

Pound still dropping fast

THE POUND closed at another all-time low at \$1.0830 last night as the dollar continued its rampage through Europe.

Its previous low of \$1.0840 was on February 13. 'Sterling had been holding up pretty well against the dollar, when it suddenly lost its bottom,' said one dealer.

The slide came as Prime Minister Thatcher met US officials to express Tory concern. 'I'm afraid I don't have any ready-made answers to turn it around,' she admitted.

The dollar climbed to a 13½ year peak against the mark on a wave of speculative buying.

'Unless central banks begin doing some serious intervening, the dollar is just going to keep rising,' another dealer commented.

Gold slipped below the \$300 mark, pressured by the continued heavy demand for a dollar.

The US currency has floated free since 1971

when the US severed its relationship with gold and is worth only the value of paper it is printed on.

America's demand for funds is insatiable to cover both the federal deficit of \$200 billion and the trade deficit of more than \$100 billion.

The US currency

closed at record levels in London against the French franc, Stephen Lewis, economist with brokers Phillips and Drew, said: 'This is a response to the willingness of the US authorities to contemplate higher interest rates to keep money supply under control.'



The All Trades Unions Alliance banner surrounded by Kent, Yorkshire and Durham miners during yesterday's lobby of the pit delegates conference — more on centre pages

THE TUC LEADERS AND THATCHER

The class truth is out

BY PAUL FELDMAN

THE TRUTH about the 'negotiations' between the TUC and and Energy Secretary Peter Walker has produced an aftermath of real hatred amongst striking miners.

That was clear yesterday when TUC general secretary Norman Willis was loudly booed on his way into Congress House.

Inside, the special delegate conference of the National Union of Mineworkers unanimously threw out the Tory-TUC surrender document rejected by the executive on Wednesday.

Many delegates attacked the role of the TUC leaders in trying to impose the Coal Board's demands for pit closures on economic grounds.

The plain truth is that the TUC simply acted as a 'messenger boys' for Prime Minister Thatcher.

The Bonapartist regime used Willis and company to actually convey Thatcher's demand for a complete capitulation on the part of the NUM on the eve of its delegate conference.

Willis set out to hijack the strike and knife it in the back. What he brought from the Coal Board was a document intended to betray the heroic strike of the miners now in its 12th month.

It did not even pretend to be a basis for opening negotiations. It was a 'final agreement' on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

In other words, the TUC aimed to abrogate the right of an affiliated union to negotiate directly on behalf of its members.

There can be no doubt but that the TUC leaders sought to split the NUM delegates at a most crucial period of the strike.

For their open treachery they stand exposed before the entire working class and trade union movement. This exposure, far from weakening the working class in the fight against Thatcher, immeasurably strengthens it.

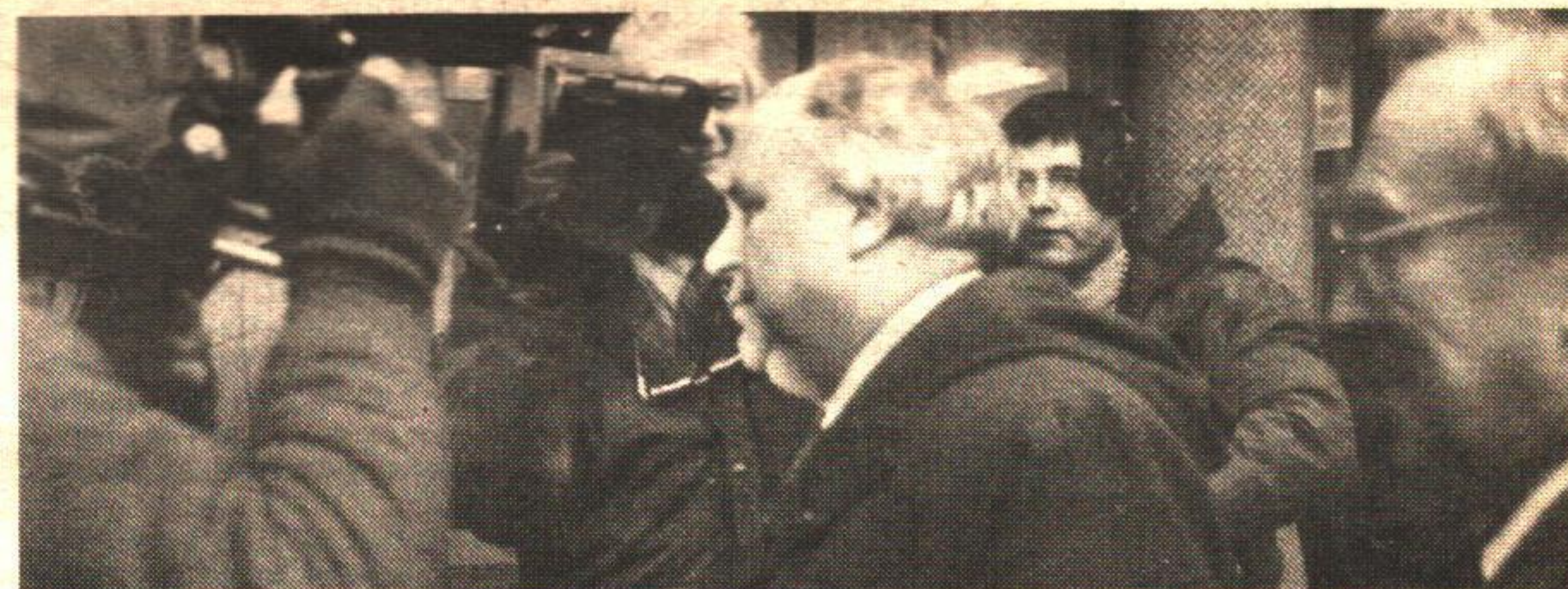
It means that another

1926 defeat can no longer be organised behind the backs of the trade unions and working class.

The preparation of the General Strike to defend the miners takes place under totally different conditions than 1926.

In 1926, the 'fifth column' was disguised. Now it is out in the open and exposed before battle begins.

The conditions for the victory of the General Strike today are immeasurably stronger than 1926. The working class know what Thatcherism means



A glum TUC general secretary Norman Willis faced the cameras as he arrived at Congress House yesterday, where pit delegates rejected his moves to end their strike

and who its allies are inside the TUC.

If the Tories have had to call on Willis, it indicates a measure of their economic and political crisis in the face of an undefeated working class.

Thatcher sits astride an economic catastrophe, with the pound down to \$1.08, manufacturing industry in ruins and British capitalism on its knees in the gale of the world slump.

The resistance to Thatcher's class war grows daily.

Next week teachers will strike, and have formed an alliance with manual workers' unions over their pay claim.

On March 6-7 Labour councils and local government trade unions will be plunged into a fight to the finish with the Tories over rate-capping measures which spell mass redundancies and cuts.

All those unions who support the miners' strike must now take industrial

action and call upon all unions affiliated to the TUC to join them in indefinite strike action.

Without the mobilisation of the whole of the working class, the miners can be starved back and defeated.

By repelling the TUC attack from within the NUM has won a great victory.

Now let us demand and fight for the calling of the General Strike against the crisis-ridden Thatcher regime.

Delegates reject 'surrender' document

MINERS' delegates yesterday unanimously rejected the TUC-Coal Board document demanding a complete surrender on pit closures without negotiations.

At a meeting in London, they reaffirmed their strike action and called on the TUC to implement Congress decisions in support of the NUM, and to end the isolation of the union in its fight for jobs.

NUM president Arthur Scargill stressed after the meeting that the union were still seeking the withdrawal of the March 6 pit closure programme and the withdrawal of the closure threat to the five named collieries.

Scargill said later he believed the TUC had discovered at first hand the duplicity of the Coal

BY BEN RUDDER

Board. 'I only hope and wish that the TUC will now go all-out in a public way, campaigning for the decisions of the TUC Congress last year and calling upon the trade union movement to support the NUM.'

During the three-hour conference delegates attacked the TUC's role in the latest series of talks with Prime Minister Thatcher, Energy Secretary Peter Walker and the Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor.

Dennis Murphy, North East miners' leader, told reporters afterwards:

'When you send a boy on a man's errand, you've got problems.'

And Kent miners' leader Jack Collins said he had told delegates that TUC general secretary Norman Willis had been running to all the bosses when he should have been running to the working class to win support for the miners.

Collins said all the delegates were shocked by the contents of the TUC's proposals for an end to the strike. 'I made the point that Willis had been talking to the government and other people, but the contents of these discussions were not made

known to us until afterwards.'

Alan Gascoigne, NUM delegate for Shirebrook colliery in Derbyshire, said: 'The NEC members said they were disgusted with the document. They threw it out after just 20 minutes. The conference agreed with them that it took us backwards and not forwards.'

'Apparently Willis thought he had done a good job, but even the right-wingers on the executive thought it went backwards.'

The full text of the unanimous resolution reads as follows: 'This conference, having heard the report of the current

position, record its disappointment at the continual refusal of the National Coal Board to negotiate a settlement of this dispute.

'It is the urgent desire of this conference to seek a negotiated settlement. We therefore reaffirm:

1. That the amendments submitted to the NCB document on Sunday last, 17th February, should be considered as a basis for resumption of negotiations,

2. This conference declares its willingness to accept that part of the NCB/NACODS agreement dealing with the modified Colliery Review Procedure which was

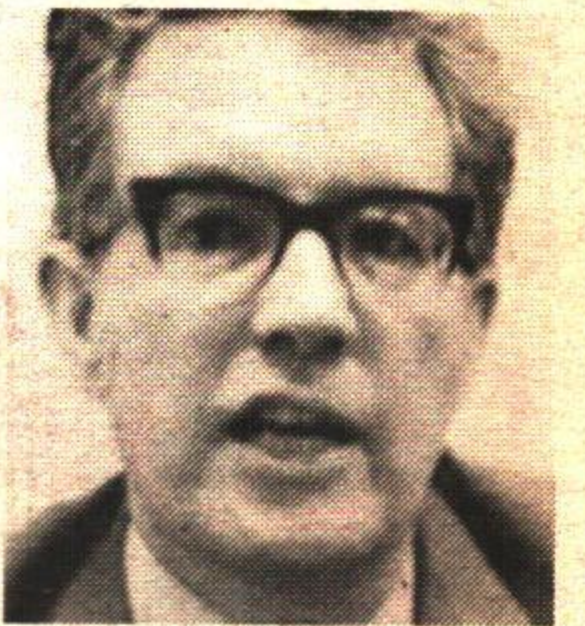
accepted last October at ACAS as a basis for resumed negotiations,

3. This conference declares its willingness to resume negotiations immediately without preconditions in an effort to negotiate a solution to this long, damaging and costly dispute.

4. We call upon the TUC, the wider Labour and Trade Union Movement to implement the TUC Congress decision of last September and not to leave the NUM isolated,

5. We call on all members to stand firm and call upon those not yet involved to support this Union as it fights against the attempts of the government to destroy the National Union of Mine-workers.

6. The National Executive Committee be instructed to monitor the situation, and to recall this conference at any time, if the need arises.'



BICKERSTAFFE

Political donations blocked

BY SUE LAIRD

THE government is making it more and more difficult for trade unions to donate money to political funds, Professor Lord Wedderburn said yesterday.

He was speaking about a private member's Bill which aims to give unions the rights of companies in respect of political donations.

Trade unions were the only organisations required by law to establish a political fund to make political donations, said Wedderburn.

'This cannot be right, when we know political parties are funded by a variety of organisations. The government is making it more and more unfair for trade unions to make political funds.'

Rodney Bickerstaffe, NUPE general secretary, said the government was always doing things in the name of 'justice, freedom, and equality', but this was absolute hypocrisy.

While they were attacking the Labour Party's political funding from the trade unions 'they are stuffing their party's pockets', he said.

The law was used against trade unionists and councillors in support of the interests of the city, he added.

The union was very concerned about private contractors who were 'wined and dined' by councils, given contracts and who then provided funds for the Tory Party.

Reserved decision in Mills case

AN INDUSTRIAL tribunal investigating the case of a Longbridge car worker who is claiming racial discrimination and unfair dismissal yesterday reserved its decision.

Zedekiah Mills, 55, was sacked for allegedly hitting a foreman at the Austin Rover car factory in Birmingham, whom he claims called him a 'black, dirty bastard'.

The Longbridge factory was on strike for two weeks after the dismissal last year.

How the TUC tried to sell a deal

DETAILS of how the TUC tried to sell out the miners' strike over the last week were beginning to emerge yesterday.

The TUC policy was based upon the belief that because the miners had been out on strike for almost a year, they were desperate to accept any form of words, and at any cost.

Policy

The TUC refused for over five months to carry out its own policy for a black on all coal movement, and delayed any intervention in negotiations until a time when they considered the strike was vulnerable.

It was at this point that TUC general secretary Norman Willis met Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor in a series of secret talks leading up to their joint proposals issued by the Coal Board and presented to the NUM by Willis on Wednesday, February 13, 1985.

This document demanded that the NUM accept the closure of pits by the Coal Board on economic grounds.

In a separate paragraph, it also demanded that the NUM accept the Coal



TUC leaders leaving Downing Street on Tuesday during their round of talks trying to sell out the miners strike

Board closure of pits which were neither exhausted or facing severe geological difficulties, but which did not provide the Board 'with a satisfactory basis for continuing operations', i.e. so-called 'uneconomic' pits.

The NUM executive sent the original document back to the Coal Board with these two passages struck out. The amendments were rejected by the Board a few hours later that evening, Sunday, February 17.

Throughout this procedure, the NUM executive had been under the im-

pression that they were discussing a document which would form the basis for a resumption of negotiations.

Passed

This position was confirmed yesterday in the first paragraph of the NUM resolution passed by the national delegates' conference. It reaffirms 'that the amendments submitted to the NCB document on Sunday last, 17th February, should be considered as a basis for resumption of negotiations'.

But this was not what

Willis and the TUC liaison group told Prime Minister Thatcher when they arranged — on their own initiative — a meeting with Prime Minister Thatcher and Energy Secretary Peter Walker.

A letter sent from MacGregor to Willis on Wednesday said clearly: 'The Secretary of State (Walker) confirmed that it was the view of the TUC that the document that we had prepared subsequent to discussions with you was a document that, if agreed to, would for all of the matters

dealt with in this document be the final agreement, and was in no way a document which would be an agenda or form the basis of any further negotiations.'

MacGregor went on to say that the document that he, the TUC and Walker had discussed on Tuesday evening — finally drafted and presented to the NUM executive by Wednesday evening — was the 'final wording'.

What was in this document? There were still both references to 'economic' and 'reasonable' closures which the NUM executive had already rejected on Sunday.

In addition, the document made it clear that the Coal Board reserved the right to close pits without reference to a new independent review body if there was no agreement with the NUM on the establishment of this body.

So the document itself was in fact worse than the one the NUM executive had sought to amend — unsuccessfully — on Sunday, February 17.

But, as he told NUM executive members on Wednesday night that this document was 'the end of the road' and the best they could ever hope for, Willis added that if they were to accept it, it would consti-

tute a final agreement, the contents of which were non-negotiable.

This revelation — that the TUC had been negotiating on their behalf and had ended up approving of the Coal Board's decision not to allow the NUM to negotiate with their own employer — came as a surprise to the executive.

The discovery prompted Sid Vincent's remarks on Wednesday night that 'we've been conned'.

Attempt

The NUM had asked the TUC to help them secure negotiations without preconditions.

Instead, in an open attempt to stab the union in the back, and divide both the executive and the delegates' conference, the TUC had unilaterally

a) approved the Coal Board preconditions and b) then accepted that the Coal Board had the right to rule out any negotiations whatsoever.

Yesterday's decision by the delegates' conference to support the executive in rejecting the Coal Board document has shown the TUC for the miserable bureaucratic fifth column within the working class that it is.

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Drugs list condemned

THE restrictive list of drugs to be available on prescription, announced by the government yesterday, was immediately condemned.

The list, which means a cut in spending of £75 million, would create a 'bureaucratic nightmare'. It would lead to a two-tier system encouraging private practice as people had to pay

for their medicines, Michael Meacher, Labour's opposition spokesman said in parliament.

'It will certainly deprive many poorer people of drugs which they need and cannot afford.'

The list of drugs available had been increased to 100 from the original list of 30, Norman Fowler, Social Services Secretary announced.

Jobs lost

INTERNATIONAL Stores is to close its headquarters in Bracknell, Berkshire, making most of its 700 employees there redundant. Part of the Dee Corporation based in Milton Keynes, Bucks, it only moved its headquarters to Bracknell at the end of last year.

Meacher said: 'Since the government only included 31 drugs in the original list and yet they always claimed the list would meet all clinical needs, what guarantee will there be, seeing that the government got it wholly wrong in the first place, that even this final list is free from error or misjudgement?'

Record damages

BELFAST schoolteacher Mrs Ann Collette Walsh was awarded record damages of £4,000 yesterday against the army for false arrest and imprisonment.

Mrs Walsh, 28, from Dunmurry, was taken from her home five years ago, and spent two hours

in an army barracks. She was photographed, weighed and measured, then released.

The Ministry of Defence admitted liability when she brought a claim for damages and the court heard she had been mistaken for someone else.

Blacks reject 'concessions'

CAPE TOWN — The apartheid South African government yesterday backed down from its confrontation at Crossroads shanty town in the face of unbroken opposition from its 65,000 homeless residents.

Blacks immediately rejected the white-minority regime's 'concessions' as

a panic reaction to their powerful demonstrations.

An announcement from Pretoria said it would recognise 'the right of abode' of Crossroads people and remove only those who 'lack abode rights'.

Crossroads was quieter yesterday, but police had shot dead 18 people in an abortive attempt to bull-

doze the town.

Rebellions, however, continued in other 'townships' across South Africa and riot police continued indiscriminately to fire shotguns, rubber bullets and teargas against demonstrations of up to 2,000-strong.

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Peace people moved

PEACE campaigners evicted from RAF Molesworth cruise missile site in a police-military operation were yesterday ordered by the High Court to leave the shores of Grafham Water in Cambridgeshire where they have been camping since their 'Rainbow Village' was destroyed. At a brief private hearing in London, Mr Justice Russell granted a possession order to the Anglian Water Authority, which owns the car park where 100 protesters have set up camp.

AN RUC sergeant in was shot dead by the IRA outside a County Armagh school yesterday. He was fired on from a cottage across the road which had been taken over a short time before.

