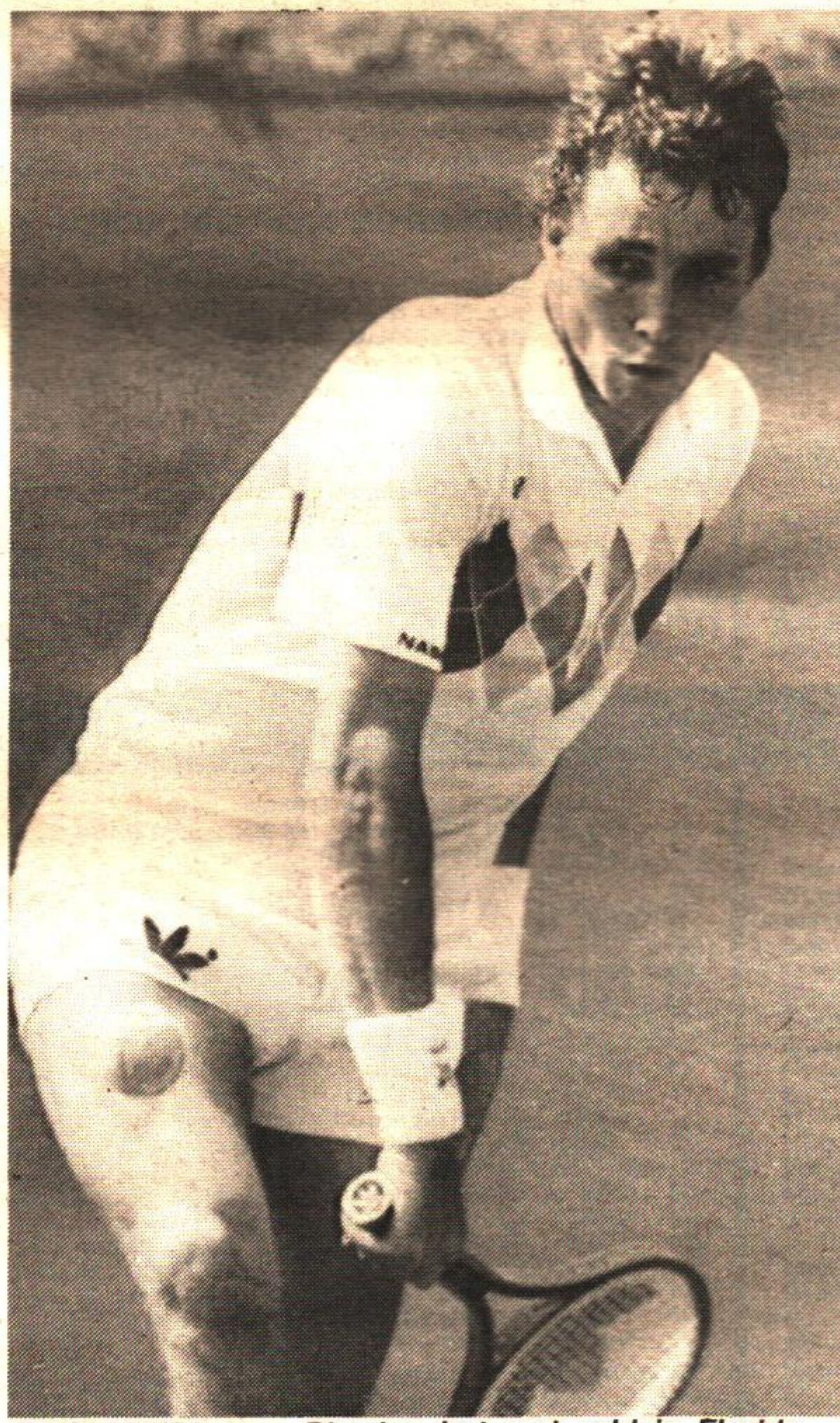
Lendl then made the most of his reprieve by racing through the second set to love with the loss of just 12 points.

In the women's singles, world champion Martina Navratilova found herself upstaged for once.

Cruised

Navratilova cruised into the third round with a 6-0, 6-3 win over American Robin White but it was the 14-year-old Argentine sensation Gabriela Sabatini who grabbed the limelight by crushing Britain's Anabel Croft 6-1, 6-3.

White posed few problems for Navratilova though she did manage to prolong matters when she broke her opponent's serve at 5-1 in the second set to make the scoreline respectable.



