

Massive police operation at Molesworth

A MASSIVE police operation was mounted yesterday as demonstrators gathered for a religious service, following the massive military-police operation to clear peace protesters from Molesworth air base, Cambridgeshire, last week, pictured here.

Five people were arrested as 1,000 police from five areas outnumbered 700 protesters at the service, attended by Monsignor Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND.

Twenty-one people were arrested on Saturday, during attempts to breach the barbed wire fence, erected at great cost on Wednesday by the army, or whilst trying to stop vehicles using one of the gates at the base.



NUM will not accept pit closures on economic grounds

SCARGILL'S 'NO' TO THATCHER

AS THE MINERS' struggle for jobs enters its 12th month, NUM leader Arthur Scargill has reaffirmed that he will never sign an agreement to accept the closure of pits on economic grounds.

Scargill was speaking the day after Prime Minister Thatcher insisted that the union must bow to the dictates of the Coal Board over any pit it decided to close. Thatcher stepped up the confrontation of her Bonapartist regime against the miners when she told Young Conservatives in Bournemouth on Saturday that the NUM must 'accept that economic factors are taken into account in deciding the future of pits'.

She added that the union must also 'accept the right of the Board to take the final decision after all the procedures have been completed'.

But Scargill said yesterday that such an agreement would effectively mean the National Union of Mineworkers accepting a 'no-strike' deal — which he would never sign.

Speaking on the television programme 'Weekend World', which was conducted as a 'TV negotiation' by interviewer Brian Walden, Scargill said: 'There is no way, Mr Walden, that I am going to sit down and sign an agreement that I shall be a party to the closure of any part of the capacity of my industry.

'I would not be prepared to sign an agreement to close pits on any grounds in advance of a discussion about the future of that pit or that union. To do so would be to give away the rights of a trade union, it would in effect be a no-strike agreement.'

Asked by Walden if the strike was finished and that it was time for people to write his obituary, Scargill replied defiantly: 'They'd better re-write their obituary and put someone else in it, because as far as I'm concerned, the National Union of Mineworkers' position is absolutely as it was.'



CONFRONTATION . . . Statements at the weekend by miners' leader Arthur Scargill and Prime Minister Thatcher has put the pit struggle on a higher level of class confrontation than when it started nearly a year ago

BY BEN RUDDER

Scargill insisted that the Coal Board must withdraw the pit closure programme announced on March 6 last year and leave the five threatened collieries open.

He explained that the NUM could not accept the

NACODS agreement for an independent review body for the colliery review procedure without also securing the withdrawal of the pit closure programme.

'If you say at the start, either before negotiations with the Board, or in fact, during negotiations with

TRIPOLI, Lebanon — A car bomb exploded outside a Muslim militia headquarters yesterday, killing seven people and wounding about 20, according to spokesman for the Lebanese security forces.

They said the bomb went off in front of the headquarters of the Islamic Uni-

fication Movement (Tawheed), a powerful Sunni Muslim group which has battled a pro-Syrian Alawite militia for control of the northern port.

Tawheed accused the Falangist Party of planting the bomb and called on Prime Minister Rashid Karami, a Sunni, 'to prove

Miners' cash still in Luxembourg

NEARLY £5 million of the NUM's funds have not been seized and remain in Luxembourg where the union deposited them, according to miners' president Arthur Scargill. Two weeks ago the sequestrators, Price Waterhouse, told the High Court that the union's cash, held by Nobis Finanz company in Luxembourg, had been recovered.

But Euro-MPs say the £4,900,586 was paid to the court-appointed Receiver Michael Arnold by 'a mother bank' in West Germany. 'I have also been advised by trade unionists in Luxem-

burg that the Luxembourg parliament have advised Nobis Finanz not to hand over the monies to the Receiver,' Scargill said.

He added that trade unionists and Euro-MPs 'are taking steps to make representations to secure the money for the members of the NUM to whom it properly belongs'.

He said: 'It is my understanding that the money cannot or should not be moved until there is a court hearing on that matter'.

the Board, that there is to be an agreement to close any category of pit whatsoever, you destroy the whole nature and basis of the procedure that's laid down for discussing the future of pits.

'And of course, you destroy the independent re-

view process, because there is nothing for them to discuss.'

Scargill laid the blame for the continuation of the strike at the door of the government. He said it had interfered after the meeting on January 16 between NCB official Ned Smith and NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield.

But despite repeated questioning by Walden, Scargill reaffirmed that in any future negotiation, 'the National Union of Mineworkers will maintain its position, which it has always maintained. It will not accept the run-down of this industry, it will protect the jobs of our people, and it

will protect the mining communities'.

Scargill's principled and determined defence of the NUM and the mining communities must be supported by the whole trade union movement through the preparation of the General Strike.

The NUM is defending the fundamental and hard-won rights of all trade unions and the whole working class which are today threatened with physical destruction. Every unions supporting the miners must join them on strike and force the TUC to call the General Strike.

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\$ CRASH FEARS

WESTERN bankers meet in Switzerland today fearful of the implications of the soaring dollar and the sucking in of funds by the United States.

They will be discussing not just how to restrain the dollar, but also what happens to their economies when the US currency collapses, as it must do, under the weight of its own mountain of fictitious value.

The Bank for International Settlements meeting in Basle will have noted the warnings of Paul Volcker, head of America's central bank, the Federal Reserve.

He is resisting President Reagan's demand to print yet more dollars, saying that American budgetary policies could undermine confidence in the dollar.

Each week sees European currencies hit hard by the soaring dollar, as

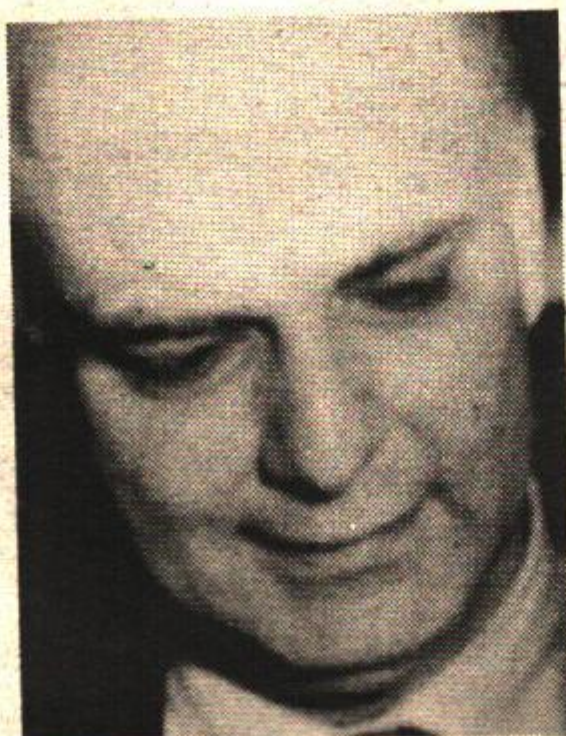
BY PAUL FELDMAN

money is attracted into America by high interest rates.

On Friday it reached 13-year highs against the mark, franc and lira.

Although British interest rates are at 14 per cent, the pound could not resist the dollar's climb either.

With the decrepit state of British capitalism fundamental to its weakness, the pound struck a record



VOLCKER

low of \$1.0970 in New York on Friday before settling at \$1.1040.

Last month in Washington the Group of Five — America, Britain, France, Japan and West Germany — said they would intervene to hold down the dollar.

The American administration has clearly ignored the accord.

The United States government needs to borrow vast sums of money abroad to finance the annual federal deficit of about \$200 billion.

It has also to finance the growing trade deficit between exports and imports, which was \$100 billion last year.

Debtor

With its overseas assets exhausted by previous deficits, the United States has essentially become the biggest debtor nation in the world.

Unlike other debtors, however, the USA is able to pay for what it owes simply by printing more of its own currency and

getting creditors to repatriate dollars.

Despite the proliferation of paper dollars — worth no more than the paper they are printed on — the currency has appreciated against competitors.

Paper chasing paper has forced up interest rates and created a financial whirlpool. The interest payments alone means that the US federal deficit has built-in growth.

European bankers and governments are concerned about the continuing loss of funds to the United States, and the high level of interest rates.

But they are also fearful about what will happen when 'the bubble bursts', as one commentator put it.

Anatole Kaletsky, lead writer in the 'Financial Times', warned of the possibility of a massive devaluation of the dollar, a currency which showed a 'defiance of economic gravity'.

He wrote of the prospects of a dollar 'tottering on the pinnacle of a debt mountain, with nowhere to go but down'.

What is happening is beyond Kaletsky's comprehension, however. The law of value is asserting itself and undermining the 14-year old attempt to make the dollar bill synonymous with value.

In 1971, the United States severed the link between the dollar and gold which had been established at Bretton Woods in 1944. Since then all currencies have been floating free.

Thatcher in new attack on NUM

PRIME Minister Thatcher told Young Tories at the weekend that the National Union of Mineworkers must accept the Coal Board's right to close pits on economic grounds after going through the agreed procedures.

It is the closest the Tory leader has yet come to spelling out her demand for the union to sign a no-strike agreement before talks begin.

Extraordinary security precautions were in force in Bournemouth and those taking part in the conference were obliged to queue along the seaford in bitter weather before being searched by the police.

According to the police, the town's Winter Gardens had been 'made sterile' on Friday and sealed off more than 12 hours before the conference opened. No baggage was allowed into the hall.

It lent a note of paranoia to the Prime Minister's tirade against the miners' strike and her claim that the NUM have 'brought Luddism back to Britain'.

She had her customary praise for scabs, and claimed that the strike was giving rise to 'a new generation of moderate and responsible trade union leaders'.

She went on: 'The coal board is right to insist that... the NUM should indicate clearly its willingness to discuss the central issue in this dispute.'

'If the NUM accept that economic factors must be taken into account in deciding the future of pits; if they accept the right of the board to take the final decision after all the procedures have been completed — then a settlement is ready and waiting.'

Another speaker at the same conference, junior employment minister Peter Bottomley, said the ending of the miners' strike would not be a defeat for trade unionism but 'a defeat for Scargillism'.

He said: 'A victory for Scargillism would have been a disaster for the trade union movement. The ending of the dispute will be a real opportunity for intelligent, moderate trade union members to re-establish reasonable relations in industrial relations.'

Wirral returns on revised cuts deal

OVER 2,500 Wirral education and social services ancillary staff return to work today following two weeks of industrial action which closed almost all of the 180 Wirral schools and social services were being operated by a skeleton staff.

The determined struggle of the NUPE members to fight the £3.2 million cut of the Tory-controlled council has resulted in a 'revised' package of cuts, which was accepted by a mass meeting of NUPE at Wallasey Town Hall last Friday night.

Tory councillor Kate Woods, chairwoman of the education committee, said of the original £3.2 million cuts package: 'I should point out that the reason for the economies regrettably reflects the need for this authority to constrain its expenditure if it is to remain within the targets proposed by central government.'

Many NUPE manual workers were opposed to the vote to return to work.

John Price, caretaker Mill Park infant and junior school, told News Line: 'I voted against the resolution. I think we

should have stayed out until we got a total withdrawal of all the cuts affecting all departments, not just education and the social services should have been represented at the meeting.'

Tommy Burn, leisure services, was critical of

the lack of support from NUPE officials last year when the gravediggers were threatened with privatisation. He told News Line: 'They told them tonight we shouldn't be at the meeting. They say they want unity but want to split us up and keep us separate.'

The new package

THE revised package is as follows:

1. Leisure services department:

Playing field maintenance to be reduced by ten per cent. This equals a cut of £50,000.

The decision of the revised package is agreed that the director of leisure replace this by similar amounts from his own budget to avoid a cut.

2. Social Services:

(a) Introduction of cook-chill methods — withdrawn.

(b) Gardener-handyman proposal — withdrawn.

3. Education Dept:

(a) Remove retainer pay in holidays for school meals staff. Cut equals £258,000 — withdrawn.

(b) Introduce pro-rata holidays for part year of all school meals staff. Cut equals £64,000 — withdrawn.

(c) Cease providing free school meals for school meals staff. Cut £63,000 — Withdrawn

(d) Eliminate regular lettings overtime by contracting 'assistant' caretakers to work in the evening. Cut equals £48,000. Withdrawn.

(e) Reduce caretakers bonus to cleaning hours only. Cut equals £65,000, but this will not come into effect because the present bonus to be protected and negotiations for additional duties to be continued.

(f) Requires caretakers to carry out scheduled cleaning when working overtime. Cut equals £12,000. This sum now to be achieved by saving on cleaning materials.

(g) Requires caretakers to work 8a.m. to 5p.m. in school holidays to facilitate contractors. Cut equals £3,000. Accepted by the union.

(h) Charge contractors for overtime attributable to their activities. Cut equals £15,000. Accepted by the union.

(i) Remove all assistant caretakers in secondary schools. (22 posts) Cut £130,000. Remove ten vacant posts.

(j) Employ cleaners for less than 16 hours to save on national insurance. Cut £80,000. Decision: no change to present employees conditions without employee consent.

(k) Accelerate move to new cleaning techniques. £50,000. Consultation to continue.

(l) Contract cleaners to work term-time only.

Nine killed in M6 pile-up

NINE PEOPLE were killed, four of them children and eight injured in a multi-vehicle pile-up in drifting snow on the M6 in Staffordshire yesterday.

The accident, involving at least four articulated lorries and three cars, happened shortly after midday on the southbound section between Junctions 15 and 14.

Firemen used all forms of cutting equipment to release the dead and injured as police closed the southbound section and two lanes going north.

The AA urged drivers to stay at home. Roads from the north of Scotland to the West Country had been turned into sheets of ice overnight.

In parts of Co. Antrim and Co. Down communities faced their third day cut off from the outside world. Householders in some areas were without electricity and mains water.

In North Wales, an RAF helicopter was called in to airlift an expectant mother to hospital when she went into labour. The mother, a farmer's wife, was cut off by snowdrifts at her home near Betws-Y-Coed.



IT WAS too cold for most sports yesterday, but the conditions for ski-sailing were ideal. A bitter Easterly wind pushed this intrepid pioneer across Clapham Common, in South London, at about 20 mph. His hope for today... stronger winds and more snow.

WEATHER

EASTERN areas will be rather cloudy with scattered snow showers. The south-west will also be rather cloudy and there may be a little snow in places. All remaining districts will be mainly dry with sunny periods. It will be rather windy, especially in exposed parts of the south and east. It will be cold in the north, but very cold elsewhere with a severe frost all day in parts of England and Wales.