MEMBERS of the Polytechnic of Central London Anti-Apartheid yesterday picketed the London advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi. They were demonstrating against the agency's handling of recruitment for the South African firm Sasol, who recently sacked 6,500 workers after a two-day strike. Saatchi and Saatchi is well known for its campaigns for the Tory elections and its work for the scab 'back to work movement' during the miners' strike.

Teachers to link up with council unions

REPRESENTATIVES of the National Union of Teachers and local authority manual unions met at the TUC yesterday to discuss co-ordinating their separate pay campaigns, including industrial action in schools.

The manual workers have threatened industrial action if the em-

ployers do not improve their 4.75 per cent offer at a meeting on March 1.

Yesterday's meeting decided that unions will issue guidance to local representatives to make sure members of each union are fully consulted about the implications of industrial action planned by the others.

The unions will also be adopting a co-ordinated

approach to the timing of industrial action and to the closure of schools.

John Edmonds, national officer of the General Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union (GMBATU) described yesterday's talks as 'extremely constructive'.

He said: 'The teachers and the manual workers have exchanged undertakings which make sure

that, if necessary, we can wage a very effective campaign of industrial action against local councils.'

THE NUT yesterday confirmed its rejection of Wednesday's management proposals for employers and unions to hold informal talks before the selective three-day strikes starting next Tuesday.

Fred Jarvis, NUT general secretary, said the employers were simply repeating proposals for informal joint talks on pay and conditions which the unions had rejected on February 11.

Jarvis is chief negotiator for all the teacher unions on the Burnham pay negotiating Committee.

He said the unions still wanted to have talks in the Burnham Committee on pay and the employers' salary structure proposals to run concurrently with talks in the Council for Local Education Authorities School Teachers' Committee on outstanding conditions of service matters.

The full management side in the dispute will meet in London next Wednesday.

Jarvis at the same time dismissed as irrelevant a call by the small 28,000-strong anti-strike Professional Association of Teachers for the teachers' unions to drop their minimum 12.4 per cent claim to 7 per cent and then go to arbitration.

Tuesday's three-day strikes at 216 schools start next Tuesday.

Solihull goes to High Court

A HIGH COURT judge will be asked today to outlaw industrial action planned by teachers next week.

The Tory-controlled Solihull Borough Council is to seek injunctions forbidding the National Union of Teachers — the biggest teaching union — from taking action without a ballot.

It is likely that the West Midlands authority will also seek injunctions against the second-biggest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT).

The case will probably be heard by Mr Justice Nicholls, the same judge who last year ordered sequestration of the assets

of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Both unions are stepping up the campaign of withdrawing from duties which they claim are not part of teachers' contracts of employment, including covering for absent colleagues, attending out-of-hours meetings and parents' evenings, and lunchtime supervision.

Action

The NUT has already been carrying out such action in its schools all over the country for over a week — without any ballot being taken.

The union has, however, held a ballot in rela-

tion to the three-day selective strikes starting next week.

The Tory council claims that the duties are part of the teachers' contractual duties and that the union's call for industrial action without a ballot is unlawful under the 1984 Trade Union Act.

The Act, which was first tested out last year by Austin Rover when it won injunctions ordering unions to call off strikes at its car plant, removes a union's protection from legal action if it takes industrial action without a ballot.

At this stage the council's action relates only to the programme of withdrawal of goodwill.

PARLIAMENTARY ROUND-UP BY JOHN SPENCER

Phone tap campaign had political bias

— MP's charge

CABINET ministers were accused last night of a phone-tap campaign against the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament for party political purposes.

The charge came from Birmingham Erdington MP Robin Corbett in the wake of allegations made on the Channel 4 programme '20/20 Vision', banned by the IBA on Wednesday night.

Cathy Messiter, a former MI5 operative, said on the programme that Home Secretary Leon Brittan signed a warrant authorising phone taps against CND chairman John Cox in August 1983.

Messiter was in charge of an MI5 investigation into CND. The results of her investigations were handed to a special unit at the Ministry of Defence set up by Michael Heseltine to counter CND's political influence.

Corbett said the ministers' activities were a blatant breach of the so-called 'Maxwell-Fyfe directive' which supposedly governs MI5 operations.

This states that: 'The security services should be kept absolutely free from political bias or influence.'

Corbett unsuccessfully applied for an emergency debate in the Commons yesterday. He said: 'They authorised phone-taps of CND for purely party-political purposes. This was a breach of assurances from Brittan at the end of last year about the entirely legitimate purposes of CND, Corbett said.'

Less than a month ago, Brittan categorically assured the Home Affairs Select Committee that CND was not regarded as a subversive organisation by the government.

Yesterday the Home Secretary told Tory MP Stephen Norris in a letter that he was 'fully satisfied' that the security service was kept 'absolutely free from any political bias or influence'.

Corbett and other Labour MPs on the select committee plan to approach its Tory chairman Sir Edward Gardner to reopen a recent inquiry into the Special Branch.

But a Tory member of the committee, John Wheeler, who saw the film at a showing in the Commons last night, was sceptical about the likelihood of the inquiry being reopened.

The government moved swiftly on Wednesday night to postpone the presentation of a new Bill aimed at legitimising phone tapping by the security services.

The Tories had planned to hold a debate on Tuesday but it was abruptly dropped from the provisional list of business late on Wednesday night after the story broke.

Skillcentre closures announced

TWENTY-NINE Skillcentres around the country are to be closed in the coming months, Tory Employment Secretary Tom King announced in the Commons yesterday.

The move angered Labour MPs who said it would worsen the plight of the unemployed.

Skillcentres currently run by the Manpower Services Commission are to be replaced in part by a mobile instructor force, King said.

Labour employment spokesman John Prescott pointed out that Britain already has the least-qualified labour force of any developed economy.

He demanded to know why King had gone against the majority of the members of the MSC in taking this decision.

Several of the Skillcentres scheduled for closure were in fact making a profit he said. 'This is a kick in the teeth for 1.5 million long-term unemployed.'

King claimed that the range of the existing Skillcentres was 'out of phase with the present needs of training'.

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'Cat and mouse game'

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Patrick Jenkin yesterday faced a renewed demand to publish the assumptions behind the rate-cap levels imposed on local councils.

Labour spokesman John Cunningham accused him in a letter of playing 'a bizarre game of cat and mouse' with the councils concerned.

Jenkin has repeatedly said that he will discuss the detailed calculations only if individual authorities come to him and ask for easier terms.

Briefly ...**Boost for part-time jobs**

PARIS — The Mitterrand government is planning to boost part-time work in the face of soaring unemployment. Wage rates will be lower than unemployment benefits and companies will be encouraged to offer workers part-time jobs in lieu of the sack.

30 killed in Santiago

SANTIAGO — Police yesterday arrested 30 women who demonstrated outside the US embassy, calling for a meeting with a senior American official before he left Chile for Washington. Eyewitnesses said the women wanted to ask Assistant Secretary of State Langhorne Motley to intercede on behalf of relatives arrested after Chile's US-backed military government imposed a state of siege in November.

Manipur fighters killed

NEW DELHI — Indian paramilitary forces in the north-eastern state of Manipur have killed 90 national liberation fighters and injured 17 in a counter-insurgency operation. Earlier this week, 15 Indian soldiers were shot dead in Manipur by the outlawed National Socialist Council of Nagaland, which borders Manipur.

Hawke shifts the blame

SYDNEY — Labour Prime Minister Bob Hawke yesterday blamed Queensland Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen for an increasingly strong state power workers' strike, while federal union leaders called off a month-long civil servants' strike to enter industrial arbitration.

Power cuts in Bulgaria

VIENNA — State-run Sofia Radio has warned of possible power cuts in the Bulgarian capital because the cold weather had caused problems in electricity supply. In Rumania the use of many electrical heaters is already banned and only one light bulb is allowed per room to save energy.

War games minus US

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand and Australian armed forces will hold a joint 'Tasman-Link' defence exercise next month without the United States, the third partner in the troubled ANZUS defence pact. New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange yesterday said planning for it had started before the row over Wellington's ban on visits by US warships.

Pakistan detentions up

ISLAMABAD — More than 800 Pakistanis have been arrested to prevent them disrupting Monday's fraudulent general elections, and provincial polls three days later. A spokesman for the military dictatorship said 369 opponents of the polls, which opposition parties are boycotting, had been arrested in recent weeks. More than 650 people have been arrested in Karachi.

World News Line

AMAL WARNS ZIONIST ARMY

BEIRUT — The Shi'ite Muslim Amal movement yesterday warned it would retaliate for the round-up on Wednesday of 200 people by Israeli forces.

The warning followed the killing of three Shi'ite Muslims by Israeli-backed 'South Lebanon Army' militiamen who raided Arab Salim, near Nabatiyeh, yesterday and Deir Qanoun an-Nahr on Wednesday.

The stooge militia were given Israeli troop backing, according to a Tel Aviv army officer who declined to be named.

Amal's warning also

followed a raid on Wednesday by 20 Israeli armoured vehicles on the village of Bazouriyeh, the fourth Israeli attack in the Tyre area in the past month.

Amal, whose guerrilla attacks on Israeli soldiers were the key factor behind Israel's 'pullback' from the Sidon area last weekend, said: 'We will not spare sacrifices in our battle with the enemy ... until full liberation.'

In a statement carried by Lebanon's national news agency, Amal said its fighters would 'continue the resistance and martyrdom process' to combat an enemy that had 'lost its senses'.

The Israeli army officer in Tel Aviv said two

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

guerrillas had been killed in the raid and that the operation was just the start of a new 'get tough policy'.

Israeli press reports said Israel's forces had orders to take all necessary steps to protect its troops, which have lost ten soldiers to guerrilla attacks since the government announced the three-stage 'pull-out' plan on January 14.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said in Bucharest, Rumania, yesterday he would not speed up the pull-out from Lebanon despite the increasing losses.

Peres said his government would meet next week to discuss the timetable for the second phase of the three-stage retreat.

The Israeli government launched a 'get-tough policy' against Shi'ite villagers this week in the face of continuing losses suffered by its occupation forces and the near-devastation of the SLA militia.

Israeli troops stayed outside the village of Arab Salim, while the SLA forces searched for suspected guerrillas and arrested scores of villagers, the Tel Aviv officer said.

An Israeli colonel was killed on Monday in the village, which lies north of the town of Nabatiyeh,

and it has been under curfew for four days.

The storming of Deir Qanoun an-Nahr, north east of Tyre, was carried out virtually simultaneously, he said.

Israeli newspapers reported that the military had decided to adopt a 'hardline' policy that would include protracted curfews, pre-emptive arrests and spot searches to prevent attacks on Israeli troops.

The 'Jerusalem Post' quoted an unnamed military source as saying: 'This has become an all-out war. The argument that we will only create more enemies has become irrelevant: there are no more enemies to make here.'

Israelis leave by the drove

TEL AVIV — The number of Israelis who left the country last year and did not return increased almost sixfold over the 1983 figure, new official figures show.

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur has told the Knesset almost 80,000 Israelis emigrated in the past five years, many of them discharged soldiers unable to find jobs.

With inflation running at 400 per cent annually, Israel is facing its worst economic crisis for years.

Left

The Central Bureau of Statistics said 17,000 Israelis left the country last year compared with only 3,000 the previous year.

Many Israelis view emigration as a national disgrace and emigrants are called in Hebrew 'Yordim,' or 'those who have gone down'.

But with unemployment in the fourth quarter of last year at a 20-year high of 6.9 per cent of the workforce, politicians warn of an even greater wave of emigration this year.



FLNKS march declaring boycott of bogus election last November

New Caledonia police officer recalled

PARIS — A French police officer commanding a company of paramilitary gendarmes in New Caledonia is being recalled to France.

Last week the French government recalled a senior officer commanding the paramilitary and riot police after adverse reports charging him with failure to quell disturbances.

A Defence Ministry spokesman refused to name the officer but said the decision had been made

in the interest of the police force in the tense Pacific colony, where the Melanesian people (Kanak) have been waging a campaign for independence.

The officer allowed several hundred right-wing white settlers to hold a

beach picnic that provoked violence against Kanaks last Sunday at the east coast town of Thio.

Police escorting the settlers' convoy used teargas, concussion grenades and truncheons to disperse a small picket of about 50

militant Kanaks who had set up a roadblock near the town and were stoning the convoy.

Eleven Kanaks and two police were injured in the fighting.

Edgard Pisani, France's special envoy to New Caledonia, condemned supporters of the right-wing Caledonian Front in Thio for sparking the violence.

He said their decision to hold the picnic had defied emergency laws and ordered an investigation after making a helicopter trip to the scene. A report was due yesterday.

At least five people have been hurt in stone-throwing incidents around Thio since Sunday, and on Tuesday night an electricity substation was destroyed in an attack, causing an 11-hour blackout in the town.

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Clerks paralyse Bombay

BOMBAY — A strike of indefinite duration by more than 5,000 clerical workers for more pay has paralysed cargo handling at India's busiest port and the international airport.

Bombay port officials said the stoppage would cripple trade if it lasted more than a week.

S.R. Kulkarni, president of the All-India Port and Dock Workers Federation said

the workers were picketing dock gates, the airport and customs house to stop about 10,000 trucks a day using the harbour and airport.

He said the passenger baggage, defence materials and life-saving drugs were exempted from the strike by clerks who handle paperwork for 430 clearing and forwarding agents.

The last wage agreement covering the

clerks expired on March 31 last year and talks have failed to produce an agreement.

Kulkarni said the Bombay Custom House Agents' Association had offered the workers pay rises of up to 200 rupees (\$17) a month, compared with the union's demand for up to 450 rupees (\$37).

Bombay harbour and the airport handle the bulk of India's export-import trade.

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More die at Crossroads

CAPE TOWN — The death toll from clashes between South African police and blacks at the Crossroads shanty town rose to 18 yesterday.

Fighting flared anew in the black 'townships' across the country as workers and youth defied the authorities and refused to be moved from Crossroads.

A black youth, 16, and a girl about the same age died in hospital on Wednesday night, after being injured in battles that have raged this week between heavily-armed police and stone-throwing protesters at Crossroads, near Cape Town.

In nearby Nyanga, hundreds of youths set up barricades and stoned passing cars on Wednesday night.

The rebellion, sparked by government plans to demolish Crossroads and move its estimated 65,000 homeless people to the new 'township' of Khayelitsha, has spread to other 'townships' in the area, also threatened with removal, such as Nyanga and Mbekweni.

Fire

In a 'township' near Kimberley, northern Cape Province, protesters set fire to a shop and a beer hall and stoned government vehicles during the night.

Police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets in Duderstadt, east of Johannesburg, after demonstrators set up barricades and burnt tyres on Wednesday.

SHOW TRIAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN, South Africa — Seven anti-apartheid leaders appeared in court yesterday to be charged with high treason in a prelude to what lawyers say will be the first spectacular show trial for high treason in a quarter of a century in the country.

The anti-apartheid campaigners were seized this week during a gov-

ernment clampdown on opposition as rioting erupted again in the Cape Town shanty town, Crossroads, claiming at least 18 lives. About 180 blacks have died in previous rioting over the past year.

The seven, including most of the leadership of the United Democratic Front (UDF), are to join eight other prominent anti-apartheid campaigners next month at the trial, which opens on March 29.

Security police seized the seven on Wednesday in raids on sympathisers of the UDF, a group formed to oppose last year's fraudulent new constitution giving a role in government to Indians and mixed-race people but not the 70 per cent black majority.

Those held included Albertina Sisulu, one of three UDF presidents, treasurer Cassim Saloojee and vice-president Frank Chikane.

The government has repeatedly linked the 2 million-strong UDF, the largest legal black group in South Africa, to the outlawed Africa National Congress.

In December, another of the UDF presidents, Archie Gumede, was charged with treason along with seven other dissidents. The state plans to call over 150 witnesses at a joint trial with the seven seized on Wednesday and the case may last 18 months.

Legal experts said the

trial promised to be the most spectacular since a mammoth treason trial of 156 leading government opponents that began in 1956 and lasted until 1961. They were all acquitted.

Political analysts say the latest trial looks like the climax of attempts to crush a resurgence of African nationalism that is taking place around the UDF.

They said South Africa could expect a severe international backlash from the deaths at Crossroads and the clampdown on the UDF.

Strike stops Spanish port

EL FERROL — A general strike yesterday paralysed El Ferrol, one of Spain's major shipbuilding ports in the north-west.

The strike was called in protest against plans by the Socialist government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez to halve Spain's 40,000 shipbuilding jobs as part of an economic austerity programme dictated by the International Monetary Fund.

The austerity is also part of the government's plans to meet conditions for Common Market membership next January 1.

Only bank employees, who worked behind shut doors, reported for duties yesterday in the city of 90,000 people.

Trade unionists in the Stalinist Community Party-led confederation are demanding wage increases to compensate for the steep fall in their buying power and guarantees that the government will stop skyrocketing unemployment.

In Gijon this week, about 50 people, 19 of them policemen, were hurt in clashes provoked by police against shipyard workers protesting against sackings and plant closures.

About 1,000 workers fought police for seven hours, hurling ball bearings and metal debris and cutting off road and rail access to the northern city east of El Ferrol.

More than 20 of them were arrested.



Spanish shipyard workers at a recent demonstration

Union leader tells of torture

JOHANNESBURG — A former South African trade union leader has sued Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange for damages, claiming he was tortured by security police.

Montgomery Narsoo, detained for eight months from November 1981, said in papers filed at the start of a trial on Wednesday that he was punched, kicked and subjected to electric shock at Johannesburg police stations. He sought 14,000 rand (D7,000) damages.

Claim

Le Grange has denied the allegations and said in an affidavit that the claim should be barred as suits had to be filed within six months of an alleged action. Narsoo claims this was impossible as he

was still in detention.

Narsoo said he still suffered from depression, lack of concentration and slurred speech due to the alleged assaults.

Fettered

He alleged that he was fettered to a table while naked and beaten, punched and kicked, had wire tied around his neck and string tied around his genitals, and was made to lie on the floor where his testicles were electrically shocked.

Last September, Pretoria Supreme Court awarded damages of 2,000 rand (D1,000) to student leader Aurret van Heerden, who was detained at the same time as Narsoo, for unreasonable interrogation by the security police.

Inspection for Soviet plants

VIENNA — Soviet nuclear plants are to be opened to Western inspection under an accord signed yesterday by the Soviet Union and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The 'safeguards' accord, reached after a two-and-a-half year negotiation, was signed by Andrei Petrosyants, chairman of the Soviet

State Committee on Utilisation of Atomic Energy, and IAEA director-general Hans Blix.