IVAN LENDL . . . Blowing hot and cold in Florida

Blues' union busting

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

THE SACKING of two young groundsmen by the Birmingham City Football Club is being fought by their union, the Transport and General Workers' Union.

The union has threatened to blockade the club by halting deliveries and special bus services.

Boycott

Drivers will be asked to boycott the club, and the union has appealed to all trade unionists who are fans to stay away from home matches until the two workers are reinstated. Demonstrations

at Birmingham's away games are also being organised.

The two young groundsmen, Alan Minihane and Michael Quinney, both 17, were dismissed only days after the union negotiated increased pay for the club's groundstaff.

The club claim they cannot afford the increase in pay and are therefore axing the two jobs.

However, the two young men only earn £49.66 for a 39-hour week even with the recent pay increase.

Local T&GWU full-time official Phil Barley said yesterday: 'It is a scandalous situation. The new rates of pay are still not good, but in the light of the club's financial difficulties, we did not press for more at this time.'

Club

'Now, after we have bent over backwards to try to help the club, they have turned round and sacked two of our members. We will be bringing the full weight of this union to bear on the club until these two lads are reinstated.'

S.A. tour decision deferred

THE NEW ZEALAND Rugby Union (NZRU) yesterday deferred a decision on whether to send a team to racist South Africa this year.

It confirmed for the first time that an invitation had been received from the predominantly white South African Rugby Board (SARB) although no proposed itinerary had arrived.

Ces Blazey, Rugby Union council chairman, told a news conference a decision on the tour would be made later but he did not indicate when.

The council's next meeting is scheduled for April 17 but Blazey did not rule out a decision before then. 'We had

quite a long discussion and we will discuss the matter further at a later date,' he said.

On Thursday, New Zealand's Prime Minister David Lange condemned the tour and threatened to withdraw funds from the NZRU if the tour went ahead.

● **AN ARGENTINE** rugby union team are expected to cancel a tour of the racist state, but another side have announced travel plans, players said in Buenos Aires on Thursday night.

The 'La Gaceta' newspaper quoted Ricardo Belver, captain of the Pueyrredon rugby team, as saying several members would travel to South Africa on February 26 for a series of matches under the name 'Los Husares'.

But a spokesman for Banco Nacion, another team, told the 'La Razon' newspaper that members who had planned a similar tour of South Africa under the name 'Los Toros' would probably cancel for economic reasons.

RUGBY LEAGUE	
Silk Cut Cup 1st Rnd	
Saturday Fixture	
Leeds v Widnes (2.15)	
Sunday's Fixtures	
Bramley v Blackpool (3.30)	
Bradford v Southend (3.30)	
Fulham v Halifax (3.00)	
Hull b Carlisle (3.00)	
Keighley v Runcorn (3.15)	
Leigh v Huddersfield (3.30)	
Mansfield v Hunslet (3.30)	
Oldham v Castleford (3.00)	
Rochdale v York (3.00)	
Salford v Swinton	
St Helens v Hull KR (3.00)	
Sheffield v Warrington (2.30)	
Whitehaven v Wakefield (3.30)	
Wigan v Batley (3.00)	
Workington v Dewsbury (2.30)	

Sports Line

SPURS HOME ADVANTAGE

THE INTRODUCTION of three points for a win and one for a draw four seasons ago has made significant difference in most divisions of the Football League — except the First.

Over the past three seasons the problem could be squarely laid at Liverpool's door!

They've dominated Division One so much that the new points share-out only mattered to those teams chasing them for the runners-up spot.

This season, however, with 17 games remaining, there is only a 13-point spread between the leaders Everton and the reigning Champions Liverpool in seventh spot.

And the next month could very well see Tottenham, four points adrift, and Liverpool re-

duce the gap considerably.

While Everton do, at the moment anyway, look like the team to beat, they have but seven home fixtures left compared to Tottenham's ten. Liverpool, and fifth-placed Southampton, both have nine home fixtures remaining to make up ground on the leaders.

There are several interesting games to come over the next 28 days. This afternoon Arsenal,

with a dreadful away record despite their fourth place in the table, must visit the resurgent Liverpool, while Spurs play host to Sheffield Wednesday who are sixth in the table.

In a fortnight's time Arsenal — who can thank their splendid home record for keeping them in the hunt — take on United at Highbury while Southampton welcome Liverpool to the Dell.

