

Sudden shine for gold

GOLD took off after being in the doldrums for a month, chalking up nearly \$20 more to the ounce at \$318.75 yesterday.

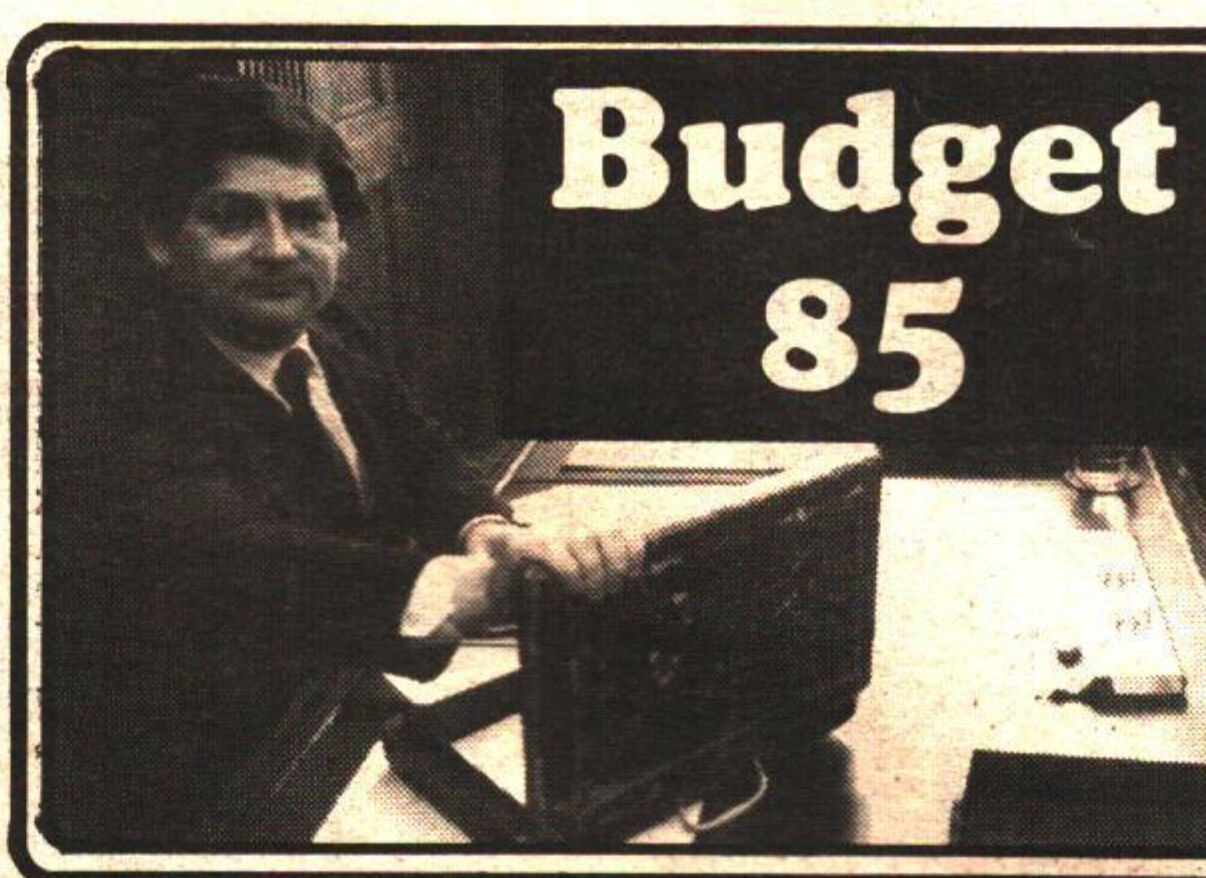
The precious metal's sudden shine was a direct outcome of the \$4.5-billion collapse of Ohio's state savings system in the United States.

Chancellor Lawson's budget did nothing for the pound, which closed at \$1.1365 — up 3 cents because of the dollar's poor recent performance.

The only business going was rampant speculation as dealers rushed to cover themselves with quick share transactions but even that failed to help the New York Stock Exchange.

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WAGES AND YOUTH UNDER ATTACK

TORIES HIT THE POOR

WAGE-CUTTING is at the centre of the 1985 budget presented by Tory Chancellor Nigel Lawson yesterday.

