

WOMEN MUST FIGHT FOR SACKED MINERS

A message from Terry and Liz French for today's rallies in Chesterfield — see page 10

Lessons from the miners' strike The struggle for power

THE Workers Revolutionary Party and its daily paper the News Line salute the uncompromising struggle of the miners, their wives and families and the millions who self-sacrificingly supported them in their year-long struggle against the political despotism of the Tory Bonapartists and their flunkies in the NCB and TUC.

The Workers Revolutionary Party demands the immediate and unconditional release of all striking miners jailed by the state and the reinstatement of the 712 strikers sacked by the NCB and the dropping of all charges against miners arrested in the course of the strike.

We demand that the entire trade union movement fight for the release of the jailed miners and the reinstatement of the 712. They fought for the whole working class — not for their union alone.

The miners' strike will be remembered for the massive unstinting support it received internationally and for the decisive role of the miners' wives in providing the food for pickets and strikers.

The WRP pays tribute to the thousands of wives, mothers and sisters of miners without whose unselfish devotion and unflagging energy the strike could not have continued for even two months.

No revolutionary struggle can begin without the participation of the most oppressed — the women and unemployed youth. We call on all miners' wives who fought in the strike kitchens and on the picket lines to join the Workers Revolutionary Party.

It is a magnificent tribute to the fighting capacity of the British and international working class and its undefeated strength and resilience that the miners, under the dynamic leadership of Arthur Scargill, could take on the concentrated strength of the repressive apparatus of the capitalist state and its Bonapartist government and successfully withstand the greatest barrage of lies, slanders, distortions and innuendoes ever hurled against any union and its leaders by the capitalist media and the Labour traitors. These traitors even now slander the miners by

refusing to call for a complete amnesty for the 712 sacked miners.

It is a measure of the growing political consciousness of the British working class that the miners never wavered in their decision to dispense with national ballots and the fetishes of bourgeois democracy — to defy the scab miners of Nottinghamshire and other areas and demonstrate in practice that basic democratic rights are neither ballotable nor negotiable, and are opposed to bourgeois democracy.

Strategy disrupted

Arthur Scargill's inflexible insistence that no pit should close except on grounds of seam exhaustion and that the NUM should have veto right over closures — has inspired millions of workers to defend their rights to a job, to strike and to picket and assemble with renewed vigour and confidence. It has also struck terror and consternation in the right wing of the TUC.

The resistance of the miners to the burdens of the world economic crisis and the deprivation of rights now fuses into the growing movement of millions against the rate capping, wage cutting and job destroying policies of the Tories.

The year-long struggle of the miners against the National Coal Board-government plan to close over 40 pits and make redundant 70,000 miners has completely disrupted the fiscal, monetary and industrial strategies of the Tory Bonapartists:

- The extension of the strike into March 1985 has forced the Tories to now combine pit closures and privatisation of profitable collieries with the attempted shut-down of metropolitan councils, destroy tens of thousands of local government jobs and fight the growing wave of public sector wage strikes. They have to do this at a time when confidence in the pound and the ability of the government to control inflation and interest rates is grass high.

Tory ministerial boasts about 'victory' are belied by the

indisputable fact that the pound's value fell 32 cents, from \$1.38 to \$1.06 during the strike and did not recover at all after the miners returned.

- It has added a new dimension to a crisis which has played havoc with the finances of the government and exposed the enormous weakness of the government — i.e. its inability to provide tax cuts to its middle-class supporters. For the second time the government (already burdened with a shortfall of £2 billion in tax receipts in 1984-1985) has had to wince on its election promises.

The government faces a bill of at least £600 million next year as a result of the miners' strike, even if the dispute ends this week. This cost has not been allowed for in the coming year's spending and is expected to make Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, more cautious about cutting taxes in his March 19 budget. ('Sunday Times', Business Section, March 3 1985)

Much of this additional cost has been incurred by paying scabs for not producing coal, re-stocking by the coal and



South Wales wives marching in support of the miners in August 1984

Statement by the Central Committee of the Workers Revolutionary Party, March 8, 1985

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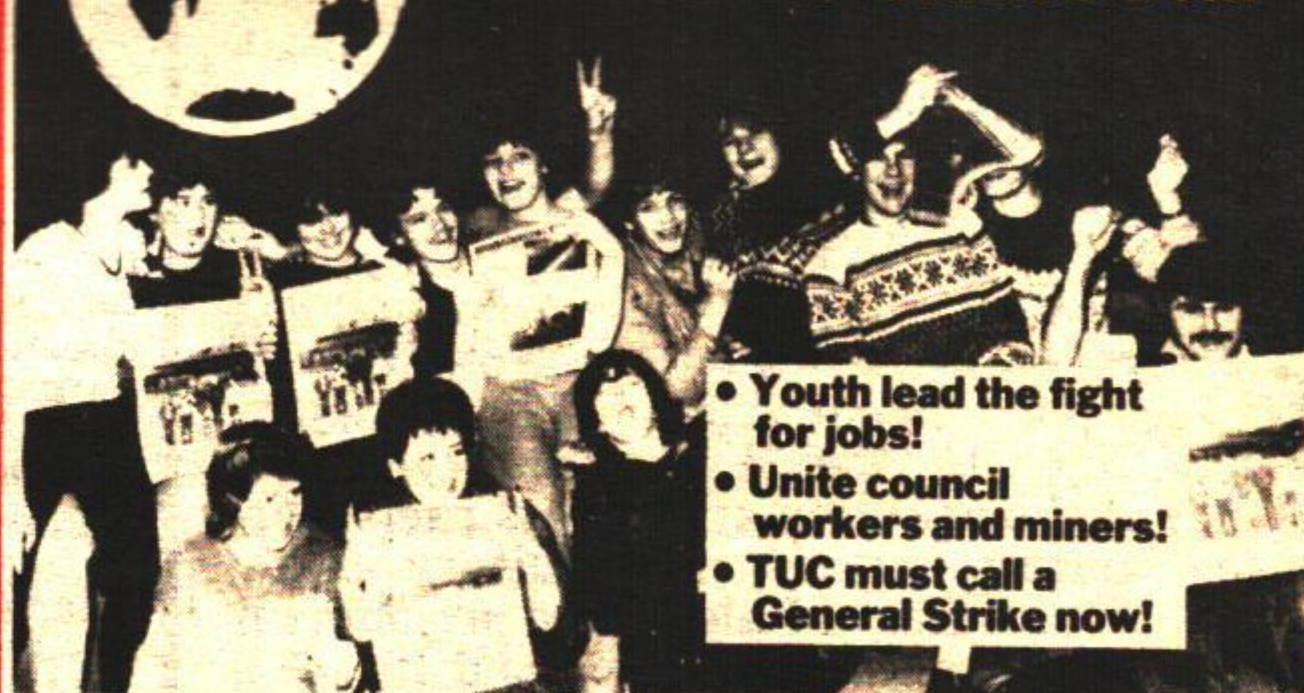
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Students oppose Zionism

WE APPLAUD and defend the principled stand of Sunderland Polytechnic students in their insistence that Zionism is a form of racism. And we condemn the move by the National Union of Students leadership to try to disaffiliate the north east polytechnic's student union for its stand.

In January, Sunderland Poly students at a union meeting refused to allow the formation of a Jewish Society on the grounds that the proposed constitution stated that its purpose was 'to promote an understanding of Zionism'. The union said if they removed that clause, the formation of the society would be supported.

The Labour Party-dominated NUS leadership under union president Phil Woolas will meet on Monday to discuss suspending the Sunderland student union. NUS national policy on Zionism was decided at a conference in 1977. It referred to the then Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Beigin and his policies as being an 'ultra right-wing' form of Zionism.

An NUS spokesman said yesterday: 'Our policy on the Middle East is that we recognise that the Palestinians have an historic birthright to Palestine, but recognise that the Jewish people have a similar birthright.'

Sunderland Poly, on the other hand, decided in 1982 that: 'Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination.' This was reaffirmed by the whole student body last month. They are not alone, of course. It is official United Nations policy (UN General Assembly resolution 3379), adopted by an overwhelming number of states on November 10, 1975.

There is no such thing as 'right-wing' or 'left-wing' Zionism. The premise that you can have an Israeli state which excludes Palestinians from their homeland is itself racist — whether carried out by a Labour, coalition or Likud government is immaterial.

Sunderland Polytechnic's own student union policy also states correctly: 'The only solution to the problems in the Middle East is the establishment of an independent non-sectarian state of Palestine — where people of the Moslem, Christian and Jewish religions would have equal rights.'

Under the Labour-Likud coalition government of Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir the racist policies of Zionism continue to flourish as they did under the government of Menachem Beigin. The rule of the Israeli government is based upon the oppression of the Arab and Palestinian masses inside Israel, on the occupied West Bank, and in Lebanon.

If the Israeli army is pulling out of Lebanon now, it is only because of the intense pressure from the masses back home and the resistance of the Shi'ite south Lebanese masses. The Israeli Labour-Likud coalition government is a desperate crisis-ridden regime supported by US imperialism.

In the course of the pull-out operation, the Israeli army has carried out some of the worst atrocities since occupying south Lebanon 32 months ago. In the West Bank, too, the policies of the coalition are no less racist than those carried out by the military under Beigin. The torture of Palestinian prisoners in concentration camps continues and Israel is holding 4,065 Palestinian and Lebanese political prisoners.

The NUS attitude to Sunderland Polytechnic is absolutely in line with their attacks on all students who take a principled stand and wage a fight, whether it is here in Britain against the Tory government or in relation to international questions.

We reject the spurious premise that all Jews are and must be Zionists, or that anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism. Sunderland Poly students are right to take a stand. We would support the formation of a Jewish Society which anti-Zionist Jews would be eligible to join. But a Zionist society is not acceptable.



A triumphant Lambeth leader Ted Knight and fellow councillor Janet Boateng after Wednesday's vote of defiance

JENKIN THREATENS DEFIANT COUNCILS

BY PAUL FELDMAN

COUNCIL leaders warned the Tory government yesterday that under no circumstances would they act as agents for the government in imposing cuts in jobs and services.

They were speaking after 13 councils in London, Swindon, Leicester, Sheffield, Liverpool and Manchester had decided not to make a rate under Tory terms.

Meanwhile, Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin warned that if Liverpool, Hackney and Haringey in particular failed to fix a rate quickly they would find themselves in trouble with the district auditor.

'The crucial fact about these authorities is that having run up substantial deficits during the present year every day they go past April 1, the interest they are having to pay to lenders because they have no rate income coming in means the cost of the deficit is piling up,' he said.

Risk

'I would expect the district auditor to move fairly quickly. There is no question that if they delay unreasonably they face the risk of surcharge and disqualification.'

Peter Soulsby, Leicester leader, said: 'The clear message is that we are not prepared to take up the axe on behalf of this government to the services and the jobs we provide.'

He added: 'Last night was only the beginning of the fight. The ball is now in the government's court.'

Soulsby said the councils would once again put forward proposals for a solution, even though they had already been rejected by Jenkin.

Lambeth leader Ted Knight said the trade unions and the community as a whole had shown

they were behind the councils.

'Both councillors and their communities have demonstrated that they are prepared to fight as long as it is necessary to protect those services we provide.'

He said the spirit reflected by the miners was reflected back into the town hall's unions. 'There will be no pulling back from this fight.'

Battle

'We will actually engage in a battle which, no matter how long it takes, we intend to win.'

While the Tories were saying that nothing was negotiable, they should understand that 'nothing is negotiable on our side as well'.

Knight added: 'In other words, we're not going to negotiate jobs and services away.'

No one would be deterred by threats of legal action.

Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington Council, said she found Thursday's council meeting 'exhilarating' and had never felt such tremendous backing for her authority.

'All of us here had unanimous votes with that crucial phrase, "it's impossible to make a rate under these conditions".'

She said councils would only negotiate collectively.

John Austin-Walker, leader of Greenwich Council, said there were 'clearly amazing scenes' inside and outside all the town halls.

He hoped that the Tories would 'draw back from the brink', adding: 'If they do not, they could provide overt chaos in our cities and our communities.'

If the government removed councillors, the trade unions would step into their place.

If Jenkin decided that it was unlawful to protect jobs and services, it would be his decision. 'We are not going out to break the law.'

Jenkin himself had a message of sympathy for Labour leader Neil Kinnock, who has refused to back the councils.

Worst

'From the point of view of national politics, the worst thing for the Labour Party was to have Mr Scargill and a section of the National Union of Mineworkers openly defying the law and trying to bring the government down,' said Jenkin.

'Now they are going to have these 16 local authorities doing exactly the same thing. One is apt to say "poor old Neil" — but the law is the law and it is going to be enforced.'

CHRIS CORRIGAN AT THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Benefits to be cut

CHILD benefits are going to be either cut or mean-tested by the Tories, Dunfermline East delegate Alan Smart told the Scottish conference of the Labour Party in Perth yesterday.

Moving a unanimously-backed composite motion, opposing the purpose of the Fowler social security review, Smart said: 'We can also definitely predict a reduction in the number of people entitled to housing benefits and the coverage of the supplementary benefits system. The policy of this government has been to cut and cut again.'

The second thing, Dunfermline West delegate Andrew Figiel said: 'These reviews will mean more savage cuts. Thatcher's fingerprints are all over these reviews.'

Plan to boost Kinnock fails

SCOTTISH NUM president Mick McGahey was yesterday at the centre of a delicately-laid but doomed plan to rehabilitate Neil Kinnock in the eyes of the mineworkers and other trade unionists.

'As far as I am concerned, I appreciate the role of the leader of the Labour Party,' Stalinist McGahey replied stoutly at a joint press conference with Kinnock.

McGahey had been asked how he viewed criticism of Kinnock's hostile attitude towards the miners' strike. 'I have no dispute with the leader of the Labour Party and have no dispute with the Labour Party or its Scottish Council,' McGahey went on.

He was speaking after holding private talks with

Kinnock lasting about 40 minutes in a room at Perth's plush Station Hotel — shortly after the Labour leader had arrived in the city.

Cameras were invited to a special pre-talks photo-session with the two men. After the talks had ended reporters were called to another room to hear statements from the duo.

This reunion soon hit trouble less than an hour later, however — across town at the Scottish conference of the Labour Party.

Several dozen miners — certainly not Kinnock

ACAS offers talks to teachers

THE STATE conciliation service ACAS yesterday invited teachers' leaders for exploratory talks on their pay dispute.

Officials wrote to Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, as teachers employed by 42 local education authorities prepared to strike next week over pay.

Employers have already agreed to talks with ACAS. But the teachers' unions have expressed anger at a refusal by the employers or the government to concede the possibility of a rise of more than 4 per cent.

The teachers are demanding a 12.4 per cent rise.

● THE NUT is to take legal action against Newcastle upon Tyne education authority for docking the pay of teachers who refuse to undertake so-called voluntary duties.

It will be a test case against one of some 20 authorities which have decided to deduct money from teachers during their industrial action in support of this year's pay claim.

Doug McAvoy, the union's deputy general secretary, said: 'Authorities are trying to intimidate our members.'

A court will now be asked to rule whether duties which teachers have until now considered voluntary are in fact part of their contracts.

MPs make call for amnesty

EIGHTEEN Labour MPs have signed a Commons motion calling for an amnesty for all victimised miners, and demanding the recall of the TUC.

The motion says that a recalled TUC should consider building a united front to rally support and to defend jobs and living standards of all workers.

One of the signatories, Edinburgh Labour MP Ron Brown, said: 'We must learn the lessons of the miners' strike — and that is despite the cowardice of the General Council, the working class can and will fight back given real leadership.'

fans — were lobbying the conference. Many of them were from among the 3,500 miners still on strike in West Fife and Shropshire.

They had acquired tickets to enter the hall. 'What about the miners?' one of the miners shouted loudly from the back of the hall, midway through Kinnock's long, laborious speech to the conference.

Shout

The shout came from a 35-year-old miner from a strike centre near Dunfermline, who repeated: 'I've been a Labour supporter all my life, as he was led outside.'

Inside the hall, Kinnock only retorted: 'Don't worry, it is probably what he wanted from the press.'

THE FIGHT FOR JOBS IS STILL ON IN ARMTHORPE

MORE than 3,000 miners, their wives and children surged through the village of Armthorpe yesterday as Markham Main, the last Yorkshire pit to end the strike, served notice that the fight for jobs goes on.

The mining community near Doncaster has never witnessed scenes like it. Everybody — from old-aged pensioners to young children — seemed to have turned out to demonstrate their resolve to continue the struggle.

First stop on the triumphant march through the village was the local bakery, which has been a staunch supporter of the miners.

Flanked by men who have been sacked, NUM branch secretary Jimmy Millar presented a bouquet of flowers to the bakery to loud applause from the marchers.

Miners at Markham Main colliery voted on Wednesday to go back next week, but there was not a trace of pessimism or despair as they

BY SIMON VEVERS

chanted and sang on their way to the pit yard.

Local residents crowded the pavement, waved from windows or clambered on to vantage points along the route to cheer the strikers.

Earlier in the morning pupils at a local school had taken a leaf out of the miners' book when they mounted a picket line.

NUM pickets reported that not one scab had been bussed into the pit

yesterday as NCB management prepared for the vast majority of the 1,400 men to return.

Led by the colliery band the miners marched through the pit gates singing: 'Here we go, here we go'.

Pledged

NUM branch president Alan Bell pledged that the fight to win the reinstatement of the 700 sacked men would go on.

'Everyone at this pit owes a debt of gratitude to those lads for putting their jobs on the line. They have given their all to this strike on behalf of everybody who works here and we must fight to get them back,' he said.

After a year on strike, Billy Matthews said he was going back feeling 'both sad and jubilant'.

He told News Line: 'I'm sad that we didn't get all that we wanted in terms of a victory. But I'm jubilant because Maggie Thatcher has not got the victory she wanted over us, we have not been beaten.'

Support

'If we had had the support of the TUC then none of this would have happened and we'd have won long ago.'

After the march the miners and their families returned to the local welfare hall for a slap-up meal prepared by the women's support group.

Secretary of the group, Irene Fretwell, said they would continue to provide food parcels for the next two weeks.



Hatfield Main miners, their families and supporters on the triumphant march through Armthorpe village yesterday

Throughout the last 12 months the women have distributed 900 parcels every week, provided meals each day at the welfare and breakfast on Saturday for pickets.

'Thatcher hasn't broken our spirits. We've had to stand up and fight and that's exactly what we've done,' she told News Line.

Irene decided to go picketing after seeing her husband on television arguing with a scab's wife near Harworth pit in North Nottinghamshire.

'She told my husband to get off home to his wife and kids and that made me really mad. I was determined to show that I was right behind him in the stand that he'd taken.'

Irene said the women's support group had played an increasingly more important role in the strike.

'When Jack Taylor and

the Yorkshire executive said that mass picketing was to be stopped the women's action group took the initiative by organising a mass picket.

'The TUC leaders are all after knighthoods in my opinion. They will not stand up for the working class.'

'People in other unions that we have met have told us that they have pleaded with their leaders to bring them out on strike with us but they wouldn't.'

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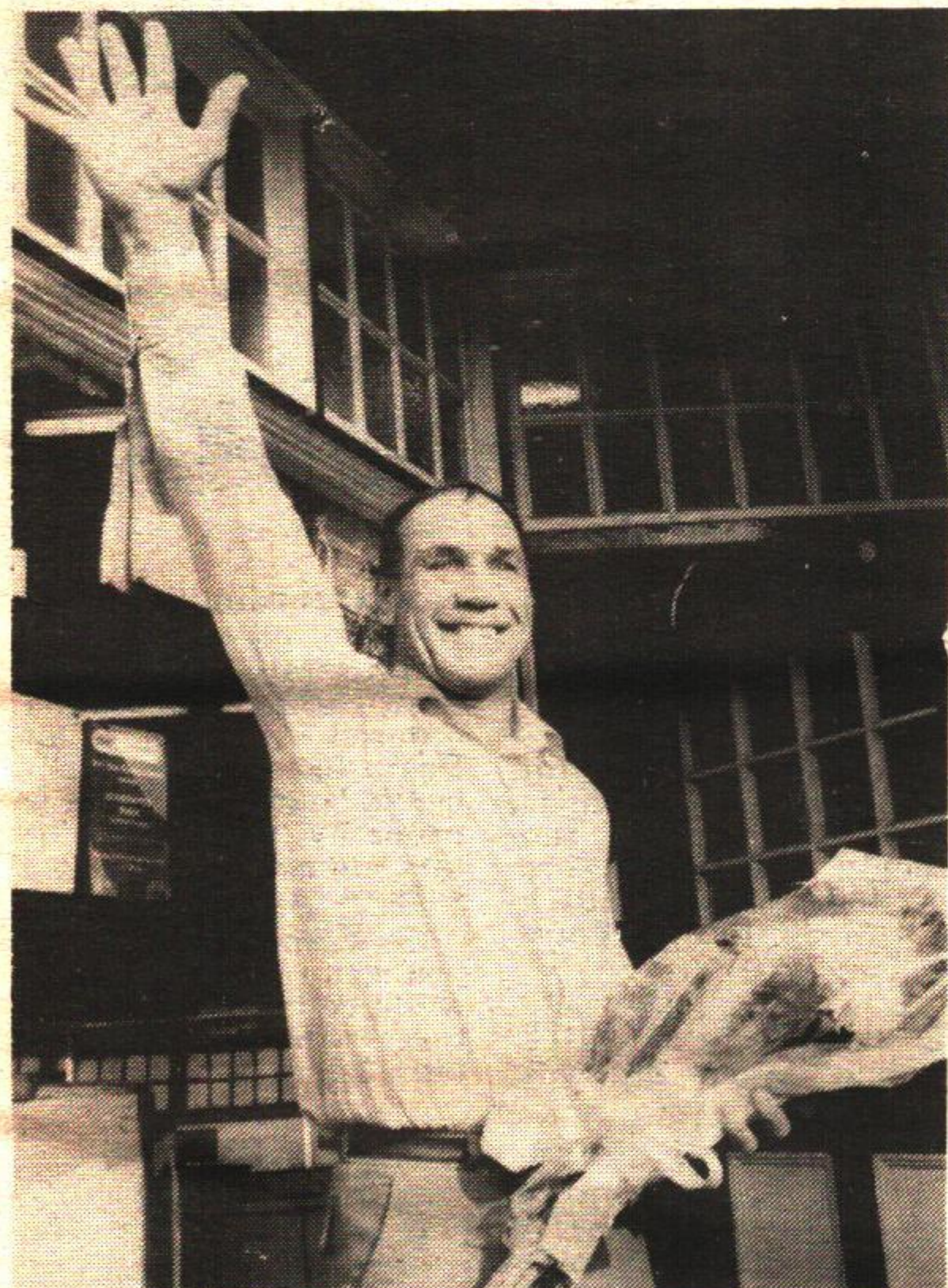
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THIS is the time for the News Line to be out in front. The betrayal of the miners by the TUC has forced them back to work. But they are by no means beaten. The fight goes on as the battle for jobs cannot be settled.