The so-called safeguards apply to civilian nuclear plans and are designed to prevent the diversion of civilian nuclear material to military projects.

The Vienna-based IAEA, set up in 1957 with the professed aim of

fostering peaceful uses of nuclear energy, has 112 members.

Under its 'safeguards' system it sends inspectors to monitor the fuel cycle of civilian nuclear plants.

Agency

An IAEA spokesman said normal procedure under the agreement would require the Soviet Union to submit a list of plants and the IAEA would select those most representative for safeguard purposes.

All IAEA members, except those which acquired nuclear weapons before joining the agency, are expected to sign the safeguards accord. The United States, Britain and France are signatories to the accord.

Tamil fighters killed

NEW DELHI — A major Sri Lankan liberation organisation yesterday said at least 134 soldiers were killed last week in a shoot-out in Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

State-run Press Trust

of India said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam had issued a statement in Madras, the capital of Tamil Nadu state in southern India, that its guerrillas attacked an army camp on

February 13.

The LTTE statement said 106 soldiers were killed and 25 wounded in the five-hour battle. It said the LTTE lost 16 fighters and nine were injured.

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SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH: Monday March 4, 7.30p.m. Board Room, Edinburgh Trades Hall, Picardy Place (opp. Playhouse theatre). Speakers: **John Ritchie** (Edinburgh WRP); **Terry Brotherton** (Edinburgh WRP); *In personal capacity: Duncan Fogg* (Edinburgh WRP and Monktonhall SCEBTA); **John Mulvey** (Labour Group leader Lothian Regional Council)

DUNDEE: Wednesday March 6, 7.45p.m. Central Library, Wellgate. Speakers: **Alan Mackie** (YS Regional Committee); **David Lovie** (WRP Scottish District Committee)

GORBALS: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. John Mains Community Centre, 401 Cumberland Street. Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National Committee); **A. McLarty** (WRP Central Committee)

DALKEITH: Monday March 11, 7.30p.m. County Hotel, High Street. Speakers: **Ian Gardiner** (Edinburgh WRP); **Terry Brotherton** (Edinburgh WRP); **Jackie Aitchison** (Bilston Glen NUM secretary, in personal capacity)

KIRKCALDY: Tuesday March 12, 7.30p.m. Adam Smith Centre, Bannochy Road. Speakers: **John Ritchie** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee); **Duncan Fogg** (Edinburgh WRP and SCEBTA, in personal capacity)

STIRLING: Thursday March 14, 7.30p.m. Cowan Centre, Cowan Street. Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional Committee); **A. McLarty** (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH EAST

DARLINGTON: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. Greyhound Hotel, Parkgate. Speakers: **Andrew Morrissey** (YS Regional Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); **Barry Coulson** (NUM, in personal capacity)

NORTH WEST

SALFORD: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Broadwalk Library, Salford Precinct. Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee)

LIVERPOOL: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Liverpool Poly Students Union, Haigh Hall (main hall); Maryland Street, off Rodney Street. Speakers: **Richard Knott** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Billy Trainor** (WRP Liverpool District Committee and AUEW (CEU) in personal capacity)

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

HATTERSLEY: Monday March 4, 7.30p.m. Hattersley Community Centre, Hattersley Road East. Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Bold NUM

LONGSIGHT: Monday March 11, 7.30p.m. Longsight Library, Stockport Road, Manchester 13. Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Ray Waring** (WRP Central Committee)

ST HELENS: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. Unemployment and Resource Centre, College Street. Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Allen Jones** (Point of Ayr NUM, in personal capacity)

YORKSHIRE

DINNINGTON: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Miners Institute. Speakers: **Kevin Stencil** (YS Regional Committee); **Mike Banda** (WRP General Secretary); **Dave Smith** (Dinnington WRP)

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 WRP); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **Michael Barrat** (Emley Moor NUM, in personal capacity)

HULL: Tuesday March 5, 7.30p.m. Trades and Labour Club, Beverley Road. Speakers: **Katie Rhodes** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); **Cliff Beattie Ware** (Hull City Council, in personal capacity)

HUDDERSFIELD: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Fartown International Club, Halifax Old Road. Speakers: **Chris Marsden** (YS National Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity: Alan Scott* (NUPE shop steward); **Paul Adams** (Emley Moor NUM)

ROTHERHAM: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. The Masons Arms, Wellgate. Speakers: **Katie Rhodes** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); **Dave Smith** (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

WAKEFIELD: Thursday March 14, 7.30p.m. The Royal Sovereign, Wakefield Road, Normanton. Speakers: **Maxine Caswell** (YS Regional Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity: Philip Wilson* (Killingley NUM); **John Goodall** (West Yorkshire County Council NALGO)

WEST MIDLANDS

SMETHWICK: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Redford Social Club, Smethwick High Street. Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Staffs 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 WRP); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Annette Holroyd** (Blidworth WRP)

CHESTERFIELD: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. Room 3/6, Market Hall. Speakers: **Chris Lynas** (YS Regional Committee); **Ann Nettleship** (Alfreton WRP); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

NORWICH: Monday March 25, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Bethel Street. Speakers: **Cathy Grant** (YS Regional Committee); **Fiona Cairns** (Norwich WRP)

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

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Tuesday March 5, 7.15p.m. Shepherds Hall, David Street, Old Market. Speakers: **Hollis Byrne** (YS National Committee); **A. Robertson** (Bristol WRP)

SOUTHAMPTON: Monday March 5, 7.30p.m. Hightown Centre, Hightown. Speakers: **Andrew Vickery** (YS Regional Committee); **Phil Watt** (Portsmouth YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee)

EXETER: Friday March 8, 7.30p.m. Oddfellows Arms, New North Road. Speakers: **Daniel Stephens** (Exeter YS); **A. Robertson** (WRP District Committee)

SOUTH WALES

FERNDALE: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Ferndale Workmen's Club. Speakers: **Travis Gould** (WRP Central Committee); **Ann Pickard** (YS Regional Committee); **Harry Coombes** (NUM Maerdy Lodge, in personal capacity)

NORTH WALES

BANGOR: Tuesday March 5, The Old Vicarage, Waterloo Street. Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity: Allen Jones* (Point of Ayr NUM); **Alwyn ap-Huw** (NUPE District Committee secretary)

SUSSEX

CRAWLEY: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Ifield Community Centre, Ifield Drive. Speakers: **Graham Fenwick** (YS National Committee); **Joe Kearney** (Crawley WRP)

MIDDLESEX

HARROW: Monday February 25, 7.30p.m. Co-op Hall, Masons Avenue, Wealdstone. Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); **John Barker** (Students union president Harrow Tech, in personal capacity)

HOUNSLOW: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. Montague Hall. Speakers: **Wayne Matthews** (YS Regional Committee); **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Lugg** (Southall WRP and T&GWU shop steward BAA Heathrow, in personal capacity)

WEMBLEY: Tuesday March 26, 7.30p.m. Committee Rooms 1,2,3, Brent Town Hall, Forty Avenue. Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

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)

KENT

DEAL: Wednesday March 6, 7.30p.m. The Yewtree Pub, Mill Hill. Speakers: **Dolly Short** (YS Editor); **Mike Banda** (WRP General Secretary); **Jack Young** (Betshanger NUM, in personal capacity)

HERTS

WATFORD: Tuesday March 12, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Hall, Woodford Road. Speakers: **Colin Jeffery** (YS Regional Committee); **Paul Stickley** (Watford WRP); **John Gallacher** (SCPS in personal capacity)

LONDON

CANNING TOWN: Monday February 25, 7.30p.m. Rosetta School, Sophia Road, Custom House, E16. Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Andy Blunden** (Canning Town WRP)

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)

NORTH KENSINGTON: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Westway Luncheon Club, nr Ladbroke Grove tube. Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Barran Hume** (North Kensington 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

TOTTENHAM: Tuesday March 5, 7.30p.m. Cissbury Road, N15. Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (Tottenham WRP and Gestetners convenor, in personal capacity)

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)

EAST HAM: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Lister Rooms, East Ham Town Hall, High Road, E6. Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London District Committee); **Theresa Shaughan** (Labour Cllr, in personal capacity)

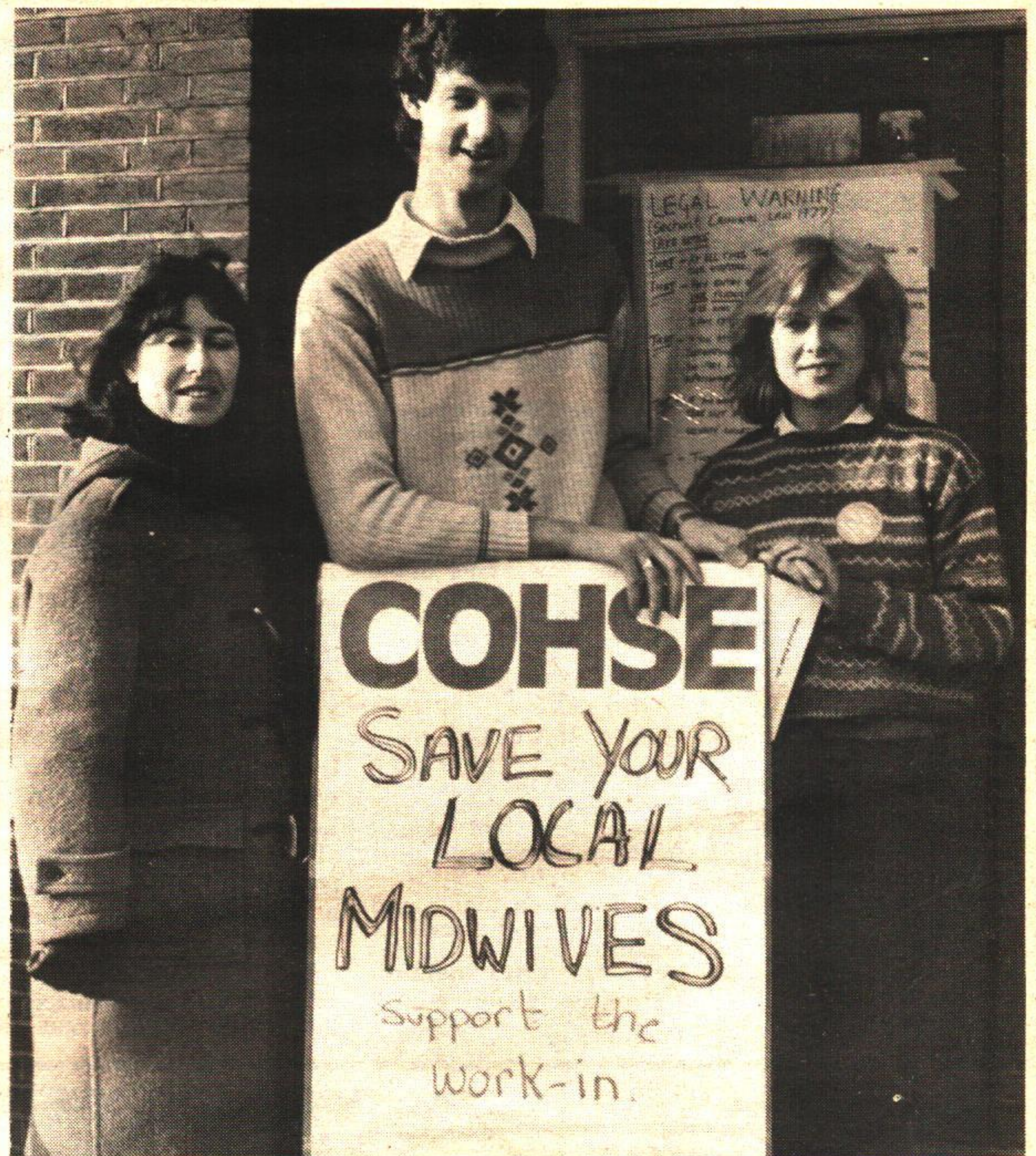
HAMMERSMITH: Wednesday March 20, 7.30p.m. Mathews Hall, Margrave Road, W9. Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

CRICKLEWOOD: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. Anson Hall, Anson Road, NW2. Speakers: **Dolly Short** (YS Editor); **Richard Price** (WRP Central 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)

HOLLOWAY: Thursday March 14, 7.30p.m. Caxton House, 129 St John's Way, Holloway, N19. Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Ian Harrison** (WRP London District Committee)

TUFNELL PARK: Thursday March 14, 7.30p.m. Highgate Newtown Community Centre, 25 Bertram Street, N19. Speakers: **Chris Eames** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); **John Kirk** (Camden Council direct labour shop steward, in personal capacity)



Doug Landsman COHSE Branch Secretary and Sue COHSE Agency nurse (right)

Workers occupy Harpenden hospital

HARPENDEN Memorial Hospital in Hertfordshire is under occupation to prevent the closure of the maternity unit until a new general practice unit is built at St Albans and all midwives and nursing auxiliaries are redeployed.

Drawing on the experiences of the occupations of the Oxford rehabilitation unit on New Year Eve, and the Northwood and Pinner and Hayes hospitals last year, the staff and supporters are confident they can win.

Sue, a COHSE agency nurse explained: 'At a meeting a week ago, midwives who have recently joined COHSE voted

unanimously to occupy the hospital.

'If this unit is closed the nearest is in St Albans. The North West Herts Health Authority first hinted at closure in 1981 and we organised marches and petitions then.

'Now they are saying it must close on February 28 with about 20 staff facing an uncertain future. It isn't that this is just a maternity unit but one of the half-dozen or so that provide "natural" birth.

'It gives women a much better choice and a more intimate atmosphere. We are determined to maintain that choice.'

Doug Landsman, COHSE branch secretary, explained the fight to keep the unit open relied on referrals from sympathetic GPs and taking the campaign into the community.

Many local people had offered to man the gate and the campaign was well under way.

CLEAR MY BRANCH

LIVERPOOL construction engineer Bill Traynor on Wednesday lobbied the first meeting in London of the newly formed National Industrial Council (NIC) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW), comprising the newly-amalgamated foundry, construction and engineering sections.

Traynor, a Liverpool committee member, was seeking support for his three-year battle against the union leadership.

Traynor was suspended from holding union office in 1981 for consistent criticism of the union leadership's policies and subsequently the whole Liverpool branch was suspended for refusing to carry out a NEC instruction to remove him from all his official positions.

Traynor took out a court case against the executive of the construction section and its leader John Baldwin, alleging that they had acted contrary to common law and justice.

Last September, a month before the case was due to

says CEU Liverpool secretary

be heard, the union admitted that their action had been illegal and Traynor was reinstated.

Traynor now wants the leadership to completely clear the Liverpool branch and himself of any breaches of discipline. He is also concerned about allegations of a conspiracy against the Liverpool branch to prevent an appeal on his behalf at the November 1981 national conference.

A resolution to Wednesday's NIC meeting asked delegates to agree to an inquiry into Traynor's removal from office and to demand the resignation of those found responsible for an alleged conspiracy against Traynor.

The resolution questioned the use of CEU cash to pay court costs, since Traynor's removal from office was unconstitutional.

The resolutions were supported by the London Divisional Conference of the CEU and the London Divisional Committee of the newly-constituted union.

After Wednesday's meeting, most delegates would give no comment to questions from a News Line reporter about the decision on the resolution.

It became clear, however, that the resolution was not passed.

Baldwin said: 'Whatever is discussed by my union at its executive is their business — nobody else's, and they'll decide whether we give news releases, so it's not a question you should be asking.'

Traynor later told News Line: 'We have members coming out of a meeting which involves all our union who cannot comment on a situation which could be relevant to any member.'

'I leave all these "no-comment" attitudes for the members to judge themselves.'

'As regards the allegations of conspiracy, they are still there. They are not going to go away and they have to be answered.'

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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NACODS leaders must get off the fence

SAYS LOCAL OFFICIAL


Anger being vented by these pickets against scabs working at Killoch colliery, Ayrshire, on Thursday

DISGUST is felt by James Smith towards the role played by the leadership of his union, NACODS, during the miners' strike.

'After they got a mandate of 85.2 per cent in favour of industrial action, instead of saying they would not call a strike, they should have joined in the fight with the NUM,' says Smith, former NACODS' delegate at Cardowan pit.

'I've been in the pits all my days, and the jobs that the miners on strike stand to lose affect the members of my union too.'

Smith is scornful of the deal that NACODS did with the coal board. 'As far as I can tell, at the end of the day the board has the ultimate decision on whether a pit closes or not. To me, it's not worth the paper it's written on.'

'The leadership of NACODS have allowed themselves to be manipulated by the Tories in the government's attempt to break the NUM.'

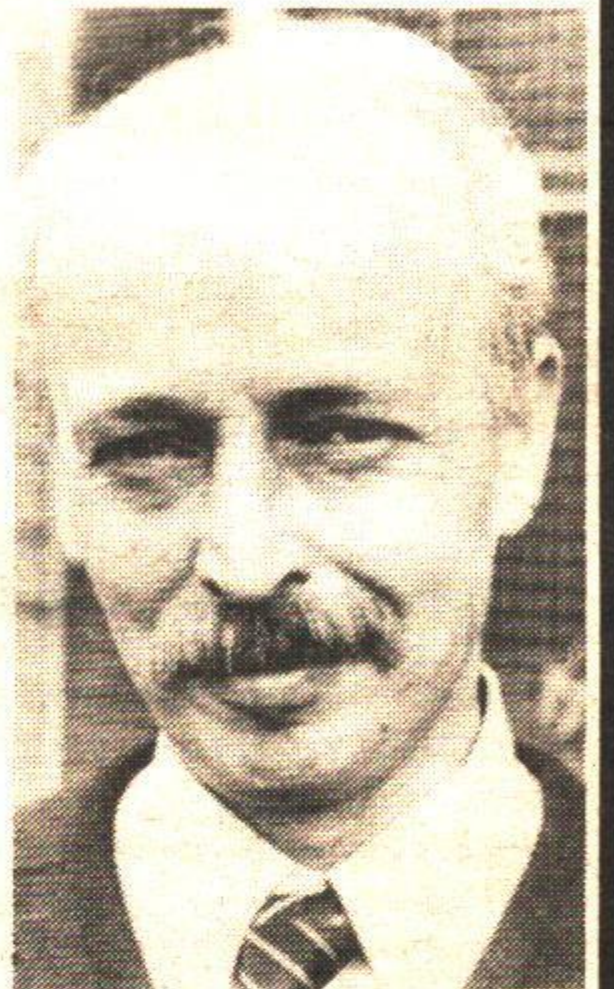
'I feel very bitter that NACODS have not been more constructive. We have to work cheek by jowl with these men and it has been quite wrong for NACODS to divorce themselves from the main issue of stopping pit closures.'