He had to abandon his planned tax cuts because of the immense cost of the miners' strike and the collapse of sterling.

The budget speech was received for the most part in grim silence by Tory back-benchers as Labour MPs barracked and jeered. Lawson later made it clear to lobby correspondents that he plans a new assault on public spending now that the budget is out of the way.

At the same time he said in his speech he has had to raise the planning targets for public spending by a total of £2 billion to match the £2.75 billion price of fighting the NUM.

The main targets of the Tory drive to reduce wages are young workers and the low paid — but public sector workers and some in relatively well-paid jobs will also be hit.

The budget included substantial changes in the National Insurance system designed primarily to make it cheaper for employers to take on low-paid workers.

Lawson plans with the cooperation of employers and the TUC to extend the Youth Training Scheme to accommodate all jobless school-leavers between the ages of 16 and 18.

He boasted that the scheme has already 'helped to make young people's pay expectations more realistic' and said later that these expectations could be cut still further.

'Useful progress has been made but I think there is further progress to be made,' he told lobby journalists.

In his speech, he foreshadowed the dismantling of the 26 remaining wages councils which protect pay levels in some badly-paid and ill-organised trades.

And workers' protection from unfair dismissal is to be drastically reduced. New employees will lose protection from unfair dismissal for the first two years.

The Chancellor was forced to halve the £1,500 million of tax cuts he had promised in November, postpone plans for reform of income tax and shelve any widespread extension of VAT.

Lawson told MPs that the income tax cuts would save a single person £1.15 a week

By JOHN SPENCER, our political correspondent

and a married couple £1.73. But this will almost certainly be wiped out when mortgage rates go up at the end of the week.

He put 6p on a packet of twenty cigarettes, 1p-2p on the price of a pint of beer, a bottle of wine up by 6p and a bottle of spirits by 10p.

He also raised road tax from £90 to £100 a year, put petrol up 4p to £2 a gallon and slapped VAT on newspaper advertising.

The National Insurance changes will cut the employers' contribution for 40 per cent of the workforce — those earning up to £90 a week.

For workers earning between £35.50 and £55 a week, the employers' contribution is cut from 9 per cent to 5 per cent. For those on £55 to £90 the contribution falls to 7 per cent.

For the 8 per cent of workers earning more than £265, the employer will have to pay 9 per cent of total pay.

Lawson complained to the parliamentary lobby: 'I was extremely boxed in, extremely confined. I had to seek the way of doing the most good on the inflation front and the jobs front in an extremely limited scope.'

The cost of the miners' strike was the biggest constraint. Lawson revealed that the year-long dispute

reduced the level of national output by 1.25 per cent, worsened the balance of payments by £4 billion and increased public spending by £2.5 billion.

The other main problem for Lawson was the 30 per cent rise in the dollar.

He said: 'To finance its massive budget deficit the US is importing a large part of the rest of the world's savings and export-

ing some of its own inflation. This is not a sustainable state of affairs.'

Labour leader Neil Kinnock said Lawson had turned his back on millions of unemployed and millions who were poor and 'waddled away from them'.

He added: 'Last week the government brought in the £2 prescription charge. Today it is the £2 gallon of petrol.'

THE decision to levy VAT on newspaper advertising will cost local papers around £5 million a year and lead to reduced editorial space, the Newspaper Society warned.

NS director Dugal Nisbet-Smith said: 'Not many people realise that up to a fifth of local paper revenue comes from its classified ads.'

'We estimate that up to £5

million will drop out of the market. This will result in smaller papers and less editorial.'

VAT on advertising will also hit Britain's national papers, said John Le Page, director of the Newspaper Publishers Association.

He said: 'Whether they have to increase their cover price to accommodate the change is up to individual papers, but it seems likely.'

NUJ asked to back off

THE NUI journalists' union is being asked to back down over its deal with the Wolverhampton Express and Star which undermined industrial action by the NGA print union over the introduction of new technology.

After the NGA demanded that the NUI be expelled from the TUC for 'action detrimental to the interests of the trade union movement', both sides met TUC general secretary Norman Willis.

The formula for a joint procedure for the two unions requires the NUI to retract its agreement with the Express and Star owners. It will be put to a meeting of the NUI national executive today.