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Armthorpe baker Howard Hardy acknowledges the cheers from miners and their wives who were expressing their thanks for his staunch support of the miners over the last twelve months.

IN PERTH

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The Labour leader's speech had been billed in the Tory press as his 'big chance' to restore his fortunes after being overshadowed in the fight against the Tories.

But as he sat down at the end of his address, there was a prolonged and embarrassing stretch of time, as nobody in the hall appeared ready to instigate a customary standing ovation for the party leader.

There was a half-hearted standing ovation — involving less than half of the delegates at the conference — after T&GWU national official Alex Kitson and Fife Labour MP Gordon Brown stood up to get things going on one side of the hall.

Sacked miners figure wrong

SACKINGS of strikers in Scottish coalfields in fact number 240 men and not 180 as claimed by the Coal Board, Scottish NUM secretary Eric Clarke told the Scottish conference of the Labour Party yesterday.

'We have got to fight because this battle is not over,' said Clarke, moving an emergency motion, seconded by ASLEF, demanding that the trade union and Labour movement campaign for reinstatement of all miners dismissed.

'It is all the activists, local officials and local leaders of the strike centres that have been systematically picked out for dismissal,' the conference was told.

Clarke gave the example of Bilston Glen branch secretary Jackie Aitchison, who had been sacked after stepping across a white line painted by the Coal Board outside the pit.

Council highways department later told the board to get rid of the white line because the road was council property.

But Aitchison remained sacked.

Clarke demanded a campaign by the whole movement for the protection of the right of trade unionists to fight for their living standards.

He warned that teachers and workers throughout the public sector and others were in the firing line for the 'full treatment' from Thatcher.

£25,000 Party Building and Education Fund

THERE has never been a period since 1926 when the Trotskyist movement has come closer to the revolutionary working class than during the past 12 months of the miners' strike. There are a number of important reasons for this.

In the conflict between the working class and the capitalist Bonapartist state, the political development of the masses is proceeding by leaps and bounds. The Thatcherite Tory class enemy is out in front for all to see. Consequently the working class recognises its main enemy in the class struggle immediately up front. Under such conditions workers always learn more rapidly in the course of the struggle.

The driving force of the class struggle in Britain is the world economic and political crisis. This crisis is confronted by the most powerful combination of resistance from the working

class and the oppressed all over the world. In the forefront of this is the miners' strike, which is not a sectional strike but a manifestation of the world crisis within Britain. That is what provides its impressive strength.

Within the miners' strike is the living embryo of the world socialist revolution. That is why it cannot be defeated, because it is an integral part of an undefeated working class in all the major countries of the world.

During the past year our Party has been in the forefront of the class struggle in all fields. The News Line has won pride of place for its coverage of the miners' strike. Large numbers of new members have joined the Party, from some of the most important trade unions.

We are well on the way to a record recruitment year, and now comes the task of educating the new members. This task

is inseparable from the continuous campaign to build the Workers Revolutionary Party in all parts of the country.

Because a large number of our new members are on strike and short of cash, we plan to raise a fund of £25,000 so that we can cover the expenses of a substantial period at our College of Marxist Education.

This will enable us to provide extensive courses for our new recruits, as well as to politically equip them to speed our Party recruitment campaign, well into the five-figure mark.

The Fund began on March 1, 1985, and we plan to complete it by May 1 — just two months to raise £25,000. Can we have the first group of substantial donations — please.

Send them to:
£25,000 Party Building and Education Fund
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Briefly . . .**Minister survives vote**

THE HAGUE — Economics Minister Gijs van Aardenne yesterday survived a parliamentary no-confidence motion, after refusing to explain his admission in December that he had misled parliament about agreements with a shipbuilding group that collapsed in 1983 after receiving \$515 million in state subsidies.

Tanaka creates vacuum

TOKYO — The Japanese 'shadow shogun', former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, is recovering from a stroke. The powerbroker's illness leaves a significant hole in the power structure of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party at a time when Tanaka's protégé, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, is facing stiff opposition on a range of economic and foreign policies in the Diet (parliament).

Nakasone cuts barriers

TOKYO — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone urged his Cabinet to reduce trade barriers to avoid criticism and backlashes from America and other major capitalist nations. Japan had a record trade surplus with the rest of the world in 1984 of \$44.4 billion.

Rawlings' amnesty

ACCRA — Ghanaian leader Jerry Rawlings has announced the release of 202 political prisoners, including two former government ministers, to mark Independence Day. They are J.S. Nabila, a former Minister for Presidential Affairs, and former Defence Minister K. Riley-Poku.

An apology and a snub

HELSINKI — The Finnish national broadcasting company has snubbed President Mauno Koivisto's demand that quotes from his speeches be vetted by his office before being aired. The company apologised for misquoting him earlier but said he was not entitled to scrutinise scheduled broadcasts.

Lee's sweeping taxes

SINGAPORE — The Lee Kuan Yew government has sharply increased road and petrol taxes and taxi fares in a harsh new budget that also gives businessmen tax concessions. The island state has a budget deficit of \$2.24 billion. Loans from state reserves will supplement the budget.

Blasts in the Ruhr

DUESSELDORF — Two bombs exploded in the Ruhr region yesterday, damaging property but causing no casualties. One bomb shattered windows and doors and destroyed the telephone switchboard at the Essen offices of a coal mining company and another damaged miners' union offices in Bochum. The blasts followed an explosion at a Dortmund department store that injured nine people on Thursday.

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IRANIAN FORCES POUND BASRA

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

BASRA — Iran resumed shelling the southern port of Basra yesterday, after a brief lull following a nine-hour bombardment of the city on Thursday night.

In yesterday's attack, the shells started landing at 1030 hours GMT and the shelling was continuing more than two hours later.

Iran had threatened further bombardment of Basra in retaliation for attacks on Iranian civilian areas on Wednesday.

One resident said he could hear explosions every 15 or 20 minutes. The shells appeared to be landing in palm groves along the Shatt al-Arab waterway, away from populated areas of the city of over one million people.

Iranian authorities who ordered the shelling of Basra after Iraqi warplanes bombed key installations in Ahwaz and Bushehr last Monday have consistently warned Basra's population of 1 million people to evacuate.

The Saddam Hussein regime in Baghdad has repeatedly advised the population against evacuating. The attacks so far indicate the Tehran military command avoided direct hits on the population centre.

The nine-hour bombardment overnight en-



Iranian forces preparing for action in the Dehloran area on the western front

ded shortly before midnight 2100 hours GMT on Thursday, ending a day of some of the most intensive artillery exchanges in the 53-month-old Gulf war.

A military communique carried by the Iranian national news agency IRNA had warned that Iranian artillery positions would renew their shelling as a result of Iraqi attacks on two Iranian

towns.

An initial IRNA dispatch said the shelling would resume at 1330 hours GMT but the agency later issued a replacement item that deleted reference to the time.

Yesterday's renewed shelling was in retaliation for Iraqi attacks on the southern Iranian towns of Sar Pol-e Zahab and Masjed Soleyman on Thursday.

IRNA repeated calls on Basra residents to leave the city as soon as possible to avoid the artillery barrage.

Iranian president Ali Khamenei told thousands of worshippers at the weekly Friday prayers that the shelling of Basra had probably already begun.

He said Iran had long refrained from attacking civilian targets but was

now responding in kind to Iraqi assaults.

'For Masjed (Soleyman), this morning I ordered our forces to hit Basra for a certain number of hours and Basra is probably under fire at this moment,' Khamenei said.

He warned Iraq that 'if you get really impudent we have the power to hit targets more important than Basra'.

Walesa summoned for questioning

WARSAW — The Polish authorities have rejected an appeal by Andrzej Gwiazda, former deputy chairman of the banned Solidarity, and summoned Lech Walesa for questioning.

A court in Wodzislaw Slaski, south-west Poland, rejected Gwiazda's appeal against a sentence last month for allegedly disturbing the peace last December.

The summons to the outlawed Solidarity free trade union leader, Walesa, is the second he has received in less than a month, after the movement's opposition to this week's food price rises and a threat to call a 15-minute general strike.

Walesa was summoned on Thursday by the Public Prosecutor allegedly for taking part in illegal trade union activities.

He refused to answer questions when he was interviewed on February 16 after Solidarity called for the 15-minute general strike and later repeated

the call for stoppages. The charges carry jail sentences of up to three years.

The strike was called off after the Stalinist authorities agreed to reconsider the rises in response to opposition from the official OPZZ union body.

Walesa said a number of other Solidarity activists had also been summoned to appear at prosecutors' offices by this weekend.

They included Gdansk leader Jacek Merkel and Bogdan Olszewski and former political prisoner Janusz Palubicki, from the western industrial city of Poznan.

Merkel and Palubicki have been charged with fomenting unrest after being detained at a strike planning meeting in Gdansk, broken up by security police.

Walesa was also at the meeting but was not charged. Three other participants, Adam Michnik, Bogdan Lis and Wladyslaw Frasyniuk remain in custody.

Gwiazda will begin serving the latest sentence on March 16 when he completes a three month jail term imposed after he was arrested during a demonstration by Solidarity supporters in Gdansk.

The students remember

POLISH police sealed off Warsaw University yesterday while students laid flowers at a plaque marking the start of the historic student demonstrations of 1968. About 150 students were allowed to take part in the ceremony but the authorities were clearly taking no chance in the wake of this week's tensions over food price increases.

The 1968 demonstrations began after

the Stalinist Communist Party's agents broke up a mass meeting at the university. The demonstrations had been called to protest against an official campaign against intellectuals and Jews.

Clashes between students and police continued for several weeks in Warsaw and Cracow that year and hundreds of students were arrested.

Polish debt talks stalled

PARIS — Signature of a deal to reschedule \$12 billion of Poland's debt to Western creditors will be delayed after an impasse over Polish demands for new credit before signing.

In two days of talks that ended on Thursday, a Polish delegation met representatives of 17 creditor countries with the aim of concluding the deal initiated in January to reschedule repayments due between 1983 and 1984.

One diplomat said: 'The subject is not easy now. Signature is not foreseen in the immediate future.'

Diplomatic sources said another meeting

could be needed but no date has been set.

They could not confirm press reports that the new credits Poland wanted amounted to \$1.7 billion.

Warsaw's attempt to make the multilateral debt accord depend on receipt of further bilateral credits is a reversal of normal practice of the creditor nations making up the 'Paris Club'.

The group believes new credits would be 'inappropriate' due to the Polish authorities' move to stop all repayments when Western countries broke off settlement talks after the declaration of martial law.

Poland's total official and private debt to the West amounted to \$28 billion at the end of 1984. Warsaw expects this to rise to \$30 billion by the end of this year.

World News Line

Tehran
reports
Iraqi
murders

TEHRAN — Iran's IRNA news agency yesterday said the Iraqi regime had executed ten members of the family of the late Ayatollah al-Ustha Seyyed Mohsin Hakim.

The agency said the executions had occurred less than a month after President Saddam Hussein had declared an amnesty for oppositionists.

The bodies of the ten men, including an ayatollah, were handed over to their relatives in Iraq last Wednesday, the agency said.

In May 1983, the Iraqi regime had rounded up 90 members of the Hakim family, including 60 ulema (religious leaders), women and children and executed six of the ulema, the agency said.

The Saddam Hussein regime had threatened executions so long as Iraqi Mujahideen continued their struggle against the state.

IRNA said a general amnesty was signed by Saddam Hussein on February 14. But Iraqi oppositionists had rejected it as a propaganda ploy.

Election
death toll
increases

NEW DELHI — Four people were killed and 11 others injured yesterday when new election clashes broke out in India's opposition-ruled southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

State-run Press Trust of India said an indefinite curfew was clamped on the old quarter of Hyderabad, the state capital, after police opened fire on protesters.

Street battles erupted between rival supporters of a Muslim political party and the right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party, over rumours a fresh poll would be held in local seat, PTI said.

Clashes

At least 50 people have been killed in clashes, bomb explosions and when police opened fire at several polling booths across India during the ballot in 11 states and the Union Territory of Pondicherry last Saturday and Tuesday.

Andhra Pradesh was one of three states where opposition governments were re-elected, reinforcing their hold with large majorities.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi won a mandate in northern India but failed to dent tough opposition in southern Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring Karnataka. He suffered reverses also in north-eastern Assam state.

CAR-BOMB ROCKS
BEIRUT SUBURBS

BEIRUT — A car bomb rocked the southern suburbs yesterday, killing at least 45 people and injuring hundreds of others, according to early reports.

News of the blast brought Muslim militiamen running into the streets of the mainly-Muslim area, firing automatic weapons into the air to clear roads for ambulances.

The bomb went off near the home of the influential Shi'ite Muslim clergyman Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah but Beirut radio reported him safe.

The bomb partially destroyed a building and set nearby cars ablaze, Beirut radio said.

A state of emergency was declared in the southern suburbs as radio broadcasts appealed for blood donors.

Fleets of ambulances

jammed the entrance to West Beirut's main hospital.

Streets soon emptied of traffic, apart from ambulances and militia vehicles.

Hospitals near the scene were packed with wounded and dead, witnesses said.

Television stations estimated the blast to have been caused by a 100lb of explosives.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Artillery shells, meanwhile, began falling two miles away from the blast but initial reports did not identify the forces responsible.

Beirut's crowded southern suburbs are inhabited mainly by poor Shi'ite Muslim families, many of them refugees from Israeli occupation in the south of the country.

Another car-bomb in the southern suburbs on February 18 killed six

people and wounded 35.

In Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his Foreign Minister and Likud bloc leader, Yitzhak Shamir clashed over Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's peace initiative on the Middle East.

Shamir rebutted Peres after he praised Mubarak's efforts and said: 'I welcome President Mubarak's remarks and I want to promise him personally that we are working for peace.'

'I believe with all my heart that through co-operative discussion we can overcome all the problems along the way.'

Shamir described Mubarak's diplomacy as 'resorting to wily tricks' in an interview in the 'Jerusalem Post' newspaper.

'Israel will never agree to live within borders which will not enable it to exist in security and peace,' he said.

Sihanouk forces pinned down

HEAVY Vietnamese artillery fire yesterday pinned down Prince Norodom Sihanouk's forces in their Green Hill base in Kampuchea.

The Green Hill headquarters, also known as Tatum, is the last of the key bases held by the Nationalist Sihanoukian Army (ANS).

Vietnam's troops were poised at a steep, southern face of a 1,300-foot hill

on which the base is located.

Thai Supreme Commander General Arthit Kamlang-ek claimed Sihanouk's mercenaries had beaten back what he called a suicidal assault on the face by the Vietnamese troops yesterday.

Hanoi radio has strenuously denied the charges. The Vietnamese News Agency has rejected accusations of in-

trusion into Thai territory as 'slandorous'.

It also charged the US-backed military regime in Bangkok of increasing its armed involvement in the counter-revolutionary war against the Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh.

It said: 'The SRV (Socialist Republic of Vietnam) has always honoured Thailand's sovereignty and territo-

rial integrity.'

'Such a slander is only aimed at covering up Thailand's increasing collusion with China in giving military aid to the Khmer reactionary forces to oppose the PRK (People's Republic of Kampuchea).'

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden, visiting Hanoi yesterday, said the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge should be excluded from forthcoming peace talks on Kampuchea in Canberra.

Vietnamese authorities have agreed to proposed talks sponsored by the Association of South-East Asian Nations but serious differences have emerged in their ranks.

VNA quoted Hayden as saying the Australian government did not 'believe that it can be a productive development of negotiations... if Pol Pot were to be included in the process.'

'We do not recognise Pol Pot or any of his clique.'

Dollar deepens
Israeli slump

JERUSALEM — The strength of the United States dollar has severely hit Israeli exports, increasing pressure on the government for a substantial devaluation of the shekel, government spokesmen who declined to be named said yesterday.

According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, exports for the first two months of this year were \$876 million, representing an 11 per cent average monthly decline compared with the last four months of 1984.

They said the Bank of Israel's policy of linking the value of the shekel to the inflation rate, currently 400 per cent a year, meant the Israeli currency was substantially overvalued against the major Western European ones.

One official said: 'Our

goods have been priced out of their main markets, namely Western Europe. If this goes on, the government will have little alternative but to devalue, despite its reluctance.'

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said last month that he had turned down US advice to devalue the shekel, contending that this would further fuel inflation.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai is in Washington, seeking \$800 million worth of aid in addition to the \$2.6 billion the Reagan government has already given Israel this year.

As Israel had to pay back \$7 billion in foreign debts this year and foreign currency reserves are falling, officials say the extra aid is essential to avert an imminent foreign currency crisis.



Some of the victims of the Union carbide gas leak in Bhopal last December

Gandhi sues 'Carbide'

NEW DELHI — The Indian government will file a lawsuit in the United States on behalf of all victims of the Union Carbide gas leak that killed about 6,000 people last December, according to unofficial reports.

Minister of State for Law H.R. Bhargava yesterday said Law Secretary B.S. Sekhon was putting finishing touches to the lawsuit in the US and it would be filed 'in the next few days'.

Sekhon flew to New

York six days ago to hire a firm of US lawyers, Bhargava said. He did not name the firm.

Visit

He said India's Attorney-General K. Parasaran had reported after a visit to the US in January that the Indian government could intervene on behalf of the gas victims, and American courts had the jurisdiction to decide on compensation.

Hundreds of thousands of people continue to suffer serious after-effects from the lethal methyl isocyanate gas leaked from a pesticide factory owned by the US Union Carbide Corporation in the central Indian city of Bhopal on December 3.

Two weeks ago, the Rajiv Gandhi government issued an ordinance giving it the right to take over all litigation on behalf of the gas victims and to file claims for compensation in US courts.

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Molesworth land sale held up

THE SALE of church land beside Molesworth cruise missile base in Cambridgeshire to the Ministry of Defence will not now go ahead until March 18 at the earliest, a High Court was told today.

Justice Warner accepted an undertaking on behalf of the Peterborough diocese not to sell the 1.6-acre site beside the base boundary fence pending the hearing of an application for an injunction to halt the sale.

The judge adjourned injunction proceedings being brought on behalf of Christian CND by the Rev Robin

Anstey, vicar of Greeton and Rockingham, until March 18.

Christian CND, who claim to have put in a bid for the land £700 higher than the sum agreed with the Defence Ministry, want the diocese to sell the land to the highest bidder and not the Ministry.

After the hearing Paul Johns, chairman of Christian CND, who attended the brief hearing in London, said his organisation wanted to make land available to Christian people who were concerned about nuclear weapons.