Court moves on bus pickets

STRIKING coach drivers' representatives Bob Imperato and Matthew Jones were served a High Court injunction on Saturday following successful pickets outside three long distance bus terminals.

The injunction seeks to prevent them and the Transport and General Workers' Union from picketing anywhere except their place of work and particularly seeks to prevent them picketing London, Bristol and Birmingham.

The pickets had arrived in London at 9a.m. on

Saturday as talks on their dispute were due to open. As far as they have been able to discover the injunction was sought at 1p.m. and issued at 3p.m.

Bob Imperato told News Line: 'The lesson is that once again all forces of the establishment are aimed at a small group of people who are simply defending their basic rights.'

It was a small, simple and effective picket. We had no complaints but

they have to throw the whole weight of the courts at us.'

Whilst taking legal advice, the two named are acting in accordance with the injunction. But picketing continues.

Bob Imperato said that if it becomes necessary for him to go to prison to defend their rights then he will do so, but they are not going to give them away.

In the meantime the in-

junction will only stiffen their resolve. He also asked: 'Where is the long-distance bus drivers' place of work? The bus, the motorway, the depots?'

He was reminded of the miners who were stopped at the Dartford tunnel in case they went picketing.

'We are prepared to hang on at least till Easter', Bob said, 'and that's their busiest time.'

£8,000

Monthly Fund

Still very slow!

THIS IS the time to step up the campaign to raise February's Fund. We need every amount you can raise as there is only £136.11 in. Don't hold back. Send them in right away. Hundreds of thousands of workers are taking action today in support of the miners — but this must be just the start to an all-out stoppage by the whole of the working class.

Only the strength of a General Strike will defeat the Tories and their ruthless plans to destroy jobs, livelihoods and basic rights of millions of workers. Use the News Line to carry this fight forward. Go into action today to boost our monthly fund. Raise every amount you can and post it to:

The News Line February Appeal Fund
21B Old Town, Clapham, SW4 0JT

THE 'TANKIES' HOLD A FACTION MEETING

THE executive committee of the Communist Party was repudiated in public yesterday by almost 200 members who attended an unconstitutional all-London faction meeting.

The meeting — denounced as a 'bogus aggregate' by the 'Euro'-dominated leadership — was the clearest expression of the open warfare inside British Stalinism.

Members had been warned by the London district committee not to attend the meeting, and disciplinary action is certain to follow yesterday's gathering at the County

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Hall headquarters of the GLC.

Called under the title 'Unite the Communist Party', the meeting will only accelerate the break-up of British Stalinism.

Split

The organisers went ahead knowing that action would be taken against them, deepening the split between the 'Euros' around 'Marxism Today' and the pro-Moscow faction who have hijacked the 'Morning Star'.

Disciplinary measures will be aimed principally at the organisers — the print, transport, local

government and London Irish 'advisories' which have no powers to call all-London party meetings.

The district committee is firmly in the hands of the 'Euros', but only after the January executive committee expelled four members, suspended 18 others and fired existing London organisers.

This followed the refusal by the 'hardliners' to accept the authority of the executive in closing down in November 1984 the London district congress.

General secretary Gordon McLennan led a walk-out, but was ignored by a substantial minority who proceeded to repudiate the decision.

The same January executive meeting expelled 'Morning Star' editor Tony Chater and his deputy, David Whitfield.

Chater was prominent in attendance yesterday, along with expelled members Tom Durkin, Ivan Beavis and SOGAT official Mike Hicks.

Clear

The executive made no attempt to stop members attending the meeting, which surprised some people at County Hall. But it was clear that the presence of executive members would have had no effect.

No doubt the executive had people inside who will be reporting immediately to Ian McKay, the acting district secretary. The district committee has



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the power to suspend or expel members who breach the constitution.

The war is certain to get hotter, with the 'Euros' preparing actively to throw out the Chater 'hardliners' altogether after the special national congress called for May.



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To make certain they get their way, the majority have taken action to shut down branches and advisories, and redraw borough boundaries.

As a result, whole areas of the Communist Party have become politically paralysed.

'Surgery' for the Martyrs Tree

THE FAMOUS 'Martyrs Tree', a 200-year-old sycamore in the Dorset village of Tolpuddle, is to receive some urgent 'surgery' to keep it alive.

The tree has gone down in history as the meeting place for the six Tolpuddle Martyrs who were transported to Australia in 1834 for forming a farm labourers' trade union.

Now, more than 150 years later, it is in need of special care.

The sycamore and surrounding land is owned by the National Trust, which has arranged for a tree surgeon to trim some of the top branches.

The 'surgery' will prevent gale force winds from splitting the trunk and stop branches from falling on visitors.

Even with the treatment, the National Trust knows the tree cannot last forever. In preparation for when it eventually dies, a sapling has been planted to ensure the famous spot will continue to be marked.

The six martyrs were arrested in February 1834 and, two months later, sentenced to transportation to serve seven years in an Australian penal colony.

Ceremony was 'bad timing'

THE TIMING of a memorial ceremony for WPC Yvonne Fletcher 'almost brought disaster' to Terry Waite's mission to free four Britons in Libya, he said yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy said the unveiling of a plaque outside the former Libyan People's Bureau in London — where WPC Fletcher was shot last April — was seriously misunderstood in Tripoli.

He said if he had been asked: 'I think I would have indicated that it was probably the wrong time to do that sort of thing.'

Waite was speaking on independent radio news in an interview in which he also called for improved understanding between the two countries.

Community rejects Carbide plant

AMERICA's Union Carbide chemical company has been refused permission to build a £6 million gas plant near Edinburgh after a huge public outcry over fears of a Bhopal-type disaster.

Union Carbide's application to build a plant in Livingston new town to mix toxic gases was rejected out of hand at a meeting of the Livingston Development Corporation on Friday.

West Lothian district councillor Mary Sharkey described the decision as 'a triumph for local democracy'.

'The people have taken on the might of a multinational company and won,' she said.

Strong government support had been promised for the project, which would have created 90 new jobs, and major subsidies had been arranged for the firm.

But thousands of local people joined angry protests against the plan, fearing a disaster similar to the one at Union Carbide's plant in Bhopal, India, which killed at least 2,500 people.

There were stormy scenes at two packed public meetings earlier last week

when the company's UK directors attempted to allay fears about safety at the proposed plant.

Councillor Alistair MacDonald said yesterday: 'Congratulations are due to every individual who helped make the voice of the community so strong that it just could not be ignored.'

Swayed

'The public meetings were undoubtedly what swayed Livingston Development Corporation. The board members were absolutely overwhelmed by the strength of feeling against Union Carbide.'



THREE hundred people evacuated as bomb disposal experts defused a giant 1-ton bomb unearthed in Sheffield returned to their homes yesterday. The fuse was successfully removed from the German bomb discovered near Sheffield United's Bramall Lane football ground.

The evacuated families, who have been staying at a nearby community hall, were able to return only after the operation was completed. The bomb was uncovered by excavator driver Barry Houlton on Friday as he was digging a trench for drainage pipes.

Car prices up

VAUXHALL motors raised its prices by an average 4.1 per cent on Opel cars from midnight. The increase affects the Astra, Cavalier, Opel Manta, Carlton, Vauxhall Senator and Opel Monza models. Prices of the Vauxhall Nova range and the Carlton estate car are unchanged.

Gestetners to close Tottenham plant

OVER 500 jobs are to be axed at the north London Gestetner factory in Tottenham.

It 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, Northants, where a 'new enterprise zone' policy

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gives reduced overheads and cheaper labour than the centre of London.

Capacity

In a letter to workers at the plant, joint chairman David Gestetner said: 'We cannot use our full manufacturing capacity and this is adding to the already high cost of operating our

aging factories at Tottenham.'

'The sad but unavoidable consequence of this is that we must now begin to phase out the production both of duplicating machines and of stencils from Tottenham and in future concentrate our main manufacturing efforts where our most modern plants are concentrated.'

A mass meeting is likely to be called this week when shop stewards will present proposals to the workers.

Grim jobs reality of 'beauty spots'

RURAL England's tourist face — the white-washed pub and thatched cottages around the village pond — differs from the grim reality of many remote beauty spots, it was claimed yesterday.

Last year there were 9,000 fewer jobs in agriculture as the drift from countryside to town increased,

the Development Commission said in a report published yesterday.

In winter, the weather can cut local communities off for days or weeks, but over the past 80 years many more long-term problems have arisen, said a spokesman.

Jobs were a pressing need, allied to high home

prices caused by an increase in commuters and retired people with few local ties.

Reduced bus services, closure of uneconomic railway branch lines and the vanishing village shop are followed by closure of the school, pub and church.

The Commission's programme to preserve rural

living includes building small factory units and workshops, grants for converting old buildings, support for housing schemes, and back-up services to small rural firms.

It also provides financial aid to encourage transport, advice centres, telephone kiosks and voluntary schemes.

Briefly ...**Chad peace talks mooted**

KINSHASA — Moves are underway to convene new peace talks on Chad in Brazzaville, the Congolese capital, where a similar peace effort collapsed last October, according to a Chadian envoy. Ali Salim, special advisor to President Hissene Habre, also met Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko at the weekend.

Bolivia devalues the peso

LA PAZ — Bolivia has devalued the peso by 80.95 per cent to the US dollar and raised food and oil prices by up to 450 per cent. The official exchange rate at the weekend set the peso at 45,000 to the dollar, against 8,571 previously. In the black market, the dollar fetched 120,000 pesos on Saturday.

Peking criticises Israel

PEKING — The Communist Party newspaper, 'People's Daily', has accused Israel of escalating tension on the occupied West Bank and said Washington shared the blame. Israel had recently increased its troops on the West Bank, while accusing Jordan of being a centre of terrorist activity, the paper said in a commentary. 'Everybody knows the tense situation on the West Bank and in Gaza is created not by others but by Israel,' it said.

Egypt wants more US aid

CAIRO — Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has said Egypt wants the United States to increase its annual economic and military aid of about \$2.2 billion by \$1 billion. In an interview in Saturday's edition of Cairo's semi-official daily 'Al-Gomhouria', Ali said: 'I hope the US responds ... and puts Egypt on equal footing with Israel concerning assistance.'

Yugoslav inflation at 9.2%

BELGRADE — Retail prices in Yugoslavia rose a record 9.2 per cent in January over the previous month, and inflation is running at an annual rate of 62.7 per cent, according to the Federal Statistic Bureau. Yugoslavia's inflation, the highest in Eastern Europe, reached nearly 60 per cent in 1983 and 1984 after 40 per cent levels in the previous two years.

SWAPO fighters killed

WINDHOEK, Namibia — South African counter-insurgency forces claim to have killed 22 fighters of the South-West African People's Organisation last week. According to Pretoria's claims, 100 guerrillas fighting to oust South African occupation forces in Namibia have been killed this year. They said a member of their South African Defence Force was also killed in the skirmish last week.

World News Line

TENSION OVER SRI LANKA

BY OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI — New tensions broke out between the Indian and Sri Lankan governments yesterday after New Delhi detained a Zaire Airways plane carrying arms to Colombo.

Indian newspapers reported that talks between Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lankan National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali on the civil war against the island state's 2.5 million Tamil minority had broken down.

United News of India news agency said a new influx of 1,500 Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka had arrived in India and that there had been another incident involving the intimidation of south Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan navy.

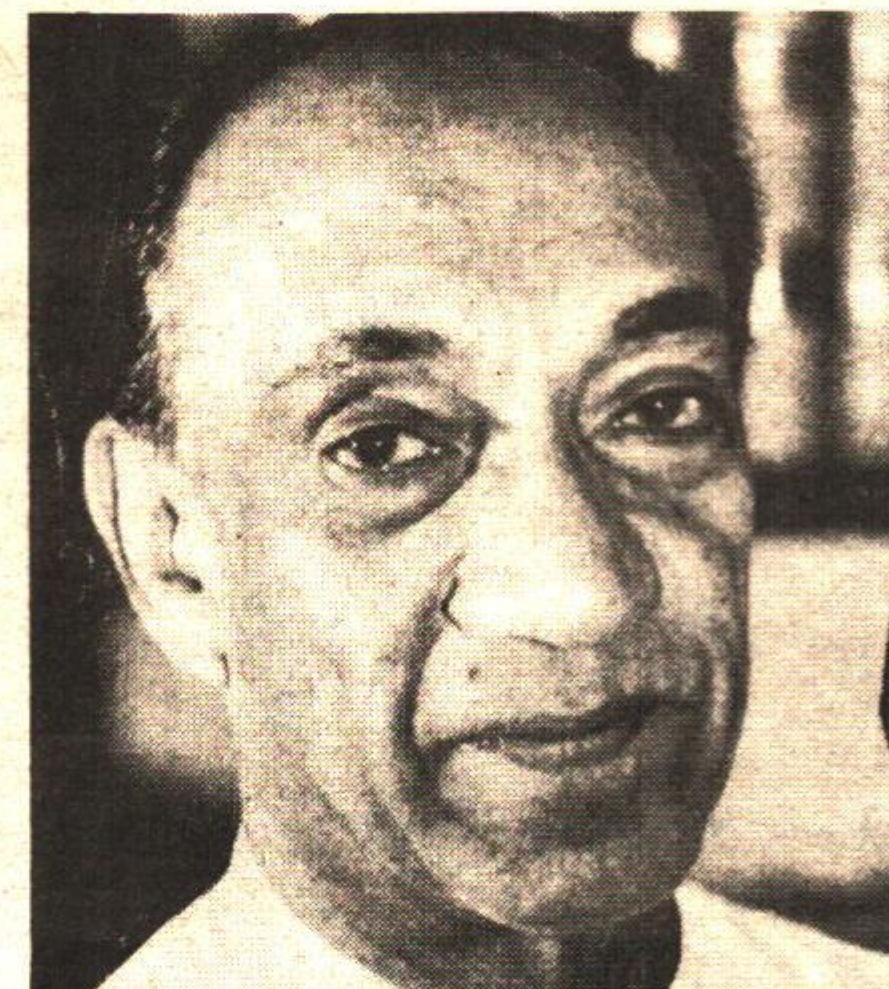
Landing

Details were not available of the emergency landing and 24-hour detention in Trivandrum, Tamil Nadu, of the DC-8 cargo plane carrying 16 tonnes of Portuguese-made arms and ammunition.

Trivandrum police identified the crew as two Britons, a Belgian and a Syrian. A state government spokesman said: 'The crew of the Zaire Airways plane were not put under arrest but lodged in a hotel near the airport, while investigation went on.'