One-year battle against privatisation

Sue Smith, leader of the Barking hospital strikers in east London, speaking at their anniversary picket yesterday — see story page 3



ACAS in school strike talks

LOCAL education authority employers yesterday sent a delegation to see Pat Lowry, chairman of the state conciliation service ACAS, about the teachers' dispute.

Today Lowry will see teachers' union leaders.

The employers were led by Tory Hampshire council leader Philip Merridale. They had previously submitted a 240-page document on the dispute.

The management side said it believed there should be a resumption of talks within a joint working party dealing with the long-term restructuring of teachers' pay.

This would be linked to attacks on conditions — something that the biggest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, has vehemently opposed until now.

LAWSON'S POVERTY TRAPS

Attack by NUPE leader

MAIN POINTS OF BUDGET

- **EXTENSION** of cheap labour Youth Training Schemes to two years with the intention of making them compulsory
- **PLANS** to abolish Wages Councils which make it illegal to pay below a minimum wage
- **GRADUATED** National Insurance contributions by employers to encourage low wages
- **INCREASE** in the qualifying period for unfair dismissal claims
- **MOTURING:** Petrol up 4p a gallon, derv 3½p, from 6p.m. last night. No change in heavy fuel oil. Vehicle excise duty up £10 to £100 for cars and light vans from midnight
- **VAT** to be extended to advertisements in newspapers, journals and periodicals from May 1
- **SMOKING:** Cigarettes up 6p for 20. Hand-rolling tobacco up 9p per 25 gramme pack from Friday. No change in duty on pipe tobacco and cigars
- **DRINKING:** Beer up 1 to 2p per pint, depending on strength. Cider up 1p. Wine up 6p. Sherry or port up 10p. Whisky, gin up 10p from midnight last night
- **INCOME TAX:** Basic rate threshold up £200 for single person to £2,205; for married man up £300 to £3,455. Single parent families and widows bereavement allowance up £100 to £1,250. Age allowances up £200 for single person to £2,690; for married up £300 to £4,255. No change in 30 per cent basic rates or higher rates

THE BUDGET'S attack on living standards was condemned by Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the public sector union NUPE.

He said: 'The Chancellor is fiddling around the fringes of taxation while the economy burns.' Proposed cuts in national insurance contributions would lead to a new cluster of poverty traps at each earnings level where the rate changed.

Geoffrey Townsend, president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, said the Chancellor had done little or nothing to remove the shackles on public sector spending.

'The damage to the public estate will continue,' he said. 'Roads, sewers, bridges, council houses, hospitals and schools have been and will remain in a parlous state.'

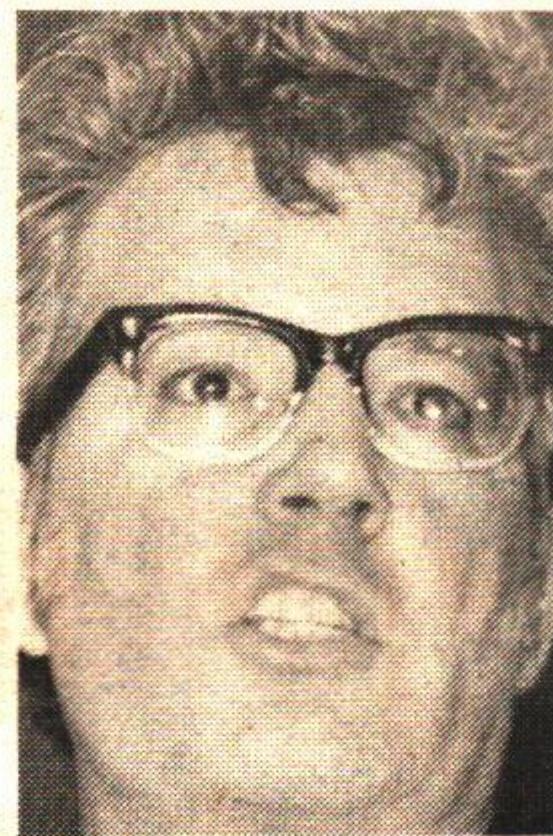
The Child Poverty Action Group accused Lawson of 'wilful neglect of children' in the budget. For the second year running, he has failed to announce an increase in child benefit to match the real increase in tax allowance,' said the group.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

'As a result, the real value of tax allowances will have increased by 10 times that of child benefit over the lifetime of this government.'