The following week United will be seeking revenge for a 5-0 hammering at Goodison Park when they take on Everton.

All in all, a very interesting period in the race for the League Championship is about to unfurl.

Tottenham seem determined to stick to their system of using two wingers despite the loss of Tony Galvin through injury in midweek while on international duty when Wednesday visit today.

Garry Brooke, a forgotten man at White Hart Lane this season, makes a comeback on the left flank while Glenn Hoddle has passed a fitness test following a knock against Luton last weekend.

'He has been waiting for his chance patiently and has never lost his enthusiasm or shooting ability. You have to work hard to score against Wednesday and he just might flash one in for us,' Tottenham boss Peter Shreeves said yesterday.

Tottenham's main problem this season has been their form at White Hart Lane where they have suffered a setback against West Brom and have thrown away valuable points in three other drawn games.

Spurs must beat Wednesday this afternoon to keep up the pressure on Everton. Their visitors will be without Peter Shirliff who injured himself in the Milk Cup defeat at Chelsea on Wednesday night.

'Their Championship challenge is very realistic,' Shreeves said of his opponents last night. 'They have won at Anfield, Old Trafford and Southampton and drawn at Everton. I would see this as one of our vital games this season.'

If Tottenham's home form leaves something to be desired, then Liverpool, despite their late gallop, may look back on their deficiencies at Anfield in the first three months of the season as

the reason they won't have retained the title in May.

Won five, drawn four and lost three are the extraordinary home statistics as Liverpool face Arsenal today.

Luckily, as bad as they are at home, Arsenal's away record is worse, with just four wins and one draw from eleven away trips.

Highbury manager Don Howe also decided yesterday to field much the same side that beat Coventry last week. Thus there is no place for England striker Tony Woodcock — he plays in the reserves — and Charlie Nicholas is substitute.

Tommy Caton is also ruled out, his place going to Tony Adams at the centre of the defence.

Stormed

'I wasn't tempted to bring Tony back tomorrow, and he's been fine about it,' Howe said yesterday evening before leaving for Liverpool. Last weekend Woodcock stormed out of Highbury and caught a taxi home an hour before the game when he found he had been dropped.

'I think he's been very inconsistent this season and has missed a lot of chances,' Howe added. 'As for Nicholas, he's also been inconsistent. He was absolutely brilliant against Newcastle the other week but since then he has had several games where he has not struck form.'

Defender Mark Lawrenson is ruled out for Liverpool, Gary Gillespie deputises while Paul Walsh is named as substitute.

The visit of Manchester United to St James' Park has been eagerly awaited on Tyneside and it could very well prove to be one of United's sternest tests this season.

Defeat would almost end their Championship hopes — especially if Spurs and Everton win.

The central defensive positions still provide manager Ron Atkinson with headaches while the lack of goals in recent games from Norman Whiteside, Jesper Olsen and Mark Hughes has also been another factor in United's rather patchy form.

Kevin Moran faces a late fitness test this morning and if he fails it then Paul McGrath will drop back from midfield and Arnold Muhren will come in. There is no place in attack for Frank Stapleton.

Tony Cunningham, Newcastle's new £75,000 buy from Manchester City, makes his debut. With the stylish Chris Waddle and Peter Beardsley alongside of him, the United defence could have their work cut out at a packed St James' Park.

Despite the possible loss of midfield dynamo Peter Reid through injury, Everton should still be too good for relegation threatened Coventry City at Highfield Road.

Reid suffered a hamstring strain in training this week and will have a late check, Alan Harper stands by.