RAJIV GANDHI



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Police said the plane had taken off from Amman, the Jordanian capital, but was forced to land at Trivandrum, 350 miles short of its destination, Colombo, when fuel ran out because of the heavy cargo.

After being held for 24 hours, the aircraft was given permission to leave for Colombo.

The incident cast a shadow over the talks between Gandhi and Athulathmudali. Newspapers said there was no progress and Athulathmudali returned to Sri Lanka yesterday with no agreement or any diplomatic

undertaking from the Indian government.

India's External Affairs Ministry tersely described the talks as 'useful' but made no mention of reports in Sri Lankan newspapers that Colombo sought a meeting between Gandhi and Sri Lankan President Junius Jayawardene.

Jayawardene has long accused the Indian government of supplying Tamil liberation fighters in Sri Lanka with arms and providing training in Tamil Nadu.

The Indian government has denied the charges and has been under press-

ure from politicians in Tamil Nadu, whose 50 million people have cultural and ethnic links with Sri Lankan Tamils, to take strong diplomatic measures against the Jayawardene regime.

There are 2.5 million Tamils and 15 million Sinhalese in Sri Lanka.

Jayawardene's brutal military campaign against the Sri Lankan Tamils is recognised by the vast majority of Indians as a racist war to wipe out the minority in the Northern, Central and Eastern provinces of the island state.

U.S. to train troops

COLOMBO — The US government has approved a grant of about \$160,000 for military training of Sri Lankan soldiers in America, a Colombo newspaper reported yesterday.

The 'Sunday Observer', quoting its New York correspondent, said the grant made for the 1986 financial year beginning next October was being given under the US International Military Education Training (IMET) programme.

The 1986 allocation was the highest given to Sri Lanka under the IMET programme, the newspaper said, adding that last year's assistance totalled \$150,000.

Financial aid made under a number of US grant assistance schemes are non-repayable.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali visited Washington last week and had talks with senior officials on the civil war, in which Tamil liberation movements have taken up armed struggle against the racist repression.

More cash for Punjabi police

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has approved a \$4 million budget to buy motor cycles and better communications for police in Punjab.

State-run Press Trust of India said the boost was aimed at fighting an increase of 'Sikh extremism'.

The news agency quoted state police chief Kirpal Singh Dillon as saying every police station would be equipped with two motor cycles fitted with wireless sets.

'The Indian Express' newspaper said crack police squads were also being formed to deal with surprise attacks by guerrillas fighting for a separate Sikh state of Khalistan.

'The police force must have better arms than those they are trying to subdue,' it said, quoting recommendations of a commission on the Punjab police.

Gandhi, sworn in hours after his mother Indira Gandhi was assassinated last October, has vowed

to crack Sikh opposition by virtual martial law in the state. He said recently 'violence' would not be tolerated.

JARUZELSKI IN INDIA

WARSAW — Polish Communist Party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski starts an official visit to India today, despite the reported expulsion of a Polish diplomat accused of involvement in India's spy scandal.

The visit will be his first to a non-Soviet country since he became party First Secretary and Prime Minister at the height of the Solidarity free trade union movement's opposition to the

Stalinist regime in 1981.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban has refused to comment on reports by Indian newspapers that a Polish diplomat in New Delhi was one of several Eastern Bloc envoys forced to leave India. The affair has been ignored by the Polish press.

The Indian government has also declined to comment on the reports, which linked France, the Soviet Union and East

Germany in the espionage ring.

Jaruzelski, who visited India ten years ago when he was Defence Minister, will have talks with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and President Zail Singh.

The Indian ambassador to Poland, Surender Kumar Arora, told Polish journalists in New Delhi last week that attempts would be made to speed up preparations for a new five-year trade agreement.

Dae-jung under house arrest

SEOUL — Police kept a tight security cordon around the Seoul home of opposition leader Kim Dae-jung two days after his return from exile in the United States, aides said yesterday.

They said Kim, a Christian, was not allowed to go to church yesterday because police guarding the family compound had orders not to let him leave the house. He has been there since his return.

Kim's homecoming drew thousands to Seoul airport on Friday.

Police efforts to take him home by a back route brought allegations from four Americans, two of them congressmen, that security men had beaten both Kim and themselves.

The Seoul government flatly denied this, saying the only blows were struck by Kim himself.

Kim, who returned just before general elections due on Tuesday, has not been allowed to receive visitors other than relatives and the foreign press, the aides said.

He went into exile in December 1982. The government had released him to seek medical treatment after he had served two-and-a-half years of a 20-year jail term for sedition.

He remains officially banned from political activity. His aides said he had talked by telephone to fellow opposition leaders, whom he hopes to unite into a single party to challenge the US-sponsored dictatorship of President Chun Doo Hwan, a former general who The 'Korea Times'

said Kim's name 'showed great magnetic power' during campaign debates.

'It is yet to be seen how much physical freedom he will enjoy in the days ahead but he is certain to play a leading role with Kim Youngsam in the expected moves for opposition union following the polls,' the paper said.

Both Kims are banned along with 13 other politicians from all political activity until 1988, when Chun's seven-year presidential term expires.

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Mandela's daughter reads message to mass rally

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SOWETO, South Africa — Jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela yesterday officially rejected the apartheid regime's conditional offer of freedom and set five counter-demands for President Pieter Botha to meet.

The response of the banned African National Congress leader, imprisoned for more than 20 years, was delivered at a mass rally in South Africa's largest 'township' by his daughter, Zinzi Mandela.

She told an audience of more than 5,000 people: 'My father says: "I cannot and will not give any undertaking at a time when I and you, the people, are not free. Your freedom and mine cannot be separated."'

Botha made his conditional offer on January 31: that the 66-year-old Mandela and other ANC leaders go free if they renounced 'violence' (the armed struggle to

overthrow the white minority government).

In his statement yesterday, Mandela expressed surprise at the conditions set by Botha and added: 'I am not a violent man.'

He urged Botha to renounce violence, promise to dismantle apartheid, lift the ban on the ANC, free political prisoners and guarantee free political activity.

Statement

Mandela continued in the statement read by Zinzi Mandela: 'I am a member of the African National Congress. I have always been a member of the African National Congress and I will remain a member of the African National Congress until I die.'

'I cherish my own freedom dearly but I care even more for your freedom (from apartheid). I cannot sell the birthright of my people nor am I

prepared to sell the birthright of my people to be free.

'I am in prison as the representative of the people and of your organisation, the African National Congress, which was banned. What freedom am I being offered whilst the organisation of the people remains banned?'

Mandela's response was the first direct communication to the black people for more than two decades.

Although imprisoned and denied contact with the 70 per cent black majority, he is regarded at home and abroad as the leader of the South African black people's struggle for political power in their homeland.

Mandela backed armed struggle after the ANC's campaigns to end apartheid by non-violent means proved the futility of negotiations with the racist government.

The Prisons Services

yesterday said two political prisoners detained on Robben Island, Cape Town Bay, had accepted Botha's amnesty. Mandela is held at Pollsmoor Jail, near Cape Town.

Yesterday's rally, organised by the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front, was originally called to commemorate black Bishop Desmond Tutu's Nobel Peace Prize last year.

Overture

Botha's offer of conditional freedom was the first time Pretoria had made any such overture to the imprisoned leader since 1964, when he was jailed on charges of sabotage and plotting violent revolution.

The apartheid regime's increasingly insoluble crisis in the face of a wave of uninterrupted rebellions by the black majority across the country have been a key factor



ANC leader, NELSON MANDELA

in the so-called amnesty.

Rejection of bogus constitutional changes to entrench white minority rule by introducing segregated parliamentary chambers for the mixed-race and Indian minorities have backfired.

Last August's sham elections were boycotted by the vast majority of both communities, creating political solidarity against the white minority regime.

Botha's attempts to quell the black rebellion through a combination of

secret diplomacy, under United States sponsorship, with exiled ANC leaders, sham offers of political concessions for blacks and police and military repression have also fuelled further rebellion.

Uprisings

In the past two weeks, there have been renewed student uprisings in the eastern Cape Province and the apartheid stronghold of the Orange Free State.

CIA man for UN post

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has nominated Vernon Walters, a veteran of secret diplomacy for five administrations, to the post of US ambassador to the United Nations.

He would replace Jeane Kirkpatrick, who resigned last month after serving four years in the job. The position is subject to Senate confirmation.

Walters, 68, a retired US Army lieutenant-general and linguist, would retain the Cabinet rank that was accorded to Kirkpatrick.

He began his career as an intelligence agent and served as Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) deputy director from 1972 to 1976.

Walters has shuttled around the world on top secret missions for many Secretaries of State and Presidents since World War II.

'His special assignments included serving directly under Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Nixon,' a White House statement last week said.

For the past four years he has been an 'ambassador-at-large' and diplomatic 'troubleshooter' for Reagan. He has recently been to Africa, Asia and Central America.

EEC threat to farmers

BRUSSELS — The Common Market's agricultural lobby has attacked proposals for unprecedented cuts and freezes in farm prices, saying they were totally unacceptable to the group's 8 million farmers.

Jan Hinnekens, president of the main farmers' lobby, COPA, has warned that if the measures were adopted they could destroy the EEC's farm policy.

Member states would be forced to make national grants to make up the loss in their farmers' incomes and undermine the Western European trading bloc, he warned.

'Without a common agricultural policy the future of the Community itself is put under threat,' he said at a specially convened news conference last Friday.

Farm Commissioner Frans Andriessen unveiled the proposals last week in the harshest annual price review in the EEC's history.

He proposed cuts of 3.5 per cent in the key cereals sectors and a freeze on most other prices.

Hinneken said the proposals offered farmers no future and were, therefore, totally unacceptable to farmers throughout the EEC.

He reiterated COPA's demands for a rise in prices of between 4 per cent and 5 per cent.

But EEC diplomats, committed to President Reagan's demands for

the abolition of Western European industry and prices subsidies, have dismissed the arguments of COPA — which groups farmers' unions of the member countries.

They told the group last week that assistance programmes for agriculture would cause the 22-year-old Common Agricultural Policy to fall apart.

One British diplomat, who declined to be named, said: 'These are exactly the same people who at home are urging more state aids.'

The commission's policies of guaranteeing farmers artificially-high minimum prices are being blamed for creating the EEC's notorious agricultural surpluses.

The new commission, headed by former French

Finance Minister Jacques Delors, has said the proposals are the first stage of a debate on the whole future direction of the CAP.

Delors is preparing the EEC for the eventual scrapping of CAP in the scramble for survival in a market threatened by a soaring dollar and American surplus agricultural produce.

Reagan warned of 'economic firestorm'

WASHINGTON — Democratic Congressmen, frustrated by President Reagan's rejection of their cautions, have accused him of 'glossing over (a) raging economic firestorm'.

In their reply to Reagan's regular Saturday radio broadcast, they rejected his call for tax reform, 'enterprise zones' and a sub-minimum wage level for youth.

'Either he does not know or care or both about a major economic catastrophe happening now (in rural America),' Senator James Exon, a Nebraska Democrat who delivered his party's response, said.

Rejecting congressional criticism that last Wednesday's State of the Union address showed no indication the government would cut the soaring federal budget deficit, Reagan said: 'The single best deficit programme is an all-

out push for economic growth.'

He reprimanded unnamed 'old familiar voices telling us to slow down, prepare to slash the defence budget and raise taxes all in the name of reducing projected budget deficits'.

He added arrogantly: 'Well those arguments were rejected on November 6,' (election day).

He did not refer to the fact dozens of Republican congressmen from America's crisis-ridden farm belt have joined the clamour for deficit reductions.

Instead, he told congressmen that they should 'begin working now and pushing hard in Congress and across the country for initiatives like tax simplification, enterprise zones and a youth employment opportunity wage'.

The proposed 'enterprise zones' are inspired by the policies of the International

Monetary Fund. These zones are essentially designed as cheap labour schemes to attract dollar investment and provide a paradise for speculative capital.

In his reply, Exon appealed for Reagan's 'active support' in solving problems faced by US agriculture that are 'national and not just temporary'.

He added: 'These difficulties did not arise out of greed or massive speculation by family-sized farmers. The causes are tragically simple: low prices, high production costs and mismanaged government policies that have, among other factors, destroyed international markets.'

But Exon, backing Reagan's attack on Common Market subsidies, blamed the record high dollar and 'unfair subsidies' by foreign governments to their food producers.

French settlers plan provocation

NOUMEA — Tensions simmered in the French colony of New Caledonia yesterday as a white politician, Jacques Lafleur, went on radio to call on settlers to defy an overnight curfew.

Lafleur, head of the French colony's anti-independence RPCR party, told the white French community to break the curfew after a Congress of the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) on Satur-

day announced a return to tactics of disruption.

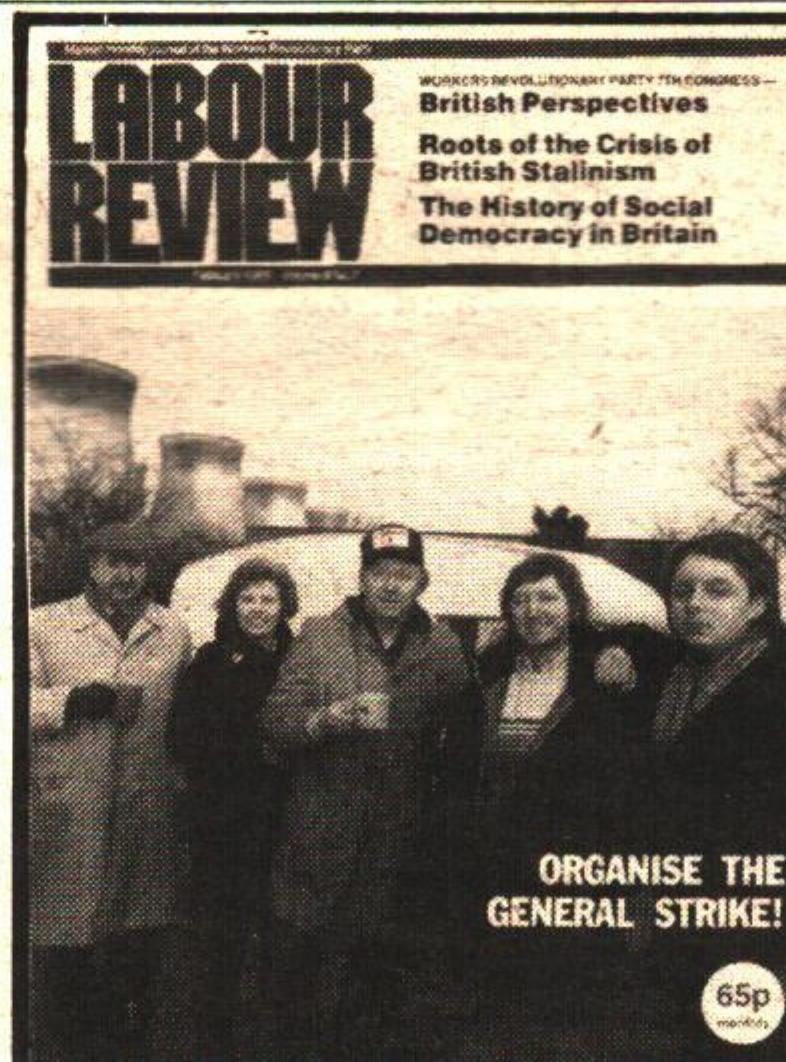
France's special envoy Edgard Pisani responded to Lafleur's call by warning that anyone flouting the curfew would be arrested.