Children

Dr Carol Smart, director of the National Council for One Parent Families, commented: 'The Chancellor has displayed cold indifference to children in this budget. There is nothing in the package for children.' The imposition of VAT on



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advertising would 'serious consequences' for small businesses, said the Advertising Association.

'Many small start-up businesses not registered for VAT because their turnover is too small will have to bear VAT on print advertising as a direct cost,' it said.

The move is also a serious blow to charities, which rely heavily on newspaper advertising. It will

cost the top ten charities £500,000 a year.

A spokesman for the Royal National Institute for the Blind warned: 'We cannot afford a further £30,000 a year. It will reduce the benefits we get from donations. We try hard not to cut services, but we have received no help from the Chancellor.'

The Periodical Publishers Association said some financial magazines may be forced to close. A spokesman explained: 'These magazines rely heavily on revenue from financial institutions which cannot reclaim their VAT.'

Allowance

David Hobman, Director of Age Concern England, complained: 'Over the last two years, the age allowance has not been increased by the same percentage as for the rest of the population, so single pensioners have lost £1.32p per week and married couples have lost £2.28p per week.'

Plaid Cymru MP Dafydd Elis Thomas, president of the party, said the Budget would do nothing to cut unemployment in Wales.

'Wales needs a major programme of public investment in schools, hospitals and roads,' Thomas said. But the Chancellor had produced another deflationary budget.

Deeper petrol would be 'a further handicap to the economy of rural areas of Wales, where public transport services are inadequate'.

Petrol busts £2 barrier

PETROL is to go up 4p a gallon — pushing through the £2 barrier. A gallon of four-star will now cost 203.6p. It will mean another £12 a year on the average petrol bill.

BP said the increase meant 53 per cent — or 108p — was taken in tax on every gallon of four-star.

Diesel goes up by 3.5p per gallon. Its price has already been increased by 34p a gallon since September by oil companies because of the fall in the value of the pound against the dollar.

The Chancellor also hit motorists with a £100-a-year road tax demand — an increase of £10. The cost for six months is up from £49.50 to £55.

The AA said: 'It's a high-priced budget for Britain's motorists. Millions will groan inwardly.'

Increase in the excise duty for commercial vehicles will hit companies running tipper trucks worst of all, said the Road Haulage Association.

Rigid lorries with three axles of between 23 and 34 tons have the duty rate increased by 29 per cent, from £1,250 to £1,610.

Other rigid lorries have substantial increases.

Life for Long Kesh killing

RAF World War II veteran Owen Connolly let three Republicans use his house as a base the day a deputy prison governor was shot in Belfast.

Connolly, 64, was jailed for life yesterday after he pleaded guilty at Belfast Crown Court to the murder of Long Kesh deputy William McConnell on March 6 last year.

Connolly's wife Margaret, 52, and 23-year-old daughter Carmel were freed by Lord Justice Kelly after he accepted they were influenced by Connolly.

In a statement to police Connolly said that as a nationalist he had become increasingly more Republican and after meeting two men in the market area of Belfast he began to spy on policemen and prison warders.

Scottish atom test row

TORY Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine faces Commons questions over the disclosure that British nuclear scientists seriously considered exploding an atom bomb near Wick in Scotland.

The information was contained in a 30-year-old paper by Harwell Atomic Research Centre scientist Dr W. G. Marley which came to light on Monday on the closing day of the Royal Australian Commission's London hearings on British A-bomb trials.

The Ministry of Defence yesterday confirmed that the proposal had been discussed, with a spokesman claiming that the proposed tests would have involved only the initial 'trigger' stages of a nuclear explosion.

Scottish National Party leader Gordon Wilson has tabled a series of parliamentary questions to Heseltine about the reports.

'The view from Whitehall obviously was that the Scottish natives, like the Australian Abor-

igines, were totally expendable,' Wilson said.

And Labour MP George Foulkes said yesterday he intended tabling questions to Heseltine and Attorney General Sir Michael Havers.

'My understanding is that many of these public records on atomic testing

are being kept secret long after they have passed the 30-year period when they are expected to be opened for public examination,' Foulkes said.