Last month's police-military operation at Molesworth cruise missile base — now Christian CND are campaigning for the right to buy land next to the base

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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)

NEWCASTLE: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Bridge Hotel, Castle Street.
Speakers: **Jim Cousins** (Newcastle YS); **Bob Bell** (Newcastle WRP); **in personal capacity: Dave Temple** (WRP Central Committee and Durham Mechanics executive); **Councillor Nigel Todd**

EAST MIDLANDS

LEICESTER: Monday March 11, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.
Speakers: **Gary Greenwood** (Leicester YS); **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)

NORTH WEST

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

HUYTON: Tuesday March 12, 7.30p.m. St Agnes Labour Club, Manor Farm Road, St Johns Estate.
Speakers: **Maria Sloane** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee); **Tommy Robinson** (Huyton WRP and T&GWU steward, in personal capacity)

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)

BLACKBURN: Tuesday March 19, 7.30p.m. Blackburn Trades Council Club, St Peters Street.
Speakers: **Lyn Waring** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Waring** (WRP Central Committee); **Tony Mitchell** (NUM, in personal capacity)

BIRKENHEAD: Wednesday March 20, 7.30p.m. Birkenhead TU and Unemployed Centre, 41 Hamilton Street.
Speakers: **Dave Griffiths** (Birkenhead YS); **Larry Cavanagh** (WRP North West district committee); **in personal capacity: Karl Greaney** (NUPE); **Helen McAndrew** (NUT); **Allen Jones** (Point of Ayr NUM)

BURNLEY: Sunday March 24, 6.30p.m. AUEW Rooms, Hargreaves Street, (across from GPO).
Speakers: **Denise Fishwick** (YS Regional Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee); **in personal capacity: Mick O'Brien** (UCW); **Tony Mitchell** (NUM)

RUNCORN: Thursday March 28, 7.30p.m. Meeting Room 1, Shopping City Library.
Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee)

BOLTON: Thursday April 4, 7.30p.m. Clarence Hotel, Bradshawgate.
Speakers: **Andrew Ellis** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Waring** (WRP Central Committee)

SCOTLAND

DALKEITH: Monday March 11, 7.30p.m. County Hotel, High Street.
Speakers: **Ian Gardiner** (Edinburgh YS); **Terry Brothstone** (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)

YORKSHIRE

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** (Kellingley NUM); **John Goodall** (West Yorkshire County Council NALGO)

YORK: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. York Community Centre, Prior Street.
Speakers: **Colin Smith** (Pudsey YS); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); **Pat Teromas** (Sherburn Wives Support Group)

EASTERN

NORWICH: Tuesday March 19, 7.30p.m. Duke Street Centre, Duke Street.
Speakers: **Mark Harrison** (YS Regional Committee); **David Colling** (Norwich WRP)

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)

SOUTH WALES

CARDIFF: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. Central Hotel, St Mary Street.
Speakers: **Anne Pickard** (YS Regional Committee); **Travis Gould** (WRP Central Committee); **in personal capacity: Bob Imperato** (T&GWU); **Speaker from South Wales NUM**

LLANELLI: Thursday March 14, 7.30p.m. Labour and Co-Op Club, 26 Murray Street.
Speakers: **Mark Vivian** (YS National Committee); **Jim Bevan** (Port Talbot WRP)

SUSSEX

CRAWLEY: Monday March 25, 7.30p.m. Langley Green Community Centre.
Speakers: **Graham Fenwick** (YS National Committee); **Joe Kierney** (Crawley WRP)

BRIGHTON: Tuesday April 2, 7.30p.m. Springfield Pub, Springfield Road.
Speakers: **Graham Fenwick** (YS National Committee); **John Hulme** (Brighton WRP); **Joe Kierney** (Crawley WRP)

MIDDLESEX

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)

BURNT OAK: Tuesday March 26, 7.30p.m. Labour Hall, Back Lane, Watling Avenue.
Speakers: **Dolly Short** (YS Editor); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTHALL: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Ramgharia Hall, The Broadway.
Speakers: **Jason Matthews** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Lugg** (Southall WRP and T&GWU shop steward BAA Heathrow, 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)

KENT

ROCHESTER: Tuesday March 12, 7.30p.m. Kings Head Hotel, High Street.
Speakers: **Paul Crittenden** (Rochester YS); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); **Mick Austin** (T&GWU Rochester-upon-Medway Council Joint Union Committee, in personal capacity)

LONDON

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)

PECKHAM: Thursday March 14, 7.30p.m. North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road, SE15.
Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (YS Regional Committee); **Jean Kerrigan** (WRP London District Committee); **in personal capacity: Graham Northwood** (Apprentices representative EETPU Southwark); **Derek Hall** (Kent NUM)

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

PRINT BALLOT TO STAY OUT



TONY DUBBINS

MEMBERS of the National Graphical Association at the 'Wolverhampton Express' and 'Star' have voted overwhelmingly to continue to fight a threat to their jobs through new technology.

The union said yesterday that the action affecting the 'Express' and 'Star', 'Shropshire Star' and Precision Colour Printing was supported with a 154-33 vote. The NGA held a ballot after deciding to comply with a High Court ruling that one must be held under the Tories' anti-union 1984 Trade Union Act.

Most of the printers have been suspended without

pay for declining to handle classified advertising material fed into a computer by advertising staff — an operation that does away with an intermediate NGA operator.

Commenting on the ballot result, Tony Dubbins, NGA general secretary, said: 'It is a splendid result and confirms the support we knew we had from our membership.'

'As the company forced us to re-ballot we require them also to abide by the result and lift the suspensions, honour their agreements and return to the status quo.'

'For the company to do otherwise will expose their total hypocrisy. The NGA cannot be asked to negotiate new agreements while their existing ones are being abrogated by the company.'

Discussions on the dispute were taking place yesterday at ACAS, the government's conciliation service.

MORE THAN 150 Vauxhall car workers took a protest bus trip to their company's office yesterday over plans to sell off their plant.

Three double-decker buses carried tool and die workers from the Vauxhall Bedford works to the General Motors main office in Luton.

WEATHER

ENGLAND and Wales will be mostly dry with sunny periods after the clearance of overnight mist or fog patches. Scotland will be cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle. After a slight frost in places at first, it will become generally mild and very mild in some sheltered eastern parts of Scotland.

Outlook for the following 48 hours: Cloud and occasional rain over Scotland spreading southwards to much of England and Wales. Becoming cooler in the north.

Mersey builders fight sackings

From our own correspondent

TWENTY-ONE building workers in Cantril Farm yesterday decided to continue their two-week strike over redundancies and called on their union to make the dispute official.

The men walked out when their employer, J.E.M. Building Services Ltd, a subcontractor to the Stockbridge Village Trust, gave 12 of them a week's notice.

UCATT made the strike official and in negotiations the company agreed to reduce the number of sackings to six, but the men refused and voted to continue the strike until all 12 are given their jobs back.

Managing director James George Mansfield

threatened to take out an injunction suing the union for having an official strike without a secret ballot.

Union officials told the men to go back to work, pending a ballot, but they refused and UCATT then decided to withdraw official support for the strike.

Writs

Strike chairman Frank Thompson said: 'When we had an official strike, Mansfield threatened us with writs, because we are not carrying out the proper procedure.'

'He said he could take to court our union and whoever he deems to be causing the trouble, as he calls it. But it's not trouble — it's just lads fighting for their jobs.'

Medicines ten-fold rise

SHADOW home secretary Gerald Kaufman last night said a government plan to increase prescription charges to £2 was 'another nail in the coffin of the welfare state'. He pointed out that when the Tories came to power six years ago prescription charges stood at 20p. 'The Tories vehemently denied that they planned to raise them. This proposed ten-fold increase is an absolutely unacceptable breach of faith.'

FREESON STANDS DOWN

LABOUR MP Reg Freeson last night withdrew from the re-selection battle in his Brent East constituency, saying the selection conference to be held on April 28 is 'unjust and invalid'.

The former housing minister, aged 59, said: 'It would be inconsistent and wrong for me to allow my

name to go forward in a process of which I am challenging the propriety and natural justice under the party constitution.'

Among the challengers who hope to fight Brent East for Labour at the next election is the leader of the Greater London Council, Ken Livingstone.

Lessons from the miners' strike and the struggle for power

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electricity boards and essential repairs to damaged coal faces and by investment postponed during the strike. The extent of Tory government weakness and its vulnerability to the strike continuing is now — and only now — admitted.

Privately, ministers admit that the Whitehall estimates were kept secret for fear the figures would encourage the miners to think they might win the strike. ('Sunday Times' Business Section, March 3, 1985)

The NUM has shattered the spending target of the government, which not surprisingly, assumed in its plans that the strike would be over by January 1. But the resolute determination of the miners and their leaders to continue the strike has doubled the cost from £1.5 billion to £3 billion. Even these costs are tentative.

A major reason for this escalation of costs is the fact that most oil bought by the CEEB is on contract and is paid for in dollars on a 3, 6, or 9-monthly basis. Thus the fall in sterling's rate of exchange has enormously increased the cost of oil and upset the financial forecasts of the Treasury.

● But the greatest threat arising from the miners' strike to the precarious stability of British capitalism is, paradoxically, the very asset which enabled Thatcher to resist the strike without power cuts: oil and the price of oil.

Bolstered by the policies of the Wilson and Callaghan Labour governments to run down the coal industry and develop oil as a primary fuel for power generation the Tories used this asset to the maximum by importing huge quantities of oil. Unlike the Heath government which was faced by an Arab oil embargo in 1973-1974 and was frustrated by the refusal of BNOC to violate its contractual obligation and supply oil to Britain instead, the Thatcher government had no such worries. Not only was North Sea oil being produced in prodigious quantities and earning much-needed dollars, but foreign oil was plentiful and the government — relying on the TUC and the T&GWU leaders — built up huge stockpiles of oil which was used against the miners.

Oil liability

When in December 1984-January 1985 oil prices began to tumble, they were firmed up, not so much by OPEC quotas on production, as by the massive buying of oil by the government. The extra purchases are estimated to be in the region of 500,000 barrels a day. As power station coal stocks ran down, foreign oil and coal was used instead, at enormous cost to the taxpayer. It was only in this way that Thatcher could last through the winter.

Miners' leaders' suspicions on this score were confirmed 2½ months later: 'The International Energy Agency confirmed speculation yesterday that the UK miners' strike played a crucial role in preventing a renewed slide in oil prices this winter.'

'Heavy purchases of fuel oil to feed the power stations lifted European demand sharply just when consumption of oil began to fall sharply in the United States and the Far East during January and February.' ('Guardian', March 6, 1985).



Thousands of trade unionists and their supporters marched through London on Wednesday against Tory rate-capping plans

But the Tories' asset has turned into a deadly liability. With the return of the miners to work and the onset of warmer weather — not to mention the unending surge of the US dollar and the federal deficit — the oil price fall intensifies the crisis of sterling which has become insoluble and threatens the basis of Tory rule.

After rising to \$1.10 last week — as a result of an unprecedented intervention by the five powers involving the selling of almost \$3 billion in three days — the pound fell almost three cents to \$1.0712 on Monday. Uncertainty about the oil market, the aftermath of the strike and the reports that OPEC is secretly producing over its ceiling of 16 million barrels per day, is pushing the pound inexorably towards parity with the dollar and beyond.

'The pound lost early gains yesterday as the market appeared to conclude that the resumption of full coal output would hit demand for oil and thus undermine petro-sterling.' ('The Guardian', March 5, 1985)

The prospects for the pound as a petro-currency are distinctly chilling.

'Price for forward deliveries (of oil) have slipped as much as two dollars below the official UK price.' ('The Observer', March 3, 1985)

These figures will escalate the Tories' preparations for extending the Bonapartist dictatorship. Bonapartism signifies a government which raises itself above parliament, i.e. the legislature, by relying increasingly on the executive, the unelected bodies of the state, i.e. judiciary, police, army, intelligence services, Whitehall bureaucracy and

monarchy, to rule. Such a regime presupposes an undefeated working class and an extreme tension of class forces which make parliamentary government difficult if not inoperable.

Far from retreating from his monetary objectives Lawson will make up for the prospective loss of revenue from North Sea oil by piling on the fiscal burdens in the March Budget. He will inflame working-class hatred and alienate sections of the lower middle class still further. He will prepare the objective preconditions for a General Strike.

That is why we insist and proudly proclaim that the miners were not defeated. They were betrayed — by the most cowardly and treacherous TUC leadership the working class has ever known.

The calculating treachery of the TUC was supplemented internationally by the strike-breaking activities of the Stalinist bureaucracy in East Germany and Poland, who doubled their exports of scab coal to Britain in the course of the strike. These actions preceded the symbolic visit of Soviet Stalinist leader Gorbachov to Thatcher in the most critical period of the strike, December 1984.

The Workers Revolutionary Party warmly applauds the NUM leaders' rejection of the aid cynically proffered by the state-controlled Polish trade unions and condemns at the same time the support given to Thatcher by Solidarity leader Walesa. Our support for Polish Solidarity's right to exist as an independent union does not in any way imply endorsement of the reactionary Catholic-inspired politics of its leaders.

Despite the concerted efforts of these reactionary bureaucracies and the emergence of Spencerism in the East Midlands, the miners' organisation remains intact and they return in a spirit of defiant optimism, of irreconcilable hatred for the Tory state and undying contempt for the TUC and its Stalinist and reformist agents.

'Guardian' scepticism

Miners must reject with contempt the cynically orchestrated theme of the capitalist press summarised by 'The Guardian' (March 5, 1985):

'The union has shot its bolt and is exhausted. Nothing will happen for years hence. "Never again" will instead become the byword not just within the NUM but the whole labour movement.'

'The Guardian' fittingly echoes the cowardly scepticism of its middle-class clientele which includes the leadership of the Labour Party and the Euro-Communist Party. Characteristically the authors quote approvingly from Peter Carter, trendy industrial organiser of the misnamed Communist Party, to justify its malicious hatred of Scargill and the NUM.

'If public opinion (i.e. the capitalist press) is viewed as peripheral, then the language of the strike becomes coded and not even understood by many trade unionists.'

What Carter wants is clear: complete conformity with

bourgeois law and order. Obey the sequestrators, welcome the receivers and remembrancers and don't touch the capitalist state or offend its apologists like Kinnock, Chapple and the Bishop of Durham!

Stalinists, Liberals, Social Democrats and revisionists alike believe that the miners' strike is the end of all industrial struggle and that workers must place their faith in the sanctity of the ballot box and hope for a Labour government — or better still a Labour-SDP-Liberal-Tory Wet alliance.

On the contrary. The miners — the working class and the oppressed poor — remain an undefeated force expressing the enormous strength of the world working class which, unlike 1926, embarks on its struggles in a period of unparalleled revolutionary victories and in the context of the greatest economic and financial crisis of world imperialism.

Testimony to this is revealed in the courageous sacrifice of David Jones and Joe Green and in the 712 dismissals, the 9,750 arrests and the 4,112 convictions against miners. If Thatcher now talks cynically of 'reconciliation' it is precisely because she has not defeated the miners and is soliciting the support of the Nottinghamshire scabs in the hope of establishing a right-wing leadership in the NUM like Hammond in the EETPU. She has failed to destroy the NUM despite the sequestration of its assets and the illegalising of the strike in Derbyshire and South Wales.

Furthermore the invincible strength of this working class is vividly expressed in the fact

that the Tory government has failed to secure the written agreement of the NUM executive to the closure of a single pit on economic grounds.

The miners' return to work without an agreement means that closures cannot be taken for granted and that the ending of the strike signifies the turn to qualitatively new forms of struggle involving occupations and fierce clashes with the state.

The massive use of the paramilitary police force might have impressed the 'Guardian' but it will not intimidate the working class. Every striking miner knows that without the Nottinghamshire scabs, the police would have proved impotent and without the reformist right-wing traitors of the TUC the steel and power industries would have ground to a halt.

At Immingham, Ravenscraig, Orgreave and Llanwern, the miners were frustrated only because the transport union and ISTC refused to honour their obligation to their fellow trade unionists in the TUC and acted in the most contemptible way by crossing picket lines with the protection of the police.

Miners for decades will recall the formula of Ron Todd given to an audience in Oxford in late 1984: 'I don't want to see the closure of Ravenscraig, Scunthorpe or Llanwern, but I don't want to see the defeat of the miners either.'

TUC exposed

The great conquest of the miners' strike was that it revealed in the clearest and sharpest way the total bankruptcy of trade union reformism, its inherent incapacity to fight the capitalist state, and its determination to paralyse the spontaneous upsurge of the working class against the state and restrict it to parliamentary and trade union protest.

The sell-out of the NUM struggle is another link in a whole chain of betrayals extending from the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) strike in 1978, the steel strike of 1980, the National Health Service and public servants' strike of 1981, the ASLEF train-drivers' strike of 1982, National Graphical Association (NGA) and GCHQ in 1983-1984.

The TUC have accepted without cavil the framework of the Bonapartist state. But the working class — and the miners — have not and will not.

This conflict, which is irreconcilable, reached its sharpest point in the TUC-NCB-government talks in February. The attempt of the TUC seven, led by Willis, to foist a non-negotiable and final agreement — based on the acceptance of pit closures — on the NUM, was the clearest expression of the TUC's sinister corporatist policy to tie the trade unions in with the management and effectively emasculate trade unions and their power to defend basic democratic rights.

In the same way as Murray tried to placate Thatcher in

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Lessons from the miners' strike

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February 1984 by offering to create an utterly impotent union at GCHQ, so Willis tried to sell the government-NCB plan to the NUM. In this he had the support of some of the most prominent leaders of the major unions. The notable exception was Jim Slater, who supported the demand for the TUC to call a General Strike.

'Mr Willis told them (the NUM EC) that the amended document was the best they could get: no further changes were, in the view of the TUC seven, available... There was no higher to go. That, Mr Willis stressed, was the judgement of all the TUC leaders involved.'

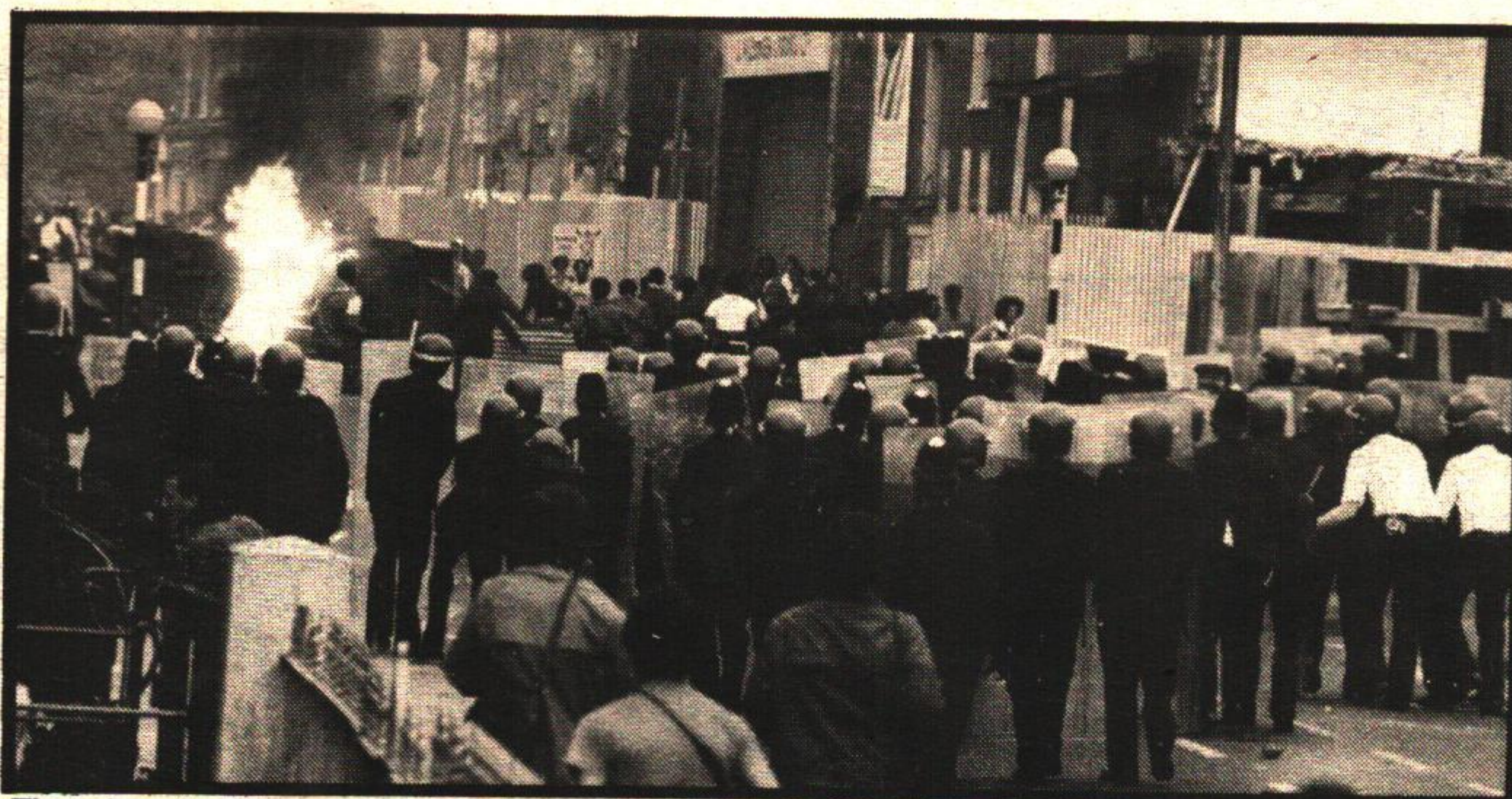
'Mr Willis did not recommend the document (though the seven had toyed with the idea of doing so)... But he repeated the TUC had nowhere else to go, no one else to try.' ('Miners push TUC closer to Walker' — Friday, February 22, 1985; 'Financial Times')

The actions of the TUC seven were a contemptible repudiation of the September 1984 TUC. They confirm the warning of Trotsky: 'Monopoly capitalism demands of the reformist bureaucracy and the labour aristocracy who pick up the crumbs from its banquet table, that they become transformed into its political police before the eyes of the working class.' ('Marxism and the Trade Unions', by Leon Trotsky)

Role of bureaucracy

In order to smash the strike, the government and NCB financed and organised the scabs in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, South Derbyshire and Staffordshire. In order to protect the scabs, the government brought in the specially organised and equipped riot police and in order to justify the use of the police and prevent the extension of the strike the government relied exclusively on the collaborationist TUC and the parliamentary Labour leaders.