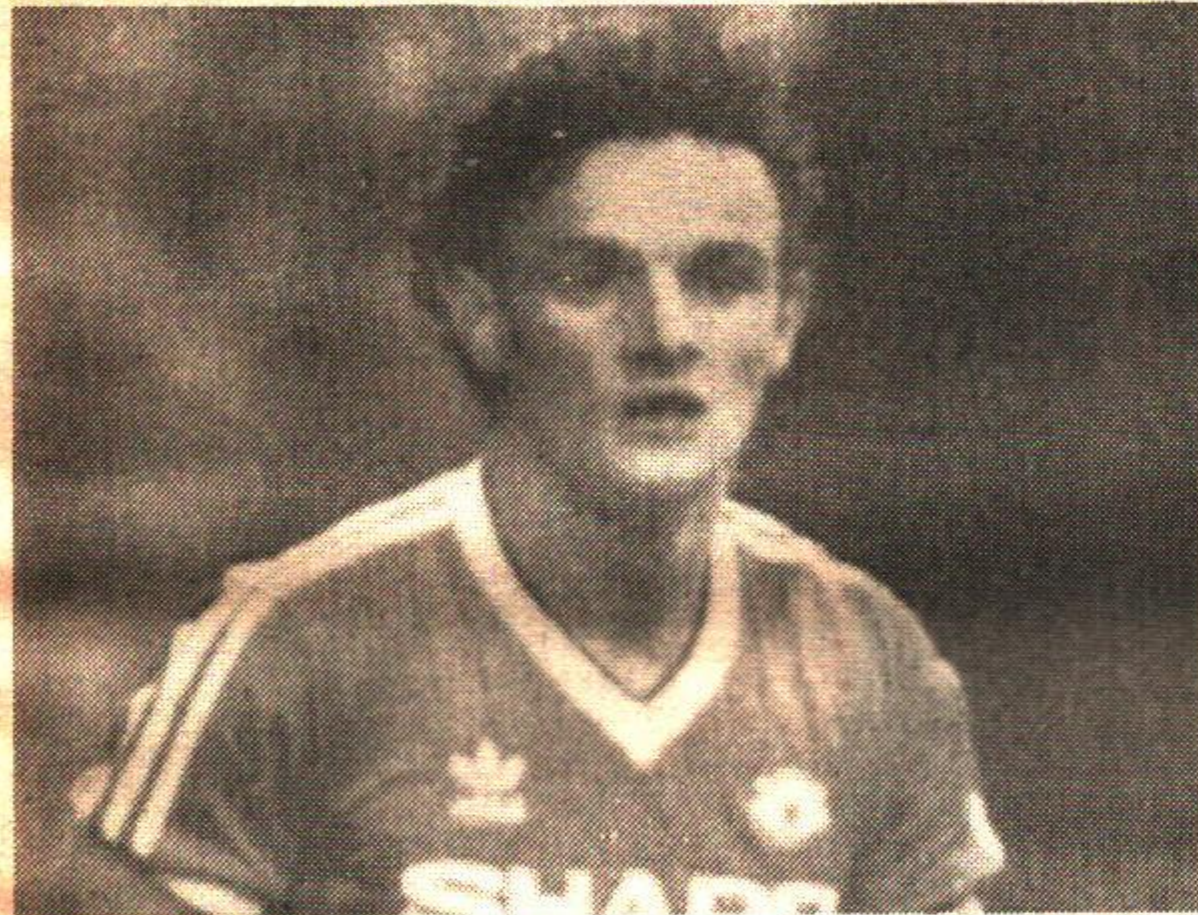
Bob Latchford, a former favourite at Everton, must wait until an hour before the kick-off to see if he is fit enough to face his previous employers.



CHARLIE NICHOLAS . . . On the bench at Anfield



PETER REID . . . Doubtful for Everton



KEVIN MORAN . . . Mid-morning fitness check

RESULTS

AYR

1.45 (2m 6f): KATIE BOURNE K Ryan (6-1)1; Islander (12-1)2; Worthy Heires (12-1)3; Part-Ex (14-1)4. 9 ran. 15, 1 1/2. (E Carter) T: £11.30; £2.60, £1.90, £2.60. CSF: £64.44. NR: Joe's Fancy.
2.15 (2m 4f): DURHAM EDITION R Lamb (11-4)1; Royal Jet (33-1)2; Park Tower (10-1)3; Empress Jeannie (5-2 fav)4. 10 ran. 7, 5. (W A Stephenson) T: £3.50, £1.10, £2.25, £5.10. CSF: £65.43.
2.45 (2m): GLEN LOCHAN C Hawkins (evens fav)1; Boardmans Coronet (4-1)2; Gold Lane (20-1)3; March Fly (20-1)4. 9 ran. 1, 7. (N Crump) T: £2.10, £1.30, £1.30, £2.10. CSF: £5.60.
3.15 (2m): BLACKFEET S Charlton (5-2)1; Marshal Night (20-1)2; Straight Down (5-1)3. Only 3 fshd. 4 ran. Dist. 5. (J S Wilson) T: £4.50. CSF: £22.20.
3.45 (3m): SPRINGWOOD J Goulding (11-2)1; Ice Hill (6-1)2; Brockhurst Lad (5-1)3; Barrister Boy (11-4 fav)4. 10 ran. 6, 5. (A Eubank) T: £6.60; £1.40, £1.30, £1.60. CSF: £34.56.
4.15 (2m 4f): KARABLAKE G Bradley (7-4 fav)1; Auld Lang Syne (4-1)2; Uncle Oliver (20-1)3; Susanna (12-1)4. 14 ran. 1 1/2, 1. (Denys Smith) T: £2.20, £2.90, £3.30, (3rd unbacked). CSF: £10.84.