The French National Assembly on January 25 imposed a state of siege

until June.

Pisani also said the authorities would arrest anyone who incited people to break the law. Official sources said this was directed at Lafleur.

About 20 people have died in clashes since the FLNKS launched its campaign to end French rule.



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SCOTLAND

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

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

GLASGOW EAST END: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. YS Youth Training Centre, Tobago Street, Off London Road.

Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee); **John Barrie** (NUR, in personal capacity)

NORTH WEST

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 National 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, Haydons 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)

ROCHESTER-upon-Medway council unions have launched a campaign against the closure of the building maintenance department with the loss of 60 jobs.

A meeting of 200 workers on Friday voted unanimously to lobby the council meeting tomorrow night and, if necessary, take united industrial action.

NUPE area officer Nick Brudley told the meeting: 'For the first time in many years here manual and white-collar workers are united. This council have achieved that.'

'They don't try to justify their plans in terms of cost or efficiency. They told us last Tuesday that their actions are based purely on political beliefs.'

'We have inside information that reports on refuse collection have also been prepared, and that reports are being drawn up on every section of council workers.'

Brudley added that the

council had advertised in the trade press for tenders for all the specialist white collar jobs.

'If they allow the building maintenance workers to go today, the rest will go tomorrow. We can only counter that threat by overcoming our divisions and maintaining the unity shown today.'

Shop steward Colin Harrison brought a message of support from Kent NALGO social services members.

Organise

'The attack on jobs and trade unionism is nationwide. That's why our shop stewards' group also demands that the TUC get off its knees and organise the General Strike in support of the miners.'

After the meeting NALGO branch secretary Andy Anderson told News Line:

'All the unions are solidly behind the joint committee. Our branch

has a history of ineffectiveness, but now we're rebuilding it from the bottom up.'

'I'm very pleased with the turnout of NALGO members here.'

NUPE member Ivy Wells said: 'We have to support everyone here in the fight for jobs, and if need be take action.'

Frank Knowldin, a transport union shop steward, said he was pleased by the support shown, particularly by the white-collar workers.

'We have to fight this,' he said. 'We have men who have given over 20 years service just being thrown on the scrapheap.'

'The building maintenance workers have a good case,' said NALGO member Val Maloney.

'It's all political — the Direct Labour Organisation pays for itself. We have to support them because everyone's jobs are at risk.'

Further mass meetings are planned.



Left to right: Harry Elmore and T&GWU stewards Mick Parfitt and Frank Knowldin

Closure hits elderly

OLD PEOPLE will suffer severe hardship when cuts hit three south west London hospitals.

The West Lambeth Health Authority has to impose £11 million worth of cuts, which will close the South Western and Tooting Bec hospitals and drastically affect St. Thomas's hospital.

One hundred trades unionists and members of the community, young and old, lobbied a meeting of the authority last week in protest against the cuts.

Richard Franks, NUPE secretary for the South Western Hospital, said: 'We cater mainly for geriatric and psychiatric patients.'

Care

'The Authority is planning community care for the old, whose population is increasing, especially those aged over 75. No adequate provision has been made to meet demands for the elderly in the time they specify to implement the plan.'

'I envisage severe suffering to the elderly and their relatives, who are also old, when community care is instituted. Geriatric care is specialised work and I cannot

see this care being effective in an environment which caters for all ages.'

'The Authority should ask for adequate funding to keep the hospital intact. When the patients leave, the burden is placed squarely on the social services. With the slashing of social services forced by the rate-capping Bill, there will be suffering for both patients and carers.'

Caroline, a member of

the eight-month-old occupation committee at South London Women's hospital, said: 'If these hospitals are closed, the burden of caring will fall on working-class women, who already have enough to cope with.'

'They should only close these old hospitals to modernise and build new ones. These hospitals have been run down deliberately so that people will accept their closure.'

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

WIDESPREAD ACTION FOR MINERS

THOUSANDS of trade unionists in the South-East and Yorkshire are expected to take part in today's Day of Action in support of the miners.

Marches and rallies are planned in Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster during the day of protest organised by the Yorkshire and Humberside regional TUC.

In London and the South-East railwaymen, teachers and firemen are due to take industrial action behind the NUM — despite the absence of any strike call from regional TUC leaders.

There are reports that drivers and guards at Waterloo, Kings Cross and Marylebone stations are threatening a 24-hour stoppage.

Meanwhile action by teachers in Inner London could lead to the closure of schools. Other schools throughout the region — from Hampshire to Kent and including parts of Berkshire, Oxfordshire,

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Essex — may also be affected.

The London Regional committee of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) instructed its members to answer only emergency calls from midnight last night for 24 hours.

Publication and distribution of newspapers could also be affected if print unions answer the NUM's call for all workers to take industrial action in support of its fight for jobs.

Demonstrations will take place outside the Richborough, Neasden Tilbury and other power stations to demand that workers carry out the decisions of the TUC congress and black scab coal and oil supplies.

Large pickets are expected outside Hobart House, the headquarters of the National Coal

Board, the Department of Health and Social Security at Elephant and Castle and the City offices of Price Waterhouse — the sequestrators appointed by the High Court to seize NUM funds.

Dockers at Felixstowe are holding a march to the Suffolk home of Tory Party chairman John Selwyn Gummer.

The climax of the Day of Action in the south-east will be a mass rally at the Central Halls Westminster at 7p.m. tonight. Speakers will include Labour MP Tony Benn, transport union leader Ron Todd, NUR general secretary Jimmy Knapp and Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association (NGA).

Idwal Morgan, from the cokemen's section, will speak on behalf of the NUM national executive.



Steve Taylor, Massey Ferguson convenor (left), and Gary Jones

General Strike call from engineers

SOUTH Manchester engineering union shop stewards' quarterly and district committees have called for a General Strike in support of the miners.

Steve Taylor, convenor at Massey Ferguson central parts operations in Trafford Park, Manchester, spoke to News Line about the decision.

6 In the Confederation of Ship Building and Engineering Unions leaflet it states that a peaceful picket will be held at Carrington power station on February 11.

That means the policies they are asking us to follow in this particular instance will be ineffective, insofar as we want to bring that power station to a halt.

In standing by the Tory guidelines of six pickets only, we will not bring it to a halt.

The rest of us will be stood there as though we were watching a sideshow — unable to stop lorries going through.

Early

If we've got to motivate the members to get up early in the morning to stop the power station in support of the miners, our members will see that this action will be a waste of time. To try and motivate them for further action will be very difficult.

That's why we call for a General Strike through our shop stewards' quarterly Committee Manchester/South and also the Manchester/South District Committee. We believe it is the only way to win this dispute.

Local and national leaders have got to get off the fence and start pressurising the TUC General Council into mass mobilisation. Then we won't need to worry about power cuts or to picket transport taking scab coal and oil into power plants because we'll all be out.

Yard's wild goose chase after missing log

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

SCOTLAND Yard detectives were engaged in a wild goose chase searching for the missing log of the submarine 'Conqueror' in the West Indies, Labour foreign affairs spokesman George Foulkes said yesterday.

He said he believed the visit to St Lucia by two detectives was 'some

kind of propaganda exercise by the Ministry of Defence'. He plans to table Commons questions to Home Secretary Leon Brittan and Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers.

Foulkes said: 'I understand that the former Royal Navy lieutenant, Narendra Sethia, 28, who served in the submarine during the Falklands war, was closely questioned at the Ministry of Defence last November.

'He went to the Director of Public Prosecutions and gave all the information in his possession and was allowed to leave the country with no charges being made against him.

'I understand that the police officers will return only with navigational charts, the sort which can be bought in shops in London.

Foulkes went on: 'So they have travelled across the Atlantic for material of no use whatever and for no purpose. It looks to me that the whole thing was some kind of a propaganda exercise by the Ministry of Defence.'

Timing

He said he was particularly concerned about the timing of the reports, immediately before a decision is expected in the Old Bailey trial of Clive Ponting.

'It seems strange that when my colleague Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlith-

gow, has been gagged from saying anything about the trial, this kind of publication is allowed.

'I am now tabling a Commons question to the Home Secretary asking why so much time and money have been spent on a wild goose chase by the police when all the information about Lt Sethia was in the possession of the authorities.'

Story

Foulkes has also tabled a question to the Attorney-General asking why such a sensitive and apparently *sub judice* story was allowed at this time.

Dalyell commented: 'If the judge in the Ponting case were to decide to send me to jail for commenting on it, I hope it would be in the interesting company of the editor of the "Mail on Sunday", the editor of the "Sunday Telegraph" and the BBC news editor.

'How come that this wholly inaccurate story was leaked selectively at this time? Is it one of those extraordinary coincidences? For whose benefit was it done, and why?'

● Sethia's solicitor Philip Lucas said his client had 'absolutely no knowledge' about the missing log.

No to postmen's tax

AN MP protested yesterday about the Inland Revenue's decision to tax postmen on the 'ridiculous' assumption that they receive £150 a year in tips. Alan Beith, Liberal MP for Berwick-on-Tweed, said this would mean a £1-a-week cut in postmen's wages. He has written to Chancellor Nigel Lawson demanding that the 'unfair' decision be reversed.

'It is ridiculous to suggest that in our part of the world, at any rate, postmen get £150 a year in tips, at Christmas or any other time,' he said. 'The Inland Revenue have made no inquiries as to what individual postmen have received in Christmas boxes. They have just hit upon an arbitrary and wholly inaccurate figure.'

KIDNAP CHARGES

FOUR men will appear at the Old Bailey today charged with drugging and kidnapping former Nigerian Transport Minister Umaru Dikko. Three Israelis and a former Nigerian army major were arrested last July after police found Dikko drugged in a crate at Stansted airport, about to be loaded on a flight to Nigeria.

At committal hearings solicitors for the men denied the Israeli or Nigerian governments were involved in the kidnap.

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Stalinists boost NACODS treachery

SATURDAY'S edition of the Stalinist 'Morning Star' carried as its top article an interview with NACODS pit deputies' president Ken Sampey. The article uncritically accepted and indeed boosted Sampey's claim that NACODS had not, in their deal of October last year, accepted that uneconomic pits would close.

The article said that Sampey 'angrily rejected as totally false the suggesting (sic) by the board and government that the agreement meant the acceptance of closures on so-called economic grounds'. Sampey's assertion was then emphasised in a caption to his photograph which read: 'Ken Sampey: no deal made over "uneconomic capacity".'

If this was effectively true, of course, NACODS would have been out on strike alongside the miners since day one. The March 6 closure programme was based on economic grounds.

What Sampey is protesting about is the fact that the deal has been exposed as one which did implicitly accept the closure of uneconomic pits because it did not secure the withdrawal of the March 6 closure programme. As NCB spokesman Michael Eaton put it, the closure of pits on economic grounds was 'intrinsic' to the NACODS deal. And this is the reason Thatcher has urged the NUM to sign the NACODS deal.

The question of the NUM's demand for the withdrawal of the March 6 closure programme, and the withdrawal of the closure threat to the five named pits is consciously ignored by the 'Morning Star'. The Stalinist organ paints a false picture of unity between the deputies' union and the NUM with the headline 'Pit deputies warn Thatcher: "There is no deal without the NUM".'

What sharply divides the principled leadership of the NUM from NACODS is that, as Arthur Scargill explained on yesterday's 'Weekend World', there is no safeguard against pit closures with an independent review body so long as the March 6 closure programme remains.

The careful reader must then turn to the 'Morning Star' editorial column to find the real meaning and purpose of the uncritical and deliberately misleading article offered by the Stalinists in support of NACODS and Mr Sampey.

The editorial firstly claims that: 'If Mrs. Thatcher and the coal board were to get away with imposing the preconditions they are after, the NACODS agreement reached only a few weeks ago with the NCB would BECOME (our emphasis) a worthless piece of paper.' In fact the deal is now and always was an attempt to undermine the confidence of the NUM. And that is because the NACODS agreement implicitly accepts the closure of pits on economic grounds.

Striking miners had no doubt about this fact in October when the deal was signed, and it was proved conclusively by the demand for the written undertaking from the NUM. By boosting the NACODS deal as more than 'a worthless piece of paper', the 'Morning Star' peddles out its two other crucial fabrications.

It states that: 'An agreement to end this dispute could be arrived at if only the government and the coal board would agree to sit down for talks.' And it adds that industrial action by other workers today — on the Day of Action called by two regional TUC organisations in Humberside and the South East — will give the miners 'help to shorten the dispute by starting the talks'.

These two lines leave no doubt that the Stalinists are desperate to see the strike over at any cost. The deliberate omissions of the NUM's opposition to the March 6 closure programme, and uncritical support for NACODS show clearly that Stalinism is attempting to tie the miners to the NACODS deal in order to sell-out the strike.

ORGANISE THE GENERAL



TUC must call General S

Notts miner tells conference

A RE-CALLED TUC congress must set the date for a General Strike, Nottinghamshire NUM strike committee member Paul Whetton told a conference in Sheffield at the weekend.

He called on Labour councils and their workers who face a struggle over rate-capping to unite with the miners by defying Tory legislation and resisting the destruction of services and thousands of jobs.

Whetton told the Mineworkers Defence Committee conference that March 6 would mark one year of the miners' strike and the date when Labour councils faced the choice of 'going illegal or backing down'.

Converge

'As Ken Livingstone has said all our struggles can converge on that date. It is an ideal opportunity whilst the miners are on strike to call for a General Strike to bring down this most vicious and reactionary government.'

'We must demand a recalled TUC congress sets the date for a General Strike, with the demand: "If you won't, then we will", he said to muted applause from the 450 delegates in the city's Octagon Theatre.