'We need to know what other secrets similar to plans to explode atomic bombs in Scotland are being hidden.'

Sell-out moves collapse Teachers' strike

GLASGOW — Behind-the-scenes moves to sell out the teachers' struggle in Scotland, by trading off conditions of service for higher pay, have collapsed.

By a heavy majority, the 160 member national council of the largest union (EIS) have ruled out any deal linking salaries with conditions of service.

A mass lobby of 400 angry teachers was outside Monday night's council meeting in Edinburgh to press for no retreat. The scene is now set for an escalation of the fight.

Monday's decision inside scuttles secret moves by

right-wing local authority employers, and sections of the EIS leadership, who have been involved in secret moves to put together a package to present to Thatcher's Scottish Secretary, George Younger.

Demands

Such a trade-off package would have reneged on the demands of teachers over pay, especially in view of the greater work-load placed upon them.

In fact, there was never any basis for such a deal — the Thatcher Bonapartist dictatorship is determined to smash up education — and no more time must be lost in believing otherwise.

BL into red

THE state-owned BL car company has recorded a massive £11.7 million operating loss for last year, after 1983's £4.1 million profit — its first since 1978.

Only the success of Jaguar before it was sold on the stock market last August allowed the cars side of BL to make an operating profit.

BL's statement blamed competition for sales, coupled with industrial relations problems which lost 86,000 cars at the Longbridge and Cowley plants.

In future BL will not be eligible for more government aid after foregoing its final £110 million entitlement in return for £186 million raised from the sale of Jaguar.

Teachers' strike

Indeed, Monday night's meeting decided that the teachers' negotiating body should stiffen the demands by quantifying the degree of erosion in pay since the Houghton report 1974, and present this to Younger.

Younger's arrogant stonewalling was totally unacceptable to the national council, which voted by 111 to 14 to reaffirm that an independent pay review is the most appropriate method of resolving the present salaries question.

Big demonstrations of teachers are being held in Glasgow today, and Edinburgh tomorrow. Next week a major rally is scheduled in Ayr.

Calls are growing within the EIS, particularly in the Lanarkshire association, for rapid escalation of action, coupled with the formation of an alliance of all public service workers.

POLICE will mount a major security operation in Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday over a big anti-government demonstration planned to coincide with Thatcher's visit to the Conservative Party's Central Council meeting in the city.

Royals get their share

THE CIVIL list — money given by government to the royal parasites — is to rise by 3.25 per cent.

The total sum increases from £5,017,000 in 1984 to £5,180,100 this financial year.

Because the Queen refunds the list allocations made to the four more junior recipients, the final total will be £4,838,200.

Three per cent of the increase is for a rise in the wages of household and staff whose salaries account for 68 per cent of the total. The rise is in line with government guidelines.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday: 'Economies continue to be made in the most stringent way. There is an unrelenting search to cut costs.'

'Expenditure is monitored by well-established systems of budgetary control and internal audit.'

The Palace was constantly looking at ways to make economies in terms of staff. Any cuts were through natural wastage.

'For instance, we have introduced computerised food costing and control,' he said.

The Queen's personal allocation rises from £3,850,000 to £3,976,200.

The Queen Mother's allowance goes up by £10,900 to £345,000.

The Duke of Edinburgh's allocation rises by £6,100 to £192,600 and Princess Anne's allowance by £3,800 to £120,000.

Princess Margaret will receive an extra £3,700 bringing her allocation to £116,800.

The Queen's younger sons, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, both continue to receive £20,000. Prince Andrew will draw the full amount to pay office expenses.

Prince Edward, still at Cambridge University, will receive £8,500.

The rest will be invested on his behalf by the royal trustees, the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the keeper of the privy purse.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester's allowance will go up from £45,800 to £47,300, the Duke of Gloucester's from £91,000 to £94,000, the Duke of Kent's from £123,000 to £127,000 and Princess Alexandra's from £117,000 to £120,900.

The money for these four, £341,900, will be refunded by the Queen from her share.



Budget 85

£8,000 Monthly Fund

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PLEASE DRIVE the total up. It is too low at £654.11 and the fight must be waged now to collect in extra amounts. Today's Budget proposals will step up the Tory war against living standards, forcing up prices and increasing unemployment.