SEDGEFIELD

1.30 (2m 4f): MR HEATH D Dutton (5-4 fav)1; Kamal Siddiqi (4-1)2; Teenage Love (10-1)3; Wind Chimes (12-1)4. 18 ran. 12, 4. (M H Easterby) T: £2.40; £1, £1.80, £4.40. CSF: £6.18.
2.00 (2m): VEILED CITY B Storey (5-2)1; Drum Rullagh (11-4)2; Press Gang (6-5 on fav)3. Only 3 fshd. 4 ran. 2 1/2, 20. (F Storey) T: £3.30. CSF: £8.92.
2.30 (2m 4f): CARPENTER'S WAY C Grant (11-8 fav)1; Stand Back (4-1)2; Carouser (25-1)3; Preiko (6-1)4. 10 ran. 7, 3. (Denys Smith) T: £1.80; £1.80, £2.60, £3.40. CSF: £7.85.
3.00 (3m): SOLARES P Tuck (11-2)1; Hazy Day (5-2)2; Rubesco (20-1)3;

Miss Mayo (12-1)4. 11 ran. 7, 15. (J Berry) T: £4.70; £1.10, £1.40, £6.80. CSF: £21.39.
3.30 (2m): NEWMARKET SAUSAGE Mr G Harker (10-1)1; Cobby Castle (33-1)2; Dad's Gamble (20-1)3; Half Shaft (6-1)4. 18 ran. 7, 1/2. (G Moore) T: £17.80; £3.50, £4.20, £1.40. CSF: £331.08.
4.00 (2m 4f): ROMAN MARINER R O'Leary (16-1)1; Cut n' Dry (3-1)2; Sweet Colleen (7-2)3; Doctor Woolley (20-1)4. 15 ran. 3/4, 20. (S Norton) T: £11.60; £4.60, £1.40, £1.20. CSF: £203.88. NR: Stenogar & Westward Talbot.

NEWBURY

1.30 R Dunwoody (7-1)1; ROADSTER R Dunwoody (7-1)1; Admiral's Cup (5-2)2; Our Fun (6-1)3; Fionnador (12-1)4. 6 ran. 5, 25. (C Nash) T: £7; £1.90, £1.20. CSF: £23.58. NR: Chasm, Hiz, Two Eagles and Somersday.
2.00 (2m 4f): WESTERN SUNSET H Davies (11-4 fav)1; Lord Leighton (4-1)2; Bishop's Bow (4-1)3; Home-son (15-2)4. 7 ran. 6, 7. (T A Forster) T: £3.40; £2, £1.30. CSF: £13.02. NR: Bright Oasis; Tudor Road and Comedian.
2.30 (2m): WING AND A PRAYER J Francome (6-4 on fav)1; Ace of Spies (6-1)2; Brimstone Lady (7-1)3; Shipwright (25-1)4. 7 ran. 3, 15. (J Jenkins) T: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70. CSF: £4.99.
3.00 (3m): CHARTER PARTY P Scudamore (7-2)1; Greenbank Park (10-1)2; Dumper 9-2)3; Knock Hill (7-1)4. 9 ran. 3, 8. (D Nicholson) T: £2.80; £1.40, £2, £1.50. CSF: £33.99.
3.30 (2m): RAGGED ROBIN C Brown (9-2)1; Deep Impression (9-4)2; Tormore Green (50-1)3; Deep Trouble (7-4 fav)4. 17 ran. 1 1/2, 2 1/2. (D Elsworth) T: £3; £1.70, £1.30, £2.50. CSF: £13.24. NR: Aziano, Horn of Plenty and Nelots Boy.
4.00 (2m 4f): GOLD TYCOON A Webb (3-1 fav)1; Lochboisdale (14-1)2; Brass Change (12-1)3; Mitilini (25-1)4. 16 ran. 8, 10. (J L Spearing) T: £3.70; £1.50, £2.50, £2.80, £14.80. CSF: £45.32. NR: Upper Note.