Smith resigned from the delegate's position at Cardowan, which is now closed, after the board broke an agreement not to dismantle equipment, or bring in material to fill in the shaft, until the end of the NUM strike.

Smith failed to get NACODS support to fight the board's breach of this agreement.

He continued: 'The sad thing about it is, here we have people fighting for jobs, fighting for pits, and NACODS — as long as I can remember — have always sat on the fence.'

'We should have played a more important part in the fight against pit closures. The crunch has always come from the NUM. It is the NUM who



James Smith

have borne the brunt of the fighting, and set an example on how to struggle against this Tory government.

'Thatcher has definitely not beaten the miners' strike at all. This government has a lot of problems on its plate. I believe it should have been a General Strike some time ago.'

Angered

● PICKETS from Polkemmet colliery have been angered by the police seizure of a CB radio from a car parked in Broxburn.

A striking miner from Whitburn strike centre was a passenger in the car when police vehicles parked at its front and back. He and the driver were driven to a police station where they were held for questioning.

TUC must face facts on action

says union president

NEWLY-ELECTED national president of the furniture and allied trade union FTAT, Phil Davies, says that reasonable argument will not work with the Tory government.

Davies said the TUC leaders' lack of support for the miners did not reflect rank-and-file trade unionists.

'The position of our union is that we've supported the miners' struggle from the first day of the strike,' he told News Line.

'The FTAT continues to support the miners, both financially and physically. Last year's conference of the FTAT pledged support for the miners and our branches and members have responded.'

Obvious

'It has now become obvious that the miners' strike cannot be won without the support of the whole trade union movement. The lack of support that the TUC leadership have shown does not reflect the support of the rank and file and certain trade union leaders.'

'We actively encourage our members to attend all local picket lines with the miners. I personally feel that there is a real need

for the TUC to recall the Congress so that the miners can have the support of the whole movement.'

'One-day stoppages could be a real threat to this government's poli-

cies, if they are conducted on the correct basis i.e. one-day a rail strike, the next day the power workers, the next day the dock workers etc.'

'This would have an effect over a very short period of time of stopping Thatcher's attacks on our

movement. While Norman Willis has tried to reason with the government and the NCB, reasonable argument is not going to work with this government.'

'The TUC leadership have to face the fact that action is needed more

than ever before by the TUC to protect the trade union movement.'

Miners wives fined

MARGARET CHILD and Alicia Ward, both wives of striking miners, were found guilty of the ancient law of besetting in the Chesterfield court yesterday. They were given a conditional discharge for 12 months and ordered to pay a £50 fine each. Wendy Robinson, who was also accused of besetting, was acquitted.

The alleged incident took place last November in Inkersoll and Staveley when police were escorting a scab from the

works bus to his home. Mrs Child, a mother of five, and Mrs Ward were amongst a group of women who were continuously stopped and read the besetting law while they were on the street in their own neighbourhood.

The police had all been issued with details of the besetting law and were warning any pedestrians that were in the vicinity of the escorted scabs that they would be charged with besetting.

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This **FRIDAY**
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Phone-tapping and the Bonapartist state

THE Director of Public Prosecutions is considering possible charges under the Official Secrets Act against former MI5 officer Cathy Massiter and others involved in the Channel 4 programme '20/20 Vision' which reveals details of the surveillance of trade unionists and CND activists.

Among other points the programme revealed that the former treasurer of the Institute for Workers' Control, Harry Newton, had infiltrated CND's headquarters as an MI5 stool-pigeon. The move was part of the Tory government's campaign to discredit CND's campaign against cruise missiles.

Newton's information about the left-wing affiliations of CND leaders was passed on to DS19, the secret unit set up by Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine within his ministry to combat the influence of CND. It formed the basis of a Tory smear campaign against the peace movement.

The immediate reaction of the Tory Bonapartist regime is to use the full weight of the judiciary and the law to punish the 'leakers' and push the whole issue under the carpet. The 'state within the state' must be protected at all costs. So much for the idea that the Ponting case meant the end of the Official Secrets Act!

The Defence Ministry under Heseltine has become a hot-bed of Bonapartist intrigue. The government has still not answered the charges raised by MPs against John Stanley, Thatcher's former parliamentary private secretary, who is now Heseltine's deputy.

He was accused by Ponting during the Old Bailey trial of having set out to deceive parliament over the sinking of the Belgrano. When Ponting blew the gaff, the government immediately reached for the Official Secrets Act. They did the same when Sarah Tisdall revealed Heseltine's underhand conspiracy over the bringing of cruise missiles to Greenham Common.

It is not just a case of a 'dirty tricks department' at the Defence Ministry getting out of hand, as Labour spokesman Gerald Kaufman claims. The Thatcher regime is one big 'dirty tricks department'. Kaufman is simply trying to cover up the fact that Labour governments were busy tapping trade unionists' phones too.

There are unmistakable indications that Thatcher's Bonapartist regime, faced with the hostility of the working class and growing sections of the middle class, is more and more dependent on the 'bodies of armed men' which are the basis of the capitalist state.

As in the Ponting case, it will be said that Prime Minister Thatcher had no involvement in the decision to refer the programme to the DPP. The decision to prosecute Ponting was taken while she was on holiday in Austria. This time she is in the United States, so it's nothing to do with her.

But the 'Independent' Broadcasting Authority knows which side its bread is buttered. It banned the film from television screens on Wednesday night, on the ground that it might involve a breach of the Official Secrets Act. It was an invitation to the DPP to step in — and they did.

The programme also revealed that miners' leaders Arthur Scargill and Mick McGahey have been under more or less permanent surveillance for years by Labour as well as Tory governments. And Ford Dagenham convenor Sid Harraway had his phone tapped during a dispute in 1978 to find out the 'bottom line' of the union's negotiating position.

Only two weeks ago, Home Secretary Leon Brittan solemnly assured the House of Commons that under new legislation being introduced by the government, the only grounds for tapping people's phones would be 'national security, the prevention and detection of serious crime and the safeguarding of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom'.

He said: 'In the latter case interception will only be permissible when it is for the purpose of obtaining information about events outside the country.'

The Channel 4 programme has embarrassed the government because it shows what these high-sounding words really mean.

After his performance in the Ponting trial it sounds like another case for Justice McCowan, who believes that the interests of the state are identical with those of the government of the day.

TUC MUST CALL G



ABOVE: The banner from Snowdown colliery in Kent on yesterday's lobby; BELOW: Miners clapping and cheering as delegates representing the conference at Congress House; FAR RIGHT: TUC general secretary Norman Willis got a rough reception as he passed the angry miners



GENERAL STRIKE NOW!



areas arrived; ABOVE RIGHT: NUM president Arthur Scargill arriving for the delegate



Lobby demands 'No sell-out'

BY PENNY BLOOR

HUNDREDS of miners and their supporters yesterday lobbied the NUM delegates' conference in London with the demand that the TUC call a General Strike.

Coachloads of miners came down from Kent and the North East, joined by banners of the All Trades Unions Alliance, Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists.

There were also a few miners from Yorkshire and the Midlands.

They stood outside the TUC headquarters, where the conference was being held, chanting: 'Miners must not fight alone! Call a General Strike' and 'TUC get off your knees! Call a General Strike!'

While delegates arrived there were also shouts of 'No sell-out!'

When the Kent area banner arrived, dozens of miners carried it to the doors of Congress House so that all delegates going in had to stop and speak to them.

As TUC general secretary Norman Willis walked into the building, a large cry of 'scab!' went up from the crowd. NUM president Arthur Scargill was greeted with loud cheers when he arrived.

Stan Robson, a miner from Murton colliery, Durham, told News Line: 'We want the TUC to help the NUM to call a General Strike. TUC have shown in the last few days that

they are very weak — they have no bottle.'

'Our spirit's still up, we've got plenty of fight left. We are fighting for all the trade unions and if the miners are beaten it will make all the unions weaker. That's what Thatcher's after.'

'The way Thatcher has gone on has just made them more determined. Her intention is to break the unions altogether.'

Robson has been stopped from picketing anywhere in his area, as a bail condition after being arrested. 'I've been to court and it got adjourned for three months. It's just a way of trying to get another one off the picket line.'

Kitchen

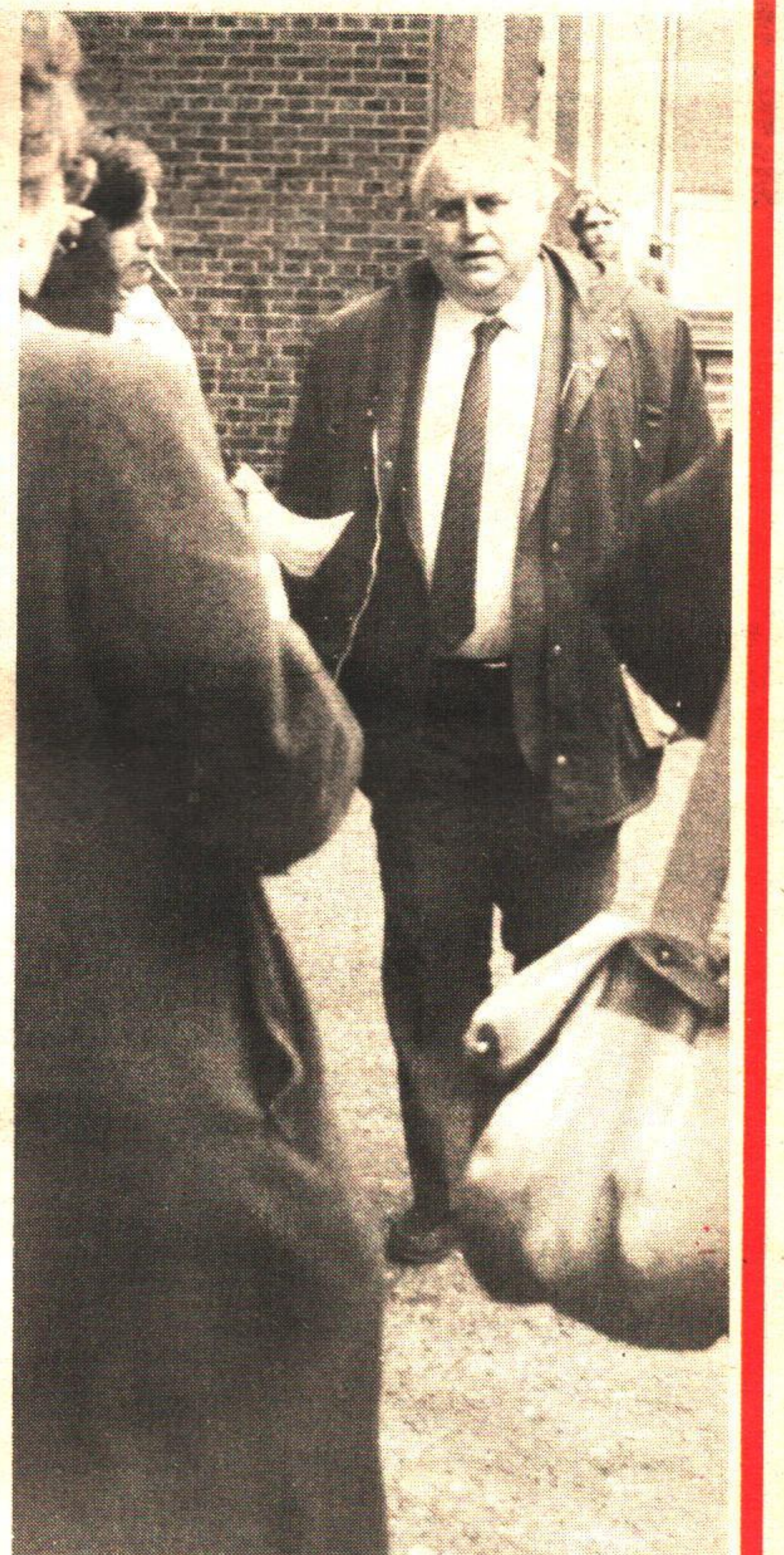
Robson spends his days helping to run the local kitchen for the strikers. 'If they think I'm sitting at home brooding, if they're expecting me to crack up — they're wrong.'

Tony Thornton, 21, comes from Hawthorne colliery, part of the Murton complex.

'It's important the delegates know how we feel. That's why I've come,' he said. 'And I feel just as strong as ever.'

Thornton believes in the necessity for a General Strike. 'We need support at the moment. That's the only way we are going to win.'

'First and foremost it's a fight for our jobs, but at the same time we are fighting for trade unionism, because Thatcher is out to destroy them, isn't she?'



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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Determined to win now

ALBERT Williams, a branch committee member from Yorkshire Main colliery, Edlington, near Doncaster, has two sons in the pit aged 19 and 21.

'If we went back to work now I could be finished in a year because I am 51, but this is a fight for the younger generation,' he told News Line.

'We don't want any sell-out. There is no way.'

'The past few days' talks about talks have all been a farce. They've just been passing the ball back. They've been hanging on for the drift back to work, and it hasn't happened.'

'I personally think it's got nothing to do with the TUC. They should leave us alone and we'll get it settled.'

'I do think there should be a General Strike. It's all the trade unions involved now. Once they pull the miners down, if she can defeat the miners, then God help all these small trade unions.'

'It's a cut-back on jobs everywhere. When they take a pit out of action they disband a whole community.'

'I would say the events of the past few days have strengthened the strike. It's made us more determined now to win. They've always said it's nothing to do with the government but what happened on Tuesday proves it.'

'The pit where I come from came out a fortnight before the main strike. It's 12 months tomorrow and if it takes another 12 months we shall stick with it.'

Rubbish

At Yorkshire Main only 27 out of 1500 men are working. 'It's a drop in the ocean, and the ones that are going in are rubbish,' he said. 'Most of Yorkshire and South Wales are dedicated. We'll not back out.'

'A lot of people thought it would be over last night. They were even shouting at the TV in the club I was in last night "no sell-out!"'

'They've tried every trick in the book and they've used every law but they've not deterred us.'



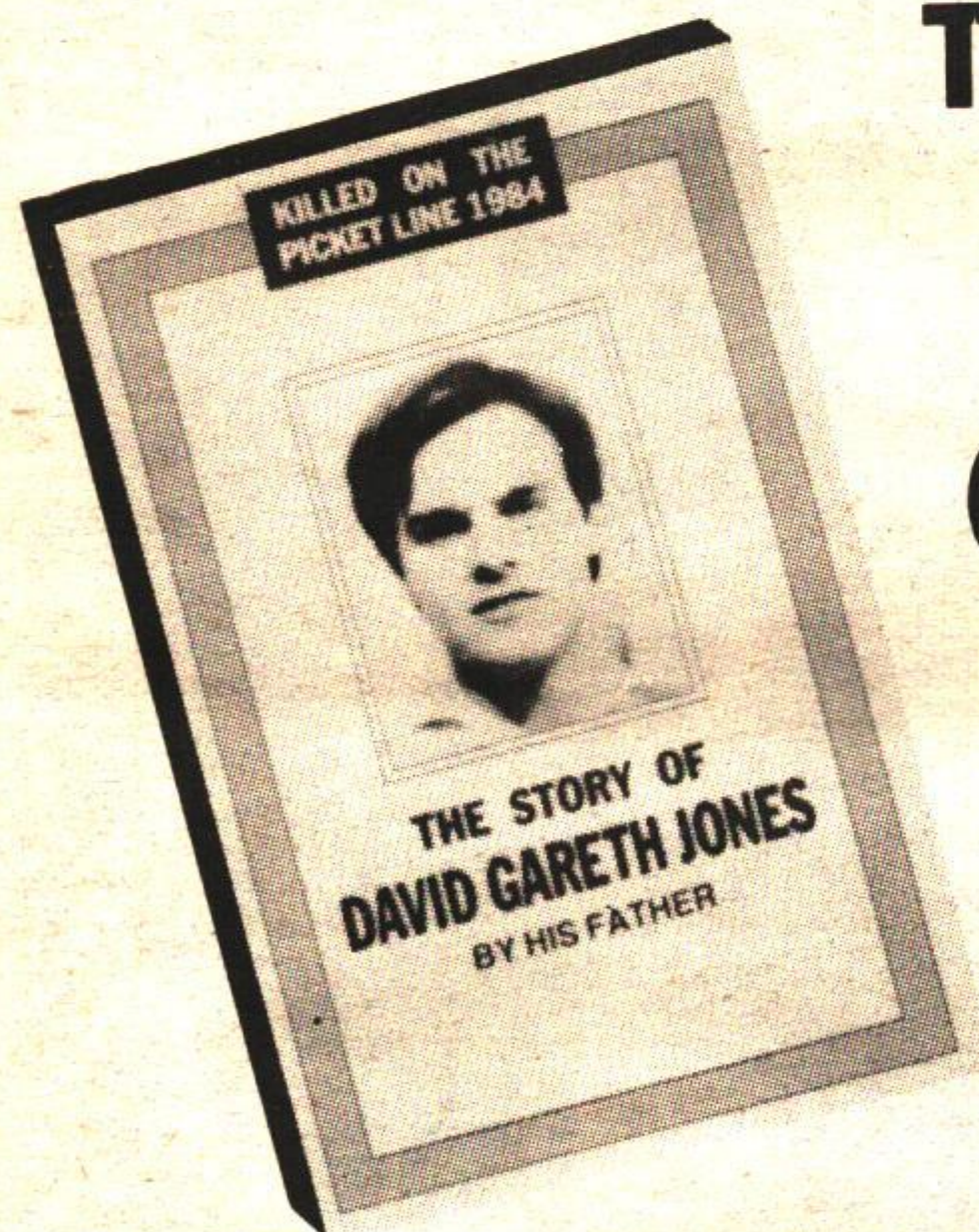
Part of the Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists delegation on yesterday's lobby

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It's a fight to the finish

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THE MINERS must be joined by the rest of the working class in a fight to the finish against the historically outmoded capitalist system.

This was the message of Corin Redgrave, Workers Revolutionary Party Central Committee, at an All Trades Unions Alliance meeting in central London yesterday.

The meeting followed the powerful lobby of the NUM delegates' conference at Congress House to demand that the TUC call a General Strike.

Redgrave saluted the defiant rejection by the NUM leadership of the treachery of the TUC the night before.

'It is a situation where

all talk by the Communist Party and the "Morning Star" of an "honourable settlement" or a "solution with dignity" is nothing but deception because this is nothing but a class fight to the finish.'