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Council workers, miners, hospital workers, transport drivers, postmen are all involved in a struggle to defend their jobs and communities against the Tory attempts to drive them down to poverty levels. The working class will never accept these measures. The miners showed the way and others are joining the fight. Now is the time to call the General Strike and bring the government down.

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HACKNEY'S DEFIANT STAND

OVER 2,000 Hackney Council workers yesterday attended the biggest branch meeting ever held by the NALGO branch to discuss the fight against rate-capping.

The Labour authority is one of eight in London which has not made a rate in defiance of the Tory government.

Hanging over the council are injunctions which will prevent it from borrowing to pay wages from April 1.

Yesterday's meeting decided that they would work on if they did not get paid, but take 'appropriate action' if councillors were surcharged or government agencies brought in.

Received

Ivan Beavis, NALGO spokesman, said he expected that a receiver would be appointed. 'If there is any attempt to make cuts in jobs and services there will be an all-out strike,' he said.

Discussions by other trade union groups at Hackney have ranged over the need to take independent action to protect services from the

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Tories if the council's powers are scrapped.

Meanwhile, a mass meeting of shop stewards from all over London called by the London Bridge organisation met at County Hall to discuss a strategy to defeat the Tory attack.

Under discussion was a motion which said: 'We pledge ourselves to fight against all cuts in the jobs and services of local government, including those which are grant funded.'

The motion said that if any councillor or agency attempted to carry out cuts, or any punitive action was taken against Labour councillors for refusing to set a rate, there would be implementation of a policy which included

all-out strike action, sit-ins and occupations.

It added: 'We call on all trade unionists to actively campaign to build links with tenants, community groups and councillors, and organise regular meetings to develop the means to fight cuts in local authority spending.'

Endorsed

The meeting endorsed the policy of councils not making a rate, and went on to discuss ways of fighting the government's policies.

One point suggested that it would prove necessary to ask the local community to help pay for the emergency provision of services in the event of a breakdown.



Hackney NALGO workers at their mass meeting yesterday

Barking cleaners call for support

STRIKING hospital workers from Barking, east London, yesterday marked the first anniversary of their strike over privatisation with an early-morning mass picket in the snow.

Domestics at Barking Hospital walked out on March 19 last year after their employers, private contractors Crothall's, introduced new contracts cutting their wages and hours.

After coming out on strike they were dismissed and replaced with scab labour. An industrial tribunal last October upheld the women's case for unfair dismissal but they are still outside the hospital gates, picketing 24 hours a day.

To celebrate yesterday's anniversary supporters constructed a giant six-foot wide birthday cake which was presented to the strikers by Barking MP Jo Richardson.

The National Union of Public Employees says the hospital cannot be properly clean with the cut in hours. Richardson said yesterday: 'The hospital is not clean. The general public realise that. There is apprehension among the community and they realise that privatisation is not the answer to clean services.'

The Redbridge and Waltham Forest District Health Authority's contract with Crothall's runs out on March 31 but at its next meeting on March 26 the authority could renew it for another four years.

Islington MP Jeremy Corbyn appealed for a mass turn out for a lobby of that meeting. He told the strikers and their supporters: 'I believe this strike is a symbol of what is going to be happening

'Anger has kept us out this long'

'IF THEY'D told us we would be out for a year, I don't think I'd have thought that we could do it,' said Edna Jones, one of the striking domestics at Barking Hospital.

'It's incredible really. It is anger which has kept us out this long.'

Edna had worked at the hospital for 22 years before the main new part of the hospital was even built.

She was a cleaner in one of the nurses' homes and got the sack when she refused to accept a cut from five hours to three hours a day.

One of the main lessons of the strike is 'we've got to stick together', Edna says.

She is pleased with support for the strikers, but stresses: 'We still need all the support we can get. We can never have enough. We need the support of officials of other unions. People think it's just money but it's not, it's the people coming down here.'

Edna says that their struggle has had an effect not just in Britain but on workers in other parts of the world who work for Pritchard's multinational, of which Crothall's is a subsidiary.

'In France, in Sweden,



EDNA JONES

they have taken the lesson of our struggle. Pritchard's stretches across the world, you see, and when they try to treat other workers like they've treated us they just won't stand for it now.'