BY SIMON VEVERS

Scorning suggestions that the strike was defeated, Whetton added: 'The government is determined to grind us into the dust, but that is not going to happen.'

In a message to TUC leaders NUM General Secretary Peter Heathfield said: 'It is time you recognised that the attack on the NUM is part of a broad attack on the whole of the British trade union movement.'

'While the movement sits back and allows the NUM to be isolated then it seems to me we are prepared to sow the seeds of the movement's destruction.'

'If the trade union movement is not prepared to defend itself then the face of trade unionism in Britain will in my view



The platform at the Sheffield conference. Left to right: Peter Heathfield, Tony Benn, Jeremy Corbyn, Betty Heathfield and Paul Whetton

be adversely affected for almost a generation.

'We must continue to call on the movement to respond to the campaign and struggle of Britain's miners.'

Heathfield said that despite sequestration the NUM's funds in European banks remained intact. The £200,000 fine imposed

on the union for contempt of court had in fact been paid by the bank itself 'to avoid any further embarrassment to the banking system'.

The sequestrator had been appointed to seize the NUM's assets to prevent it from functioning and not in order to recover money to pay the fine, he said.

Heathfield attacked unions who had reneged financial commitments sustain the NUM which they received letters from the sequestrator Price Waterhouse.

He said: 'The struggle is intensifying. The British miners are continuing to defend their jobs. It is a problem for the whole

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



**1,000
joins
Sheffield
march**

ONE thousand trade unionists — including delegations of striking miners — marched through Sheffield on Saturday in support of the NUM's fight against pit closures.

The demonstration, organised by Sheffield Trades Council, was supported by miners from the Wath and Manvers pits (see picture left), and steelworkers from the Ambrose Shardlow plant (far left).

There were contingents from women's support groups, community organisations and other sections of the local trade union movement.

After the march a rally was held on the steps of the City Hall which was addressed by local Labour MP Bill Michie and trade union leaders.



Strike

the British trade union movement. It is now not a problem for the British miners.'

He appealed to the conference: 'Please help us to persuade Britain's labour movement to redeem the IOUs they entered into in September at the TUC congress.'

'This dispute will be brought to a conclusion when there is some action, when the determination that's been expressed from rostrums and podiums is displayed at grassroots level by working people who realise that their future is at stake as well.'

Spirit

Chesterfield Labour MP Tony Benn said that the Tory government was engaged in 'pure psychological warfare' to break the spirit of the miners.

He called for 'an extension of industrial action', suggesting that action by the pit deputies' union, NACODS, could bring the strike to an end within a week.

He added: 'But it is not only within the industry that support is needed. All the other issues — rate-capping, the attacks on public services on education and health — provide an opportunity for us to make a credible and urgent case for industrial action building up to a more general stoppage.'



Miners and their wives march through Goldthorpe last Friday

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Fight back against pit sabotage

THE TORIES and the Coal Board have intensified a special offensive in Scotland... the inflicting of 'sudden death' on pits, and then blaming the NUM for failing to tackle underground fires or flooding.

There can be no clearer proof that the Tories are out to destroy the National Union of Mineworkers, and that they can only be stopped by the organisation of the General Strike.

The sabotage operation underway against the Frances-Seafield mining complex in Fife — which employs 2,300 men and is the lifeblood of the area — is a response to the unshakable defiance of the 11-month miners' strike.

Having failed to intimidate the miners with mass sackings of NUM pickets (numbering hundreds in Scotland), repression by the police, army and courts, or drive them back to work with the Press-TV propaganda campaign, the Tories are now carrying out pit closures 'without pre-condition'.

The Tories aim to 'make an example' of the Scottish coalfield — by shutting it down completely. They began their campaign long before the present strike: five pits (Kinneil, Cardowan, Sorn, Highhouse, and Bogside) were closed in the 18 months prior to the strike. And Polkmet pit remains top of the NCB 'hit list'.

In October, 1983, Scottish miners got a grim warning of what was to come when face workers at Monktonhall pit were sent letters threatening to dismiss them for not working hard enough — thus provoking a seven-week strike.

Damage

In Scotland, the scene for lasting damage through floodings and underground fires was set by instructions to BACM colliery managers not to carry out safety cover during the national overtime ban.

This policy soon bore results at Bogside, where 650 jobs were lost when the pit flooded last January.

The 'sudden death' closures continued during the strike and two faces at Castlehill were lost. Then came the flooding of Polkmet pit, from which the board has already begun transfers. Permanent closure of Polkmet opens the way for the closure of Ravenscraig steelworks, Polkmet's sole customer.

The NCB's closure

campaign was accompanied by a barrage of Tory press propaganda. Every media man in Edinburgh suddenly became an expert on underground safety. Yesterday, Tory Scottish secretary and brewer heir George Younger used the non-union 'Sunday Post' to claim 'the blame lies squarely with the NUM'.

It will not go unnoticed amongst striking miners that Younger is the man with whom the Scottish TUC leaders, including top officials of the NUM, claim to have some special relationship.

March

Two weeks ago they organised a mass march of miners in Glasgow to coincide with a STUC-Labour Party-Scottish NUM delegation which met with Younger, pleading with him to put a word in Thatcher's ear to save the Scottish coalfield.

Immediately after those talks, delegation leaders were assuring marchers in George Square, Glasgow, that Younger had listened very carefully to their arguments!

In his 'Post' article yesterday Younger wrote of that meeting: 'They urged the need for an early settlement. I agreed with every word they said.'

With the shadow of closure now hanging over the Frances-Seafield complex, as well as Polkmet and faces elsewhere, now is the time for the Scottish NUM to demand that the TUC and the Scottish TUC stop crawling to Tories like Younger, and instead broaden the class struggle against the Thatcher government.

Firstly, the treacherous line of the Stalinists in the Scottish NUM leadership, concerning the 'sudden death' pits must be totally rejected.

Put out by George Bolton, Scottish NUM vice-president, last week the Stalinists' policy is to call for a public inquiry into the running of the coal board in Scotland — and to demand the 'sacking' of Bert Wheeler, NCB Scottish area director.



Miners on picket duty at the partly-flooded Polkmet colliery last week

But all the Scottish NUM area officials, including Bolton, know that the Tories are delighted with the conduct of the NCB management in Scotland. Indeed, Wheeler has even been tipped in the Tory Press as MacGregor's successor!

The line put out by Bolton is far more than just whistling in the dark. It is the conscious avoidance of a class response to the attack on Frances-Seafield, and Polkmet.

It was Bolton — on behalf of the Scottish NUM leadership — who, at the NUM national delegate conference in early December, moved the motion to capitulate to sequestrators appointed by the courts to seize NUM funds.

The motion was defeated, but Scotland was among of the minority that voted for it, along with right-wing led areas. That shameful position is linked to two other issues:

● WHY has the Scottish NUM area leadership not joined the demand already put by South Wales, Durham, and other areas, for a special TUC to implement TUC policy of effective support for the miners' strike?

● WHY has the Scottish NUM area leadership consistently refused to echo NUM president Arthur Scargill's repeated call for strike action from other unions, alongside the miners?

Rampage

With the Tories and coal board on the rampage — and with mass redundancies sweeping industries throughout Scotland — conditions have never been more crucial for unions who say they support the miners to come out on strike with the miners.

Whole local authorities throughout Scotland and

the rest of Britain, employing many thousands of workers and operating services upon which millions depend, come into direct confrontation with the Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship from March 6.

Expansion of the coal industry and the defence of miners' jobs — as well as those of local government workers — cannot be carried through under a capitalism system which has set out to impose slave labour upon the working class.

The fight against mass sackings of miners means a fight to smash the Tory state machine and the creation of a Workers Revolutionary Government that implements socialist economic planning.

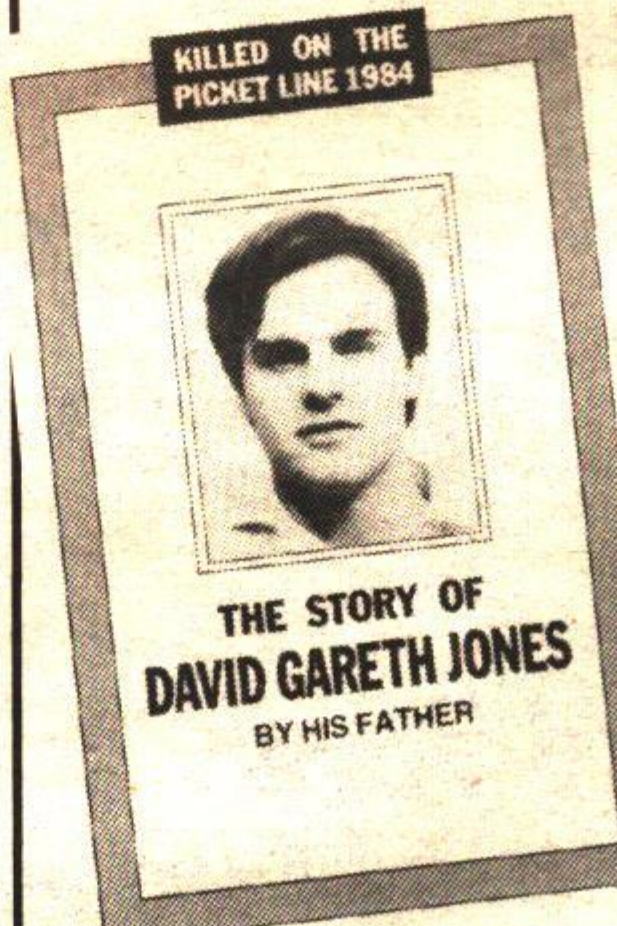
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Youthaid report reveals Thousands have quit schemes

THOUSANDS of teenagers are leaving the Youth Training Scheme before their year is up, according to evidence presented to MPs last week by the youth employment campaign group Youthaid.

In 1984 180,000 youth left their scheme at least four weeks before the end of their year.

That is between a quarter and a third of all youth on schemes, says the Youthaid document, 'The Youth Training Scheme: Evidence to the House of Commons Employment Committee'.

The same pattern is seen among 1984-1985 entrants, with by November — eight months into the year which started in April — over 62,000 of the 1984-1985 entrants having already left.

About a third of those who leave early go straight on to the dole.

The drop-out rate is so high that the Manpower Services Commission, which runs YTS, has calculated the average length of stay for a trainee as 43 weeks in its Corporate Plan for 1984-1988.

The Youthaid document also presents a detailed explanation of how the figures produced by the MSC of numbers on the scheme 'have often contained contradictions and unclarity'.

There was even confusion about the date on which YTS officially began. Some youth started on YTS schemes before its predecessor, the Youth Opportunities Programme, was fully wound up, but the official starting date was September 1983.

The 'scheme year' has sometimes been taken to refer to the September 1 to August 31 period, and at other times from April 1 to March 31.

By the end of the first year, counted as March 31 1984, 354,000 people had entered YTS, according to the MSC, compared to the original target of 460,000.

Youthaid points out that this figure was itself considerably overstated.

First it double-counted all those who changed from one scheme to another, counting each change as a new entrant and secondly not taking into account the large number who left early.

In fact, by the end of March 1984 there were fewer than 252,000 youth on YTS out of those

354,000 individuals who had entered the scheme since it first opened in April 1983.

The report contains figures of the number of youth who have had their benefit cut for leaving early or refusing to take part in a scheme.

Between November 23, 1983 and November 20, 1984 1,163 lost money for refusing a place and 10,701 for leaving early — an average of 989 per month.

Youthaid says the figures amount to less than one in six of those who leave the scheme early and sign on. One reason why the figure is not higher is the reluctance of some careers officers to report teenagers refusing to go on YTS.

The report conveys the false illusion that this cheap-labour scheme can be reformed and is in principle a good idea, despite the many criticisms of it.

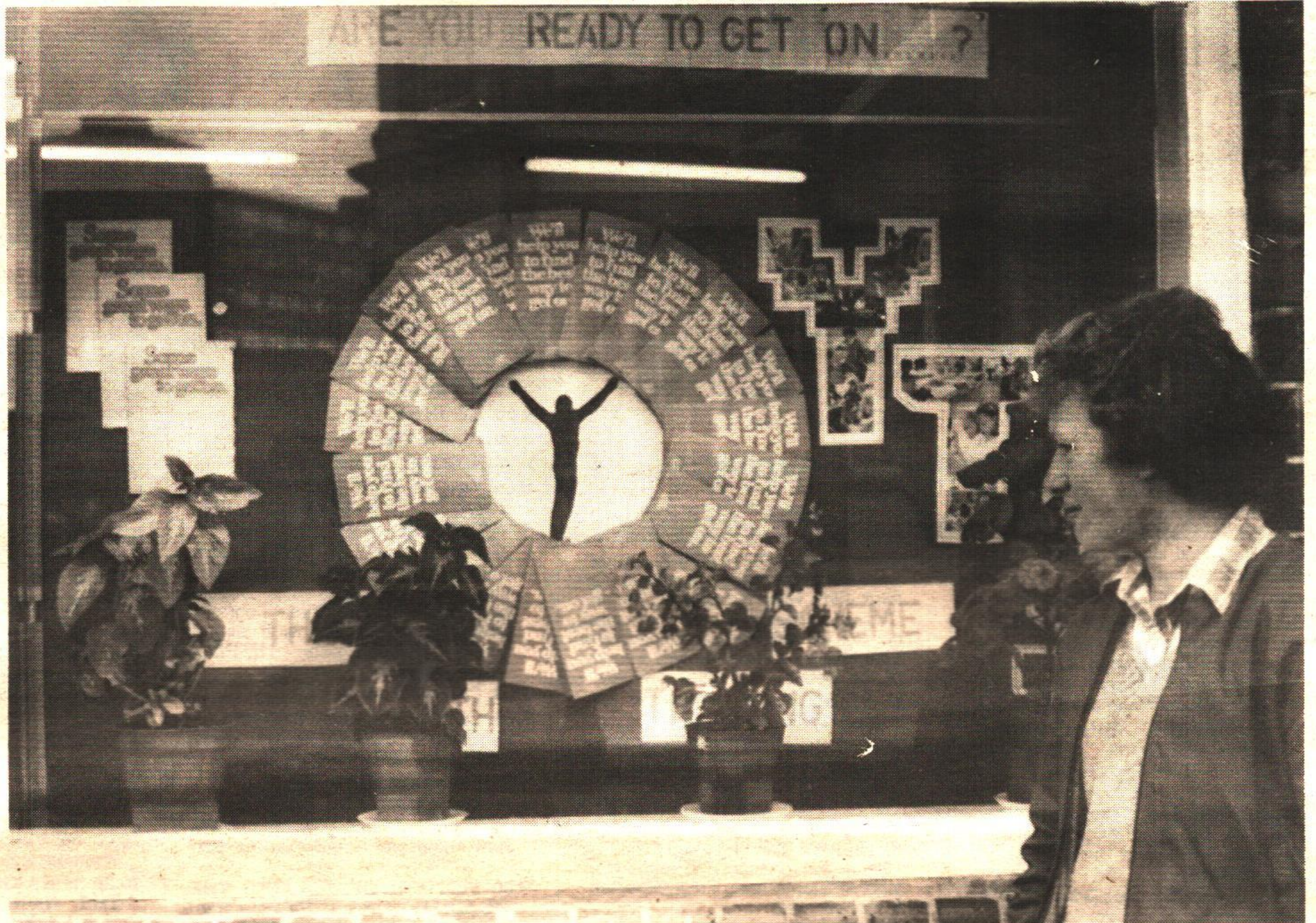
For example, it states: 'One frequent response to Youthaid's analysis of the Youth Training Scheme is to accuse us of never saying anything positive about it.'