In every picket line and in



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every clash with the police, miners and their wives were taught the essential truth of the relations of the state power to the Labour bureaucracy:

'The bureaucracy of the trade unions is the backbone of British imperialism... In England, more than anywhere else, the state rests upon the back of the working class which constitutes the overwhelming majority of the population of the country. The mechanism is such that the bureaucracy is based directly on the workers, and the state indirectly, through the intermediary of the trade union bureaucracy... the Labour Party and the trade unions — these are not two principles, they are only a technical division of labour. Together they are the fundamental support of the domination of the English bourgeoisie. The latter cannot be overthrown without overthrowing the Labourite bureaucracy.' ('Marxism and the Trade Unions', p.59). So it was in 1926, so it is today.

In rejecting the government-NCB plan, Scargill gave a resounding blow to the authority of the TUC and its credibility and underlined the correctness of the Workers Revolutionary Party demand raised in May-June 1984 that the NUM demand the TUC call a General Strike in its support.

By raising such a demand, the Workers Revolutionary Party-All Trades Unions

Alliance advanced the possibility of revealing in practice the counter-revolutionary nature of the bureaucracy and alerting the working class to the essential task of building the new leadership and driving the bureaucracy out of its privileged sanctuaries in the unions. Far from giving any confidence to these fakers, the campaign for the General Strike — insofar as it is indissolubly tied up with the task of building the revolutionary party and not advanced in a demagogic and abstract way — will greatly assist in educating workers and undermining the bureaucracy.

The necessity for the General Strike does not lose its urgency because the miners are going back — the fate of the mining industry is inextricably tied to the rest of capitalist economy which now faces a catastrophe as the pound hurtles to destruction.

If the hundreds of thousands of local government workers are defeated and the metropolitan councils abolished with impunity, then the future of the miners will indeed be black. The only way to avoid the threatening catastrophe is through the organisation of the General Strike and the creation of Community Councils.

The NUM's demand carried at the TUC in September 1984 that no union should cross an NUM picket line was a step in

the direction of a General Strike. Implementation of this demand and the associated call for power workers not to handle scab coal would have provoked a government-employer lock-out, sequestration and fines — and with them a massive escalation of the class struggle to the point of General Strike. Not accidentally the TUC — having adopted the NUM demand — abandoned it immediately.

State and unions

The miners' strike — more than any other dispute since the July 1981 riots — has brought home to the whole working class the class nature and repressive role of the capitalist state. More importantly, it has revealed with irrefutable clarity the absolute impossibility of reforming the state by parliamentary debate and extra-parliamentary pressure. Parliament decides nothing and the reformist rhetoric of Kinnock and company only provides a convenient facade for the counter-revolutionary plans of the Tory Bonapartists.

These plans for a state-organised operation to smash the NUM and other unions were made years in advance of the miners' strike. They involved a complete restructuring of the machinery set up to deal with the 1972 and 1974 miners' strikes. They involved the creation of the Civil Contingencies Committee, the Association of Chief Police Officers, the National Reporting Centre in Scotland Yard, the creation of a national police force, close liaison with the armed forces, the passage of the anti-union laws, the conversion of power stations to oil-burning, the accumulation of a vast stockpile of coal in the power stations and massive wage increases for the armed forces, police and MPs.

Not accidentally, the creation of a mobile centralised 20,000-strong riot police force from 43 police forces was never referred to the House of Commons. The essence of these preparations was embodied in the notorious Ridley Plan. This is what News Line stated in July 1984 about the Civil Contingencies Committee:

'Although called the "Civil Contingencies Committee", it is a body which is the handmaiden of the armed forces... The committee is unique because it comprises ministers and top civil servants who can take decisions which are never referred to parliament or even the full Cabinet... It means in fact that two or three



Miners and their families who joined the picket line in Corton

ministers sitting in a secret committee can call out the troops against the working class without being answerable to parliament or the general public.'

The stage is being set for an Ulster-type state intervention and repression by the armed forces.

That is the meaning of the arbitrary arrests, brutal beatings of miners, the massive invasion of mining villages by para-military police, the setting up of police roadblocks, the sudden activation of medieval laws such as besetting and riotous assembly and the callous dispensing of 'supermarket justice' by a biased and reactionary judiciary. In addition, through the DHSS, the state denied striking miners' families almost £1 billion worth of social security payments.

Every arm of the state — from the bailiff to the High Court judge — was organised with the sole aim of starving the miners back to work and breaking the NUM. As the 'Sunday Telegraph' editorial revealed:

'The Government... does want to defeat Scargillism. On no account must the man and the kind of trade unionism he espouses be allowed to claim a victory which might lead to a further destructive political strike in the foreseeable future... political trade unionism in defiance of an elected government cannot and will not ever succeed again.' ('Sunday Telegraph', February 3, 1985).

Miners can expect no justice from the Bonapartist judiciary which is an arm of the Thatcherite dictatorship. As

Judge McGowan has said, the state is the government of the day. By bringing industrial relations within the compass of criminal law, the government now uses the judiciary to impose punitive fines, bankrupt union leaders, sequester funds and totally bankrupt unions by appointing receivers.

The Workers Revolutionary Party recognises that the right to work and the protection of miners' jobs and their industry from state-capitalist rationalisation and privatisation can only be secured by the smashing of the capitalist state and the creation of a socialist-planned economy administered by a Workers Revolutionary government based on Community Councils. (i.e. Soviets)

General Strike

The year-long strike has proved conclusively that there can be no negotiated settlement and that all attempts to refer the issues of pit closures to ACAS or any other 'independent' body are doomed to fail. The only way for the miners to stop pit closures, overproduction, excess capacity and rationalisation is through the organisation of the General Strike.

They must establish unity with all sections of workers engaged in battle with the government and conduct a ruthless, systematic and implacable exposure of the vacillation and treachery of the TUC bureaucracy and its apologists in such organisations as the Stalinist Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions — who cover-up for the TUC with one-day stoppages



Mark Jones, mother Doreen and members of the family attend the funeral of 24-year-old miner David Gareth Jones, who was killed on the picket line at Ollerton colliery, Nottinghamshire. David will always be remembered for fighting for the right to have a job

ke and the struggle for power



wood in June

and demonstrations designed to perpetuate illusions in negotiated settlements.

It is instructive that not even a last-minute attempt by the NUM to accept the NACODS-NCB agreement of November 1984 as a basis for settlement obtained the sanction of the government. What was clearly revealed in the ten rounds of talks and endless telephone conversations was the rejection by the government of any return to Keynesian policies based on large government subsidies and deficit financing.

The old Plan for Coal is dead and buried. Instead of expansion and retention of unprofitable capacity based on grants and subsidies, the Tory government had decided to adopt the criteria of profitability and 'market demand'. This policy was dictated by the slump and the huge overproduction of coal and the competitiveness of other fuels. It is a plan entirely in line with the needs of a declining system of production, whose chief aim is to restrict production, maximise profits and minimise employment by the introduction of advanced technology. The result is mass unemployment, speed-up, Draconian discipline and destitution.

NCB tool of state

The betrayal of the NUM by the TUC not only contains the greatest dangers for the gains made by the miners after the 1946 nationalisation — but also exposes the inherent dangers of state-capitalist nationalisation.

Those dangers are embodied in the autocratic management of the NCB which is backed completely by an autocratic Bonapartist government hell-bent on destroying the working conditions, industrial relations and wages in the mining industry. What-

ever gains the miner made as a result of nationalisation, his position as a wage-slave without any effective control over production, financing and marketing of coal and the future of the industry remained.

Labour's state-capitalist nationalisation granted a

monopoly of management to an unelected bureaucratic Board — NCB — which represented the capitalist state and effectively precluded any form of workers' control or workers' management of the industry.

Capitalist state control of the mines enabled the ex-owners to siphon off hundreds of millions of pounds from the industry in the form of interest payments while wages were kept extremely low by the NCB.

The powers of the NCB — obscured during the boom — are now assuming a dictatorial character aimed at jobs, wages and working conditions of miners. Miners now face a dramatic increase in discipline, sudden transfers, unwarranted sackings, extension of working hours and a disruption of all customs and practices established after generations of struggle.

Post-1926 conditions are being restored in some pits and, unless the government is brought down by a General Strike, the prospect of massive wage cuts and imminent pit closures looms large. With or without its chairman MacGregor, the NCB remains the mortal enemy of the miners.

State-capitalist nationalisation cannot save the jobs of miners or guarantee the future of the industry. So long as the coal industry remains a part of capitalist economy the threat of unemployment and mass sackings will be ever-present. The defence of jobs demands, imperatively, the expropriation of capitalist industry and banking and the introduction of workers' management in every enterprise.

By raising the demand of a veto over closures, Scargill has posed point-blank the necessity of miners to control their own destiny and rid themselves of the bureaucratic parasites of the Coal Board and their princely salaries. To achieve this objective the miners must unite with the local government workers and wage a united struggle through the General Strike to smash the Bonapartist tyranny of the Tory government

and the NCB. To veto the government is to smash it.

Neither Keynesianism nor monetarism can solve the contradiction between massive surpluses of coal and a deficient demand for jobs. The task of the working class is to abolish production for profit by a capitalist state monopoly — NCB — and establish instead socialised production for the satisfaction of human need. Only a Workers' Revolutionary Government can end the infamy of people dying of hypothermia in south London while miners were striking against cutbacks in coal production.

Reformism and Stalinism

Equally evident from the experiences of the strike is the effect of the legacy of previous Labour governments and the divisive and reactionary influence of reformist policies. One of the major causes of the miners' protracted struggles and the split in the union is the notorious productivity deal introduced by the Labour government as part of the Plan for Coal in 1978.

Even more pernicious has been the deliberate refusal of the Callaghan Labour government to convert oil-fired power stations to coal-burning as pledged by Labour leaders in the 1970s. It was these stations that enabled Thatcher to resist the miners. Miners can expect nothing from another Labour government except unemployment, speed-up and despair. As Emlyn Williams said in August 1984, it was Callaghan who brought MacGregor to Britain — not the Tories. And it was Wilson who encouraged the Tories by shutting over 300 pits in the 1960s.

The greatest indictment of the Labour Party is the adamant refusal of the Labour leaders to disaffiliate those parties in Nottinghamshire which are dominated by scabs — Kinnock's and Hattersley's insistent demand for a NUM

national ballot is a covert attempt to protect the scabs and their representation in parliament.

The miners' strike has exposed the opportunism of the Communist Party and 'Morning Star' in an unequivocal way. In line with its reformist-parliamentarian policy of the 'British Road' both wings of Stalinism — the Euros and hard-liners in the People's Press Printing Society — strove consistently to foster the illusion that a Bonapartist regime could be persuaded to relent on pit closures and go against its will. Under the slogan 'The basis for talks exists — force the NCB to the table' ('Morning Star' January 25, 1985), the Stalinists strove sedulously to woo the wets in the NCB and Tory government and oppose any attempt to bring down the Tory government by a General Strike.

A concrete expression of Stalinism's counter-revolutionary crookery was the deliberate sabotaging of the national docks strike over the supply of blackleg coke and iron ore to Ravenscraig from Hunterston dock by Hugh Wyper and Jimmy Milne of the Scottish TUC. Within the T&GWU, the Stalinists effectively covered up for the failure of Moss Evans and Ron Todd to take any action against scab lorry drivers and dockers. When the TUC was rebuffed by Scargill and the NUM executive, the 'Star' stayed predictably silent. At no time did the 'Star' or Communist Party condemn the evasive and treacherous role of the TUC leaders.

The NACODS-NUM agreement — an agreement which was only honoured in the breach — was described by the 'Star' editorial, as 'historic and encouraging for the future development of the struggle'.

It certainly was. NACODS as usual, despite an 82-per-cent vote for strike action, refused to support the NUM when the government rebuffed the NUM's attempt to get a NACODS-type agreement!

The final act of treachery came in the last week of the strike when the Stalinist officials in Maerdy pit went on TV to plug the line of returning to work without an agreement and without the reinstatement of the 700 sacked miners.

This gave the go-ahead to the other moderate areas to demand the delegate conference and the return to work.

In conclusion, the WRP states categorically that the struggle goes on for the right of the miners to their jobs, their union rights and a decent standard of living. None of these rights can be reconciled with the existence of a reactionary Bonapartist government, a decrepit capitalist system and a cowardly and corrupt Labour bureaucracy.

The miners' heroic struggle and sacrifice — epitomised by the deaths of David Jones and Joe Green — has totally exposed the reactionary features of this treacherous leadership and its inherent weakness.

The task now is to smash this bureaucracy and the Tory government which leans on it. We urge all miners to become conscious participants and leaders in this struggle by joining the Workers' Revolutionary Party and subscribing daily to the News Line.

We appeal to all young miners to come to the Young Socialists' 26th annual conference in Blackpool on March 16 and 17.

Friday, March 8, 1985



The Battle of Orgreave: Miners responded to the NUM's call for a blockade on coal supplies from the south Yorkshire depot to nearby steelworks. Without the counter-revolutionary Stalinists and the reformist right-wing traitors of the TUC, the Tories could not have kept the steel and power industries going as the strike gathered strength

● Release all class-war prisoners

● Amnesty for all sacked men

THE JAILED MEN

WILLIAM BANNISTER

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — serving a 2-year sentence from 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

KEVIN BEAL

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 031 Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

GUY BENNETT

Armthorpe, Yorkshire NUM — Three-month sentence started 31.1.85. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

PAUL BROTHWELL

North Derbyshire NUM — serving a 12-month sentence. Prison location uncertain.

PETER COOPER

North Derbyshire NUM — expected release in April. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

JOHN ELLIS

In Featherstone Prison, New Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PU.

PAUL FOSTER

North Derbyshire NUM — serving a 12-month sentence, due out this month. Prison location uncertain.

TERRY FRENCH

Betteshanger, Kent NUM — Five-year sentence started on 1.85. E73383 Wandsworth Prison, Heathfield Road, London SW18.

DAVID GAUNT

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 3-year sentence started 12.84. E71037, A Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Dodding Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

MARK GIORE

In Featherstone Prison, New Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PU.

STEVEN GOODALL

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 039 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

STEPHEN GREGORY

North Derbyshire NUM — on remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

VICTOR GREGORY

North Derbyshire NUM — on remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

KEVIN GREEN

Hickleton, Yorkshire NUM — on remand. Armley Prison, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

DEAN HANCOCK

South Wales NUM. 899410 Cardiff Prison.

GARY HOPPER

Wearmouth NUM — serving a four-month sentence, due out on April 19. Wetherby Prison, Yorkshire.

PETER HURST

Sentenced in connection with the miners' dispute though not a miner. Fitzwilliam village. Six-month sentence started on 14.12.84. G78282 HM Prison, Haverigg Millan, Cumberland.

DAVID JAMES

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 034 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

MICHAEL JONES

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — 2-year sentence started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

PAUL JONES

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

IAN KESTLE

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. E71032, Welford Prison, Leicester.

STEVEN LOWE

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — 2-year sentence started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

PETER NEWBALD

In Featherstone Prison, New Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PU.

DAVID MASON

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. E711033, F Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

GORDON MILLER

Wearmouth NUM — serving a four-month sentence, due out on April 19. Leyland Prison, Lancashire.

GARY MOULD

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — serving a 2-year youth custody sentence from 24.1.85. Prison location uncertain.

RAYMOND PATTON

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — 2-year sentence started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

PETER PEARSON

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 038 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

DENNIS PENNINGTON

Bold, Lancashire NUM. Kirkham Prison, Nr Preston, Lancs.

GEORGE RICHARDSON

Wearmouth NUM — serving a four-month sentence, due out April 19. Wetherby Prison, Yorkshire.

DALE SCOFIELD

Prince of Wales, Yorkshire NUM — Three-month sentence started 3.85. Armley Prison, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

RUSSELL SHANKLAND

South Wales NUM. A83752 Hospital Wing, Cardiff Prison.

MICHAEL SOUTHWELL

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 030 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

RON STANILAND

North Derbyshire NUM — expected release next month. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

PHILIP STIRLAND

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. E71035 B Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

BILLY TAYLOR

In Featherstone Prison, New Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PU.

CHRIS TAZEY

Betteshanger, Kent NUM — Three-year sentence started 1.85. A29398 Youth Detention Centre, Sprayford Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

STEVEN WAKEFIELD

Frickley, Yorkshire NUM — on remand. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

It is believed there are several Durham miners in jail. The Durham NUM executive are compiling a list which we will publish early next week. News Line welcomes any additional information on these or other prisoners. Write to: News Line, 21b Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 0JT.

EVERY jailed miner is a class war prisoner of the Thatcher regime. We demand their immediate release, as we demand the reinstatement of all those sacked and the dropping of all charges against those miners still to be hauled before the courts.

Their only crime has been struggling for the right to work and for the future of the mining communities and their children. There is hardly a single one of those jailed, fined or sacked who have any criminal or bad work record.

They are hard-working men who would never have been brought before a court if Thatcher had not set out to destroy their villages, their jobs and their union. News Line demands their release, and an amnesty for all sacked miners.

Women must fight for sacked miners

JAILED miner Terry French is in good spirits in Wandsworth Prison and is looking forward to the General Strike against the Thatcher government.

French is serving a five-year sentence for his part in the miners' struggle for jobs.

His wife Liz told News Line yesterday that he extends his greetings to all those miners and wives rallying in Chesterfield today.

She will be giving support and solidarity to Kent miners meeting in Ramsgate this morning when they discuss the future of their strike.

Liz will visit Terry again later this month and says he is getting down to studies in politics.

In a special message to News Line, French says he has been able to read copies of the News Line, albeit with a two-day delay.

... it is really re-

freshing to read the truth after being bombarded by the media (radio and national press) for those two intervening days,' he says.

French is only allowed to write two letters a week, and he can only receive two letters a week. He says that up till February 26, a total of 79 letters have been sent back to the senders because of this restriction.

Letters

'I wonder if through your paper I could thank all the people who have been writing me letters of



LIZ FRENCH . . . Husband's spirits are high

support,' his message said.

He continued: 'The main reason I send this message is to thank you for the magnificent sup-

port you are giving me and also the support you have and are still giving the miners in their epic struggle.

'The General Strike is not far away. Keep campaigning for it through your marvellous paper.'

'I can remember discussing the General Strike with, I think it was Ben (Rudder) and Simon (Vevers) in Nottingham after the Kent March to Nottinghamshire and discussing with them about the need for a General Strike.

Frustrated

'Well, they were right and I was wrong — please tell them that for me.

'I am fit and well although frustrated at not being involved and I look forward to the day when I shall be with you in body as well as spirit again.

'As Emlyn Williams said: "You cannot sequester an idea nor imprison a belief". Believe me he is right — Yours in Solidarity, Terry French, Kent Area NUM, B73383, Wandsworth Prison.'

Liz added her own message to women rallying in Chesterfield. 'We may have lost this fight, but the war is still to be won.

Campaign

'The women must continue the campaign — for imprisoned miners and for the sacked miners. It is still a necessity that women take the place of the men where food and money is concerned.

'The families of striking and jailed miners will still need all the help they can get in the coming months.

'The women will have to reorganise, and if necessary man the strike offices while the men are at work. If we have to speak at meetings we must do it.

'The women must be ready to do anything so that people don't forget that the miners are still a worthy cause. We need to win all the support we can — and make sure that the contributions are kept up by all those who read your paper and anyone else we can contact.'



Kent miner Terry French (right foreground) on the Kent to Nottinghamshire march last year. He says the fight for the General Strike must be kept up

MARK JONES BOOK SIGNINGS

MARK JONES, is due to sign copies of the book he wrote about his son: 'Killed on the Picket Line 1984 — The Story of David Gareth Jones':

Tuesday March 26, 6.30p.m.: Merseybooks, 34-36 Manchester Street, Liverpool L1 6ER. Tel: 051-236 0438.