The Barking strike has been taking place alongside the miners. 'The miners have not been defeated, even though they've gone back,' said Edna. 'They've still stick together. In fact I think it will even bring them closer.'

'When you see how

strong they are you feel that you can take a leaf out of their book and feel as strong and united as they are.'

'I feel very proud of the miners. We have had miners come down here to support us and we went to their picket lines.'

As far as Edna is concerned, the strike will continue. 'You can't stay out for a year and then give in. That's our hospital and we want it back.'

'It goes beyond words what this government's doing to people. It just doesn't make sense.'

Lay-offs at Servis

TWO-THOUSAND Servis washing machine workers in the West Midlands were laid off by the receivers yesterday.

But it is thought likely they could be reinstated shortly if a deal goes through for the sale of the company.

Receivers were called in 12 days ago by the company's bankers after Servis, which makes 7 per cent of the washing machines sold in Britain, ran into financial difficulties. The company had

continued to trade while a takeover was arranged — until now.

It was the second time in three years that Servis, based at Darlaston, West Midlands, had run into problems.

Cork Gully, the accounting firm appointed to sell Servis, said yesterday it had held talks with a prospective buyer.

Anti-racism march

FAMILIES fighting immigration laws will be taking part in a national anti-racism demonstration in Manchester on Saturday. The organisers claimed yesterday that over 250 black people were being deported from Britain every month.

Val Stevens, of Manchester equal opportuni-

ties committee, said: 'There are a significant number of people in Manchester who are threatened by laws which have been increasingly tightened on black people in this country.'

She said an anti-deportation unit could be set up by Manchester City Council in the near future.

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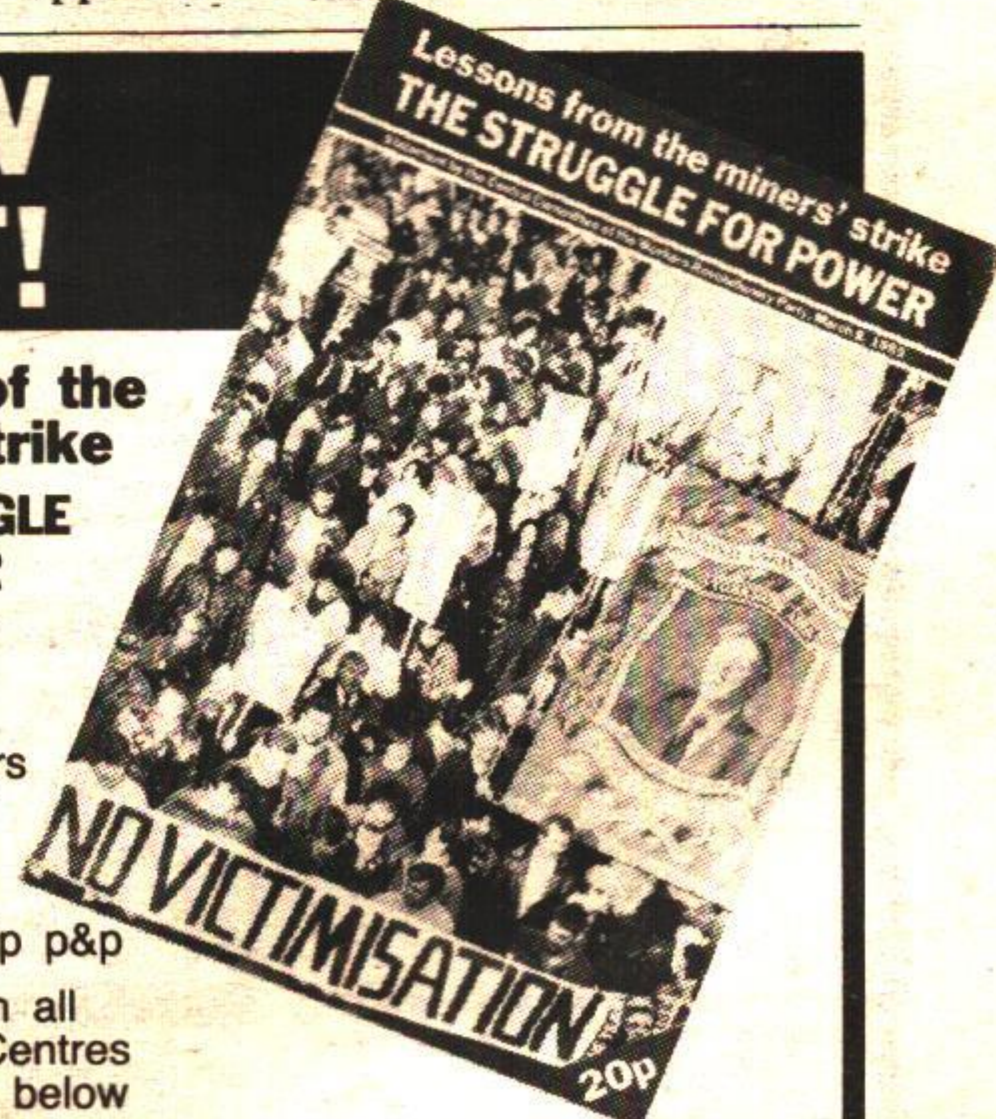
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Young Socialists 26th Annual