'Such accusations are, of course, not true. There is much that is good about it...'

Elsewhere, the report says that government thoughts of using YTS to weaken trade unionism, drive down young people's wages and hide the real unemployment figures 'do not in any way detract from the potential value of the scheme as a major source of training for school leavers'.

The report does not consider 'the implications of the rumours about proposals to revert to a scheme which was compulsory, removing the right to supplementary benefit from those who chose to look for work rather than enter a scheme'.

It says such a change would be 'so fundamental' that it merits its own investigation and evidence by the Select Committee.



This glossy display is an attempt to win young people to YTS schemes. But many refuse to be taken in and thousands of those that start leave before completing the course

NALGO threaten to pull out of YTS

THE local government union NALGO is threatening to pull out of the Youth Training Scheme if Tory plans to make it compulsory go ahead.

The union's general secretary John Daly has written to Tory Employment Secretary Tom King stating that trade union members would have to withdraw co-operation with YTS if government plans to remove supplementary benefit to youth not on the scheme go through.

NALGO, with most of the country's careers officers in membership, is already opposed to the benefit sanctions which

currently operate against young people refusing a place on YTS or leaving a scheme early.

To remove benefits entirely would make YTS little more than 'a form of compulsory economic conscription', the union said.

Letter

Daly said in his letter that if the new proposals on benefit are implemented and trade union participation is withdrawn, many local authorities are also likely to wish to withdraw.

This would confine YTS

to private and non-union concerns, making it impossible to find enough places for school leavers, he said.

Daly added that this in itself would make it impossible to operate the scheme on a compulsory basis.

Daly said: 'NALGO is already concerned about the poor quality of many YTS schemes and the inadequate allowance given to young people on them.'

'To compel young people to take these jobs against their wishes would be an affront to a civilised society which the unions could not possibly accept.'

London jobs hit

THE government is blighting the employment hopes of thousands of young Londoners, according to Neil Fletcher, Inner London Education Authority member responsible for the careers service.

The careers' service

annual report says jobless figures dropped slightly last year but warns: 'Unemployment remains as significant as it has been over the last few years. There was no indication of real growth of opportunities.'

The report says many

adults are also seeking careers advice and condemn the Manpower Services Commission's view that 'too much careers advising does not help', replying that this scepticism 'has no foundation in reality'.

Students march to back miners

THE NATIONAL Union of Students is staging a 250-mile march from London to Yorkshire in support of the miners' strike.

The march will leave central London on Monday February 18 and arrive in Barnsley nine days later picking up

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6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

6.55 SUPERSTARS Eight young sportsmen and women compete in the final of the Townsend Thoresen UK Superstars Championship

7.40 SUBMARINE *Polaris Patrol* Tonight's programme is filmed on board one of the Navy's four Polaris submarines 'HMS Repulse'

8.10 PANORAMA Trade secretary Norman Tebbit in discussion with Roy Hattersley and David Steel on the economy

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.30 THE BRITISH RECORD INDUSTRY AWARDS Noel Edmonds is host for tonight's awards for the most outstanding record stars and producers of last year, live from the Great Room, Grosvenor House Hotel, London

11.00 BARRY NORMAN IN CHICAGO *The Gangster City* Barry Norman presents the story of Chicago's most notorious gangsters of the 1920s and the 1930s

11.45 Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.25 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.

BBC2

6.30 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Modern Art. 6.55 Coventry. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.15 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.15 Job Bank. 9.38 Going to Work. 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Music Time. 10.38 Twentieth-Century History. 11.00 Zig Zag. 11.23 La Maree et Ses Secrets. 11.42 General Studies. 12.10 Life Games. 12.40 Plants in Action. 1.05 Rockschooll. 1.38 Scotland This Century. 2.00 Words and Pictures. 2.18 History Trail. 2.40 The Music Arcade. 3.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; weather

5.30 THE SHOW ME SHOW With John Craven and Maggie Philbin

6.00 HOLLYWOOD LADIES Lauren Bacall in *Dark Passage* (1947), her third film with Humphrey Bogart. Classic thriller in which escaped convict Vincent Parry is helped by a beautiful girl to find the real identity of the person who killed his wife

7.45 VEGETARIAN KITCHEN presented by Sarah Brown

8.10 THE BOB MONKHOUSE SHOW Comedy from Bob Monkhouse and tonight's guests Little and Large, Pam Ayres, Cosmotheke and Michael Davis

9.00 HILARY featuring Marti Caine as Hilary, the chaotic TV researcher who constantly finds life unexpectedly complicated

9.30 HORIZON *The Theatre of War* William Kincade, who has spent the past 20 years working in or alongside the US military, looks at new war technology

10.20 SEABROOK'S YEAR *Another Winter* Last of five films which tell the story of an eventful year in the life of shepherd and freelance farmworker Richard Seabrook

10.50 NEWSNIGHT

11.35 TELE-JOURNAL Chantal Cuer returns with French television news

12.05 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.35 VIETNAM: THE TEN THOUSAND DAY WAR *Air War*

3.00 THE LATE LATE SHOW Highlights from one of Ireland's most popular programmes

4.00 A PLUS 4

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 ALICE *My Fair Vera*

5.30 4 COMPUTER BUFFS

6.00 WHERE IN THE WORLD? The travel quiz game hosted by Ray Alan

6.30 BABY, BABY *A Star is Born* Today's programme includes contributions from Madness's Suggs, writer Ian McEwan, Three Degrees' Sheila Ferguson and birth expert Sheila Kitzinger. Presented by Paula Yates and Jools Holland

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Rev Stephen Colles, Chaplain of King's College, Cambridge; followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 RELATIVE STRANGERS Fitz can't help noticing how popular his new-found son is down at the pub

9.00 PICTURE OF POLAND: THE ROAD TO GDANSK Part of Channel 4's Polish season, an excellent documentary combining historical material with contemporary discussion about the role of Solidarity and the struggle of Polish workers against the bureaucracy for free trade unions

10.40 AND THERE WAS JAZZ (1981) This 1981 feature film, set in Poland in the early 1950s, concerns a young jazz band who run into trouble with the authorities and gradually become aware of the political and cultural repressions of their country

12.30 Closedown

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Samuel Goldwyn Presents *They Got Me Covered* (1943) With Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 AUTOMANIA

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 FULL HOUSE *Such Sweet Sor-* row Could this be the parting of the ways for the two couples?

8.30 WORLD IN ACTION *The Knock on the Door*

9.00 QUINCY Jack Klugman in *Guilty Till Proven Innocent*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by Thames News Headlines

10.30 THE LIGHT AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD (1971) With Kirk Douglas, Yul Brynner and Samantha Eggar. The 19th century: three men are keeping the storm-swept lighthouse off Cape Horn when a gang of wreckers take it over and lure a ship on to the rocks, butchering its crew and passengers and pillaging its cargo

12.55 Night Thoughts Closedown

GRANADA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: *Big Parade of Comedy* (1964) Compilation of excerpts from vintage black and white films. 3.00 The Protectors. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 Scramble! 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 The Beverly Hillbillies. 5.45 News.

6.00 SCRAMBLE!

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS

7.00 AUTOMANIA *Future Car*

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 FULL HOUSE *Such Sweet Sor-* row Murray takes the idea of sharing everything too far. And, not for the first time, Paul wonders if they've made a mistake

8.30 WORLD IN ACTION *The Knock on the Door* How the dream of owning a home has become a financial nightmare for a growing number of families. Last year building societies took possession of more than 10,000 houses through mortgage default, a four-fold increase on five years ago. Includes interviews with families forced to give up their homes

9.00 QUINCY *Next Stop, Nowhere*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 BARNEY MILLER *The Inventor*

11.00 THE WEEK TONIGHT The stories behind the headlines

11.45 STAR PARADE

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Face the Press. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 Cei Cocos. 2.35-2.55 Daeryddiaeth. 3.10 Film: *Moon Over Miami*. 4.45 Dan Daed. 5.05 'Drycha! 5.30 4 Computer Buffs. 6.00 Discovery. 6.30 Diar, Diar, Doctor. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Arolwg. 8.00 Treasure Hunt; News Headlines. 9.00 Y Clecwyr. 9.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 10.00 Towers of Babel. 10.30 Families. 11.20 Billiards. 12.00 The Other Side of the Tracks. 12.55 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Film: *Summer Madness*. 3.20 Cartoon. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Magnum. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Nightlife. 11.55 Barney Miller. 12.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Film: *The Rains of Ranchipur*. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 Butlin's Grand Master Darts. 12.05 Contadi. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *What Changed Charley Farthing?*. 3.15

Track Stars. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Benson. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 Enterprise '85. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 12.00 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Lunchtime Live. 2.00 Film: *The Court Jester*. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.12 Gus Hornby's Magic Birthdays. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.35 Country Music. 11.00 The Master. 11.50 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club followed by Film: *Sherlock Holmes in New York*. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.40 Airmail. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00

News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Questions. 11.15 Kojak. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Tickle on the Tum. 12.10 Let's Pretend. 12.30 Voices in the Dark. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *The Bishop's Wife*; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Tickle on the Tum. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Chocky's Children. 5.15 Keep It In The Family. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 7.00 Automania. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Full House. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Quincy. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Lord Shelburne at Home. 11.00 Film: *The St Valentine's Day Massacre*. 12.45 Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: As HTV except 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 The Dragon Has Two Tongues. 11.00 The Irish Weave. 11.30 Kojak. 12.30 HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

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

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 9.30 The British Record Industry Awards (S) (a simultaneous broadcast with BBC1). 11.00-12.00a.m. Janice Long (S).

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 6.00 Ray Moore (S) (6.15 Pause for Thought). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S) (8.45 Pause for Thought). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 Alan Dell (S) with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era. 9.00 Humphrey Lyttleton (S) with the Best of Jazz. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Some of These Days. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightridge. 3.00-4.00 Folk On 2 (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Prokofiev, Stravinsky, Rimsky-

Korsakov (8.00-8.05 News) Hon- egger, Jean Francaix, Debussy, Bizet. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Brahms — the Chamber Music, 1860-1865. 10.00 Beethoven and Mozart (S) Sonatas for Violin and Piano. 10.45 Bridge and Britten (S) Brit- ten conducts the English Chamber Orchestra. 11.20 Schubert (S) Anthony Peebles plays the last Piano Sonata, D.960 in B-flat. 12.05 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (S) Albinoni, Haydn, Dvorak. 1.00 News. 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert (S) The Bor- din Quartet plays Shostakovich and Frank Bridge. 2.00 Music Weekly (S). 2.45 New Records (S) Dvorak, Mussorgsky, Berlioz, Ligeti, Sibelius. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music For Organ (S) Music by Vierne, Roger-Ducasse and Dupre. 7.00 Berkeley and Hindemith (S) Music for flute and piano. 7.30 Così Fan Tutte (S) Mozart's opera recorded at the 1984 Salz- burg Festival (sung in Italian) Act 1 (9.05-9.20 Excuses, Lies) Act 2. 11.00 Another world (S) Music from the Peruvian Andes. 11.30 Beethoven (S) Sonata in C minor Op.30 No.2 for violin and piano. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Week. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00

News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.35 The Week on 4. 8.43 Ian Skidmore. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker (S). 10.00 News; Money Box. 10.30 Morning Story: *Radiofan*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. 11.48 Poetry Please! (S). 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Don't Stop Now — It's Fun! (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *I'd Give My Right Arm to be Ambidextrous*. 4.17 Stroma of Mey. 4.40 Story Time: *From Rus- sia With Love*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Blandings. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Enterprise. 7.45 Science Now. 8.15 The Monday Play (S) *Floating Down the Nile on the Oxford English Dictionary*. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *The Doves of Venus*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parli- ment. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (con- tinued). 11.00 Study On 4. 11.30-12.10 Open University. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broad- casting.

Sports Line

NICE ONE, TEL!

WHEN Terry Venables was appointed manager of Barcelona last May, the general reaction of the mystified Spanish soccer fans was the Catalan equivalent of 'Who?'.

The passionate Barcelona following grew even more suspicious when Venables' arrival was promptly followed by the departure of Argentine Diego Maradona to Napoli in Italy.



STEVE ARCHIBALD . . . Stunning success in Spain so far

Nine months on, Maradona is a forgotten man and Venables is already being regarded with the same affection as former Barcelona heroes Luis Suarez, Ladislao Kubala and Johan Cruyff.