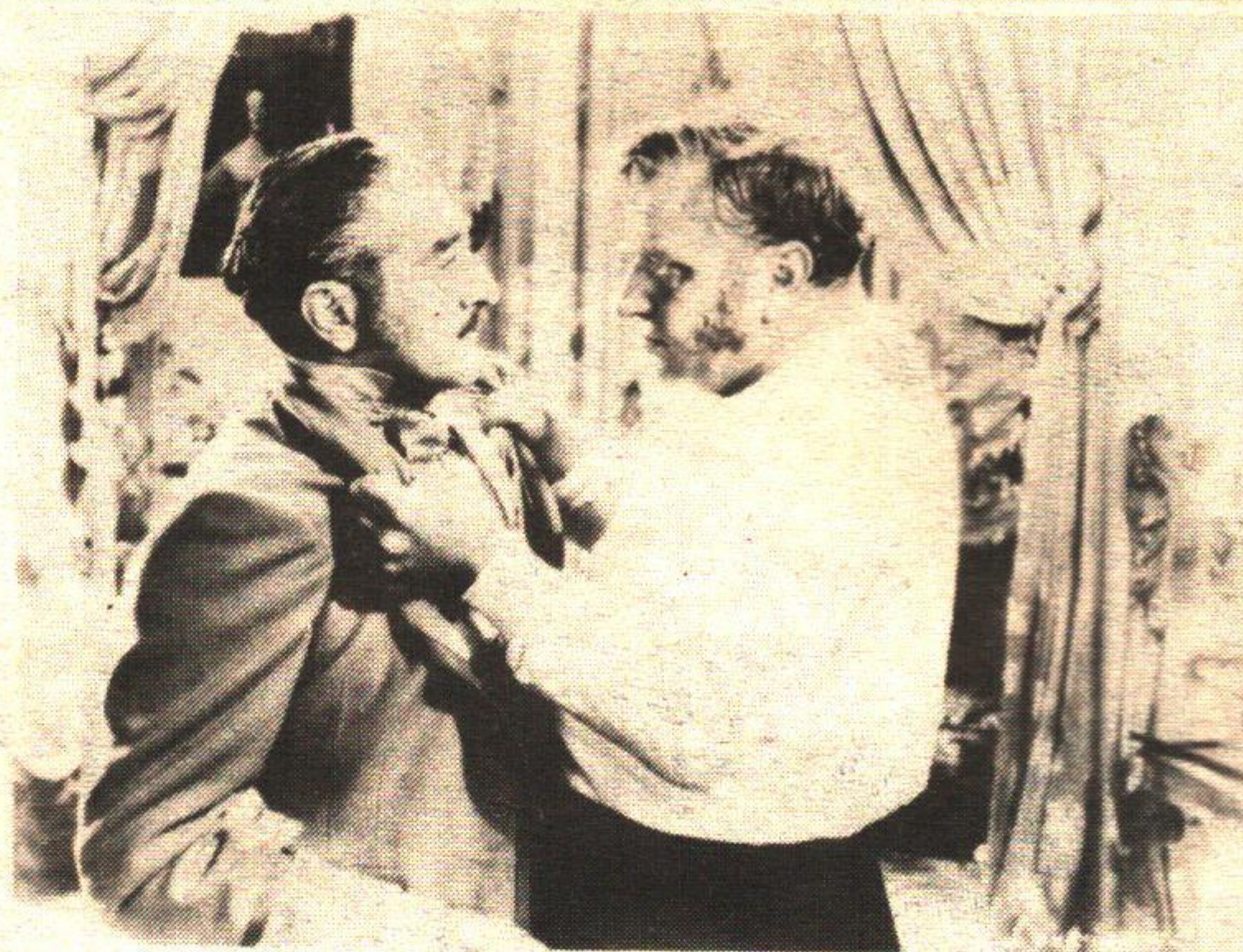
Thursday April 4, 6.30p.m.: Hope Street Book Centre, 321 Hope Street, Glasgow G2 3PT. Tel: 041-332 8881.

Wednesday April 10, 6.30p.m.: Paperbacks Centre, 96 Magdalen Street, Anglia Square, Norwich. Tel: 0603 22102.

'Killed on the Picket Line 1984' is available, price £1.20 from all Paperbacks Centres or send to New Park Publications, 21b Old Town, London SW4 0JT (include 35p p&p)

YOUR TV GUIDE

SATURDAY



Wallace Beery (right) in the title role of 'The Mighty Barnum' with Adolphe Menjou, on 4 at 1.55pm



Janis Joplin is 'Janis' on 4 at 11

BBC1

6.45-8.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.45 Resource Geology, 7.10 Spectroscopy in a Flash, 7.35 Special Relativity, 8.00 The Mechanical Eye.

8.30 Roobarb. 8.35 Battle of the Planets. 9.00 Saturday Superstore. 12.12 Weather News.

12.15 GRANDSTAND: 12.20 Football Focus; 12.50 News Summary; 12.55 Ice Skating from Japan; 1.25 Racing from Cheltenham (1.30, 2.00, 2.30 races); 1.40 Cheltenham Preview; 2.10 Sports Round-up; 2.40, 4.15 Athletics from Cosford; 3.30, 3.55 Rugby League, Hull v Widnes; 3.50 Half-times; 4.40 Final Score.

5.05 NEWS; Weather News

5.15 SPORT

5.20 DOCTOR WHO *Timelash*

6.05 JIM'LL FIX IT

6.40 THE LAUGHTER SHOW Fast-moving comedy with impressionists Les Dennis and Dustin Gee. Guests include comedian Gary Wilmot and music from Jani

7.15 ONE BY ONE A Killer Called Cuddles When Ben announces he has bought a whale it is left to Turner and Sindy to collect it

8.05 DYNASTY *New Lady in Town*

8.55 BERGERAC *Holiday Snaps* French police believe Tony Morel killed his wife but Bergerac is out to prove different

9.50 NEWS AND SPORT Weather News

10.05 MATCH OF THE DAY Jimmy Hill introduces highlights from this afternoon's games plus news of the FA Cup Sixth Round

11.05 THE SWEET RIDE (1968) The beautiful Vickie brings glamour into the lives of two southern California beach drifters until one morning her badly-beaten body is found dumped on the highway. With Jacqueline Bisset, Tony Franciosa and Michael Sarrazin

12.50 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 8.30-9.00a.m. Rugby Union: Try, Try Again.

BBC2

6.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.25 Engineering Product Design, 6.50 Potsdam 2, 7.15 Maths Modelling, 7.40 Science, 8.05 Ecology, 8.30 Edinburgh Observed, 8.55 Adult Education, 9.20 Physical Chemistry, 9.45 Religion in a Hindu Village, 10.35 Issues in Education, 11.00 After the Earthquake, 11.25 Polymer Engineering, 11.50 17th-Century Court Patronage, 12.15 Introduction to Calculus, 12.40 Reading Development, 1.05 Using University Libraries, 1.30 Science: Quantum Theory, 1.55 Engines of War, 2.20 Modern Art: Monet, 2.45 Emily Bronte at Haworth.

3.10 Micro Live.

SATURDAY CINEMA DOUBLE BILL:

4.00 WE'RE NOT DRESSING (1934) Hollywood comedy musical loosely based on Barrie's play 'The Admirable Crichton' with Bing Crosby, Carole Lombard, Burns and Allen and Ethel Merman

5.10 INVADERS FROM MARS (1953) Nobody believes 12-year-old David MacLean when he says he saw a spaceship landing outside his house. With Jimmy Hunt, Helena Carter and Arthur Franz

6.30 THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF CRICKET

7.20 NEWS AND SPORT; Weather

7.40 FRANCE ACTUELLE *The Wine Crisis*

8.05 MAJOR DUNDEE (1965) Classic Western directed by Sam Peckinpah. At the end of the Civil War a US Major is intent on inflicting revenge on a band of Apaches. Short of forces, he resorts to recruiting thieves and a group of Confederate prisoners under the command of an old enemy. With Charlton Heston, Richard Harris and Senta Berger

10.05 BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE by Tom Sharpe, dramatised in six parts by Malcolm Bradbury. With George Cole, David Suchet and Geraldine James

11.00 INTERNATIONAL PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF Johnny Miller and Ian St John v Nick Faldo and Jimmy Tarbuck

11.50 RUGBY SPECIAL Coventry v Leicester in the quarter finals of the John Player Special Cup

12.45 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.00 EVERYBODY HERE

1.30 THE MAKING OF BRITAIN *The Church & the Love of Christ*

1.55 THE MIGHTY BARNUM (1934) Wallace Beery as Phineas Barnum in this fictionalised film biography of the legendary 19th-century American showman

3.30 YOUNG AND INNOCENT (1937) Derrick De Marney in this taut Hitchcock thriller as a young man who sets out to prove his innocence of a charge of murder. With Nova Pilbeam

5.05 BROOKSIDE

6.00 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS Paul Gambaccini talks to two artists who have both emerged from successful careers with bands to become solo artists — Don Henley from the Eagles, and Alison Moyet, formerly one half of Yazoo

7.00 NEWS SUMMARY and Weather; followed by

UNION WORLD Tonight's programme looks at problems being detected in the use of video display terminals in offices — in the United States and Canada miscarriages and birth defects above the expected average have appeared

7.30 CREDO *What Are Our Rights Over Animals?*

8.30 AS THE YEARS PASS, AS THE DAYS PASS: *Cracow, 1914* In the final episode, Poland prepares to the outbreak of war. As the two sisters, Janina Chominska and Aniela Dulka, gather with their families to say their goodbyes, reality finally forces itself upon them

10.00 HILL STREET BLUES *Washington Deceased*

11.00 JANIS (1975) Compilation of concert footage and interviews tracing the career of legendary rock singer Janis Joplin from the first rehearsals and performances to her tragic death in 1970

12.45 Close

LWT

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73. 11.45 Happy Days.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT 12.20 Ice Skating; 12.30 World Cup Ski-ing; 12.45 ITN News; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.20 The ITV Six — Racing from Ayr (1.30, 2.00 And 2.30 races) and Sandown (1.45, 2.15 and 2.50 races); 3.00 International Hockey; 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-Up; 4.00 International Boxing; 4.45 Results.

5.00 NEWS FROM ITN AND SPORT

5.05 BLOCKBUSTERS Hosted by Bob Holness

5.35 ROBIN OF SHERWOOD *The Prophecy* New six-part series. One of Robin's men, Little John, has been captured and imprisoned in Nottingham Castle

6.40 THE FAME GAME Presented by Tim Brooke-Taylor

7.20 ALL STAR SECRETS Presented by Michael Parkinson

7.50 T J HOOKER *Hooker's Run* With William Shatner

8.45 THE PRICE IS RIGHT With Leslie Crowther

9.45 NEWS FROM ITN AND SPORT

10.00 ASPEL & COMPANY Michael Aspel in conversation with his guests

10.50 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

AUF WIEDERSEHEN PET *The Accused* This week there's woman trouble — for Dennis his impending divorce, for Neville the fear that his wife is unjustly accusing him of living it up. But Neville's trouble has only just begun

11.50 MAGNUM *Of Sound Mind*

12.45 BIZARRE With John Byrner

1.15 NEW FROM LONDON A look at the female reggae band *Amazulu*

2.10 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

S4C

1.55 A Question of Economics. 2.25 A Week in Politics. 3.10 Repercussions. 4.15 Film: *Confessions of a Nazi Spy*. 6.05 Where in the World? 6.30 The Avengers. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion A Siân. 8.15 Wedi Wyth. 8.45 Pedwar Ar Bedwar. 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.05 Cynhadledd '85. 10.15 Supertroupers. 11.15 Chords of Fame. 12.55 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half-hour until 12.30p.m., 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight.
6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Punk to Present (S). 2.00 Paul Gambaccini (S). 4.00 Saturday Live (S). 6.30 In Concert (S) Yes Let's and Go West. 7.30 Phil Kennedy. 9.30-12.00 Dixie Peach.

2 News on the hour until 1p.m., then from 6.00 (except 8.00p.m. and 9.00). Headlines
6.30a.m., 7.30.
4.00 Arthur Murphy (S) (4.02, 5.02 Cricket Desk). 6.00 George Ferguson (S) (6.02 Cricket Desk). 8.05 David Jacobs (S). 10.00 Sounds of the 60s (S). 11.00 Album Time (S) (11.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 The Impressionists. 1.30 Sport on 2. 6.00 Folk on 2. 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Stars Of Friday Night Is Music Night (S). 9.30 Big Band Special (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Steve Jones (S). 12.05 Night Owls (S). 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Wally Whyton (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Aubade (S) Grieg, Merikanto, Sibelius, Palmgren, Nielsen, Sinding, Adolf Wiklund, Gustav Hagg, Alfvén. 9.00 News. 9.05 Record Review (S) Mahler's 4th Symphony. 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Beethoven, Schubert. 11.20 Mozart Festival In Frankfurt (S). 1.00 News. 1.05 Lichfield Festival 1984 (S). 2.00 Otto Klemperer (S) Weber, Mahler, Debussy, Wagner, Schumann, Strauss, Brahms, Beethoven and Mozart. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Critics' Forum. 6.35 Brahms (S). 7.15 Haydn (S). 8.30 Shaping The Curriculum. 9.15 Early Music Centre Festival 1984 (S). 10.30 Liszt (S). 11.00 Norway After Grieg (S) Edvard Fillet Braein, Klaus Egge and Conrad Baden. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down To Earth. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Sport On 4.

8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Breakaway. 9.50 News Stand. 10.05 The Week In Westminster. 10.30 Pick Of The Week (S). 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 News; Money Box. 12.27 Blandings. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Fallen Leaves, Dead City*. 3.00 News; Funny You Should Sing That (S). 3.30 No Sex, We're Lizards. 4.15 Alice (S). 4.45 A Sideways Look At... 5.00 Wildlife (S). 5.25 Week Ending (S). 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel. 6.00 News; Sports Round-Up. 6.25 Desert Island Discs (S). 7.05 Stop the Week With Robert Robinson (S). 7.45 Baker's Dozen (S). 8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre (S) *Neighbourhood Watch*. 9.45 Fowl Play. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 Evening Service (S). 10.30 Soundings. 11.00 Science Now. 11.30 In One Ear. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00, 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73. 11.45 Batman Batman. 12.13 North East News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 North East News. 5.07 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.15 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 The Timeless Land. 12.45 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73. 11.45 Fang Face. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Shelley. 12.20 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; followed by Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73.

ROUND THE REGIONS

11.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 The Master. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73. 11.45 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 12.12 TSW Regional News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.05 Newsport. 5.10 The Smurfs. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Live From London. 12.45 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73. 11.45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio. 12.12 TVS Weather. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; TVS News. 5.05 Blockbusters. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 TJ Hooker. 8.45 The Price is Right. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company.

10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Jazz Special. 12.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

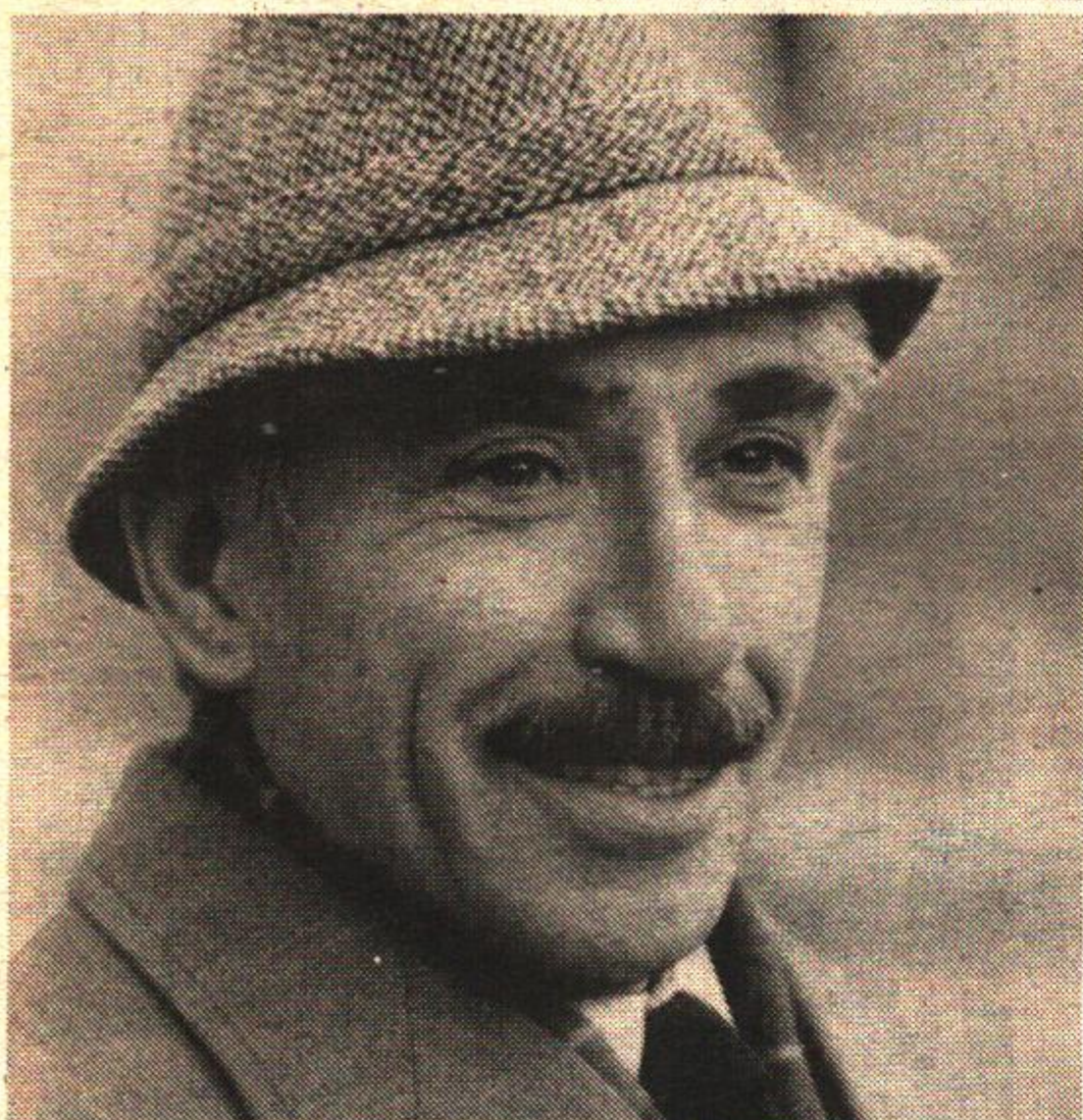
HTV WEST

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73. 11.45 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 12.13 HTV News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; HTV News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 TJ Hooker. 9.45 News and Sport. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Jazz Special. 12.20 HTV Weather; Closedown.
HTV WALES: As HTV West except: 11.50-12.35 Club Rugby.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Ice Skating. 10.30 No.73. 11.45 Happy Days. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Sport; Weather. 5.05 Blockbusters. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 TJ Hooker. 8.45 The Price is Right. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 Aspel and Company. 10.50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.50 Jazz Special. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

SUNDAY



Frank Finlay as Frank Strange in 'Screen Two: In the Secret State' on 2 at 10.10



Alfred Marks in 'Super Troupers', on 4 at 8.15, brings back George Robey



'The Eagles and the Trumpets' is the last of Channel 4's 'Irish Love Stories' at 9.20

BBC1

6.45-8.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.45 Telecommunications. 7.10 Isotopes in Geology. 7.35 Materials Processing. 8.00 Mutations and Mutants. 8.25 The Nature of Chemistry.

8.55 The Flumps. 9.10 De Bono's Thinking Course. 9.35 Electronic Office. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Switch on to English. 10.55 France Actuelle. 11.20 Lent Service. 12.05 Mr Smith's Indoor Garden. 12.30 Farming. 12.53 Weather for Farmers. 12.55 Magic Roundabout. 1.00 This Week, Next Week. 1.55 Out of the Inkwell. 2.00 Eastenders. 3.00 Comedy Classic Hour: Dad's Army. 3.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. 4.00 Top Gear (with regional variations). 4.30 The World Figure Skating Championships. 5.20 The Pickwick Papers. 5.50 Holiday. 6.25 Appeal.

6.30 NEWS Weather News

6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE

7.15 BY THE SWORD DIVIDED

8.10 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE *The Woolen Mills of Your Mind* Compo decides to run in a forthcoming marathon

8.40 MASTERMIND With Magnus Magnusson from the Great Hall of Reading University

9.10 NEWS Weatherman

9.25 THAT'S LIFE The consumer advice programme with Esther Rantzen

10.10 THE ROCK GOSPEL SHOW

10.45 POLITICS OF PRESSURE *Country Matters* The fourth of five programmes about the art of political lobbying

11.10 NIGHT COURT *Harry and the Rock Star* When Judge Harry Anderson dates a pretty rock star her fans turn up at court

11.35 THE SKY AT NIGHT *The Year of the Comet* Where to look for the approaching Halley's Comet

11.55 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 2.00-3.00 Weekend Rugby Union, Pontypool v Cardiff. 4.00-4.30 A Question of Sport. 10.10 Return to Cardiff. 10.50 Welsh Liberal Party Conference Report. 11.15 The Rock Gospel Show. 11.50-12.15 Politics of Pressure.

BBC2

6.50-1.55 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.50 Ethnic Minorities. 7.15 What Did the Pupils Actually Do? 7.40 Changing Britain. 8.05 Town and Country in Ancient Rome. 8.30 Database. 8.55 Maths Methods. 9.20 Social Sciences. 9.45 Maths. 10.10 Pure Maths. 10.35 Topology. 11.00 Managing in Organisations. 11.25 Maths Across the Curriculum. 11.50 Biology. 12.15 Social Administration. 12.40 Tanzania. 1.05 Riccio's Bronzes. 1.30 The Fall and Rise of the Small Baker.