Redgrave said it posed the recalling of the TUC Congress, the organisation of the General Strike, the nationalisation of the banks and all industry under workers' control and the establishment of a Workers Revolutionary Government.

It was not just a miners' fight but a fight by a weak and desperate government against the whole working class - a government of crisis driven by the world economic crisis.

Jack Young, of Betchanger NUM in Kent, said the miners were not just fighting for their own communities, but for the whole working class.

'We have been thrown into the vanguard of this fight historically,' he said, adding: 'It is up to us to tell the treacherous leaders of the TUC and Willis as an individual they have been given no authority, no mandate, to start conniving with Thatcher or anybody else to sell us out.'

'There is no alternative for the Kent miners. There cannot be any turning back. The miners are as strong as ever but we recognise also that this strike is not going to be won alone by the miners.'

'That is why we are saying now - as the WRP has done for months - that it's time Willis and the TUC started mobilising the working class into the confrontation that we know sooner or later is going to come.'

'We acknowledge the call by the WRP - it is the only correct one - let us recall the TUC and start organising the General Strike.'

Young Socialists National Secretary Julie Hyland reiterated the fact that there could be no 'honourable' settlement in the strike.

Vanguard

'An "honourable settlement" is a sell-out,' she said. 'We have seen the sell-outs of the TUC already. The sell-out started when they sold youth over to the Tory government on the Youth Training Scheme.'

But like the miners had resisted attempts to force them back, youth had resisted being forced on to cheap labour schemes, she added.

Dave Temple, Durham Mechanics NUM and a member of the WRP Central Committee, said his own executive was today calling on the NUM conference to call for the reconvening of the TUC Congress and for an indefinite General Strike.



Durham miners on the lobby

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BOOKS



Iranian workers on one of the many marches that rallied to the cry of 'Death to Carter, Death to Shah.'

A weekly review of
the latest publicationsKhomeiny's
revolution

Iran Under the Ayatollahs by Dilip Hiro. Routledge and Kegan Paul, £20

IN BRITAIN where the government, major parties and media are universally hostile to the Iranian revolution, it is refreshing to read a book which seeks to describe the causes and nature of the revolution, without attacking it from the standpoint of imperialism.

Dilip Hiro's book attempts to do this.

The developments in the world capitalist crisis after the quadrupling of the oil price in 1973 created conditions in Iran for vast quantities of petrodollars to be used in capital projects.

Inflation jumped from 14 per cent in 1973 to 40

per cent by 1975. The Shah instituted a one-party state in that year, attacked the bazaars through gangs of his supporters and arrested leading pro-Khomeiny ulema (religious and legal scholars).

The Shah's government then introduced deflationary policies. As the recession began to bite, the working class of the towns were confronted with unemployment and wage cuts; poor farmers were driven off the land through state control of grain prices.

Hiro traces the break-up of the Shah's regime from 1977. Under pressure from the Carter administration in the US, which was engaged in its fake 'human rights campaign', the Shah allowed certain political activities.

The National Front Party of Sanjabi and Bakhtiari, the Liberation Movement of Iran led by Bazargan and the Tudeh Party (Communist Party) began to organise.

However at the end of the year the Shah clamped down on the opposition once again.

Khomeiny called for marches of mourners to commemorate the killing of the theological students at Qom.

Marches

In Tabriz poor youth, immigrants from the countryside, took part in these marches shouting slogans of 'Death to the Shah'. The political police SAVAK shot and killed many demonstrators.

On the 40th day of mourning for the victims of Tabriz, marches were organised in 55 towns.

The Shah's forces killed 100 people at Yazd. Hiro describes in detail the build up of the struggle of the masses against the Shah.

Once again the Shah made concessions, but after the march of half a million people in Tehran on September 7 1978, he declared martial law. 4,300 people were killed in Tehran on black Friday.

Even after Bakhtiari was invited by the Shah to form a government Khomeiny refused to do any kind of deal. He insisted on the Shah's abdication.

Throughout December and January 1979, marches and strikes continued, and when Khomeiny returned from exile on February 1, 3 million people lined the streets of Tehran.

The Bakhtiari government declared a curfew on February 10. Khomeiny declared 'everybody should stay on the streets'. The confrontation between the

masses and the Shah's military machine ended with the military Supreme Council declaring its neutrality.

On February 12 Bazar-gan formed a ministry instigated by Khomeiny and by February 16 all royalist forces were defeated.

After describing the different groups which took part in the Iranian revolution Hiro outlines the emergence of the Islamic Republic and its institutions. The Republic confronted both internal and external problems.

The two major internal crises arose over the split between Khomeiny and Bani-Sadr, the first President; and the terrorist campaign launched by the Mojaheddin-e Khalq against the leadership of the Islamic Republic.

Khomeiny tried to mediate between the Majlis (assembly) and judiciary; and Bani-Sadr but after he had been shown evidence of the latter's contacts with the CIA in Paris and Tehran he was removed as Commander-in-chief. Bani-Sadr escaped to France before he could be brought to trial.

Following the removal of Bani-Sadr, the Mojaheddin-e Khalq launched a guerrilla war against the government. Their plan was to debilitate the Majlis through assassinations of IRP leaders and weaken the Islamic Republican Guards (IRG) through repeated attacks.

The US embassy hostage crisis and the Iraqi

war against Iran were the two major external threats to the revolution. The Carter administration attempted to rescue the hostages and overthrow the Islamic Republic through a raid involving both US personnel and royalists inside Iran.

The Iraqi attack on Iran aimed at gaining territory while the revolution had not consolidated its power, and through destabilising the Islamic Republic overthrow Khomeiny.

This failed. Instead the opposite occurred. The foreign invasion strengthened the revolutionary patriotism of the masses which enabled the Iranian army and the IRG to drive out the Iraqis.

Historic

The Iranian revolution is of world historic significance. Henry Kissinger described the 'loss of Iran', as, 'the greatest single blow to the US foreign policy since the World War II'. In concluding his book Hiro draws the distinction between the movement in Iran which involved millions of people and the nationalist military coups in Egypt and Libya.

He also emphasises that 'they (the ulema) have shown that by carrying out an Islamic revolution in Iran they have ousted a corrupt ruling elite, freed the country from the domination of a superpower and reclaimed its national independence.' Unfortunately the book, which on the whole is informative and well documented, finishes with a speculative civil war scenario which is meaningless.

Books in brief

A Curious Street by Desmond Hogan. Picador £2.50

THIS IS the memory of Jeremy Hitchens, a sergeant with the British Army in occupied Belfast.

However, the book is not only about Jeremy; it is the story of his mother and the boy she loved long ago, Alan Mulvanney. Alan wrote an historical novel about Ireland and then he locked it in a drawer and he disappeared — maybe for good into a mental hospital, maybe drowned.

Jeremy's search for Alan in order to understand him gives this novel its sense of purpose. Early on, referring to the other main characters, he says:

'I travelled beyond their world... until I saw him.'

'A Curious Street' is a strange, vivid book. While he tells a story of Irish life on several levels simultaneously, Desmond Hogan struggles to express sensations and the essence of Irish history.

The Danger by Dick Francis. Pan £1.95

THIS IS the 22nd Dick Francis thriller and quite an unusual one — the hero, Andre Douglas, has no knowledge of horse racing. He is a partner in Liberty Market, an organisation for dealing with kidnappers. The heroine is a lady jockey whose kidnapping is only one of a sequence, all connected with racing.

Who is Giuseppe/Peter, the leader of various gangs? Andrew has to find out, and he does.

According to Dick Francis, there really are organisations like Liberty Market, arranging insurance and ransoms and quietly taking their cut.

'The Danger' is a good read — professional, exciting, complex and violent.

Scott — 'a heroic bungler'

ON NOVEMBER 1, 1911, Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his little band set out from Cape Evans in the Antarctic to reach the South Pole.

Two hundred miles away, the Norwegian Roald Amundsen and his group were also on their way. The race to the Pole was on.

Both teams faced over 1,500 miles of the most frozen and hostile wildernesses on earth, but the winner would not only have personal victory, but would bring huge prestige to their respective country.

Amundsen reached the Pole on December 15 and returned home. Scott got there on January 17, but he and all his men perished on the way back.

Although he lost the race, Scott's last journey became a legend of courage and self sacrifice.

Now Huntford has set

The Last Place on Earth by Roland Huntford. Pan, £3.95

out to re-examine every detail of that fatal race, and in doing so has utterly demolished the myth.

Stupidity

The Scott legend turns out to be a story of miscalculation, and obstinate stupidity. 'Scott', Huntford writes, 'was a heroic bungler... a monument to sheer ambition and bull-headed persistence, whose real role was glorified by a British ruling class determined to use his 'example' to spur on the war preparations.

He quotes one famous testament, written after

World War I had started:

'We have so many heroes among us now, so many Scotts... holding sacrifice above gain (and) we begin to understand what a splendour arises from the bloody fields of Flanders and Gallipoli.'

Amundsen, on the other hand, who actually won the race and brought his team back safely again, who advanced Polar exploration technique immeasurably, is almost forgotten.

This book not only goes some way to restore the balance, but is also an interesting insight into the way in which official propaganda works.



The British team arrive to see the Norwegian flag

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'Just Another Day: The Hospital For Sick Children' on BBC2 at 9



Shelley Long stars as Diane in 'Cheers' on 4 at 10

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE). Financial Report; News Headlines. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.50 Chock-a-Block. 2.05 Pages from Ceefax. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Friday. 4.10 The Ring in the Rough Stuff. 4.20 Finders Keepers. 4.45 Newsround Extra. 5.00 The Secret Garden. 5.30 Friday People.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS Weather
6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES
7.00 WOGAN

7.40 ODD ONE OUT Paul Daniels challenges contestants to identify words, pictures or pieces of music as the 'odd one out'
8.10 STARKY AND HUTCH *Starky and Hutch are Guilty* The two cop heroes find themselves suspended for assault and taking bribes

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weekend weather

9.25 MISS MARPLE *The Moving Finger* Joan Hickson follows her nose in the second half of this mystery

10.15 OLIVIER The first of three programmes tracing the career of Laurence Olivier

11.15 FILM *That'll Be The Day* (1973) David Essex and Ringo Starr in an evocative and humorous portrait of Britain in the late 1950s with Essex as a rising rock star

12.45 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.30-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sport '84.

BBC2

6.55-7.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.55 Biology, Brains and Behaviour. 7.20 Weekend Outlook. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax.
9.30 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.30 Science Topics. 9.52 Look and Read. 10.15 Maths One. 10.38 Exploring Science. 11.00 Look, Look and Look Again. 11.22 Geography. 11.44 Going to Work. 12.05 Making the Most of the Micro. 12.30 Sorry Mate, I Didn't See You. 12.55 You Can't See the Wood . . . 1.20 Thinking in Action. 1.38 Around Scotland. 2.00 Scene. 2.30 English File. 3.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather
5.30 YORK MINSTER *The Fire and the Faith*

6.00 THE INVADERS Roy Thinnes is David Vincent in *The Saucer*
6.50 PHIL SILVERS as Sergeant Bilko in *Sick Call Ernie*

7.15 ORS 85 Jon Moss introduces live music, and guests of his own choice

8.05 NATURE *Cliffhanger* Coastguards who are concerned about gannets who die whilst building their nests, are coming to the rescue

8.35 GARDENER'S WORLD from New Zealand

9.00 JUST ANOTHER DAY *The Hospital for Sick Children* Eight films that go behind the scenes

9.30 THE NEW PACIFIC *For Richer, For Poorer* A look at the different marriage customs of the islands of the South Pacific

10.30 NEWSNIGHT

11.15 WEATHER VIEW

11.20 HAYWIRE An adaptation of Brooke Hayward's best-selling memoirs in two parts. Tonight with Lee Remick, Jason Robards, Deborah Raffic, Hart Bockner, Dianne Hull, Linda Gray, Richard Johnson

12.55 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.00 SNOOKER The Dulux British Open

3.00 THE YEAR OF THE FRENCH The French have surrendered and John Moore and Owen McCarthy await certain death in prison

4.00 BUILT IN BRITAIN *We Can Say We Left Something Good*

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE ADDAMS FAMILY *Pugsley's Allowance*

5.30 THE TUBE Jools Holland and Paula Yates with guests including Marc Almond, The Monochrome Set and Clint Ruin

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY

8.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY The week's papers reviewed by Godfrey Hodgson

8.15 A WEEK IN POLITICS Peter Jay with a report on the Official Secrets Act

9.00 THE COSBY SHOW *Bad Dreams* Young Vanessa disobeys her parents, but soon finds that she really should have listened to them

9.30 IN SEARCH OF PARADISE *The American Dream* Across America wealthy men have created their own unusual monuments

10.00 CHEERS *I Call Your Name*

10.30 FAMILIES Single Parents Bringing up a family by yourself

11.15 GOODBYE CHOP SUEY 'Fu Manchu and fled lice! That's what comes to mind when they think of us' says Yin to Wai Yee. Two women from Britain's Chinese community chatter over a meal about their lives and aspirations

12.15 THE DOZENS (1980) Debra Margolies in this American independent film as a young mother who gets out of jail on parole and tries to build a new life for herself and her child. With Edward Mason and Marian Taylor

1.40 Close

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Understanding the Under-12s. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Friday Matinee: *And The Same To You* with Brian Rix. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You! 4.50 FreeTime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW Presented by Michael Aspel

7.00 ME & MY GIRL *Swings and Roundabouts* Eyecatchers is in big financial trouble and Simon and Derek are depressed. Then Maddie's Indian friend Mr Sharma suggests that they handle a business conference for him

7.30 FAMILY FORTUNES Hosted by Max Bygraves

8.00 THE PRACTICE

8.30 DEMPSEY AND MAKEPEACE *Make Peace Not War*

9.30 THAT'S MY BOY *The Phantom of the Farmyard*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by London News Headlines

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME

11.00 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER Dulux British Open — from the Assembly Rooms, Derby

12.15 FREEZE FRAME First in a new series looking at the personal lives of the pop singers features Paul McCartney in his first interview after the death of John Lennon

12.40 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: *The Treasure of San Teresa*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Granada Reports. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You! 4.50 FreeTime. 5.15 Keep it in the Family. 5.45 News.

6.00 SONS AND DAUGHTERS

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

7.00 ME & MY GIRL *Swings and Roundabouts* Simon and Derek are depressed because the Eyecatchers agency is in financial trouble. Then Maddie's Indian friend, Mr Sharma, suggests that they handle a lucrative business conference for him

7.30 FAMILY FORTUNES Introduced by Max Bygraves

8.00 THE PRACTICE The patients want to participate but Dr Golding and Pauline Kent are not so sure. Mrs Paley comes out of hospital and has nowhere to go

8.30 DEMPSEY AND MAKEPEACE *Make Peace Not War* Dempsey goes undercover as a member of a dangerous drugs ring

9.30 THAT'S MY BOY *The Phantom of the Farmyard*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 WEEKEND

11.00 SNOOKER Dulux British Open

12.15 HAMMER HOUSE OF MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE *The Late Nancy Irving* Nancy Irving, an American lady golfer, is abducted by a millionaire

1.35 Closedown

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Abbott and Costello. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 5 Lôn Goch. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.05 Years Ahead. 3.50 Making the Most Of . . . 4.15 Holiday Talk. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Corau. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le; News Headlines. 9.15 Cheers. 9.45 The Dismissal. 10.45 Newhart. 11.10 Assaulted Nuts. 11.40 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-A-Disc with Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (S).

News on the hour (except 9 p.m.); Headlines 5.30 a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 6.00 Ray Moore (S). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 7.30 Friday Night Is Music Night (S) (8.20-8.40 Interval). 9.30 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Listen To Les. 10.30 Old Stagers. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Peter Dickinson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Big Band Special (S). 3.30-4.00 String Sound (S).

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Geoffrey Bush, Stravinsky.

5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 A Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's

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ROUND THE REGIONS

News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *The Girl Who Couldn't Quite*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 FreeTime. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 Different Strokes. 7.00 Me and My Girl. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 The Practice. 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.30 That's My Boy. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Rock of the Seventies. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Film: *Captain Sinbad*. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 The Protectors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 FreeTime. 5.12 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 Me and My Girl. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 The Practice. 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.30 That's My Boy. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 Snooker. 12.15 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club; Strangers. 2.30 Arcade. 3.00 Gems. 3.27 TVS News; The Pruitts of Southampton. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 FreeTime. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Vintage Quiz. 7.00 Me and

My Girl. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 The Practice. 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.30 That's My Boy. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *Twenty Mile Team*. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 FreeTime. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30 The Good Neighbour Show. 7.00 Me and My Girl. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 The Practice. 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.30 That's My Boy. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Scene '85. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 11.22-11.37 About Wales. 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Folk on the Move.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Hart to Hart. 2.30 Look Who's Talking. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 FreeTime. 5.15 Me and My Girl. News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 Me and My Girl. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 The Practice. 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.30 That's My Boy. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense; The Sweet Scent of Death. 1.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Film: *Ra-whide*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 FreeTime. 5.15 Who's The Boss? 5.45 News; North East News. 6.02 What Would You Do? 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Me and My Girl. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 The Practice. 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.30 That's My Boy. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Straight Talk. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Captain Sinbad*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 FreeTime. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Me and My Girl. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 The Practice. 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.30 That's My Boy. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00

Winning Post

HARD LINE TO MAKE AMENDS

HARD LINE (2.00) can show just how unlucky he was when running out at Taunton last December by outclassing his rivals in the Queen's Sconce Novices' Hurdle at **SOUTHWELL** today.

David Murray Smith's colt was a hot favourite at the Somerset course following his promising debut fourth behind Against the Grain in a better class event at Newbury.

He was disputing the lead but looking to be travelling

more easily than the eventual winner Tinkersfield when trying to run out at the penultimate flight, and gave his pilot a crashing fall through the wing of the fence.

The fact that he has been off for so long and the obvious repercussions of the incident are bound to make punters think twice before supporting Hard Line, and he could start at generous odds here.

Prominent King (4.00) meets less stiff company in

the Hunter Chase than when being beaten by his old rival Urser at Wetherby earlier in the month, and Peter Easterby's veteran should land the odds.

He was given too much to do in last year's Christies Foxhunters at Cheltenham, but made up for the lapse with a vengeance by winning the Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford.

He still has remarkable speed for a 13-year-old, and this should prove the decisive factor over the last cou-

ple of fences today.