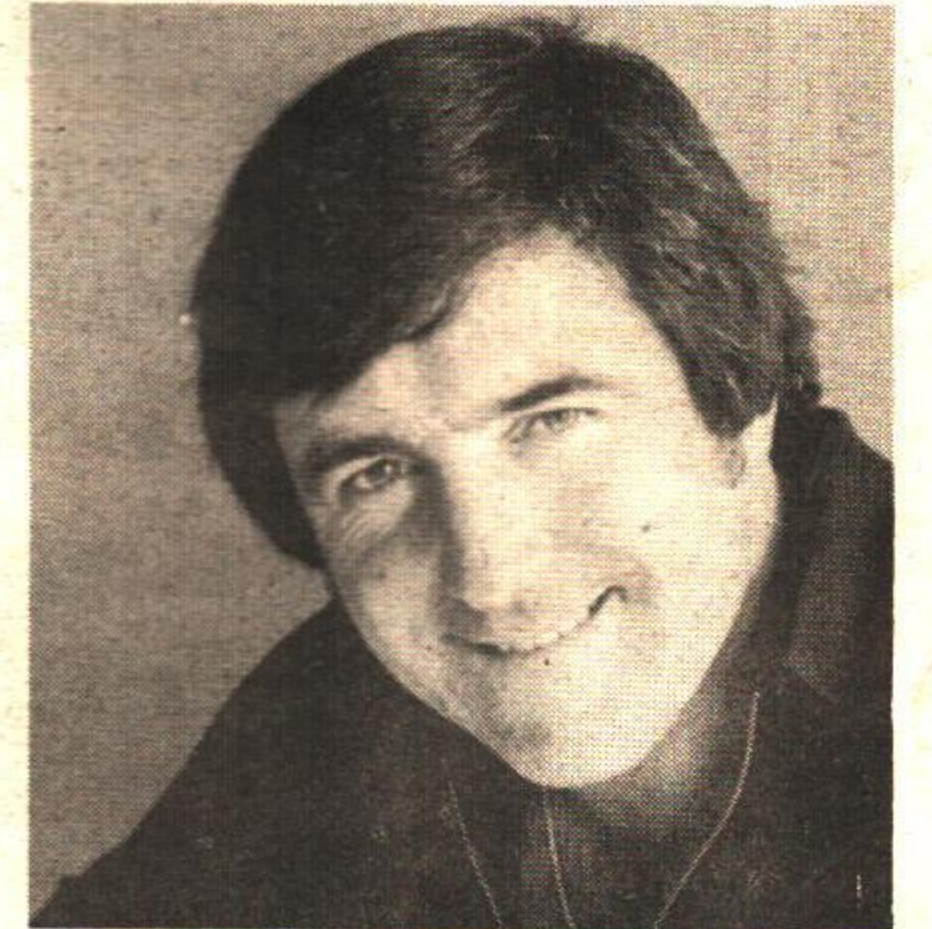
But with the club poised to lift the Spanish Championship for the first time since the days of Cruyff in 1974, a feeling of unease has again spread through the city amid rumours that Venables may quit at the end of this season.

Contract

However, Venables, who has a contract until 1986, effectively put an end to such speculation when he told reporters in an interview: 'I haven't discussed anything further, neither a shortening nor an extension, since the day I signed.'

Under Venables, who enjoyed relatively modest success in England at Queen's Park Rangers and Crystal Palace, Bar-

Venables reigning supreme in Spain



TERRY VENABLES . . . His contract would allow him to leave Barcelona at the end of this season

A Sports Line SPECIAL FEATURE

celona have suffered only one defeat in 23 games and have built up a nine-point lead at the top of the Spanish First Division.

Astonishingly, Venables has succeeded where Cesar Luis Menotti, who masterminded Argentina's 1978 World Cup triumph, failed.

Barcelona could finish no better than third last season and few expected any improvement when Menotti and Maradona, the world's most expensive footballer, were replaced by Venables and Scottish international Steve Archibald.

Like his new manager, Archibald was viewed as a poor substitute by the disgruntled Barcelona following. But the former Tottenham striker has repaid a large chunk of his £800,000 (\$880,000) transfer fee with 12 goals to date, which have taken him to the top of the First Division's goalscorers' chart.

Venables is determined that his secret success formula remains just that . . . a secret.

'The team's style of play has changed,' he said. 'I changed it, but it's my secret. If people want

to know what it is, it's up to them to work it out.'

What has noticeably altered is the style of leadership. Gone are the days of continual press conferences and the much-publicised dressing room politics which marked the Menotti era at the Nou Camp stadium.

Gone, too, much to the chagrin of the club's bachelor community, are the afternoon training sessions — replaced by morning workouts more to the taste of family men like West German Bernd Schuster, whose troubled

career is once again blossoming under Venables.

The Englishman, Barcelona's fifth manager in as many years, says he has no problems with club president Josep Luis Nunez or with the insatiable local sports press, which devotes some 20 pages to team news every day.

Interpret

Venables, who uses a local English journalist to interpret at training instructions, pre-match tactics and press conferences, said: 'Though it wasn't easy at first, dealing with Spanish players hasn't been as difficult as I expected.'

'The players are all matadors by instinct and love to shine individually . . . now they're better team men. They know I'm a strict timekeeper and disciplinarian. I don't care about 'manana', anyone who is late for the team bus is simply left behind.'

Venables, 42, is generally regarded as the likeliest successor when current England manager Bobby Robson steps down, but for the moment he is more than happy with what he terms 'the most glamorous job in club football'.

At a reported £3,000 (\$3,300) a week, Venables can afford to take full advantage of Barcelona's superb restaurants and clubs . . . and he is about to earn some extra income from his second love, writing.

Novels

A Barcelona publishing house is to launch three detective novels he co-wrote — which were turned into a television series in Britain a few years back — while the city's daily sports paper will carry a weekly column on English soccer bearing his byline.

'I won't be writing the column myself,' admitted Venables. 'I'll tell my ideas to one of the staff and they'll write it.'

MEXICO '86

Too hot for Europe

EUROPEAN soccer coaches attending a series of friendly internationals in Mexico have warned that the mid-summer heat and high altitude will greatly favour Latin American teams at the 1986 World Cup finals — just as they did in 1970.

After two days of matches to mark the opening of the proposed World Cup stadium of Queretaro, International Soccer Federation (FIFA) officials and European teams will have to change their all-action style of play to survive.

Finals

'It's not the teams who fight back once they've lost the ball, but those who can hold onto it in the first place who will do best in next year's finals,' said Switzerland trainer Paul Wolfisberg.

His team, Bulgaria and Poland, have been provid-

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ing the European opposition to Mexico in Queretaro, one of 12 stadiums — all more than 6,000 feet (1,828 metres) above sea level — in which the World Cup games will be played.

But, contrary to opinion in Europe, Wolfisberg thinks the heat and not the shortage of oxygen will be the main problem for the 14 European teams due to qualify for next year's finals.

Last week, Switzerland played in Bogota, Colombia, at more than 8,000 feet (2,438 metres) and this week played two matches in two days in Queretaro. 'My players experienced no physical problems,' said Wolfisberg.

Neither did the Polish players — according to their team officials — although they were crushed 5-0 by Mexico in Queretaro.

The Swiss were also unable to justify their form rating, after some im-

pressive results in Europe recently, managing only a narrow 2-1 win over a clumsy Mexican 'B' team.

The Swiss and Polish players complained more about the heat than the altitude.

Summer

Ominously, next year's World Cup matches will kick-off at noon and in mid-afternoon at the height of the Mexican summer when the temperature, especially in northern Mexico's deserts, can easily rise beyond 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, who are all used to the heat, will have an advantage next year, according to both Wolfisberg and Mexico's Yugoslav trainer Bora Milutinovic.

They said it would be particularly difficult for the north Europeans, the British or the West Ger-

mans to adapt their rugged, hard-working styles to the Mexican conditions.

'Imagination is what is needed,' said Wolfisberg. 'The teams with most imagination will conquer first the conditions and then their opponents.'

Milutinovic, who says he is an excellent chess player, came to Mexico 13 years ago and is now the country's most respected coach.

He feels France, orchestrated by skilful and intelligent midfielder Michel Platini, are the European team most likely to upset the Latin Americans.

Wolfisberg thinks that the sort of skilful players dismissed as 'lazy' in Europe — but who stand out because of their outstanding ball control — will prove extremely effective in Mexico next year.

FIFA's World Cup organising committee chairman, Hermann Neuberger of West Germany, agrees that skill



MICHEL PLATINI . . . The kind of European player who would like Mexico

will win the day. As evidence, he pointed to the victory of the magnificent Pele-inspired Brazil team the last time Mexico staged the tournament in 1970.

'The teams with skilful

individual players will do best,' said Neuberger who, like the rest of the Europeans in Queretaro this week, believes the Latin American teams will kick-off with the odds stacked in their favour.



Weekend soccer round-up — The



JOHNNY METGOD is congratulated by his teammates

FOREST'S EASTERN PROMISE

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2 QPR 0

Hodge, Metgod

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough has two remaining aims this season — to steer his team into Europe and to collect as much money as he can from exhibition matches.

So he was doubly pleased at the weekend as Forest beat the big freeze and Queen's Park Rangers 2-0 at the City Ground to move up to seventh place in the table.

Then yesterday he packed his team off to Baghdad for two money-spinning games in the Iraq capital today and Wednesday.

Clough said after Saturday's victory: 'We are out of both cups and our average gate is only just above 15,000, so we must make money some other way.'

Venture

He expects to collect £30,000 from the Baghdad venture, though Clough himself is remaining in Nottingham.

Despite the three points from Rangers, he was disappointed at the gate, 12,001, the lowest Forest have had for a League game this season.

But hoping to maintain his European push, he was determined to get the match played despite the Arctic conditions.

He mustered 150 volunteers, including Forest reserves and striking Nottinghamshire miners whose families he has helped during the dispute, to shovel snow off the pitch and spread tons of salt on the terraces.

Then he sat back and watched two late goals from Steve Hodge and Johnny Metgod give his team victory as the rest of the First Division programme — apart from Newcastle v. Manchester United — was cancelled because of frozen pitches.



STEVE HODGE . . . Well-timed goal

SECOND DIVISION ROUND-UP



JIMMY QUINN just can't stop scoring

Mighty Quinn

BLACKBURN ROVERS regained the Second Division leadership 11 minutes from the end of their clash with Fulham at Ewood Park on Saturday when Chris Thompson latched on to a long clearance and swept through a wide-open Fulham defence.

Eight minutes earlier Fulham's Cliff Carr had shaken Blackburn by equalising, also from a long ball which caught out the home defence.

Three minutes from the end, Leroy Rosenior missed a great chance of a second Fulham equaliser only yards from goal.

Jimmy Quinn had given Blackburn an interval lead with his ninth goal in only six full games, a fine header from a centre by Ian Miller.

● **STRUGGLING** Carlisle dented Manchester City's promotion hopes with a well-deserved victory at Maine Road.

Lethargic City lost for the first time in six games and it was only their second defeat in the League in 16 games.

The home side had a dream start with a goal from David Phillips in the second minute, but Malcolm Poskett equalised for the Cumbrians six minutes later.

City had Mick McCar-

thy carried off with an ankle injury in the 52nd minute and five minutes later Ian Bishop headed Carlisle in front from a Poskett cross and Poskett (84 minutes) punished City's leaky defence to prod home his second goal.

● **BARNSELY** had victory snatched from their hands by promotion rivals Portsmouth with an equaliser in the last minute of the game by defender Noel Blake.

Portsmouth went ahead in the 44th minute when David Bamber claimed the goal following a scramble in Barnsley's penalty area.

Winston Campbell pulled Barnsley level ten minutes after the re-start and continuous pressure by the home side put them ahead in the 83rd minute through Roger Wylde.

Blake struck a minute from time, heading against the crossbar and catching a rebound on the volley to ram it home.

TENNIS

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD tennis prodigy Mary Jo Fernandez scored a shock third-round victory over 11th-seeded Bonnie Gadusek in the \$1.8 million International Players Championships at Delray Beach on Saturday.

'It's the best win I've had and the furthest I've got in a tournament,' said the precocious American after her 7-6, 7-6 win in her fourth professional event.

Title

Fernandez, who took the US girls' 12-year-old title three years ago when she was ten, added: 'Three wins don't change my plans. I'm staying

best of reports and pictures



BY A SPORTS LINE REPORTER

THE RUDDY look on Ron Atkinson's cheeks said it all at St James's Park, Newcastle, on Saturday afternoon.

The biting wind and Arctic conditions didn't help, but there was more a tinge of embarrassment there as Newcastle's little striker Peter Beardsley tore into United's defence for most of the afternoon.

On a pitch that was, in some areas, more suited to ice skating than football, Beardsley kept his cool as he set out to embarrass the United manager as much as possible.

After all, the Newcastle striker had a point to prove.

Signed by Atkinson in 1982 from Vancouver Whitecaps, Beardsley was never given a chance to prove himself at Old Trafford and was finally transferred to St James's Park.

And in the end, justice was seen to be done on Saturday, with Beardsley nipping in after 80 minutes to convert a chance made by Newcastle's de-

BEARDSLEY CAUSES THE BLUSHES

NEWCASTLE 1

Beardsley

MAN UNITED 1

Moran

BY OUR NORTHERN REPORTER

butant Tony Williams to tie the game at 1-1.

Newcastle had looked the more enterprising outfit for most of the afternoon as Cunningham, who arrived from Manchester City on Wednesday, fitting in well to the front line on his first outing.

Remi Moses proved to be United's most influential player in midfield, but his lone efforts were never going to be enough to lift a United side that are beginning to show signs of throwing in the

towel in the race for the League Championship.

It was left to central defender Kevin Moran, who passed a late fitness test, to lift their morale just before half-time.