2.00 Horizon: What Einstein Never Knew. 2.50 The Great Art Collection. 3.25 Master Photographers. 4.00 Bridge Club. 4.25 Film: *San Demetrio, London* (1943) Ealing Studios war film with Walter Fitzgerald and Mervyn Johns.

6.00 NEWS REVIEW with subtitles

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

7.15 IN SEARCH OF THE TROJAN WAR Michael Wood continues his search for Homer's Troy. *The Singers of Tales*

8.10 FAVOURITE THINGS Roy Plomley talks to comedian Les Dawson at his home in Lytham St Annes

8.40 INTERNATIONAL PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF Sean Connery and Jimmy Tarbuck join Jimmy Miller and Nick Faldo

9.30 DID YOU SEE...? review of recent TV programmes

10.10 SCREEN TWO *In the Secret State* Screenplay by Brian Phelan from the novel by Robert McCrum. When Frank Strange investigates a government department holding computerised surveillance data on the public he discovers he is investigating a murder. With Frank Finlay

11.50 THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF CRICKET Highlights of the 50-overs-a-side final from Melbourne

12.45 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.05 IRISH ANGLE *The Irish Weave* Emyr Daniels talks to novelist Edna O'Brien

1.30 FACE THE PRESS

2.00 A QUESTION OF ECONOMICS *How Others Cope*

2.25 CHARULATA (THE LONELY WIFE) (1964) Satyajit Ray's Silver Bear award-winning film about a young and beautiful woman, Charulata, in late 19th-century Bengal

4.35 DADARAMA *Dialogue for Two Players*

5.00 THE AMATEUR NATURALIST *Living on the Edge* Gerald and Lee Durrell explore the teeming under-water wildlife on the coast of Jersey and the whirling bird life on the cliffs of Uist in the North of Scotland

5.30 NEWS SUMMARY AND WEATHER followed by

THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME

6.15 BASKETBALL Best game in the first of the playoffs for the final four places at National Championships at Wembley

7.15 FRAGILE EARTH *Selva Verde* — *Central American Rainforest* Award-winning film, designed as a sequel to 'Korup', exploring the ties that link predators and their prey to the rainforest itself

8.15 SUPER TROUPERS Variety entertainment

9.20 IRISH LOVE STORIES: *The Eagles and the Trumpets*

10.20 CITY GENERAL *You Can't Measure Goodwill* The oral history of Stoke City General Hospital continues, looking at the special commitment that all hospital workers, whether medical or ancillary, have to the patients

10.55 HIGH WALL (1947) Robert Taylor in a suspense thriller as an ex-World War II flier arrested for the murder of his wife and transferred to a mental institution for tests, where he becomes determined to prove his innocence. With Audrey Totter as the psychiatrist

12.45 Close

LWT

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Crafts Made Simple. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Coping. 12.00 Weekend World: *The Geneva Arms Talks*. 1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Smurfs. 1.30 Survival. 2.00 London News Headlines; followed by Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 NEWS FROM ITN

6.40 HIGHWAY Northampton

7.15 THE PRACTICE

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

8.45 COVER HER FACE

9.45 NEWS FROM ITN

10.00 SPITTING IMAGE

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW This year is the 300th anniversary of the composer Domenico Scarlatti. Born in Naples in 1685, he spent most of his life in the service of the Spanish court, writing more than 500 keyboard sonatas for his pupil and patron Maria Barbara, the future Queen of Spain

11.30 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

BREADLINE BRITAIN A series of four one-hour programmes examining the lives of the poor in Britain through the eyes of seven individuals and their families. Tonight, the people who are most likely to be poor and a look at the basic items of food, housing and heating

12.25 Night Thoughts and Closedown

GRANADA

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9.30 Window on the World. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30 Down to Earth. 12.00 Weekend World: *The Geneva Arms Talks*. 1.00 The Champions. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 ITN NEWS

6.40 HIGHWAY Northampton

7.15 THE PRACTICE The patients are angry. Dr Vincent and Peter Bishop are under attack. Dr Armitage is an unwelcome visitor at a local hospital

7.45 GAME FOR A LAUGH Crazy games, incredible stunts, amazing situations

8.45 COVER HER FACE Fourth episode of this six-part crime thriller with Roy Marsden. The shock wave of Stephen Maxie's engagement to Sally Jupp is overtaken by new drama

9.45 ITN NEWS

10.00 SPITTING IMAGE More outrageous satire from the wickedly funny puppets that poke fun at famous politicians and other well-known figures

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW This year sees the 300th anniversary of the birth of Spanish composer Domenico Scarlatti. George Malcolm, the celebrated keyboard player, talks to Melvyn Bragg about the elusive musician. Also, a performance of Scarlatti's 'A Salve Regina'

11.30 THE TIMELESS LAND A Prisoner at the Bar

12.30 Closedown

S4C

2.05 The Living Body. 2.35 In Search of Paradise. 3.05 Union World. 3.35 Film: *We Are Not Alone*. 5.30 The Business Programme. 6.15 Basketball. 7.15 World of Animation. 7.25 Newyddion. 7.30 Hafod Henri. 8.00 Nos Sul 'Da Sulwyn. 8.40 Almanac. 9.10 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.40 Hill Street Blues. 10.35 As The Years Pass, As The Days Pass. 11.50 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Steve Wright. 12.30 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.30 Adrian Juste. 4.30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5.00 Top 40 (S). 7.00 Anne Nightingale (S). 9.00 Robbie Vincent (S). 11.00-12.00 Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations (S).

2 News on the hour (except 8p.m.). Headlines 7.30a.m. 4.00 Arthur Murphy (S) (5.02 Cricket Desk). 6.00 George Ferguson (S) (6.02, 7.02 Cricket Desk). 7.30 Paul McDowell (S). 9.00 Melodies for You (S) (9.02, 10.02 Cricket Desk). 11.00 Desmond Carrington (S) (12.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 David Jacobs presents Two's Best (S). 2.00 Benny Green (S). 3.00 Alan Dell (S). 4.00 Listen To Les (S). 4.30 Sing Something Simple (S). 5.00 Charlie Chester (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.30 Vintage Sporting Years. 7.00 Cynthia Glover Sings. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 Brian Fitzgerald. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 David Jacobs presents Two's Best (S).

3 6.35 Open University. 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Mozart and Ravel (S). 8.00 Schnabel's Schubert. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Copland, Dvorak, Villa-Lobos, Ives. 10.30 Music Weekly (S). 11.15 From the Proms 1984 (S) Beethoven's Symphony No.4 (11.50-12.05 Penge Papers) Schubert's Symphony No.9. 1.05 Piano Recital (S) Bartok, Debussy and Franck. 1.45 In Praise of Purcell (S). 2.20 Oboe Recital (S) Theodore Lalliet and Saint-Saens. 2.45 Sir Charles Groves (S) Elgar, Tchaikovsky, Daniel Jones, Mendelssohn. 4.45 Strauss and Wolf (S) Song recital. 5.30 Cuning Mechanisms. 6.00 London Sinfonietta (S) Knussen, Carter, Abrahamsen, Muller-Siemens, Takemitsu. 7.10 Hasta La Muerte. 7.25 Saint-Saens and Martinu (S) Clarinet and piano recital. 8.00 King Canute (S) Play. 8.50 Colin Matthews and David Blake (S). 10.00 Compine for the Third Sunday in Lent (S). 11.00 Jean-Philippe Collard (S) Piano music by Faure, Schumann and Ravel. 11.57-12.00 News.

MF: 5.30-12.30 Cricket: World Championship of Cricket final. 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday

Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Sir Colin Davis. 8.55 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers. 11.15 Weekend. 12.00 Smash of the Day: *Just Fancy*. 12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend; News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 The Afternoon Play (S) *These Animals are Dangerous*. 4.00 News. Origins. 4.30 The Living World. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 Down Your Way. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 Feedback. 6.30 Bookshelf. 7.00 Travel: The Gold of the Conqueror (S). 7.30 Words, Words, Words (S) 7.50 A Voice Crying in the Wilderness (S). 8.05 Law in Action. 8.30 Central American Journey. 9.00 News; The Astonishing History of Troy Town (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 The Land of Counterpane. 11.00 Life's Calvaries. 11.15 Inside Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 7.00-7.45 Open University. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study On 4.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.25 Lookaround. 11.30 Batman. 11.58 North East News. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Farming Outlook. 1.30 Extra Time. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 5.58 North East News. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game For a Laugh. 8.45 Cover Her Face. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 TX: 45. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Wattoo Wattoo. 9.30 Farming '85. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Crafts Made Simple. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Star Fleet. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game For a Laugh. 8.45 Cover Her Face. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather; followed by Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.30 Farming Diary; Farming Weather.

12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 The Champions. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game For a Laugh. 8.45 Cover Her Face. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Rickie Lee Jones: Round About Midnight. 12.30 Five Minutes; Closedown.

TSW

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Getting On; Getting On Plus. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30 Farming News. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Gardens for All. 1.30 The South West Week. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game For a Laugh. 8.45 Cover Her Face. 9.45 News; Weather. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Legmen. 12.25 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Action Line. 9.35 Atom Ant. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Crafts Made Simple. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Agenda. 1.30 Enterprise South. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 TVS News Headlines; Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game For a

Laugh. 8.45 Cover Her Face. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Home Cookery Club. 9.30 Through the Eyes of a Child. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Crafts Made Simple. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Survival. 1.30 West Country Farming; Weather for Farmers. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; HTV News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game For a Laugh. 8.45 Cover Her Face. 9.45 News. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 War. 12.30 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 9.30-10.00 Encounter. 1.00-1.30 Darts. 2.00-2.30 Celebration.

ANGLIA

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Perspective. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 God's Story. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Crafts Made Simple. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Just Our Luck. 1.25 Weather Trends. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Ice Skating. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game For a Laugh. 8.45 Cover Her Face. 9.45 News; Weather. 10.00 Spitting Image. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Magnum. 12.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Sun Rising - today's best bet

THERE'S a surprising amount of quality racing around the country today, despite the fact that all the 'class' horses are waiting for their chance of glory at the Cheltenham Festival next week.

The William Hill Imperial Cup Handicap Hurdle tops the bill at SANDOWN.

But punters clutching ante-post vouchers for the Grand National at the end of the month will be more interested in the Sandown Open Handicap Chase and the Scottish Farm Dairy Foods Handicap Chase at AYR.

These two contests see the long-awaited re-

appearances of two of the leading Aintree fancies, Lucky Vane and last year's winner Hello Dandy.

Toby Balding has great hopes that Lucky Vane will win at Aintree, and he will be anxious to see how his ten-year-old performs at Sandown. John Burke's mount has not run since January when he beat Corbiere at Cheltenham, and he may find this three-mile trip on the short side.

It would certainly be a tremendous feat if Lucky Vane won with 12-stone 4lb, and he looks likely to be outpaced. Sun Rising (2.15) is a horse of immense promise, and although he has not been

seen since October, he looks very well handicapped with 10 stone 3lb. If he is fit, he could be good enough.

Hello Dandy finished second in the corresponding race at Ayr last season before going on to win at Aintree. His trainer Gordon Richards is 'delighted' with the 11-year-old's condition but once again it would be asking a lot for a horse who has not run since winning at Kempton in November.

Like Lucky Vane, it may pay to keep a watching brief on 'Dandy'. Fox-U-More (2.30), third behind Right-hand Man and Peaty Sandy at Kelso last week, is on an attractive weight with 10

stone 4lb and he may improve enough to capture this £6,000 added prize.

The Imperial Cup at Sandown should be fought out between two horses who are unbeaten this season, Berlin and Floyd (2.50).

Berlin has won twice at Lingfield this season, and he would surely have gone very close in the abandoned 'Schweppes'. Punters who failed to get a run for their money in the big Newbury Handicap have another chance now, but Berlin will have a fight on his hands in trying to concede 11lbs to Floyd.

The five-year-old has continued to improve since he

joined David Elsworth and following a 15-length win on this track in February, he beat Cocaine by one-and-a-half lengths at Newbury last Saturday. With no penalty, Floyd looks a handicap 'good thing' and it will be a surprise if he does not complete the hat-trick in style.

Fulke Walwyn won the Barclays Bank Hurdle last year with Admiral's Ruler and the prize could go to the same stable today.

Henry Ponsonby may not be the most stylish of amateur riders, but his horse Desert Hero (1.45) looks good enough to help him beat Dhofar and No-U-Turn.

SELECTIONS

SANDOWN:

1.45 Desert Hero, 2.15 Sun Rising (nap), 2.50 Floyd, 3.20 Chelsea Island, 3.50 Hazy Sunset, 4.20 Timurs Double.

AYR:

1.30 Empress Jeannie, 2.00 Jennie Pat, 2.30 Fox-U-More (n.b.), 3.00 Connaught Queen, 3.30 Fabulous, 4.00 Royal Lasher.

CHEPSTOW:

1.30 Ace of Spies, 2.00 Co Member, 2.30 Emerald Watson, 3.00 MacOliver, 3.30 Hasty Thief, 4.00 King Hustler.

DONCASTER:

2.15 Hydrangea, 2.45 Warner for Leisure, 3.15 Roman Mariner, 3.45 Fiorenzo, 4.15 Cheekio Ora, 4.45 No Bombs, 5.15 Zotov.

SANDOWN ITV 1.45, 2.15, 2.50

1.45 BARCLAYS BANK HURDLE (PAST & PRESENT RACE AMTR RIDERS) £4,500 2m (13 runners)

1	10442-3	BURN NOOKA	W T Kemp	8 12 7	Mr G Oxley
2	012-300	DESERT HERO	(C-D) F Walwyn	11 12 7	Mr W H Ponsonby
3	2323-00	BOWDEN (D)	I M Dudgeon	7 12 0	
4	04112F	CLARA MOUNTAIN	(D) T A Forster	6 12 0	Mr T Thomson Jones
5	301-204	DHOFAR (D)	G A P-Gordon	5 12 0	Mr S Bullard
6	3-21110	NO-U-TURN	(D) S Mellor	7 12 0	Mr M Bradstock
7	0-10222	PITCRUIVE	G Richards	6 12 0	Mr J Gilmour
8	2-13224	QUITE A NIGHT	D A Oughton	5 12 0	Mr M Bell
9	044-101	RECORD DANCER	(D) N A Gaselee	5 12 0	Mr R Jenks
10	0-000	KEEP IT DARK	M J Gibson	5 11 7	Mr G Roe
11	0-000	NON-WET	J Ciechanowski	5 11 7	Maj M Wallace
12	0P-0000	SAINT OSWALD	J E Long	9 11 7	Mr B Urquhart
13	0000P-0	SHARAZOUR	E W Jones	5 11 7	C J Lampard

BLINKERS: 16
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Desert Hero, 4-1 Record Dancer, 5-1 Clara Mountain, 7-1 Burn Nooka, 9-1 No-U-Turn, 10-1 Dhofar, 12-1 Bowden, 14-1 Quite A Night and Pitcruiwe, 16-1 others.

2.15 SANDOWN OPEN HANDICAP CHASE £3,500 3m (8 runners)

1	14-1021	LUCKY VANE	G B Balding	10 12 4	J Burke
2	40P-123	TACROY M	M Masson	11 11 0	A Stringer
3	PUIFAP	KING OR COUNTRY	D H Barons	14 10 11	J Frost
4	21-2230	DUMPER	FT Winter	8 10 10	B de Haan
5	213/31-3	SUN RISING	F Walwyn	7 10 3	K Mooney
6	332310	BRIGHT OASSIS	K C Bailey	9 10 2	R Rowe
7	1/2000P-	SHARPSHOD	(D) P D Cundell	9 10 0	NON-RUNNER
8	014422	GEATA AN UISCE	O Brennan	7 10 0	M Brennan

BLINKERS: 9
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Lucky Vane, 7-2 Sun Rising, 5-1 Tacroy, 16-1 Dumper, 7-1 Brighton Oassiss, 9-1 Geata An Uisce, 12-1 King Or Country.

2.50 WILLIAM HILL IMPERIAL CUP (H'CAP HDLE) £13,500 2m (16 runners)

2	4-1F120	PRIDEAUX BOY	(C-D) C G Roach	7 11 10	M Pitman (7)
3	0-01220	RHYTHMIC PASTIMES	(D) J R Jenkins	5 11 3	F Leary
4	1-02311	BERLIN (D)	N A Gaselee	6 11 0	R Rowe
5	1-0231F	WHOLE SHEBANG	(D) D A Wilson	6 10 13	Steve Knight
6	1113-0B	TOM SHARP	W Wharton	5 10 9	M Brennan
7	03P-1P0	ADMIRAL'S RULER	(C-D) F Walwyn	5 10 7	K Mooney
8	P01332	SOLID OAK (NZ)	D H Barons	7 10 6	G Newman
9	1230-11	BRUNSTON BROOK	D A Oughton	7 10 5	P Double
10	132214	FLOYD (C-D)	D R Elsworth	5 10 3	C Brown
11	400302	TRY TO REMEMBER	(D) R J Holder	5 10 0	N Coleman (4)
12	00P300	AMRULLAH	J J Bridger	5 10 0	J Sutherland
13	00P300	SEAGRAM (NZ)	(D) H Barons	5 10 0	J Frost
14	112430	THE DIPLOMAT	(D) D S Ringer	7 10 0	S McNeill
15	030323	CAWARRA LAD	C James	6 10 0	G Charles-Jones (4)
16	031300	BOYNE SALMON	Miss L Bower	5 10 0	R Rowell
17	000000	DICK'S FOLLY	(D) R J Hodges	6 10 0	S Earle (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Floyd, 4-1 Berlin, 6-1 Prideaux Boy, 10-1 Brunston Brook, 12-1 Admiral's Ruler, 16-1 Rhythmic Pastimes, Tom Sharp and Try To Remember, 20-1 Whole Shebang and Amrullah, 33-1 others.

AYR ITV 1.30, 2.00, 2.30

1.30 AFTON NOVICE CHASE £1,600 2m 4f (14 runners)

1	1-4141F	DURHAM EDITION	(C-D) W A Stephenson	7 12 0	K Jones
2	10214B	EMPEROR CHARLES	(C-D) L Foster	8 11 3	S Charlton
3	042244	BARRISTER BOY	M J Lambert	7 11 2	P A Charlton
4	00	BEN LAWYERS	R H Goldie	6 11 2	C Grant
5	12-044-33	HOLD OFF	Miss H Hamilton	8 11 2	A Brown
6	PPP	LOCHAN CORRIE	J S Haldane	8 11 2	D Coakley (4)
7	00	PARK TOWER	P Monteith	7 11 2	D Nolan
8	00	RED CHARLES	I Ferguson	(IRE) 8 11 2	J K Kinane
9	013000	ROMAN DISPLAY	J I Charlton	8 11 2	B Storey
10	0-PF20	ROYAL JET	G B Fairbairn	8 11 2	C Hawkins
11	0-2P100	SCOTTISH DREAM	G Richards	7 11 2	N Doughty
12	U-00P00	TAMSON'S TUPPLE	D Robertson	9 11 2	Mr D Robertson
13	0-300F0	PURPLE BEAM	T A Barnes	6 10 11	M Barnes
14	0000-U	THE HOWLET	K Oliver	6 10 11	T G Dun

BLINKERS: 12, 17
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Empress Jeannie, 7-2 Durham Edition, 4-1 Hold Off, 6-1 Barrister Boy, 8-1 Scottish Dream, 12-1 Red Charles, 14-1 others.

2.00 I.C.I. PETROL HANDICAP HURDLE £5,000 2m 6f (9 runners)

2	011002	EBORACUM	B E Wilkinson	7 11 7	Mr G Harker (7)
3	13-22D0	SECRET FINALE	R J Lambert	6 11 0	P A Charlton
4	3F4040	GEARYS COLD ROLLED	Denys Smith	8 10 12	D Leadbitter (7)
5	4000-10	LATE CHALLENGE	(C)BF T McIlhagga	(IRE) 7 10 11	J K Kinane
6	0000-FF	DUNCOMBE PRINCE	(BF) J M Jefferson	6 10 10	N Doughty
7	113131-	JENNIE PAT	G Richards	5 10 6	D Coakley (4)
8	30-0020	PEN ROYAL	(C-D) T Craig	8 10 4	C Grant
9	22F311	CONCANNON	(C-D) M Naughton	8 10 2	S Charlton
10	41040	FLYING OATS	(USA) W W McGhie	5 10 0	C Hawkins

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Jennie Pat, 4-1 Eboracum, 5-1 Secret Finale, 6-1 Concannon, 8-1 Late Challenge, 10-1 Gearys Cold Rolled, 12-1 others.