Williamson wait is over

BOBBY WILLIAMSON'S eight-month nightmare will be over this afternoon when the Rangers' striker makes his long-awaited comeback from a broken leg.

Williamson has been named substitute for the Premier Division clash against Dundee United at Ibrox, but he is certain to make an appearance at some stage of the match.

It was in May last year that the 23-year-old attacker suffered a fracture of his right leg after some 'horseplay' with his team-mates during Rangers' visit to Australia.

After eight months of frustration, Williamson

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has impressed manager Jock Wallace sufficiently in the reserves to warrant a return to first-team action.

Wallace, back at the helm after a minor operation, said yesterday: 'It has been a long climb back for Bobby but he has worked exceptionally hard to regain fitness.'

'He has scored four goals in his first six reserve appearances since returning from his injury and he will give us another option up front.'

Rangers will field an

unchanged line-up while Dundee United — two points behind them in fourth place — hope that striker Davie Dodds passes a late fitness test.

Celtic face mounting problems with their strike force. Top scorer Brian McClair is out for six weeks; Frank McGarvey suffered concussion last Saturday; and now Maurice Johnston is doubtful for the clash with Dundee at Dens Park.

Johnston, who last week scored his 10th goal since moving from Watford, was sent home from training yesterday after complaining of feeling un-

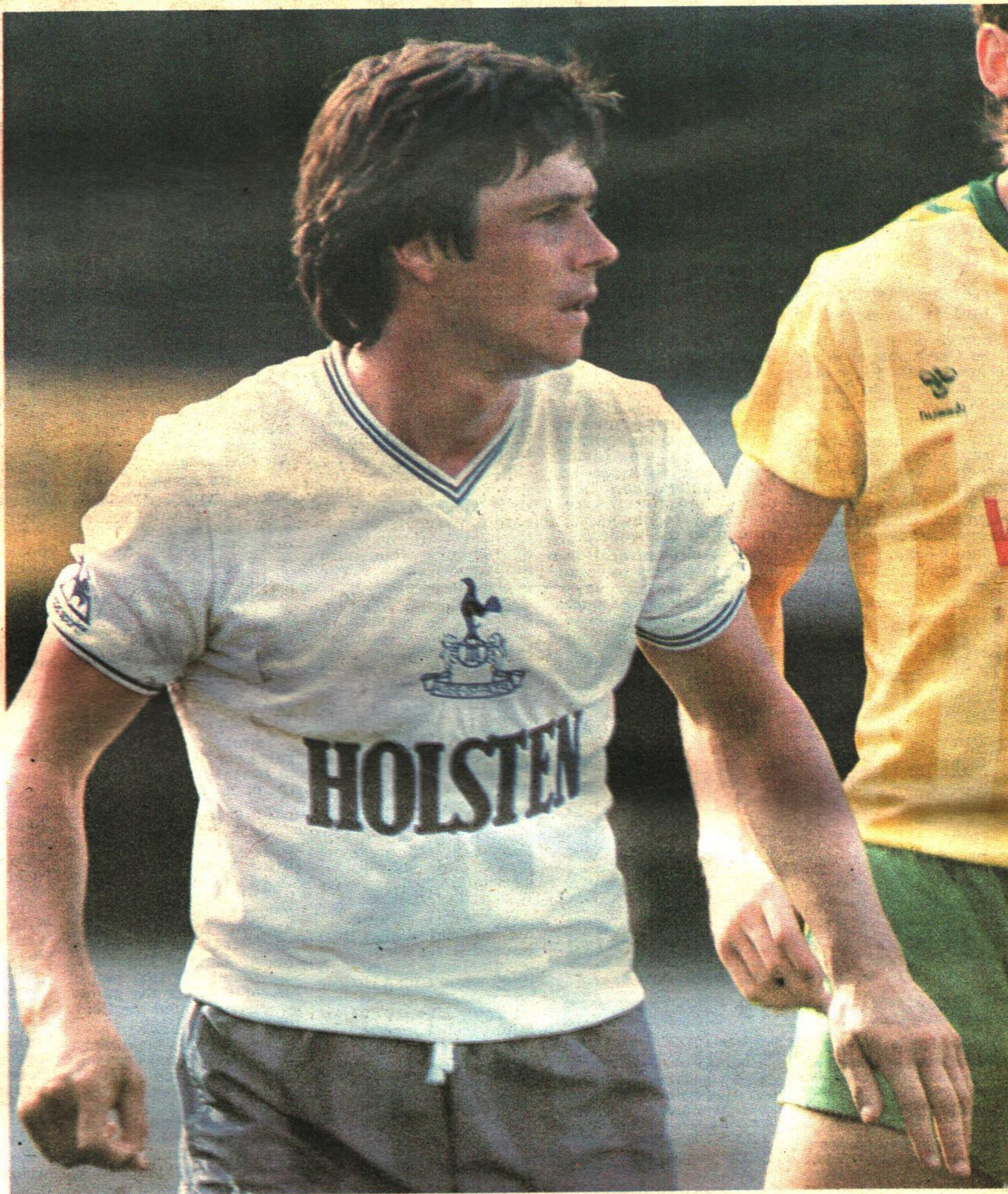
well and manager David Hay said: 'We are not having the best of luck with our strikers.'