Supreme Bid (3.00) looked a shade unlucky when finishing third behind The Divider and Secondary Image at Carlisle before Christmas and can make amends in the Klix Drinks Novices' Handicap Chase.

On that occasion Supreme Bid was moving well when stumbling at the 12th. It cost him many lengths but he stayed on to such purpose that he was only five-and-a-half lengths adrift of the winner at the line.

SELECTIONS

SOUTHWELL:

2.00 Hard Line (nap), 2.30 Tit for Tat, 3.00 Supreme Bid (n.b.), 3.30 Golden Fancy, 4.00 Prominent King, 4.30 Le Levador.

RESULTS

THURLES

2.00 (2m): **FORTY GRAND** P G Hynes (5-1); **Muscodova** (5-1); **Nino Volador** (4-1 fav); **Wedding Talk** (14-1) 18 ran. 3. 1/2 (P O'Leary) T: 49p; 20p, 17p, 15p. CSF: £32.17. NR: Captain Vibrax.
2.30 (2m 2f): **CHEEKY RUN** N Madden (10-1); **Ultimate** (10-1); **Corner Forward** (12-1) 18 ran. 2. 1/2 (M A O'Toole) T: 90p; 31p, 19p, 37p. CSF: £51.14. NR: Fredcoter & Mother Cluck.

3.00 (2m 4f): **RAINBOW WARRIOR** K Morgan (2-1 on fav); **We'll See** (7-1); **Aiguere** (8-1); **Going Straight** (25-1) 4. 9 ran. 2 1/2. 8. (M Cunningham) T: 14p; 12p, 14p, 24p. CSF: £5.83. NR: Boreen Prince & Buck House.

3.30 (2m 2f): **GOOD SCOTCH** A J O'Brien (8-1); **Della Murphy** (3-1); **Poopee** (20-1); **Ceylon Tarque** (12-1) 14 ran. 6, 3 (F M O'Brien) T: £1.35; 41p, 21p, £1.64. CSF: £1.35. NR: Soul Lucy.

4.00 (2m 4f): **DIANE'S LEN** A J O'Brien (6-1); **Seven's Specs** (5-1); **Newlar** (9-4 fav); **Curry Lunch** (6-1) 14 ran. 2 1/2. 3/4. (F M O'Brien) T: £1.08; 25p, 18p, 20p. CSF: £41.13. NR: Zimuletta.

4.30 (2m): **CLEVER FOX** Mr D Hassett (6-4 fav); **Lucky Trip** (12-1); **Mill View Diamond** (20-1); **Hazel Hen** (20-1) 14 ran. 6, 2 1/2. (J L Hassett) T: £31p; 18p, 39p. £7.25. CSF: £23.45. NR: Aughwilliam.

5.00 (3m): **ELIOGARTY** Miss C Beasley (9-4 on fav); **Under Way** (9-4); **Master Elliot** (14-1); **Sandy Hussar** (40-1) 4. 6 ran. 2 1/2. 3. (J L Hassett) T: 12p; 11p, 12p. CSF: £2.20.

SOUTHWELL

2.00 QUEEN'S SCONCE NOVICE'S HURDLE (4YO) £800

2	21	LANHYDROCK (D) M Camacho 11.8	R Forsyth
4	021403	WOODWAY (D) D Wintle 11.8	R Hyett
5	401	RIBOBELLE (D) Ronald Thompson 11.3	G Bradley
16	40	HARD LINE (BF) D Murray Smith 10.2	
18	0	IN THE BREEZE (FR) N Tinkler 10.2	N Tinkler
19	0	JOSHING R Spicer 10.2	S Smith Eccles
21	0	JUST AUTUMN (USA) A Jarvis	
27	0	LAMBOURN BOY S Mellor 10.2	M Perrett
28	0	REMEMBRANCE Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 10.2	S J O'Neill
29	034	ROSEMAN J Leigh 10.2	P Blackburn (7)
35	0	ROSSY FOR SPORT A Smith 10.2	C Grant
37	0	DORAME G Gaines 10.7	J A Harris
38	300P0	NIJANNA R Thompson 10.7	R Balfour (7)
39	03P	QUALITAIR PRINCESS K Stone 10.7	M Hindley
40	03P	RECORD RED J Spearing 10.7	Non-Runner
40	0	ROCKY'S GAL W Holden 10.7	

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Lanhydrock, 11-4 Hard Line, 9-2 Ribobelle, 13-2 Lambourn Boy, 10-1 Woodway, 14-1 Just Autumn, 16-1 others.

2.30 NORMAN MOTTE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE £500 2m (19 runners)

1	100P0	REGENCY TAM (CAN)(D) D Morrill 5.12.5	J Duggan (4)
2	0	ELUCIDATE (USA)(BF) Ronald Thompson 6.12.5	Jayne Thompson (7)
3	0	HABAT'S MELODY I Vickers 4.11.9	P Tuck
6	1-04P00	INDIAN CALL (D) Hbt Jones 6.11.6	P A Charlton
7	U03F	ROYAL VALEUR S Mellor 5.11.3	G Charles-Jones (4)
8	4140-P0	TIT FOR TAT (C-D) Miss A King 6.11.0	J Burke
9	F0-0140	NOT EASY (D) E Carter 5.10.13	
10	02-0000	PICKET LINE W Clay 5.10.11	P Dever
14	00-030	LANGFORD BROOK M Dickinson 6.10.6	J A Harris
16	400000	PORTO LOUISE (C-D) W Clay 6.10.4	S J O'Neill
17	00-0000	LUCKY CHOICE M Hinchliffe 6.10.3	M Richards
20	32-0P0P	TORONTO STAR M Lambert 5.10.1	A Charlton (7)
22	U000	JACKS FOLLEY J L Harris 4.10.0	J A Harris
24	00-PP	PRINCE LAFITE J Scallan 5.10.0	I Williams

26	0FFPP	MUMMY'S FANCY M Ryan 4.10.0	J McLaughlin
27	00000-0	GOOD PERFORMER J Dooley 6.10.0	M Pepper
29	0-004FF	NATIVE SON (FR) J Cosgrave 6.10.0	P Carrill
30	0-PPP	BOUNTEOUS SPIRIT J Townson 5.10.0	Sharron James (7)
31	034	DOWNTOWN FOXY D Ringer 4.10.0	S McNeill

BLINKERS: 6, 14, 17, 24, 26
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Royal Valeur, 5-1 Tit For Tat, 13-2 Downton Foxy, 8-1 Regency Tam, Not Easy and Elucidate, 10-1 Picket Line and Lucky Choice, 14-1 others.

3.00 KLIX DRINKS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE £1,000

1	003313	COVENT GARDEN (USA) W Clay 7.12.2	S J O'Neill
4	U010P0	BALLYGROOBY (C-D) R A Perkins 8.11.8	Dai Williams
5	0-412FF	SAUCEPOT (C) G Richards 7.11.7	N Doughty
6	413243	SUPREME BID N Crump 8.11.6	C Hawkins
8	U330	HAZY DAY W A Stephenson 6.11.5	K Jones
12	2/UP-00P	MALICIOUS RED J Leigh 9.10.13	S Johnson
12	00041F	PAPERACER (BF) B Preece 6.10.10	R Stronge
15	00-P033	TRICKY BUSINESS A Moore 7.10.7	G Moore
17	0000-0F	THE CLEAVER O O'Neill 9.10.3	C Smith
19	0P/0P/0	MR PRESIDENT WEAR C Trietline 8.10.0	A Sharpe
21	P-0FUPF	CRICKET WOOD H Wharton 7.10.0	S Keightley
23	03F304	RASTASEMEFAICH S Burt 7.10.0	Mr L Krkby
24	00P	LITTLE BUSKINBELLE J Cosgrave 8.10.0	
25	02FF0/0	COUNCILLOR BILL Mrs J Barrow 9.10.0	Peter Hobbs

BLINKERS: 1, 4
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Supreme Bid, 3-1 Covent Garden, 9-2 Saucepot, 13-2 Paperacer, 10-1 Ballygrooby and Hazy Day, 14-1 others.

3.30 MINSTER HANDICAP CHASE £1,700

1	0-22412	RYEMAN (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 8.12.7	G Bradley
6	23F042	SLIEVE BRACKEN W Clay 9.10.9	S J O'Neill
7	01-1F22	GOLDEN FANCY I Vickers 8.10.7	P Tuck
9	3110-F4	GRAGARA LAD R Hodges 10.10.0	R Linley
13	30-0020	EVEN MELODY (C-D) N Crump 16.10.0	C Hawkins
18	1P00-43	LAW VENTURE Mrs P Sly 11.10.0	M Bastard

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Ryeman, 7-4 Golden Fancy, 8-1 Gragara Lad, 16-1 Slieve Bracken, 20-1 Even Melody and Law Venture.

4.00 SOUTHWELL HUNTERS' CHASE £1,000

2	11021-2	PROMINENT KING (C)(BF) M H Easterby 13.12.1	Mr R J Beggan
3	P/P122-2	RUGY R Weaving 9.11.11	C Saunders (7)
4	21FP-3	SIQBHAN'S JOY Mrs C Janaway 10.11.11	Mr G Maundrell (7)
6	303/21U-	YOUGHAL W A Stephenson 9.11.11	Mr J Greenall (7)
8	0041-1U	GOLDEN TY V Hall 7.11.6	
9	0U0FF-P-	GOOD ACTION J Smith 10.11.6	Mr M Wells (7)
10	0P/31PU-	HERNSHAW (C-D) — 12.11.6	
13	00P00P	MCSWEENEY A Balfour 8.11.6	
15	404/323-	WANG THE MILLER (C) W H Bissill 10.11.6	Mr H Bissill (7)
16	0F0F0P-	ALABAMA F Jackson 7.11.1	Mr C Bealby (7)

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 11-8 on Prominent King, 4-1 Youghal, 13-2 Rugy, 8-1 Siqbhan's Joy, 12-1 Golden Ty, 16-1 others.

4.30 NEWARK CASTLE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

1	04-0300	REPINGTON (D) N Crump 7.11.11	C Hawkins
2	0102-00	SOLDBY (D) M H Easterby 5.11.8	A Brown
3	334102	LE LEVADOR (D) D Wintle 6.11.1	A Carroll
9	001-000	CYPRUS SKY W Clay 8.10.12	S J O'Neill
10	131434	BERTIE ME BOY K Stone 10.10.12	R O'Leary
11	0-1	STENOGRAR M H Easterby 6.10.11	D Dutton
14	F0-4030	EMANDAR H Wharton 6.10.9	P Tuck
15	0-00010	POLISH (C-D) J Spearing 7.10.9	A Webb
16	002010-	DOUBLE DISCOUNT H Fleming 7.10.8	M Pepper
17	3-040P1	MODEL PUPIL (C-D) O O'Neill 5.10.7	J Southern
18	42-10	KATIE MAC (D) G Richards 7.10.7	D Coakely (4)
19	41104	CONNAUGHT QUEEN (D) G Richards 5.10.6	N Doughty
21	21-P003	LONE RAIDER (D) J L Harris 8.10.4	J A Harris
22	1P400-F	PETROCELLI R Jukes 7.10.4	P Carvill
23	00F204	HIGH HEAVEN A Moore 7.10.3	G Moore
25	0014-00	MOUNTAINEER (C-D) J Leigh 6.10.2	J Barlow
26	4/0	DAINTY JOE Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 9.10.1	P Dever
27	0030-00	GO TO SLEEP (BF) Mrs S Oliver 5.10.0	J Duggan (4)

BLINKERS: 1, 23
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Le Levador, 11-2 Stenograr and Model Pupil, 13-2 Connaught Queen, 8-1 Solbby and Katie Mac, 10-1 Bertie Me Boy, 14-1 Polish, 16-1 others.

Race Levy Board's income halved

WHILE punters have been forced to twiddle their thumbs during the bleak start to 1985, the Levy Board has been counting the cost to racing.

Figures announced yesterday by Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Levy Board, in the Board's 1985 policy statement, reveal that the loss of fixtures has significantly affected the Board's income.

Two months ago it was forecast that this year's revenue would be around 10 per cent up on last year, but with the loss of almost 70 meetings since the turn of the year that figure has dropped by almost half.

However, the picture is not entirely gloomy for according to Trethowan: 'The expected revenue should still rise ahead of inflation, which means that we shall be able to maintain the real value of our financial contributions to racing.'

The loss of meetings has saved around £300,000, after taking into account the cost of compensation to courses and the cost of financing an additional 20 fixtures due to replace those abandoned.

Trethowan said that a stronger working relationship with bookmakers is desired.

The Board is also keen to maintain and improve upon racecourse security

PUICA CHASES RECORDS

OLYMPICS 3,000 metres champion Maricica Puica of Rumania is out to break two of American Mary Slaney's world marks in one race at the US National Indoor Athletics Championships in New York tonight.

She only wishes Slaney, who was injured in a collision with South African Zola Budd in the Olympic 3,000 final, or fellow-American Ruth Wysocki were competing to force her into the pace she needs in the last major US meeting of the year.

Puica will try for the 3,000 metres world best and then finish out the remaining 218 metres for two miles. 'I want both records, but I'm upset there is no one to push me. I know Mary is hurt but where's Wysocki,' Puica said to reporters this week.

Speciality

Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland will also be chasing a record at the Madison Square Garden meeting, moving up to three miles from his mile speciality, while the 55 metres hurdles will boast the top five finishers in the Olympic 100 metres final.

Wysocki surprised Puica and took the 3,000 at the Olympic Invitational meeting earlier this month, but the blonde Rumanian has won every other race she

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has entered in a three-week build-up for the European Championships in Athens on March 2 and 3.

Puica, who believes her stamina will make up for her inexperience on the steeply-banked wooden track, has arranged for official timings at the 3,000 mark.

Slaney, who suffered a muscle tear during the mile at the Olympic Invitational, had planned to skip this meeting anyway. She set the 3,000 mark of eight minutes 47.3 seconds in 1982 and the two miles of 9:31.7 in 1983.

A Puica-Slaney-Budd re-run of the Olympic 3,000 metres final will have to wait for the Grand Prix final in Rome on September 7. 'We plan to meet them in Rome. At least Maricica will enter the 3,000. It's up to the other two whether they will run there,' her coach and husband, Ion Puica, said.

He added that he knew of no plans for a special match race between the three runners, saying that if neither Slaney nor Budd run in Rome their next

chance at Puica would be the Fifth Avenue Mile in New York on September 2.

Coghlan, who has won all eight races he has entered this year after missing the 1984 Olympics due to injury, missed eclipsing the world best set by Belgian Emiel Puttemans in 1976 by two hundredth of a second at this meeting in 1981.

'This year I didn't do any speed work because of a groin injury, so I feel more confident for a three-mile record attempt than for the mile,' Coghlan said.

Opponent

Asked if American Doug Padilla, whom Coghlan sees as his chief opponent in the race, could break the world mark of 12:54.6, the 32-year-old Irishman said: 'He'll break the world record — but he'll finish second.'

Americans Roger Kingdom and Greg Foster, the gold and silver medalists in the Olympic 110 metres hurdles, renew their fierce rivalry in the 55 metres hurdles. Three other Olympic finalists are taking part — bronze medallist Arto Bryggare of Finland, Mark

McCoy of Canada and American Tonie Campbell.

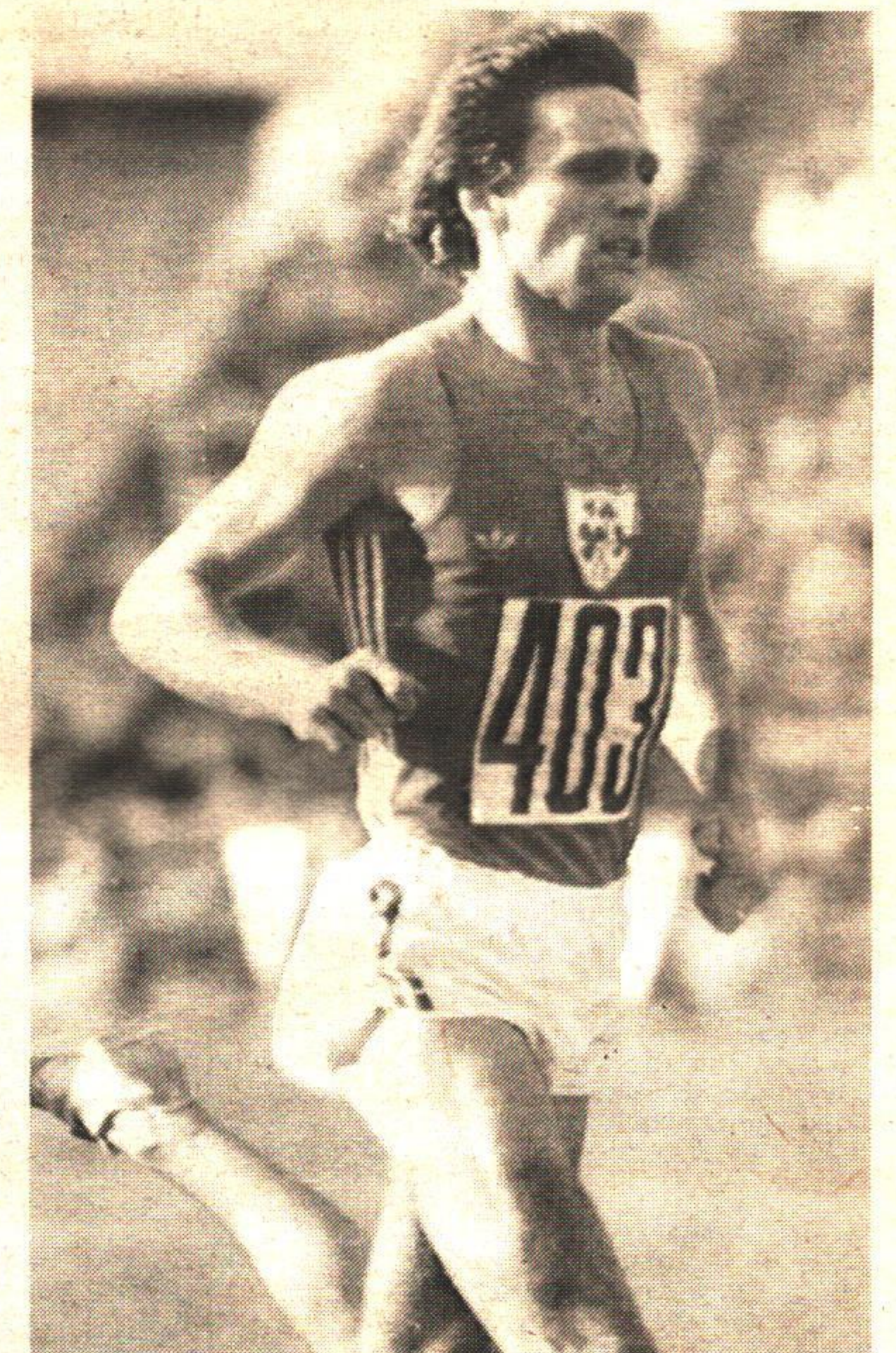
Another highlight should be the high jump, where US record-holder Jim Howard will be favoured over a field that includes Valery Sereda of the Soviet Union, Cuban Francisco Centelles and American Dwight Stones, twice the Olympic bronze medallist.