2.30 SCOTTISH FARM DAIRY FOODS H'CAP CHASE £6,000 3m (8 runners)

1	P21-241	HALLO DANDY	(C-D) G Richards	11 11 10	N Doughty
2	1-31200	HARDY LAD	B E Wilkinson	8 11 4	R O'Leary
3	112-000	GREAT HEAD BOY	(C-D) R F Fisher	8 10 11	A Brown
4	012200	WHY FORGET	(C-D) W A Stephenson	9 10 10	Mr P J Dun
5	22F113	FOX-U-MORE	(C) K Oliver	8 10 4	S Charlton
6	0-FF113	RUN'N FLY	(C-D) A H MacTaggart	10 10 2	S Charlton
7	4224P0	HAZY GLEN	(C-D) T A Barnes	7 10 0	M Barnes

3.20 DICK McCREERY CUP (PAST & PRESENT CHASE AMTR RIDERS) £3,000 2m (8 runners)

1	211134	SILENT ECHO	A G Blackmore	10 12 4	Mr M Bradstock (7)
2	12-0330	BUCK AND WING	D M Grissell	10 11 0	Mr C Sample (4)
3	3-24343	FURY BOY	(C-D) D Nicholson	12 10 12	Maj M Wallace
4	3-F23PP	PARISH RIGGED	T A Forster	7 10 11	Mr T Thomson Jones
5	341423	CARRIGEEN HILL	J C Fox	14 10 11	Lt Col R Faulkner
6	320113	TEN BEARS	T M Jones	9 10 11	Mr J Earnshaw (7)
7	410404	CHELSEA ISLAND	W H Taylor	10 10 11	Dr D Chesney
8	32P3P-0	ALL BRIGHT	M J Gibson	13 10 11	Mr G Roe (7)

BLINKERS: 4, 6
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Silent Echo, 100-30 Ten Bears, 4-1 Chelsea Island, 6-1 Carrigeen Hill, 7-1 Fury Boy, 9-1 Parish Rigged, 12-1 Buck And Wing, 25-1 All Bright.

3.50 BEECH OPEN NOVICE CHASE £3,000 2m (12 runners)

1	00-000F	DANISH FLIGHT	N J Henderson	6 11 10	J White
2	111-433	HAZY SUNSET	F T Winter	8 11 0	B de Haan
3	130-220	HIZ	I M Dudgeon	7 11 0	NON-RUNNER
4	P	LADBROOKS LEISURE	W T Kemp	11 11 10	S Shilston
5	220-000	MATCH MASTER	H O'Neill	6 11 0	K Mooney
6	0-P04P0	PRUDENT MATCH	H O'Neill	6 11 0	M Hammond
7	0P0/FP-F	RED REPPIN	Miss L Bower	7 11 0	M Kinane
8	P3-1400	WILY YEOMAN	J T Gifford	6 11 0	R Rowe
9	P-000	FASTER STILL	Miss A Sinclair	6 10 9	G Charles-Jones
10	02-00	NEOTERIC	J O'Donoghue	6 10 9	R Rowell
11	FP-P4P4	SOMERSDALE	M E Francis	6 10 9	
12	40130P	SWEETCAL	P D Cundell	8 10 9	A Gorman

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Hazy Sunset, 3-1 Wily Yeoman, 5-1 Danish Flight, 6-1 Sweetcal, 14-1 Match Master, 16-1 others.

4.20 SELECT 4-Y-O NOVICE H'CAP HDLE £2,500 2m (15 runners)

3	3041	SUPER EXPRESS	R V Smyth	11 7	C Furlong
4	001311	MALISTRANO	(D) S Mellor	11 7	G Charles-Jones
5	1213	OPENING BARS	(D) BF D A Oughton	11 5	P Double
6	012	GAMBLER'S CUP	(USA) (D) BF FT Winter	11 5	B de Haan
7	113111	LECTOR	(USA) (D) D R Elsworth	11 1	C Brown
8	341	TIMURS DOUBLE	(D) T A Forster	10 10	K Mooney
9	0404	MR GREGORY	(USA) G B Balding	10 7	J Burke
10	10200	HONEYDEW WONDER	D R Elsworth	10 6	M Bastard
11	213	SEDEGE	(D) H O'Neill	10 5	M Hammond
12	304P	DIAMONDS HIGH	P Mitchell	10 3	Mr S Sherwood
13	000340	BLUELIMIT	D R Elsworth	10 2	R Rowe
14	000	CANARIM	T S Bulgin	10 1	
15	400	SHIELDING	P D Cundell	10 0	A Gorman
16	00P	RUSSOLA	S Mellor	10 0	M Perrett
17	003	REDGRAVE ARTIST	K Bishop	10 0	P Richards

BLINKERS: 15
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Malistrano, 7-2 Gambler's Cup, 5-1 Timurs Double, 7-1 Opening Bars, 9-1 Super Express, 10-1 Lector and Sedge, 16-1 others.

3.00 CREE LODGE HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000 2m (9 runners)

3	030-040-	TURTLETON	(C-D) R McDonald	8 11 7	C Hawkins
4	301P	SWEDISH PINE	(D) M J Lambert	6 11 5	P A Charlton
5	01103	DOVER	(D) M H Easterby	5 11 5	A Brown
6	411042	CONNAUGHT QUEEN	(D)BF G Richards	5 11 4	N Doughty
7	004421-	LAURENCE PARSONS	(D) T Craig	8 10 13	M Ennis
8	03D430	TARCHIN	(D) S J Leadbetter	8 10 9	M Barnes
9	134U0	FRENCH NEPHEW	(D) Denys Smith	4 10 1	C Grant
10	POP211	KENO HILL	(D) A R Davison	10 10 1	
11	2P0040	TEUCER	(D) V Thompson	5 10 0	Mr M Thompson (7)

BLINKERS: 10
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Dover, 4-1 Connaught Queen, 5-1 Laurence Parsons, 7-1 Keno Hill, 8-1 French Nephew, 12-1 Tarchin, 14-1 Swedish Pine, 16-1 Teucer, 20-1 Turtleton.

3.30 HUGH BARCLAY MEM'L CUP (HUNTER CHASE) £1,000 3m (5 runners)

2	F4/43-02	ARTHUR BELL'S	J P Wight	9 12 0	Mr A Wight (7)
3	1120-	CHEERIE CHIEF	(C-D) H Barclay	9 12 0	Mr K Anderson
4	0-021P-3	FABULOUS	J S Wilson	12 12 0	Mr A King (7)
5	P/PFP-F4	THE DRUNKEN DUCK	(D) G Richards	12 12 0	R J A Fowler
6	03/21U-2	YOUGHAL	W A Stephenson	9 12 0	R J Greenall (7)

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Fabulous, 5-2 Youghal, 7-2 The Drunken Duck, 5-1 Cheerie Chief, 10-1 Arthur Bell's.

4.00 BRAEHEAD NOVICE HURDLE £700 2m 6f (11 runners)

3	F3F2P0	BLACK COMBE	R F Fisher	7 11 3	J D Doyle (4)
4	0/3	COVE HILL	J Mooney	7 11 3	J Mooney
5	240-242	FINE STEEL	B McLean	7 11 3	P A Charlton
6	00-00P	HITCHENS KITCHEN	R F Fisher	5 11 3	A Brown
7	3223P0	PATCHWORK SAINT	F Watson	7 11 3	N Doughty
8	2F	ROYAL BOWLER	J I Charlton	6 11 3	Mr P Dennis (7)
9	F34F31	ROYAL LASER	D J Moorhead	5 11 11	C Grant
10	03000	BANNOB BURN	K Oliver	5 10 12	T G Dun
11	000PP-P	STRATHLEVEN	Miss H Hamilton	6 10 12	
12	00210	JOCA	(C-D) J Parks	4 10 11	
13	301003	UNCLE OLIVER	V Thompson	4 10 8	Mr M Thompson (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Royal Laser, 100-30 Fine Steel, 5-1 Royal Bowler, 7-1 Cove Hill, 8-1 Uncle Oliver, 10-1 Black Combe, 14-1 others.

CHEPSTOW

1.30 ICE HOUSE HURDLE £2,000 (4-Y-O) 2m (10 runners)

1	021323	ACE OF SPIES	L G Kennard	11 6	P Scudamore
2	2104	ANYTHING ELSE	(D) J C Fox	11 6	S Moore

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LINDA CURL . . . 33 goals in 11 games

NOT TOO long ago a local Norwich newspaper believed they had discovered just the player to transform the local First Division side into one of the country's top teams.

The player, they noted, was devastating around the penalty area with 33 goals in just 11 appearances this season. The only problem was that this goal-scoring machine was a woman, Norwich Ladies' Linda Curl — and her club were not about to part with her anyway.

'Linda is a better goalscorer than Norwich's former striker Justin Fashanu, and I don't think they could afford her anyway,' quipped manager Maureen Reynolds this week as she prepared her side for their WFA Cup semi-final against Doncaster Belles.

Reynolds, whose football career was cut short by injury, has guided Norwich Ladies, formed just three years ago, to their first ever semi-final in their sport's most prestigious competition.

However, Reynolds has no illusions about the task facing her side tomorrow when they take on Doncaster, the most consistent team in the WFA Cup in the past three seasons

having won it in 1983 and lost in the final to Highbury Grange last May.

'I've thought all along this season that Doncaster would win the Cup again this time,' Reynolds said honestly. 'They are a well organised and powerful team. But then I never expected us to go so far in the competition this season.'

Norwich have become the penalty queens of this season's WFA Cup competition, knocking out Aylesbury in the semi-

finals from the spot after extra time failed to separate the teams and the same happened when they met the highly-rated Crewe Ladies in the fourth round.

Reynolds, however, doesn't see the game going to extra time this time round. 'I think there will be a result at the end of normal time, and although we will start as underdogs, there's no saying what might happen in the WFA Cup.'

Along with England in-

ternational Curl, who will be the player that Doncaster will have to keep a very keen eye on, Norwich also boast the services of international Jackie Slack at centre-half and the former international Vicky Johnson is also in their squad.

Doncaster's quota of internationals include the ever-reliable Lorraine Hansen and Jackie Sherrard. The northerners will start favourites to reach their third WFA Cup final in a row, but as Reynolds says: 'Anything can happen in football.'

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

Town's teamwork

BY ROBERT JAMES

THE message for Friends of Fulham, rated by many as the best club side in English women's football at present, is clear — don't underestimate Town and County in their WFA Cup semi-final clash tomorrow.

They have nothing to lose, and with a big crowd behind them they could pull off the shock of the competition this season, brushing aside Fulham on their way to the decider at Craven Cottage on May 12.

'We have never gone past the second round before and Sunday's game is really our "final" at the

moment,' said Town and County manager Kevin Mason last night.

'We are going to enjoy it, and reaching the final would be a great bonus for the girls.'

The Northampton-based club have only lost one game this season and their reputation has been built around their willingness to work for each other.

'We have no outstanding players at the club, unlike Fulham with their seven internationals. But we have a team that is willing to run, play and work for each other. If we have a

winning formula then that's it,' Mason added.

'On the day everything might come right for us. On the other hand, however, we could be annihilated.'

Town and County defeated Chelsea 2-0 in the quarter-finals and after that match an official of the beaten team told News Line: 'Town and County are a very physical side. Not a dirty side, but one that fights for every ball and does not shy away from tackles.'

'Their biggest asset is their willingness to work for each other for the

whole 80 minutes. They don't let up and they don't have any prima-donnas.'

Mason agreed with this analysis, but would rather refer to his side's robust style in terms of the girl's 'keenness' rather than being physical.

Mason has no illusions about the task facing his side tomorrow. 'Fulham beat Southampton three times this season and put 16 goals past them in the process. You have to be a good side to do that because Southampton are one of the best sides in the country.'

Fulham will start firm favourites to reach their first ever WFA Cup final, too. However, despite



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being able to call upon the services of their bevy of internationals, their manager George Curl has, as usual, kept his squad guessing as to who will play.

Fulham won their League just after Christmas with two games to spare and are still unbeaten in any competition this season.

But Town and County are buzzing right now. They may, however, succumb to the combined talents of Fulham — but they won't do so without a hell of a fight.

DONCASTER

2.15 (2m hurdle) £1,000

OP Betabland 11.3. Rees
O-P Draw The Line 11.9. Corrigan(7)
P01 Excavator Expert 11.6. Pimlott
OOP Finale Sept 11.3. Pepper
322 Solar Light(BF) 11.2. Smith
100 Game Rocket 11.1. Tuck
030 Chalet Waldeg 10.10. Harrington
000 The Governor 10.10. O'Neill
000 Mossy Cones 10.7. Lamb
30P Woolloware 10.3. Barlow
03- Hydrangea 10.1. Keightley
P00 Bishop's Royal 10.0. Hansen(4)
000 Lucky Choice 10.0. Barton
0PP Touch of Steel 10.0. Charles
OPO Pamelia 10.0. Dutton
-OP Good Performer 10.0. Wilkinson
Prob sp: 7-2 Excavator Expert, 9-2 Solar Light, 11-2 Draw The Line, 6-1 Chalet Waldeg, 7-1 Game Rocket, 10-1 Finale Sept and The Governor, 12-1 Mossy Cones, 16-1 others.

2.45 (2m chase) £1,600

311 Newlife Connection 12.2. Lamb
3F0 Handy Billy 11.1. Mernagh
F10 Warner For Leisure 11.1. Barton
0-0 Airmount 11.6. Johnson
000 Fjording 11.6. Tinkler
342 Sharagain(BF) 11.6. Dwyer
000 Little Ginger 11.1. Wall
Prob sp: Evens Newlife Connection, 2-1 Warner For Leisure, 7-2 Handy Billy, 16-1 Sharagain, 20-1 Fjording, 33-1 others.

3.15 (3m hurdle) £1,500

-1F Roman Mariner(BF) 11.10. Farrell(7)
000 Lewis Homes 10.13. Bearwood

-30 Crimson Knight 10.7. Barlow
014 Bardsey 10.7. O'Neill
P10 Joe's Fancy 10.6. Gray
041 Katie Bourne 10.4. Ryan(7)
141 Rington Sally 10.0. Corrigan(7)
-10 Pamrina 10.0. Turner(7)
0-0 Lady Romoha 10.0. Turner(7)
Prob sp: 5-2 Bardsey, 3-1 Roman Mariner, 7-2 Katie Bourne, 5-1 Rington Sally, 8-1 Pamrina, 12-1 Crimson Knight, 16-1 others.

3.45 (2m 4f hurdle) £1,500

120 Firing Party 11.10. Linley
000 Americ 11.2. Barton
000 Arctic Bivouac 11.2. Barton
0 Foxbah 11.2. Croucher(4)
000 Foxbah 11.2. Holmes
000 Motivator 11.2. Coogan
P Tutor's Nephew 11.2. Wall
F Winters Sovereign 11.2. Gray
000 Bonny Rymer 10.11. Wall
000 Kellet 10.11. Barry
000 Maestra Gama 10.11. Gee(7)
P00 Play It Sam 10.11. Knight
OF Rue-The-Day 10.11. J. Barlow
000 Silver Snow 10.11. Earnshaw
000 Valiant Vision 10.11. Forsyth
Derry Dancer 10.7. O'Neill
340 Shipwright 10.7. O'Neill
0 TWS Homes 10.7. Keightley
Prob sp: 11-8 Firing Party, 2-1 Shipwright, 5-1 Fiozenzo, 10-1 Americ, 16-1 Motivator, 20-1 others.

4.15 (3m chase) £1,500

-41 Cheekio Ora 12.4. Greenall
/3- Game Patrick 11.10. Wilson(7)
UU- Southside Harrier 11.10. Haddow(7)
Prob sp: 5-1 on Cheekio Ora, 4-1 Game Patrick, 10-1 Southside Harrier.

4.45 (2m 4f chase) £3,000

310 Mullaury(C-D) 11.11. Dwyer
1-4 No Bombs 11.6. O'Neill
224 Poyntz Pass(D)(BF) 11.3. Meagher(4)
P22 Stand Back(D) 10.6. Lamb
402 Book of Kells(C-D) 10.3. Dutton
330 Good Trade 10.0. Dutton
Prob sp: Evens No Bombs, 4-1 Book of Kells, 5-1 Stand Back, 8-1 Mullaury, 12-1 Poyntz Pass, 14-1 Good Trade.

5.15 (2m flat race) £450

3 Another Gear 11.10. Mitchell(7)
Conduit Court 11.10. Thompson(7)
Frank's Boreen 11.10. Mullins(7)
Just Paul 11.10. Quinn(7)
Liskeveen 11.10. FitzGerald(7)
Little and Royal 11.10. Woolley(7)
Pirate Rock 11.10. Woolley(7)
Celtic Blade 11.5. Phillips(7)
Dim Drums 11.5. Harris(7)
Kaye-Wood 11.5. Nolan(7)
Big Orange 11.2. Hill(7)
Cadeby 11.2. Hill(7)
Corn Merchant 11.2. Raw(7)
Dick The Vic 11.2. Farrell(7)
Mandator 11.2. Easterby
Zotov 11.2. Easterby
Galawood 10.11. McMahon(7)
Greenacres Girl 10.11. Skyrme(7)
Kelly's Double 10.11. Ryan(7)
Leah's Luck Penny 10.11. Rees
Mel's Petal 10.11. Osbourne(7)
Rington Angle 10.11. Knox(7)
Sweet Optimist 10.11. Knox(7)
Prob sp: 13-8 Zotov, 4-1 Mandator, 5-1 Another Gear, 6-1 Big Orange, 8-1 Liskeveen, 10-1 Leah's Luck Penny, 14-1 others.

RESULTS

CARLISLE

2.00 (2m): REAY'S SONG C Grant (5-2 fav); Threlkeld Hall J Hansen (10-1); Old Head (9-2); 10 ran, 20, 7. (M Naughton) T: £2.60; £1.10, £3.70, £1.20. CSF: £27.13. NR: Royal Bishop.
2.30 (2m): PETER MARTIN S Holland (11-2); Camionnage (14-1); Sharp Song (14-1); Dromodan (7-4 on fav); 22 ran, 6, 2. (F Lee) T: £9.20; £2.90, £4.00, £3.90. CSF: £86.93.
3.00 (3m): MR SNUGFIT P Tuck (2-1 on fav); Captain Parkhill (16-1); Succeeded Mr P J Dun (9-2); Native Break (6-1); 7 ran, 5, 6. (M W Easterby) T: £1.40; £1.20; £4.40. CSF: £10.40. NR: Blackhawk Star.
3.30 (2m): BOARDMANS CORONET N Doughty (11-8 fav); Meeson Grange (17-2); Stone Jug (10-1); Heartbreak Hotel (20-1); 20 ran, 1, 4. (Mr D Swindlehurst) 20 ran, 1, 4. (G Richards) T: £3.00; £1.20, £2.50, £4.60. CSF: £16.52. NR: Miss Jay Cee.
4.00 (2m 4f): ON LEAVE C Grant (15-8 fav); Timeless Flight (50-1); Joyful Star (9-1); Lady Lawyer (14-1); 12 ran, 25, 1½. (A Scott) T: £2.70; £1.10, £7.40, £2.80. CSF: £73.80.
4.30 (2m): RED DUSTER C Fairhurst (11-4); High Drop (12-1); Melhagen (5-2 fav); Armenistis (25-1); 16 ran, ¾, 1½. (T Fairhurst) T: £4.10; £1.10, £2.30, £1.90, £47.70. CSF: £39.27.

SANDOWN

1.45 (2m): WOOD SINGER E Murphy (66-1); Waffy-Fryer (20-1); Singlecote (10-1); Ray Prosser (50-1); 20 ran, 8, ¾. (J Gifford) T: £236.10; £23.20, £2.60, £1.90. CSF: £916.93. NR: Relmore and Wild Queen.
2.15 (2m 5f): ROAD TO MANDALAY H Davies (11-1); Sacred Path (7-2 fav); Wild Corn (8-1); Sunflower Lad (8-1); 18 ran, 1½, 10. (D Barons) T: £9.90; £1.70, £1.80, £1.70. CF: £48.07.
2.50 (3m): SPECIAL CARGO Mr G Oxley (11-10 fav); Burnt Oak (6-1); Manton Castle (9-1); Lisboney Hill (33-1); 12 ran, ½, 2. (F Walwyn) T: £2; £1.40, £1.60, £2.70. CSF: £7.77. NR: Manston Marauder.
3.20 (2m 4f): I HAVENTALIGHT J Francome (7-2); Halation's Flair (20-1); Claude Monet (9-4 fav); Ayle Hero (20-1); 18 ran, 7, 2. (F T Winter) T: £3.60; £1.70, £6.90, £1.10. CSF: £61.83.
3.50 (3m): TEN CHERRIES Mr M Bell (7-2); Bannoran (4-1); Highway Dual (16-1); Flagstaff (12-1); 12 ran, 1, 12. (Mrs M Rimell) T: £3.30; £1.30, £2, £5.60. CSF: £18.11.
4.20 (2m): AHSLONE G Charles-Jones (7-2); Mister Bee (16-1); Buckfast Abbey (33-1); Asa Spades (3-1); 25 ran, 8, 2. (S Mellor) T: £5.30; £1.80, £3.50, £7.70. CSF: £63.58. NR: Last Enemy and Celtic Dipper.