'After the problems with Brian and Frank this was the last thing we needed. I will just have to wait and see how Mo is in the morning before naming my team.'

League leaders Aberdeen, nine points ahead of Celtic, meet Hearts at Pittodrie without midfield man Billy Stark who is out for at least a month with a fractured skull. Hearts add young defender Neil Berry to their squad.

SOCCER COLOUR ACTION

STEVE PERRYMAN (below) will lead his Spurs in the vital League match against Sheffield Wednesday at White Hart Lane today while **Paul Walsh** (below left) will be on the bench for Liverpool against Arsenal at Anfield



DIVISION 1

(3.00p.m. kick off unless otherwise stated)

1. Chelsea v A Villa
2. Coventry v Everton
3. Ipswich v Leicester
4. Liverpool v Arsenal
5. Newcastle v Man Utd
6. Nottm For v QPR
7. Southampton v Luton
8. Stoke v Norwich
9. Tottenham v Sheff
10. Watford v West Ham U
11. West Brom v Sunderl'd (off)

DIVISION 2

12. Barnsley v Portsmouth
13. Birmingham v C Palace
14. Blackburn v Fulham
15. Brighton v Cardiff
16. Charlton v Wolves
17. Leeds v Grimsby



POOLS CHECK

DIVISION 4

18. Man City v Carlisle
19. Middlesbro' v Notts C
20. Oxford v Wimbledon
21. Sheffield U v Oldham
22. Shrewsbury v Huddersf'd
23. Bristol R v Lincoln
24. Cambridge U v York
25. Derby v Reading
26. Doncaster v Bournemouth
27. Hull v Burnley
28. Newport v Bradford
29. Orient v Bristol C
30. Plymouth v Bolton
31. Rotherham v Preston
32. Swansea v Brentford
33. Walsall v Gillingham
34. Wigan v Millwall
35. Aldershot v Colchester
36. Blackpool v Chesterf'd
37. Bury v Exeter
38. Hartlepool v Peterboro
39. Hereford v Swindon
40. Mansfield v Stockport
41. Northampton v Chester
42. Torquay v Rochdale
43. Tranmere v Pt Vale (3.15)
44. Wrexham v Crewe

SOUTHERN PREMIER

45. Cheltenham v Bedworth
46. Corby v Gravesend
47. Fareham v Witney
48. R S Soton v Chelmsford

SCOTTISH PREMIER

49. Aberdeen v Hearts
50. Dumbarton v St Mirren

SCOTTISH DIV 1

51. Dundee v Celtic
52. Hibs v Morton
53. Rangers v Dundee U
54. Brechin City v East Fife
55. Clyde v Partick

SCOTTISH DIV 2

- Falkirk v Motherwell
- Hamilton v Airdrie
- St Johnstone v Meadowbk
- Forfar v Ayr
- Alloa v Berwick
- Dunfermline v Albion
- E. Stirling v Arbroath
- Montrose v Raith
- Cowdenb'th v Queen's Pk
- Sten's semuir v Stirling A
- Stranraer v Queen's Park

SCOTTISH CUP 3rd Rnd

- Inverness v Kilmarnock
- Stranraer v Q of Sth