Valerie Brisco-Hooks, a triple Olympic champion, has dropped out of the 440 yards, but will run the 220 yards in an attempt to set her third world best of the year.

The 28-man US team for the annual dual meeting with England at Cosford on March 9 will be selected from among the top finishers at the meeting. Team members will undergo drug testing during the championships.

The Athletics Congress, governing body of the sport in the United States, announced that Chuck Zody, coach of Miami University in Ohio, will be the American's head coach.

England took a 2-1 edge in the series last year with a one-point win over the United States.



EAMONN COGHAN

KEMPTON OFF

TODAY'S race meeting at Kempton was abandoned after an afternoon inspection yesterday. Michael Webster, clerk of the course, said: 'There is still a lot of frost in the ground and tomorrow's meeting has had to be abandoned. We will hold an inspection at 9a.m. tomorrow morning to determine whether Saturday's card can take place. We really need some rain to bring out the frost.'

Sports Line

BY OUR CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND's cricketers returned to Melbourne yesterday for their three-day trip into the Victorian outback with two victories under their belt.

But yesterday's 23-run win over the Victoria State Second XI did little to ease the two major problems facing captain David Gower.

As his side prepares for the vital World Championship of Cricket qualifying match against India in Sydney on Tuesday, he still has three batsmen injured and all three fast bowlers out of form.

With his squad pared down to 14 by the competition rules, Gower admitted that his headache had begun to get on top of him.

He said: 'I've just run out of words to say at the moment, there is so much to think about before next week.'

The bowling crisis is the worse of the two. Against Australia last Sunday and the full Victoria side on Tuesday neither Norman Cowans, Neil Foster nor Jon Agnew performed with credit.

Chance

Yesterday, against Victoria Second XI at Bendigo it was their last chance to find their touch again, and they failed miserably.

After England had scored 276 all out the youngsters from Victoria, only three of whom had previously played first class cricket, managed to reach 253 for four in reply with only Foster of the fast bowlers getting even one wicket.

But that cost him 63 runs



from ten overs, suggesting he has not yet re-located the touch that brought him 11 wickets in the Madras Test last month, and is not ready to replace either the wayward Cowans or Agnew, who played against the Australians.

Gower has been aware of the batting injury problems for 48 hours since Tim Robinson broke his thumb and Chris Cowdrey was hit on the wrist in Ballarat.

Cowdrey had the injury X-rayed a second time yesterday morning and although it was again confirmed that he had not suffered any broken bones he still rates his own chances of facing India as very slim.

The only bright points

came in the form of 111 from Paul Downton, continuing in his role as a makeshift opener, and 95 from Martyn Moxon, the lone batsman left available to fill any gaps in the England side.

Centuries

Downton had scored only two previous centuries in his life — one for Sevenoaks school and another for Middlesex on tour in Zimbabwe in 1980.

But yesterday his timing reached a peak as he struck 15 fours in a partnership of 187 with Moxon which suggests Downton could again open the innings, against India on Tuesday night.



NEIL FOSTER . . . The best of a bad bunch yesterday

GOWER'S PROBLEMS GROW

Cowdrey must wait

CHRIS COWDREY may have to wait another fortnight before he finally learns whether he has broken a bone in his left wrist.

The 26-year-old England all-rounder had a second X-ray in 48 hours yesterday morning in Bendigo, a mining community 100 miles north of Melbourne, while his colleagues played a Victoria Second XI.

Plates

As with the first examination on Tuesday, shortly after he had been hit by Victoria's Simon Davis in Ballarat, yesterday's plates revealed no bone damage.

But Cowdrey, who could yet be available to play against India in the World Championship of Cricket at Sydney next Tuesday, has been warned that specialists have been unable as yet to look at a small bone buried beneath others in the wrist.

Bruised

He said: 'They have said again that it is not broken, only bruised, and I should be able to play in four or five days once the swelling goes down.'

'But there is another bone which doesn't show on the X-rays because the others are in the way. If that is broken, it will be two weeks before they can tell, and if it has gone that would be serious and keep me out of the game for a long time.'

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Fowler c Grant b Hickey	7
Downton c Hyde b Watts	111
Moxon c and b McKenna	95
Gower c Richardson b McKenna	5
Marks b McKenna	5
Lamb c Wiener b Hickey	19
Edmonds c and b Mohr	1
Ellison c Mohr b Watts	9
Foster b Hickey	3
Agnew n.o.	1
Cowans c Wiener b Watts	1
EXTRAS	19

TOTAL (all out)	276
FALL: 1-25, 2-212, 3-222, 4-237, 5-256, 6-257, 7-261, 8-274, 9-274	
BOWLING: Hickey 8-1-20-3, Mohr 10-0-40-1; Quinn 10-0-56-0; McKenna 10-0-71-3; Watts 8-0-47-3; Wiener 3-0-31-0	

VICTORIA SECOND XI	
Wiener c Fowler b Foster	107
Richardson c Foster b Marks	60
Grant st Downton b Edmonds	38
Richardson run out	11
Phillips n.o.	17
Watts n.o.	12
EXTRAS	8

TOTAL (4 wkts)	253
FALL: 1-116, 2-209, 3-211, 4-228	
BOWLING: Agnew 6-2-17-0; Foster 10-0-63-1; Cowans 8-0-42-0; Ellison 6-1-23-0; Marks 10-1-41-1; Edmonds 10-1-62-1	

RAIN FORCES A DRAW

THE RAIN-plagued opening group B match in the World Championship of Cricket between New Zealand and the West Indies finally had to be abandoned after 18.4 overs yesterday.

New Zealand were 57 for two in the day-night match when rain forced a halt. It stopped only after the floodlights went on, but the New Zealanders spent more than five hours anxiously awaiting the possibility of umpires Mel Johnson and Steve Randell ordering a resumption on a reduced overs basis.

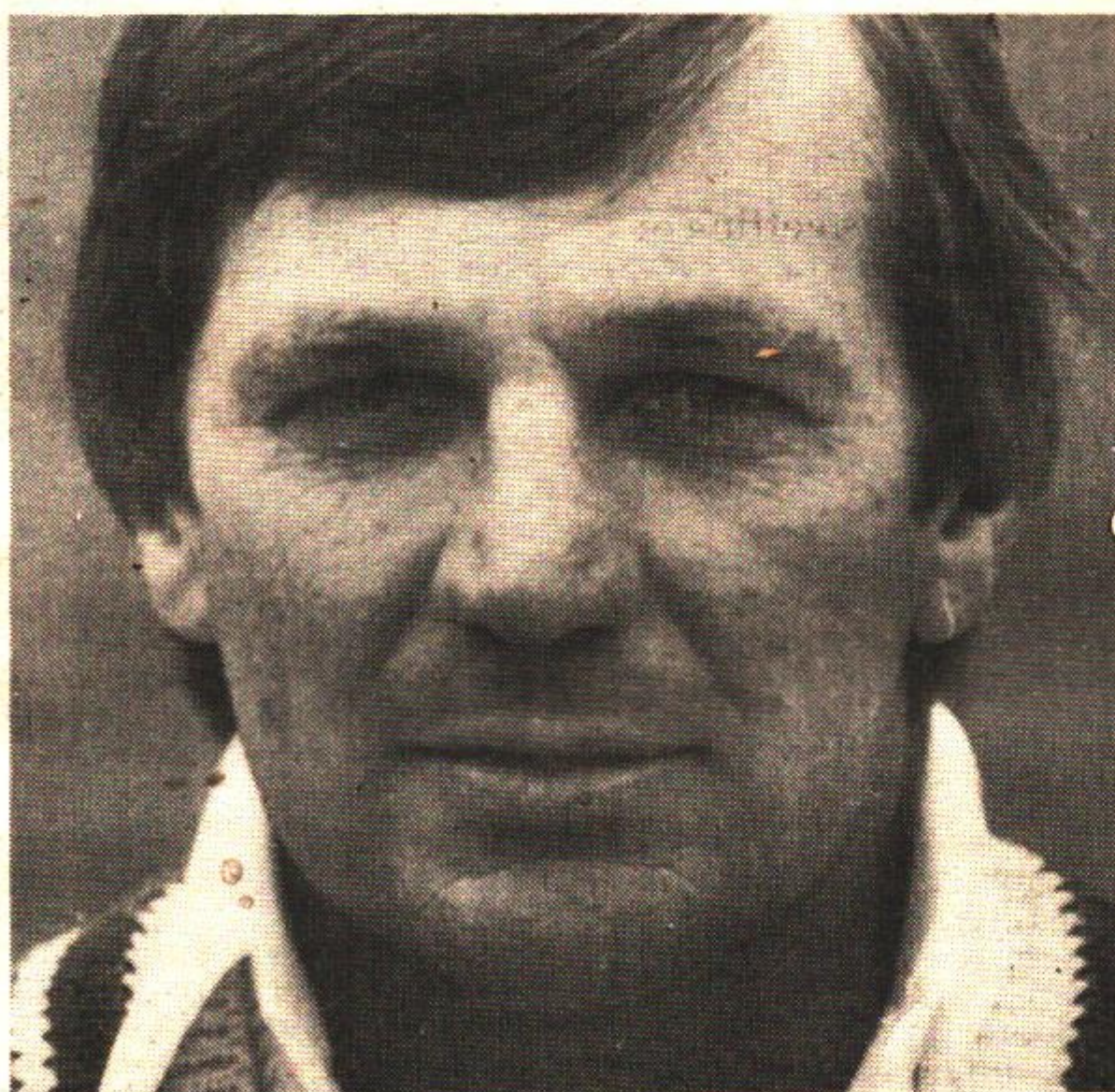
When the covers were taken off, an inspection of the square revealed the bowlers' run-ups were unsafe, and the umpires decided there could be no further play.

Point

Both sides, favourites to qualify for the semi-final ahead of the other group team, Sri Lanka, take one point each from the fixture. It was originally scheduled for Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday, but was washed out.

New Zealand lost their openers, captain Geoff Howarth and John Wright, before the rain came. Howarth went first for eight when he was caught behind by Jeff Dujon during a typically tight new ball spell by Joel Garner.

Wright scored 22 from 55



GEOFF HOWARTH

deliveries before being snapped up by Gus Logie off fast bowler Winston Davis in the 18th over. The new batsman, Martin Crowe, was barely half-way down the pavilion steps when the downpour started.

The West Indies had captain Clive Lloyd back at the

helm after having a new pair of batting glasses made up. Lloyd stood down from Tuesday's scheduled match when it was discovered his glasses had been inadvertently sent home with excess team baggage.

The Championship continues in Melbourne tomorrow when New Zealand play Sri Lanka.

Swedish seeds fall

TWO MAJOR upsets in the second round of a \$375,000 men's Grand Prix tennis tournament at La Quinta, California, saw the second and fifth seeded players fall to unseeded opponents on Wednesday.

The biggest upset was in the first match, when unseeded Ben Testerman of the United States beat the second seed, Henrik Sundstrom of Sweden, in straight sets 7-5 6-3.

Testerman had his service broken in the second game of the match, but broke back in the third and broke the Swede again in the 11th game, and then served out the set.

In the second set the two players traded service breaks in the first two games. Testerman broke again in the fifth and final games to take the match.

'I was just trying to keep ahead of him,' Testerman said afterwards. 'I know he likes to stay back. I attacked as much as I could. This is one of my best wins.'

In the other upset of the day, David Pate of the United States defeated fifth-seeded Joakim Nystrom of Sweden 1-6 6-3 6-4.

POLAND's Wojtek Fibak mixed up his serves to upset Tim Mayotte of the United States 7-5 7-6 in the \$125,000 Toronto Challenge Grand Prix tennis tournament on Wednesday night.

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Mayotte had been the clear favourite. He was fresh from an extra day off after the biggest victory of his professional career — Sunday's five-set triumph in which he came from behind to defeat American Scott Davis at Delray Beach, Florida.

But it was quickly apparent that Mayotte, primarily a serve-and-volley player, was struggling to find his rhythm.

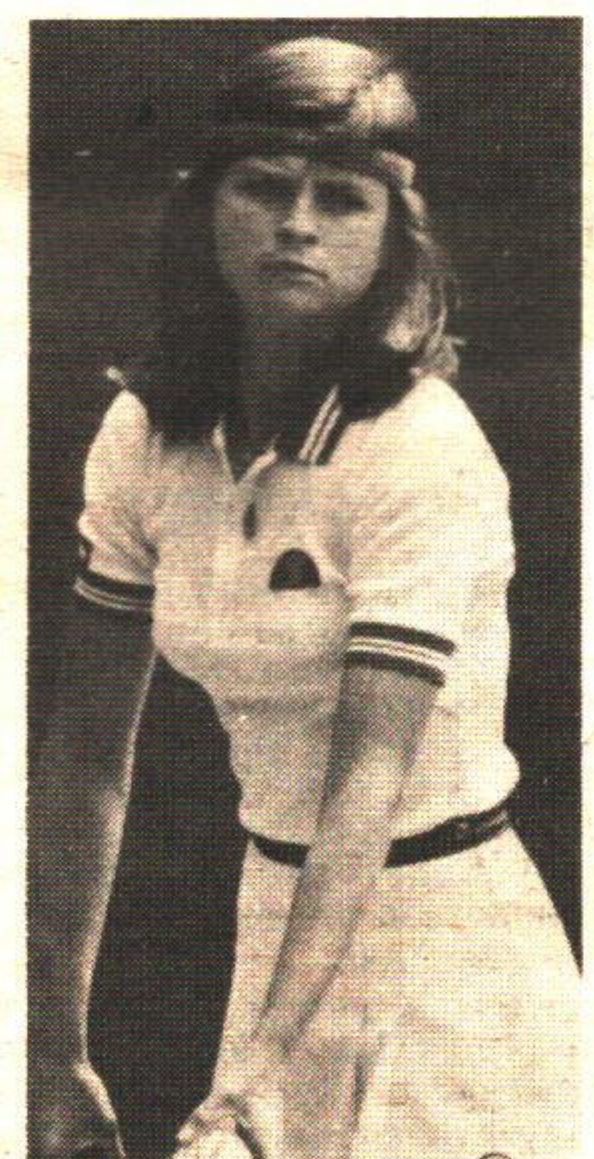


WOJTEK FIBAK

As in the Florida final, Mayotte had difficulty with his return of serve and backhand — weaknesses the wily Polish veteran exploited throughout the 94-minute match.

Mayotte saved one match point in the tenth game of the second set. But three double-faults in the tiebreaker were his undoing.

In other matches, all three seeds who played needed three sets to advance to the quarter-finals.



HANA MANDLIKOVÁ

Second-seeded Eliot Teltscher of the United States eliminated big-serving compatriot Chip Hooper 7-6 3-6 6-2.

Fifth-seeded American Gene Mayer needed to play all out to defeat Dutchman Michiel Schapers 6-4 5-7 6-4.

Sixth-seeded Ramesh Krishnan of India put down American Mike Lech's explosive serve, beating him 3-6 6-2 6-4.

HANA MANDLIKOVÁ of Czechoslovakia was forced to fight hard to overcome a determined challenge by American Barbara Gerken and reach the second round of the \$150,000 Oakland tennis tournament on Wednesday.

Sixth-seeded Mandlikova, 23, appeared to be on the way to a routine victory after winning the first set 6-2, but needed a tiebreaker to take the second set 7-6 (7-5).

Hard-hitting Gerken, 20, seemed on the verge of defeat when Mandlikova had match point for a 6-2 second set win, but bounced back with a mixture of powerful forehands and lobs to force the tiebreaker.

At one stage, she led 3-1 in the tiebreaker, but Mandlikova came back to 5-5. Then Mandlikova served an ace and Gerken double-faulted on match point to bow out.

Sports Line

REILLY BECOMES A MAGPIE

WATFORD striker George Reilly joined Newcastle United in a £200,000 deal yesterday afternoon.

It was a surprising move after Watford manager Graham Taylor said recently that he was not in a position to release the player because Watford were still in the FA Cup.

After his decision to release Reilly — Newcastle manager Jackie Charlton had inquired about him earlier this season — Taylor said: 'We won't be rushing out to replace Reilly.'

In September Watford sold Maurice Johnston, their other front man in last year's FA Cup final, to Glasgow Celtic for £400,000.

Newcastle now hope to play Reilly tomorrow in the relegation match against Luton. Charlton said: 'I've been chasing Reilly for a long time and it's great to get him at last.'

'My bid has been on the table for a while and things only really began to move

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

yesterday when Watford phoned me out of the blue. Reilly will give tremendous support to our front runners Peter Beardsley and Chris Waddle.

Signing

'I tried to sign him when I was manager of Sheffield Wednesday, but Cambridge wouldn't let him go then.'

After signing Reilly said: 'I'm certain we can avoid relegation.'

● READING striker Trevor Senior wants to follow his predecessor at the club,

Kerry Dixon, into the First Division.

The Third Division club have reluctantly slapped a £150,000 price tag on their 22-goal top scorer — the same amount they collected when Dixon moved to Chelsea 18 months ago. Since then Dixon has successfully bridged the soccer gap and currently leads the League charts with 28 goals.

Reading manager Ian Branfoot — he took over after Dixon's departure — is backing Senior to make a similar impact when he

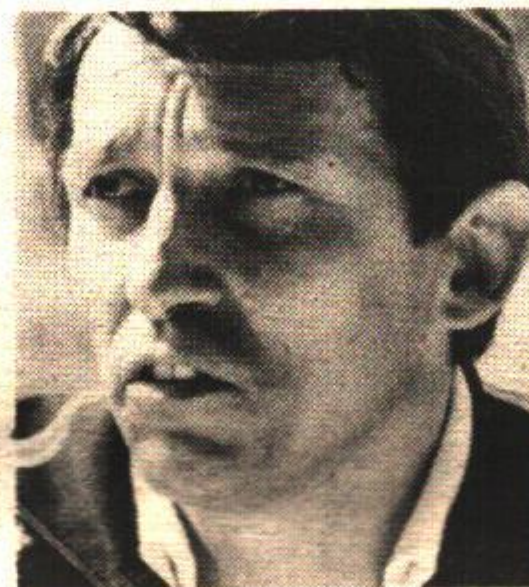
moves. 'He is the best finisher I have been involved with,' said Branfoot.