MARKET RASEN

2.15 (2m): ARROWROOT D Wilkinson (14-1); Lord Charles (7-1); Middleton Lottery (6-4 fav); Asian King (3-1); 11 ran, 12, ¾. (C W Thornton) T: £15.10; £3.50, £2, £1.70. CSF: £103.14.
2.45 (2m 5f): THE LAST PRINCE A Brown (13-8 fav); Sudbrooke Park (7-1); Rastasefaich (25-1); Woodburgh (20-1); 16 ran, 3, 2½. (M H Easterby) T: £2.20; £1.80, £1.70, £2.10. CSF: £12.35. NR: Tight Turn.
3.15 (2m 4f): KEYCORN D Dutton (11-4 fav); Tachyros (8-1); Mountaineer (13-2); Always Linpac (33-1); 14 ran, ½, nk. (J W Blundell) T: £3.70; £1.10, £2.70, £3.20. CSF: £23.01.
3.45 (3m): FINAL ARGUMENT D Coakley (11-10 fav); Prelko (9-2); Santo Noel (14-1); Glenfox (3-1); 6 ran, 1, 8. (G Richards) T: £2; £1.30, £2. CSF: £6.16.
4.15 (2m): RAINBOW LADY P Leach (evens fav); Meadow Maid (11-8); Netherdar (20-1); My Name Is Nobody (20-1); 17 ran, 12, 10. (P C Pipe) T: £2; £1.10, £1.40, £4.50. CSF: £3.03. NR: Bellekino and Wolver Plume.
4.45 (2m): AVANTIE P Rutland (33-1); Abo Ace (2-1 fav); Northern Knight (25-1); Richard G (20-1); 10 ran, sh hd, 15. (R A Perkins) T: £53.90; £13, £1.10, £3.40. CSF: £88.57.

Sports Line

BLUES WAIT ON REID

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

FA CUP holders Everton are bracing themselves for a 'Milk Cup' backlash from Ipswich in today's sixth round clash at Goodison Park.

Manager Howard Kendall desperately hopes that power-packed Peter Reid can hang-on to this 'ever-ready' reputation as Everton face their stiffest Cup challenge since Wembley.

Midfield man Reid is under intensive treatment for a groin strain which threatens his run of 87 consecutive appearances.

'Peter is a very influential figure and naturally we wouldn't want to lose him, especially as Ipswich will be looking to bounce back after their Milk Cup semi-final defeat against Norwich,' said Kendall.

Kendall gives Reid, the driving force behind his club's treble bid, a 50-50 chance. 'Peter certainly hasn't ruled himself out yet and that is encouraging, but we have a good replacement in Kevin Richardson if necessary,' he added.

Ipswich, who have lost their three previous FA Cup meetings with Everton, have dropped teenager Jason Dozzell in the wake of their midweek mishap.

Injured striker Mich

D'Avray is also out, while England defender Russell Osman is ready for a recall if Steve McCall fails to recover from knee and hip injuries.

Striker Kevin Wilson, a member of Derby County's beaten sixth round side in 1983 and 1984, definitely plays as Ipswich bid to shatter Everton's remarkable cup record.

Beaten

Goalkeeper Neville Southall has been beaten only once in 12 ties since the start of last season's run. 'The only goal we have conceded was in last season's sixth round against Notts County and that is a tremendous record,' enthused Kendall.

'But Ipswich are in a false position in the League. They have some extremely talented players and will see this as another chance of getting to Wembley.'

'We won't underestimate them, I can promise you that.'

With top scorer

Graeme Sharp still recovering from damaged ankle ligaments received against non-League Telford last month, Everton again include Terry Curran.

Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson has described the occasion as a 'supreme test of character' and added: 'Everton are top of the League and just about the hardest opponents we could have had.'

'We can take heart from our draw up there earlier this season. I would love to take them back to Portman Road for a replay next Wednesday — but if we can win at the first attempt so much the better.'

The match is a landmark for England defender Terry Butcher, who makes his 300th senior appearance.

EVERTON (from): Southall, Stevens, Van Den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Curran, Gray, Bracewell, Sheedy, Richardson, Harper

IPSWICH (from): Cooper, Burley, McCall, Zondervan, Osman, Cranon, Butcher, Putney, Brennan, Sunderland, Wilson, Gates, Parkin



PETER REID . . . Hopeful of facing Ipswich

Canaries' Cup hangover

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

NORWICH manager Ken Brown yesterday urged his players to put Wembley and the Milk Cup final out of their minds.

As Norwich prepared for today's First Division match against Aston Villa at Carrow Road, Brown said: 'The biggest battle must be won before we take the field.'

'The players must forget all about Wembley or we will have no chance. We now have two home games in which we can push ourselves back among the leading pack and challenge for Europe through our position in the League.'

Norwich have no serious injury worries and Brown is likely to name the team which won through to Wembley by beating Ipswich in Wednesday's Milk Cup semi-final.

Villa reserve Paul Kerr, 20, will deputise for injured striker Paul Rideout. French international Didier Six was in contention for his first game in more than three months

but pulled out after injuring his neck in training.

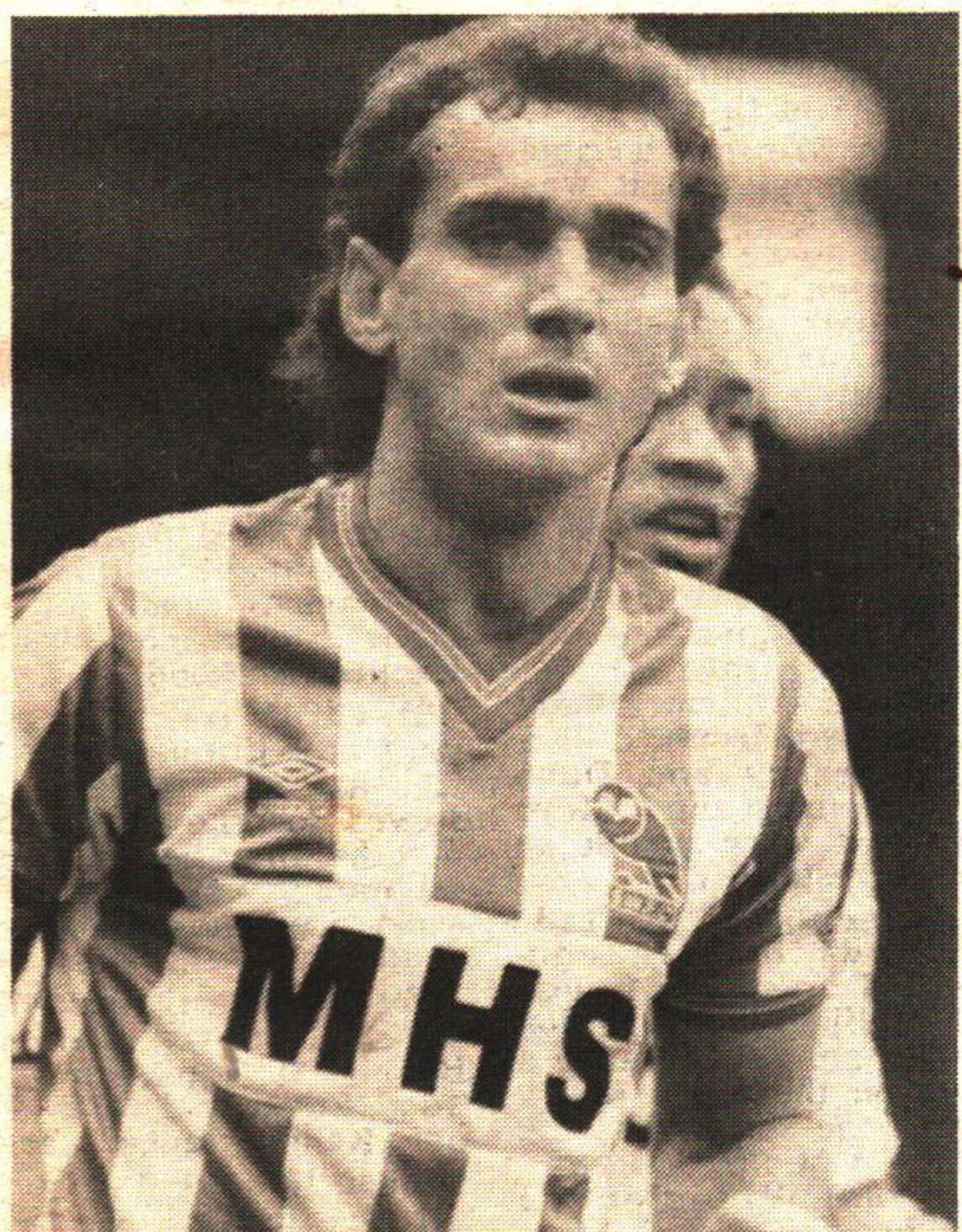
Sheffield Wednesday, unbeaten in 12 League games, give fitness tests to Lee Chapman, Imre Varadi and Andy Blair before the match at Leicester. New signing Simon Stainrod is in the Wednesday squad.

Southampton have delayed their team selection for the match at Chelsea because Mark Wright (ankle), Mick Mills (toe) and Steve Moran (heel) are all under treatment.

Sunderland striker Colin West, who is one booking away from a suspension which would keep him out of the Milk Cup final, is still likely to play against Arsenal.

Shaun Elliott, the Sunderland captain, is already banned from Wembley but manager Len Ashurst plans to field his strongest side.

Brian Talbot returns to the Arsenal team in place of Steve Williams, who is starting a two-match suspension.



IMRE VARADI faces a late fitness test

MARTINA MADE TO FIGHT

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA, seeking her fourth US National Women's Indoor singles title, was forced to three sets by Gigi Fernandez of Puerto Rico on Thursday night before advancing to the semi-finals.

Navratilova finally over-

came Fernandez 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 in a 92-minute quarter-final that was decided when the 32nd-ranked player had two double faults.

'She (Fernandez) is a very talented player and with a little better footwork, she will make it to the top ten,' said Navratilova.

va, who plays doubles with the Puerto Rican.

Navratilova faces another tough challenge when she meets Hana Mandlikova in the semi-finals. The Czechoslovak star, now ranked No.3 in the world, moved into the fourth round with an unexpectedly easy

6-1, 6-3 victory over Sylvia Hanika of West Germany in a 70-minute quarter-final.

Earlier upsets led to a semi-final meeting between sixth-seeded Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden and unseeded Catherine Tanvier of France.

Lindqvist, ranked 15th,

required only 46 minutes for a 6-2, 6-2 victory over second-seeded Wendy Turnbull. Pam Shriver of the US, the third seed, was bounced out in her first singles tournament after a three-month lay-off by an aggressive Tanvier, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

Gavaskar's vow

SUNIL GAVASKAR said yesterday he was determined to bow out in style as Indian captain in the World Championship of Cricket one-day final against Pakistan tomorrow. 'It's my last game as captain,' Gavaskar said. 'I will be available to tour Australia in 1985-1986 — but only as a player.'

Gavaskar's shrewd captaincy has been one of the features of India's fine all-round performance during the tournament and his decision to bat down the order instead of his usual post of opener has also paid dividends. But the strength of the Indian performance has been in the all-round performances of Ravi Shastri, Kapil Dev and Roger Binny and the dashing batting of Krishna Srikanth and Mohammed Azharuddin.

Shastri, in particular, has enhanced his reputation, proving the perfect foil to the aggressive Srikanth as opener and howling his left-arm spinners shrewdly and economically.

Teenage leg-spinner Laxman Sivar-

amakrishnan has been another key figure and the performance of the two young Indian bowlers has confounded conventional wisdom that spin bowlers are redundant in one-day cricket.

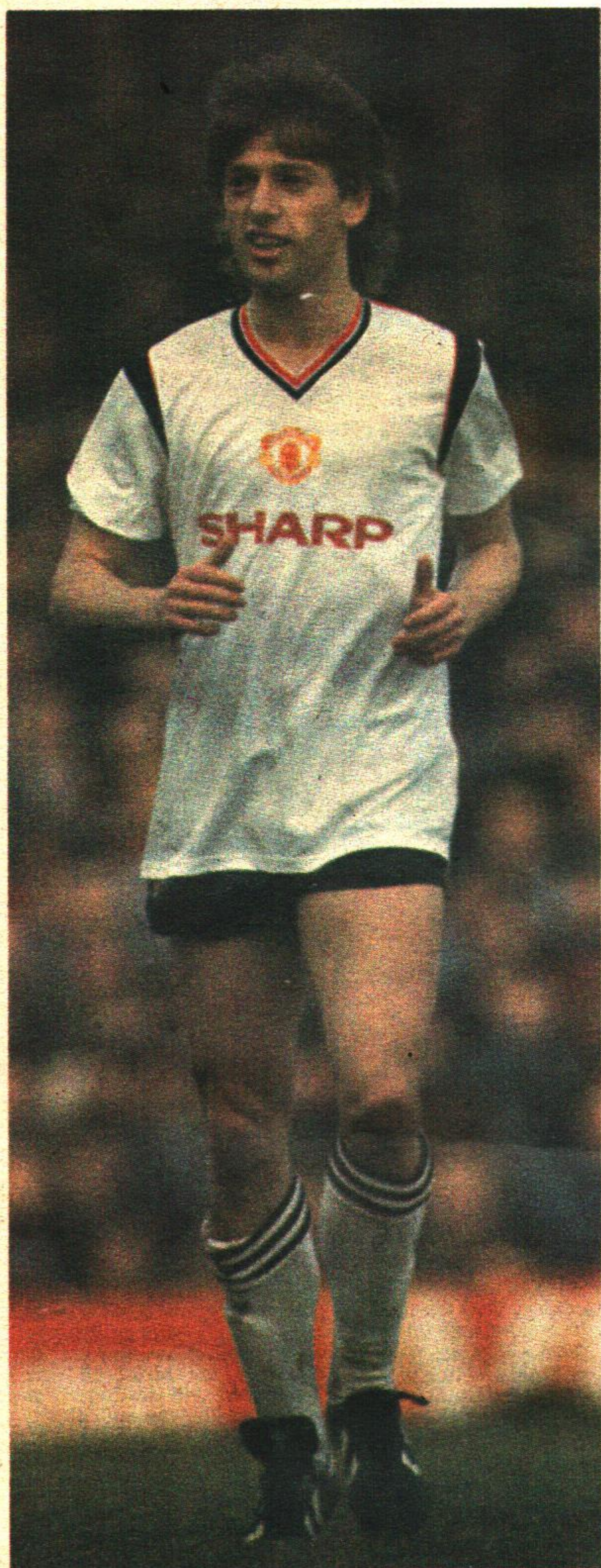
Pakistan's skipper Javed Miandad, who, like Gavaskar, has been the target of considerable criticism within his own country for his captaincy, was equally determined to leave Australia with a win tomorrow. 'We are not being taken lightly any more,' he said.

'It will be a good fight and we came to the final the hard way. We have to beat the Windies to do it — India did not meet them at all as things turned out.'

The return of all-rounder Imran Khan, whose fast bowling has been badly missed over the past two years, has markedly increased Pakistan's effectiveness. But, as with India, Pakistan's strength has lain in their all-round cricket and the performance of the Raja brothers in Pakistan's upset victory over the West Indies on Wednesday was particularly noteworthy.



SUNIL GAVASKAR . . . Hoping for successful farewell



JESPER OLSEN (left) will be one of the players West Ham will have to watch when they face United in the sixth round of the FA Cup at Old Trafford today, while Trevor Steven (above) will be in Everton's side to face Ipswich at Goodison Park

Hammers' Cup KO

WEST HAM, rocked by an injury and illness crisis, yesterday asked for the postponement of today's FA Cup quarter-final against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

BY A SPORTS LINE REPORTER

But the FA have insisted the match should still go ahead, although it could be called off if there was a 'drastic deterioration in the situation'.

West Ham travelled north with a 17-strong party, but at least six players are doubtful because of injury or the influenza virus which has swept through the club.

Season

The squad includes two goalkeepers and long-serving defender Frank Lampard, 36, who has not played a first team match this season.

Alan Devonshire, Bobby Barnes and Steve Whitton were so ill that they were unable even to make the trip.

The loss of Devonshire is particularly unfortunate. After a 14-month lay-off he returned this week and was an important influence in the two fifth-round matches against Wimbledon.

The first game was drawn and West Ham romped to a 5-1 victory in the replay on Wednesday night.

An FA spokesman said: 'For West Ham to come on to us with a request like that must mean that something is seriously wrong. They are an honourable club and they must be desperate to do this sort of thing.'

'They are in a terrible predicament and it was with the greatest reluctance that we insisted on the match going ahead. It could only be called off if there was a drastic deterioration in the situation.'

Practice

Goalkeeper Tom McAlister and midfielder man Geoff Pike face late fitness tests. Striker Paul Goddard is troubled by a knee injury and Dave Swindlehurst and Steve Walford were unable to train yesterday.

Manchester United, meanwhile, are concerned about the fitness of midfielder man Gordon Strachan. He will have a test on the ankle injury which he suffered in the UEFA Cup victory against Videoton on Wednesday.

If Strachan does not make it, Scottish winger Arthur Graham will come

in for only his second game of the season.

United manager Ron Atkinson is also considering whether to bring back England captain Bryan Robson as substitute. Robson has been absent for two months and trained for the first time yesterday.

Atkinson said: 'It depends on Robson himself. You are always aware that there could be a reaction after such a long lay-off but we will weigh up whether to take a gamble on him.'

West Ham have a poor record at Old Trafford and were thrashed 5-1 when they went there for a League match earlier this season.

But United striker Frank Stapleton said: 'Just because of that result it does not mean we are hot favourites. We have got to beware of West Ham because they will be really geared up for a Cup game.'

Barnsley defender Stuart Gray could return after a 15-month absence for Sunday's televised quarter-final against Liverpool.

Injury

Gray suffered a serious back injury and underwent surgery to save his career and is now under consideration for the vacancy caused by the suspension of left back Nicky Law.

Liverpool are likely to make one change to the side which drew a European Cup tie in Austria this week, with Kenny Dalglish returning in place of Paul Walsh.

Luton and Watford meet for the third time in five days to try and settle their fifth round tie at Kenilworth Road.

David Moss, the 32-year-old Luton winger who has been in the reserves for the past two months, may be recalled as manager David Pleat seeks a way to break the deadlock.

Watford are again without England winger John Barnes but goalkeeper Tony Coton and midfielder Kenny Jackett are both in line for a recall.

If the tie is settled, the winners will be at home to Third Division Millwall next Wednesday.

Alex fined

ALEX HIGGINS was fined £1,500 and severely reprimanded by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) at their board meeting in Bristol last night.

Higgins, the 36-year-old Manchester-based Irishman, has been punished following his audible obscenity, clearly heard by millions of television viewers, after his victory over arch-rival Steve Davis, the world champion, in the Benson and Hedges Masters championship at Wembley last month.

Snooker's whirlwind, Londoner Jimmy White escaped any serious action by the Board following an allegation of misconduct at a Warrington hotel during the Mercantile Credit Classic tournament in January.

After examining a complaint against White from the hotel management, the Board said that they would write to White

41 Worcester v Kettering.....

42 Yeovil v Barnet.....

SCOTTISH CUP

(5th Round)

43 Dundee v Celtic.....

Hearts v Aberdeen.....

Motherwell v Forfar.....

44 St Mirren v Dundee Utd.....

SCOTTISH DIV I

45 Clyde v Ayr.....

46 Falkirk v Clydebank.....

47 Kilmarnock v Hamilton.....

Meadowbank v Partick.....

48 St Johnstone v East Fife.....

SCOTTISH DIV II

49 Albion v Stranraer.....

50 Alloa v Queens Park.....

51 Arbroath v Dunfermline.....

52 Berwick v E Stirling.....

53 Cow'beath v Stenhousemuir.....

54 Queen O'Sth v Montrose.....

55 Raith v Stirling.....

FA CUP

(6th Round)

(3.00 kick-off)

Everton v Ipswich.....

Man Utd v West Ham.....

FA CUP

(5th Round, 2nd Replay)

Luton v Watford.....

DIVISION I

1 Coventry v QPR.....

2 Norwich v A Villa.....

3 Nottm For v Newcastle.....

4 Sunderland v Arsenal.....

DIVISION II

5 Birmingham v Notts Co.....

6 Cardiff v Fulham.....

7 Carlisle v Grimsby.....

8 C Palace v Wolves.....

9 Leeds v Huddersfield.....

10 Man City v Middlesbro.....



POOLS CHECK

11 Oldham v Blackburn.....

12 Sheff Utd v Oxford.....

13 Shrewsbury v Charlton.....

DIVISION III

14 Bournemouth v Lincoln.....

15 Bristol C v Bradford C.....

16 Burnely v Reading.....

17 Gillingham v Brentford.....

18 Hull v Derby.....

Millwall v York.....

19 Orient v Newport.....

20 Preston v Bolton.....

21 Rotherham v Plymouth.....

22 Walsall v Swansea.....

23 Wigan v Cambridge.....

DIVISION IV

24 Aldershot v Northampton.....

25 Bury v Blackpool.....

26 Crewe v Stockport.....

27 Darlington v Halifax.....

28 Exeter v Chesterfield.....

29 Hartlepool v Torquay.....

30 Peterboro v Rochdale.....

31 Port Vale v Swindon.....

32 Wrexham v Mansfield.....

GOLA LEAGUE

33 Altrincham v Wealdstone.....

34 Barrow v Bath.....

35 Boston v Dagenham.....

36 Enfield v Weymouth.....

37 Gateshead v Dartford.....

38 Kidderminster v Frickley.....

39 Runcorn v Maidstone.....

40 Telford v Scarborough.....