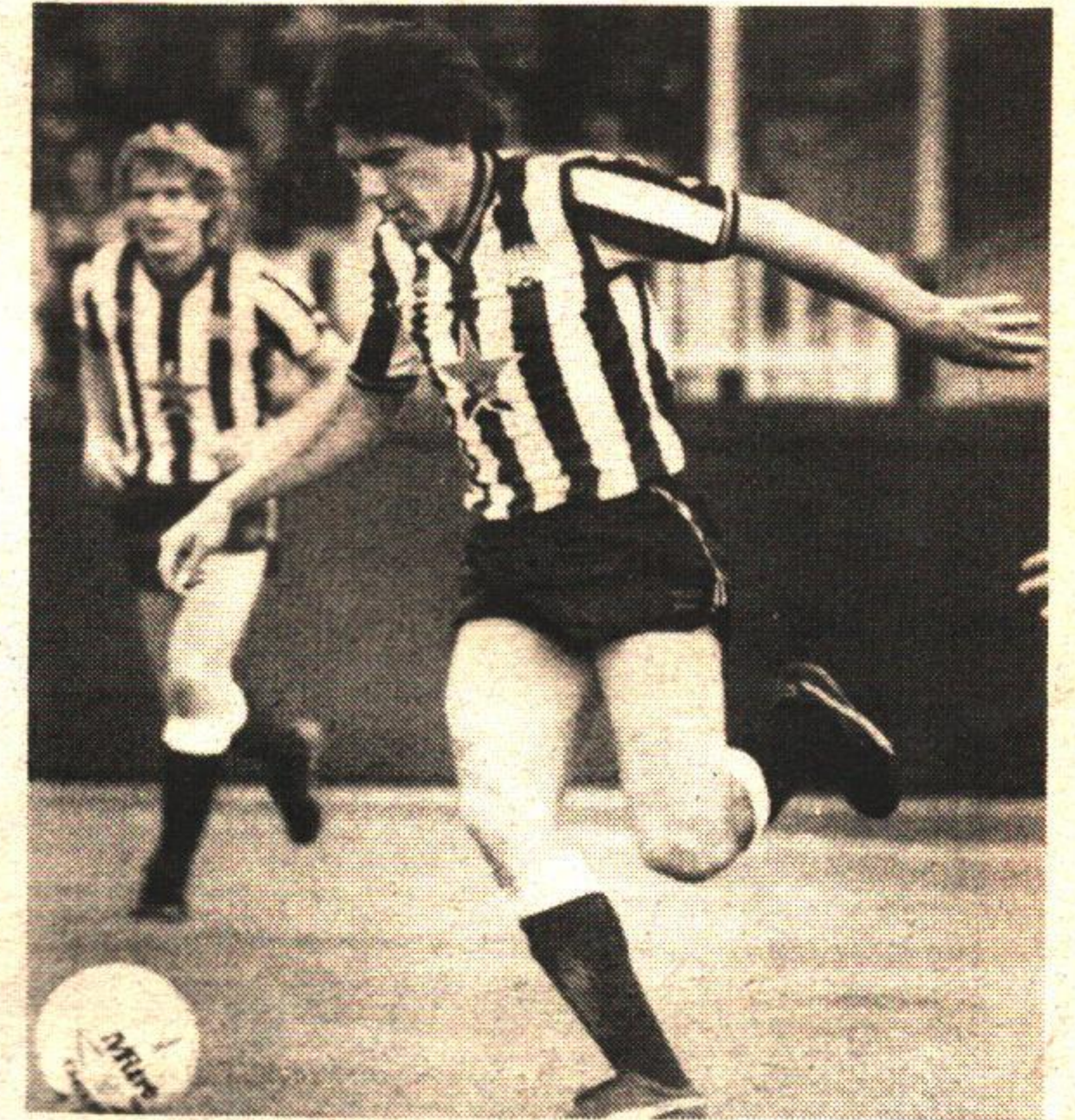
United won a corner on the left and when Gordon Strachan's cross was headed on by Norman Whiteside, Moran was there at the far post to force the ball home.

The goal settled United somewhat in the second-half, but there was confusion in their defence when either Beardsley — in

particular — or Chris Waddle were on the ball.

With 14 minutes to go, Atkinson decided to pull off the ineffective Jesper Olsen and put on Frank Stapleton. Four minutes later the home side deservedly drew level.

A long ball forward from midfielder Kenny Wharton was headed down into Beardsley's path by Cunningham and the former Old Trafford player rifled the ball home from the edge of the penalty area.



PETER BEARDSLEY . . . Tormented United all afternoon

THIRD DIVISION ROUND-UP

York's Cup tonic



JOHN McPHAIL . . . Scored from the penalty spot

YORK had the perfect tonic before next weekend's FA Cup clash with a convincing 4-0 victory at Cambridge's Abbey stadium.

The lowly Third Division club had laboured through Friday night to clear the snow from their pitch, but by 4.40p.m. on Saturday evening they must have wished they had never bothered.

York made a dream start when they took the lead after 51 seconds from the penalty spot. Martin Butler was brought down by Keith Osgood and John McPhail scored from the spot.

After a lot of scrappy play, York then took over completely in the last 20 minutes.

Ricky Sbragia headed home from a corner in the 70th minute and as Cam-

bridge went to pieces, Dale Banton hit two goals in nine minutes.

He scored from close range in the 78th and from 25 yards in the 87th.

● **HULL CITY** took advantage of their promotion rivals inactivity to cruise back into second place in the Third Division with a comfortable win against relegation-threatened Burnley.

Despite dominating the game it took until the 74th minute to break the deadlock when top scorer Billy Whitehurst diverted a Bobby McNeill shot into the Burnley net.

Three minutes later substitute Steve Massey clinched Hull's first win in six matches.

● **TONY SIMMONS**, Rotherham's leading scor-

er, celebrated his 20th birthday with a goal in each half as his club returned to their winning ways.

Their star, on-loan signing Ian Richardson, from Watford, also scored on his debut after 30 minutes.

Richardson's speed always had Preston at full stretch and he laid on Simmons' second goal with an inch-perfect pass in the 79th minute.

Simmons had grabbed his first after 33 minutes from a Kevin Kilmore cross.

● **TWO GOALS** by Colin Douglas gave Doncaster an emphatic victory over Third Division promotion hopefuls Bournemouth.

Douglas opened the scoring after 23 minutes, heading in a John Buckley cross

CRICKET

Logie leads a comeback

GUS LOGIE emerged from the shadows of his more illustrious team-mates to guide the West Indies to a nail-biting four-wicket win over Australia in the second World Series Cup cricket final in Melbourne yesterday.

The West Indies, who had been on the brink of defeat at one stage, finally levelled the best-of-three series at 1-1 when, needing seven runs from the final over, Jeff Dujon hammered two boundaries off paceman Rodney Hogg.

But it was the diminutive Logie who was the West Indian hero with a dashing knock of 60 after the touring team had slumped to 179 for five with just 13 overs remaining in reply to Australia's 50-over total of 271 for three.

Pavilion

Logie came in after Viv Richards — who had earlier won a \$37,000 car for being named International Cricketer of the Year in Australia — returned to the pavilion after making only nine runs with the score at 158 for four.

Just 74 minutes later Logie, in partnership with skipper Clive Lloyd and

then Dujon, who went on to make an unbeaten 39, had taken the score on to 265 before he hit his wicket while attempting to hook fast bowler Rod McCurdy.

Logie, who faced 56 balls, enjoyed a lucky escape on 28 when he smashed Hogg straight to midwicket but Craig McDermott fumbled the catch.

The West Indians had started well in their run chase, with an opening partnership of 78 in 64 minutes between Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson. Haynes was eventually dismissed for 44 and Richardson for a stubborn 50.

But even though Larry Gomes weighed in with a typically flawless 47, the touring team suddenly found themselves in trouble as the runs dried up and Lloyd (13) and Richards both fell to Geoff Lawson.

Final

Lloyd, who described the win as 'one of our greatest victories', said: 'To get 273 runs was a great effort, but we didn't bowl well and the players are tired. It certainly makes the final game in Sydney tomorrow night more interesting.'

The final match of the series will see the return of former Australian captain Kim Hughes to the international arena after being dropped when he

SCORECARD

AUSTRALIA
Smith b Davis 54
Wood c Richards b Holding 81
Border c Dujon b Marshall . . 39
Phillips n.o. 56
Jones n.o. 13
EXTRAS 28

TOTAL (3 wks, 50 overs)
271

FALL: 1-135, 2-186, 3-203
BOWLING: Garner 10-1-60-0, Marshall 10-0-64-1, Holding 10-1-41-1, Davis 10-0-43-1, Richards 10-0-51-0.

WEST INDIES
Haynes c Wessels b Hogg . . 44
Richardson c Wessels b O'Donnell 50
Gomes b O'Donnell 47
Richards lbw Lawson 9
Lloyd c O'Donnell b Lawson 13
Logie b McCurdy 60
Dujon n.o. 39
Marshall n.o. 0
EXTRAS 11

TOTAL (6 wks 49.2 overs)
273

FALL: 1-78, 2-137, 3-154, 4-158, 5-179, 6-265

BOWLING: Lawson 10-0-34-2; McCurdy 10-0-69-1; McDermott 10-0-56-0; Hogg 9.2-0-58-1; O'Donnell 10-0-46-2.

failed to score a run in the fourth Test.

Hughes has been recalled in place of opener Steve Smith who broke a finger in his right hand while fielding a shot from Haynes yesterday.

Smith's loss will be a disappointment to the Australians because he and Graeme Wood had made a great start with an opening partnership of 135 off 30 overs.

Smith was the first to go for 54 when he was bowled by paceman Winston Davis but Wood, who made a gritty 81, captain Allan Border (39) and not out batsman Wayne Phillips (56) continued to push the score along.

'It makes you wonder what you have to do to win,' said Border. 'When we made 271 we thought we were in with a shut . . . but the two teams are much closer now and it shows how much we have improved.'

THE YOUNG ONES

amateur because school is more important.'

She won the tie-breaks against 21-year-old Gadusek by the scores of 7-5 and 7-3.

Two other teenagers, 14-year-old Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and 15-year-old Steffi Graf of West Germany, also won their third round matches in this 13-day event.

Sabatini posted a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Kim Shaefer of the US who had upset Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria in the second round. Graf eliminated

Catherine Tanvier of France 6-3, 7-5.

Sabatini, speaking through an interpreter, said: 'I'm suddenly discovering players who were names in the papers to me are real people and I'm not afraid of them. Our new "Baby Group" is refreshing and good for women's tennis.'

Drive

Graf, who last year won a car that is sitting at home until she is old enough to drive, and then

last summer captured the women's demonstration Olympic tennis tournament, took the first set on a service break in the opening game of the match and then recovered from 0-3 to win the second.

Top seeds Martina Navratilova of the US and Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia also went through to the fourth round, but sixth-seeded Johan Kreik of South Africa and seventh seed Joakim Nystrom of Sweden were beaten.

Navratilova, who has lost only seven games in three matches, routed Catherine Suire of France, 6-1, 6-2, while Lendl beat Victor Pecci of Paraguay 6-2, 6-4.

Draw

But Nystrom went down to the unknown American Mark Flur 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Flur gained entry into the main draw as a 'lucky loser' to fill a vacancy after losing in the qualifying event.

Kriek was upset by

Sammy Giammalva of the US 6-2, 7-6.

Second-seeded Chris Evert-Lloyd defeated fellow American Alycia Moulton 6-3, 6-2. Moulton battled to 3-3 after losing the first three games of the match, but then Evert Lloyd ran off the next three games for the set. She then opened up a 4-1 lead and coasted to victory in the second.

Ninth seed Yannick Noah of France went through to the fourth round, winning 12 of the last 14 games in beating Tom Gullikson of the US 7-5, 6-1.

Noah fell behind 1-4 in the first set, but then took control, winning the last six games of the match.

**Robson hopes
to be fit for big
international in
Belfast**

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND captain Bryan Robson, out of action for more than four weeks with a severe shoulder injury, is hoping to be fit for the World Cup clash with Northern Ireland in Belfast on February 27.

The Manchester United midfielder star dislocated his shoulder and damaged a nerve in the home game with Coventry on January 12, but is now back in light training.

And Robson says: 'My target is a week on Wednesday. Then United will either be involved in a Cup replay with Blackburn or will be playing Leicester in a League game at Old Trafford.'

'I've been delighted with my progress. The damaged nerve is a lot easier and the muscle in the damaged area has improved a lot. I still have to avoid tackling and physical contact in training at the moment, but things are going really well,' Robson added.

The England captain believes that if he could play on Wednesday week and come through without problems, England manager Bobby Robson might be prepared to gamble with him in the match with Northern Ireland.

United boss Ron Atkinson is more cautious. 'Bryan took part in some running

and sprinting and had a bit of a kick-about in a five-a-side game on Friday,' he said. 'But I don't like to make predictions when a player has had this type of injury.'

'Bryan is keen to be playing again and it goes without saying that I'm as keen as he is, but we shall have to wait and see.'

'He'll be training all this week and once the shoulder is okay he should be fit enough to go straight back into the team.'

Certainly Atkinson can

hardly wait for Robson's return, particularly after his team dropped two more valuable points when being held to a 1-1 draw at Newcastle on Saturday.

That result left the Old Trafford club seven points behind Division One leaders Everton and they have also now played a game more.

Unless a fit-again Robson can inspire a big revival, Atkinson's hopes of winning his first Championship may have to be shelved for yet another year.

BRYAN SETS DATE

Mac's Cup boycott

JOHN McENROE, the most successful player ever in the competition, may not play Davis Cup tennis for the US this year.

Both McEnroe and Jimmy Connors have refused to sign a document issued by the US Tennis Association (USTA) agreeing to a new code of conduct for the country's Davis Cup players.

The USTA announced their team to play Japan in the first round in March at the weekend, omitting McEnroe and Connors, currently the world's No.1 and No.2 respectively.



JOHN McENROE . . . Unhappy with conduct code

Eliot Teltscher and Aaron Krickstein will play the singles' rubbers for the US in their first round clash with the promising combination of Robert Seguso and Ken Flach

taking on the doubles' duties.

'This is the best team we could find without Jimmy and John,' USTA spokesman Art Campbell told reporters on Saturday. 'Krickstein and Teltscher are ranked 10th and 11th in the world and Flach and Seguso are ranked high in the doubles.'

Teltscher last played Davis Cup when the US defeated Ireland in the relegation round two years ago. Krickstein and the two other members have not played a Davis Cup match.

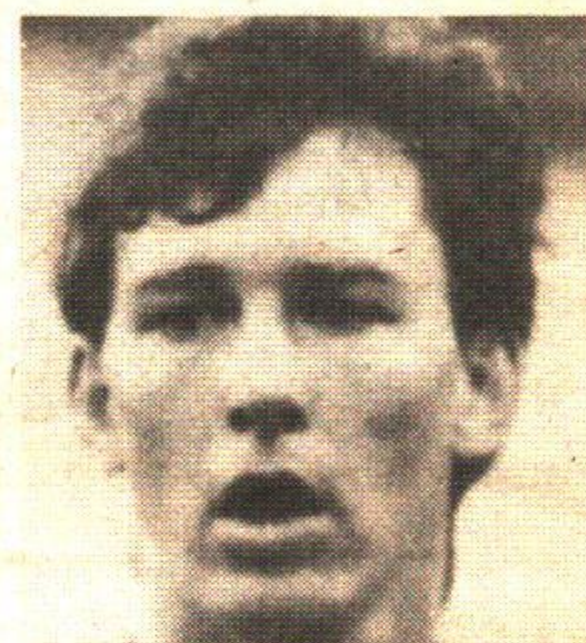
**Peter
gives
old
boss
blushes**

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PETER BEARDSLEY (right) was bitterly disappointed when Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson let him go from Old Trafford two years ago without even giving him a First Division chance.

But the 24-year-old striker quickly brushed aside all talk of revenge when he scored the late goal for Newcastle to rob United of a win in the 1-1 draw at St James's Park on Saturday.

'Manchester United treated me well in my time at Old Trafford,' said Beardsley. 'I only played in one League Cup game against Bournemouth and while that was Ron Atkinson's decision, that's what he is paid for.'



BRYAN ROBSON . . . Setting his sights on a trip to Belfast