'I was coaching at Southampton when Ted MacDougall was there and I also worked with Steve Moran. They were both very good, but Trevor is better.'

Goals

A former Portsmouth striker Senior, 23, struck 41 goals last season as Reading won promotion and has rejected repeated offers to re-sign this season. His contract runs out in June.

'It's a difficult situation,



GRAHAM TAYLOR

but I've got to think about my career, I want to better myself,' said Senior. Division Three rivals Doncaster have already had a £100,000 offer turned down.



GEORGE REILLY . . . Surprise move to Newcastle



JOHN WARK

WARK CHASES A WEMBLEY DOUBLE

HAT-TRICK hero John Wark is looking forward to being 'one up' on his Liverpool team-mates.

Wark alone of the current Anfield team has played in a winning FA Cup final side — with Ipswich in 1978 — and after the 7-0 replay demolition of York on Wednesday night he feels there could be another Wembley date on the horizon.

'You don't assume anything at Liverpool, but we have been getting better all the time recently and the Cup Final has got to be a possibility,' the 27-year-old Scottish international said.

'We have a hard one in the

next round, away to Southampton or Barnsley, yet if we can keep up this sort of finishing I really can see us doing something.'

Liverpool's form in front of goal was certainly something special as they crushed the Third Division side with goals from Wark (3), Ronnie Whelan (2), Phil Neal and substitute Paul Walsh.

'They say there is no sympathy in this game but I feel sympathy for York,' said Liverpool manager Joe Fagan. 'I'm elated because we scored seven and I am sorry for them it was so many because they have done their best.'

'They played with character and spirit but on the night we have really done our stuff. There wasn't a sloppy goal among our seven.'

Said Wark: 'The finishing was just about perfect from everyone. We have been doing a lot of good football recently although only scoring the odd goal. Tonight we really sorted that out and put the icing on the cake. For myself, I felt I was getting on the end of things the way I have always enjoyed.'

Ian Rush and Alan Hansen both failed to finish the game and Scottish defender Hansen is causing Liverpool concern. He aggravated a troublesome knee problem in the closing minutes and saw a specialist yesterday.

'It's worrying because it keeps cropping up. One specialist has said he thinks it is inflamed ligaments. It's very painful and the sooner I can get it sorted out the better,' he said.

Knock

Rush took a knock on the ankle midway through the second half but expects to be fit for the weekend.

Liverpool's faithful fans have their own expectations. With their team now back on song they expect Phil Neal to mark his testimonial year by lifting the FA Cup next May — the first time it will have gone to Anfield since 1974.

STEVENS SO CLOSE

KIRK STEVENS and Tony Meo both broke down en route to the third round of the £250,000 Dulux British Open snooker championship in Derby on Wednesday.

Meo, the tenth-seeded Londoner, was docked two frames for arriving late for his match with Grimsby's Mike Hallett after his chauffeur-driven car broke down on the M1. But Meo still managed a 5-4 win.

Fourth-seeded Canadian Stevens, meanwhile, looked on course for the second tournament maximum 147 break of his career in the first frame of his match against Peterborough's Mark Wildman when he stroked home 12 reds and 12 blacks.

But, with a possible £10,000 bonus beckoning, Stevens had to send the third-last red down the table and missed as the break jerked to a halt at 96.

Maximum

Stevens, who picked up £11,500 for a maximum at the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley in January, 1984, finally wore down Wildman 5-2 before saying: 'I was disappointed, but that third-last red would have had to work very hard for me to drop in.'

'Still, the maximum break prize is

£25,000 from the third round on when we have the TV cameras here so I will be having another go if possible.'

Canada have three representatives in the third round, with Robby Chaperon joining Stevens and Cliff Thorburn by beating Welshman Wayne Jones to reach the last 16 of a major tournament for the first time.

There was no snooker yesterday while the TV crews moved to set up, which gave Meo a chance to travel up safely again in good time for his afternoon match with world No.2 Tony Knowles today. Meo went back to London to watch Charlie Magri's bid for the world flyweight title.

Boxing Board to decide on cartel

THE BRITISH Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) are expected to reach a decision today after inquiring into allegations in a Sunday newspaper that a cartel existed between four prominent licence holders that could have been to the detriment of boxers.

The articles named businessman Jarvis Astaire, promoters Micky Duff and Mike Barrett and Terry Lawless, Britain's leading manager, as the members of the group.

The Board opened their investigation earlier this month but adjourned it after two hours. They expect to complete it this time.

Among the witnesses will be Jim Watt, who is travelling from Glasgow to support the manager

under whom he became world lightweight champion.

The Board will also give a decision in the David Pearce affair, and if they finally find against Pearce, he is likely to be banned from further boxing and stripped of his British heavyweight title.

Evidence

Although Pearce has produced specialist evidence that brain scans ordered by the Board show no irregularity, the Board are still uneasy about letting him continue his career.

The matter was due to be settled one way or the other nine days ago, but the further hearing was ordered so that more medical evidence could be examined.

Arsenal man's England place is at stake

WOODY'S BIG TEST

ARSENAL striker Tony Woodcock could have his international future decided this weekend.

If he is recalled to the Arsenal team against Manchester United at Highbury tomorrow and does well, he can expect to play for England against Northern Ireland in Belfast on Wednesday next.

But if Arsenal manager Don Howe, who has dropped Woodcock for the past two League games, continues to leave him out of the side, then England manager Bobby Robson may look elsewhere.

And once out of the national team, it may be difficult for Woodcock, now 29, to regain his place.

So Howe's choice of team is vitally important to Woodcock but also to Arsenal who will have their Championship hopes dented severely if they lose to United.

The weather should have improved enough — if you can believe the forecasts — to ensure that the match will be played and United manager Ron Atkinson also knows that this is the match his side cannot afford to lose.

Everton are already seven points ahead of United and nine ahead of Arsenal with a game in hand and are threatening to make the Championship a two-horse race with Spurs.

United will be without

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England captain Bryan Robson, which will not help their cause and, though they won at Highbury last season, it has been their only victory there in the past nine seasons.

League leaders Everton go to Leicester, who will be still stunned by their FA Cup exit at the hands of Millwall in mid-week. But Everton manager Howard Kendall never takes anything for granted, especially since Leicester beat his team 2-0 at Filbert Street last season.

Bounce

Spurs must win at West Bromwich to keep in touch with Everton, who are four points ahead of them on the same number of games.

It might be easier than usual, for West Brom have gained only one point from their last five League games and have scored only one goal.

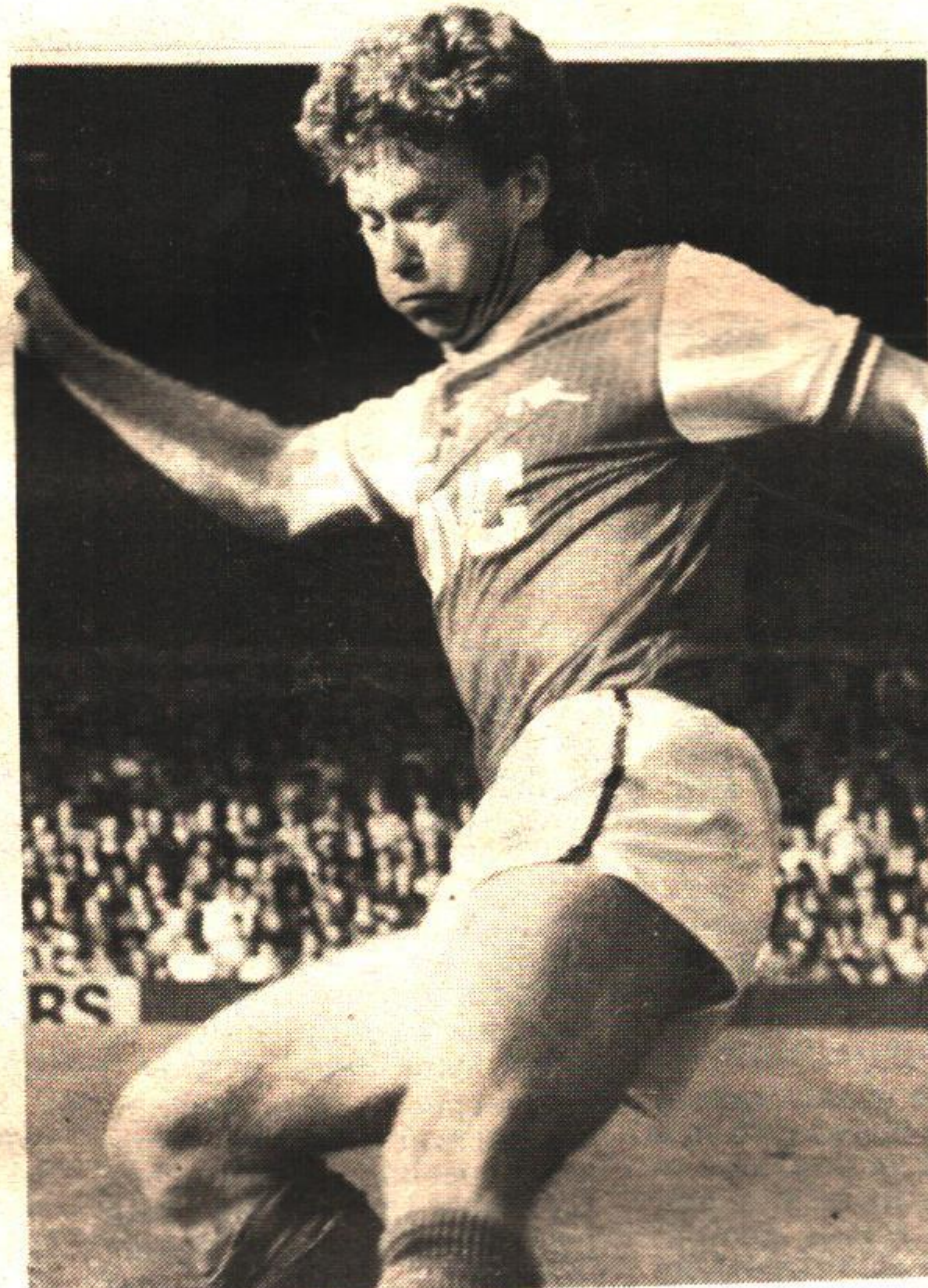
But Albion were the last team to beat Tottenham

in the League when they won 3-2 at White Hart Lane on November 3.

The biggest banker should be Liverpool to beat bottom-of-the-table Stoke City at Anfield. Since Stoke returned to the First Division in 1978, Liverpool have beaten them five times running at home with a goal aggregate of 12 against one.

Nottingham Forest have won five of their last six League games and visiting Southampton have won three out of four. Both teams are among the challengers for the title, but Southampton will consider Forest a lucky ground, having won there two years running.

Because of the weather Luton, second from bottom, have played only two League games this year, and so will be particularly anxious to at least force a draw at Newcastle. It would enable them to go ahead of Ipswich, who are playing Norwich in the first leg of the Milk Cup semi-final.



TONY WOODCOCK . . . England place in jeopardy

Bingham promises a battle

NORTHERN IRELAND manager Billy Bingham has promised England a tough battle in next Wednesday's World Cup qualifying match in Belfast.

Speaking in Manchester last night, Bingham warned: 'If England think they are in for an easy ride they are mistaken. It will be very difficult for them. I can promise you that.'

'I don't think we can afford to lose because England have a game in hand. A draw wouldn't be too bad, but we really have to win our home games.'

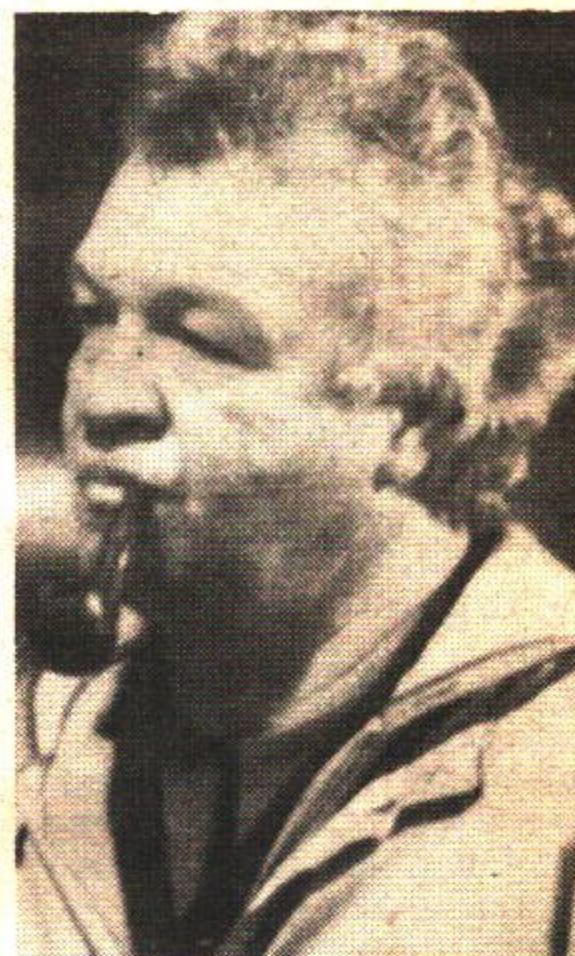
Blow

'I know that England have suffered a blow by losing Bryan Robson, but it's been equally tough on us losing Martin O'Neill and Bryan Hamilton.'

Bingham also hit out about the kick-off times in Mexico for the World Cup Finals.

He explained: 'I went out there to see the conditions for myself and I doubt if European teams have much chance of winning.'

'The humidity and heat at the proposed kick-off times



BILLY BINGHAM . . . 'It will be hard for England'

is unbearable. I couldn't stand the heat just watching.'

'The players needed oxygen and transport arrangements to the ground were chaotic. The whole thing is geared to commercialism and TV coverage.'

'I will certainly be making my feelings known. The time to complain is early, even before you qualify.'

Magri may fight on

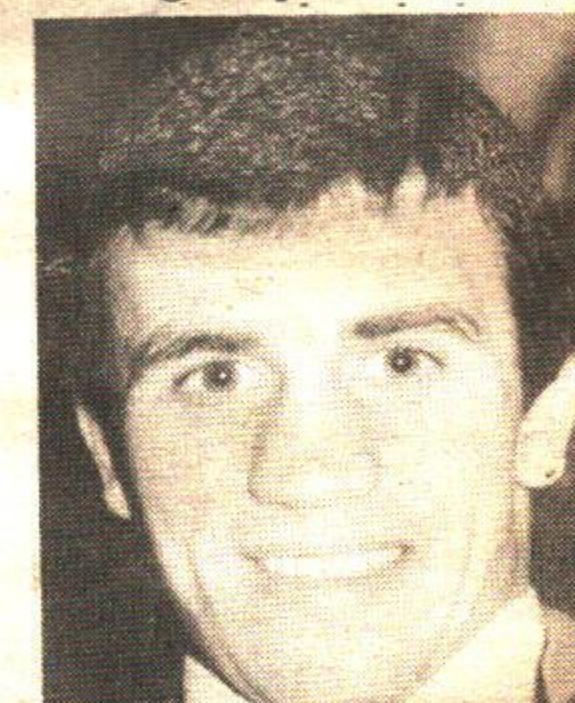
THE RETIREMENT of Charlie Magri, a professional fighter since 1977, is not imminent despite his four rounds defeat by Sot Chitalada of Thailand in their World flyweight title fight on Wednesday night.

'If Charlie decides that enough is enough it will not be just yet,' his manager Terry Lawless said yesterday. 'The decision will be his own after he has talked it over with his wife. He may decide that he can take the European title again and go out with a win. He could still earn a lot of money in Europe. As for

me, I would rather see him retire.'

Lawless said he thought that for a couple of rounds at Alexandra Palace on Wednesday Magri fought as well as he had ever seen him — an opinion shared by many who have followed Magri's career.

'He hit Chitalada with a lot of good punches and he



CHARLIE MAGRI . . . No decisions yet

would have knocked out a lot of first-class flyweights with that performance,' said Lawless.

'But Chitalada is one of the best I have seen and Charlie had a lot of bumps and bruises at the end, as well as the cut, which needed four stitches. I pulled him out because there was no way he was going to get through 12 rounds. He gave it a go and he got out with his pride. He was meeting a very good champion indeed.'

Lawless confirmed that it was he and not the doctor who called for the fight to be stopped. 'I had already retired Charlie when the doctor appeared over my shoulder. But he would have taken the same decision.'

Hands off Varadi

Wilkinson gives warning

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY manager Howard Wilkinson issued a hands off notice yesterday to all those clubs interested in his top goalscorer, Imre Varadi.

Wilkinson, who splashed out £260,000 on Queen's Park Rangers' Simon Stainrod this week, said that his latest signing did not mean that the club were willing to part company with Varadi.

'I have had a word with Imre and asked him to consider his future. He came back to me and said that he would like to stay with Sheffield Wednesday.'

Wilkinson said last night.

The player's contract expires this summer, but Wednesday were at pains last night to say that there was no way they wanted to lose him.

Varadi, who moved to Hillsborough from Newcastle for £160,000 in 1983, said: 'It's true I don't want to leave, we are talking contracts at the moment.'

● IPSWICH have been told that they must play their FA Cup fifth round tie against Sheffield Wednesday on Monday, March 4.

Two days later

Ipswich face Norwich in their Milk Cup semi-final, second leg, at Carrow Road, and they wanted to reverse fixtures.

Confirmed

'They wanted to play Norwich on the Monday and the FA Cup tie on the Wednesday,' confirmed an FA official last night. 'After talking to the Football League, they have informed Ipswich that the fixtures must stay as they are.'

The League, meanwhile, ruled out the pos-

sibility of switching the Milk Cup return to the following week. 'The final is on March 24 and we have to allow for the possibility of a semi-final replay,' said fixture expert Lee Walker.

The FA, however, conceded: 'There will have to be a re-think if Ipswich are unable to play Saturday's Milk Cup first leg at Portman Road.'

In that event the Milk Cup ties could be staged in the same week, with the FA Cup fifth round tie put back to March 9, the date of the quarter-finals.



IMRE VARADI . . . Wednesday want to keep him