FIGHT TO BUILD THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS



CATHY FLAHERTY

THE REAL fight begins after the conference to build the Young Socialists, said Cathy Flaherty, Kensington YS, Liverpool.

Moving the resolution on expanding and developing the organisation, she called for campaigns with the 'Young Socialist' paper in schools, colleges, factories, dole queues and a special campaign among those on YTS schemes.

Flaherty stressed the importance of successful social and sporting activities to attract large numbers of youth.

Carol Luke, Bristol South YS, told the conference: 'I know that when I leave school I will be forced to go on a YTS cheap labour scheme.

'The only way we can have a future is under socialism. The only way we can achieve socialism is to take the power through the leadership of the Workers Revolutionary Party and the YS.'

Laura Bangs, Bracknell YS, Berkshire, said: 'What the Young Social-

ists must do is make an intervention in YTS schemes and recruit them because it is absolutely essential that the youth of Britain are politicised and trained as revolutionary leaders and shown the necessity to overthrow this corrupt system.'

Organise

Mohammed Jallow, Clapham YS, south London, said: 'We have to organise the youth for revolution because there is no future under capitalism. Capitalism offers no future except cheap labour.'

From Medway YS,



CAROL LUKE

Kent, Paul Crittenden said: 'The resistance of the youth has been expressed in the fight of young miners, students and other young workers.'

'The youth need to be organised into an effective force to fight against capitalism. To do this we must campaign with the 'Young Socialist' paper and fight for the policies



VICKY JACKSON

of the Young Socialists amongst the youth as they come into conflict with the state.'

The future of the working class was inseparable from the revolutionary struggle, said Patrick Black, Croydon YS, Surrey.

'In the revolutionary struggle against the state, the working class need a



PATRICK BLACK

leadership which will prepare the working class to defend themselves.'

'It is necessary to build the YS so we can recruit youth to the Workers Revolutionary Party.'

Moving the composite resolution on the 'Young Socialist' newspaper, Gary Hughes, Brixton YS, south London, said: 'The "Young Socialist" is

the only youth paper which breaks down the barriers and reports on all youth activities.'

'It is also an important weapon in building the YS.'

'During the miners' strike we went to Kent selling the paper. It calls for a General Strike and we made an important impact on the striking miners and in the mining communities.'

Jim Gallagher, Northfields YS, north London, said: 'The "Young Socialist" paper is the only paper that fights to unite the youth and older workers. Everyone should go out and fight to build its circulation.'

Sharon Jackson, Skelmersdale YS, Merseyside, said: 'No other party can boast a youth paper which comes out each week. But we have to turn out with the paper to the youth at colleges, on schemes and on the high streets and doles.

'That way we can expand the sales of the paper and increase the membership of the Young Socialists.'

Vicky Jackson, also from Skelmersdale, said: 'I joined at a Young Socialists disco and I am now attending branch meetings every week. I am going to take the message from this conference back to Skelmersdale and fight to build a bigger Young Socialists branch.'

Weapons

Dolly Short, the paper's editor, said: 'One of the biggest weapons of the ruling class is the media, education etc.'

'Our weapon is the "Young Socialist" paper.'

'Over the past year the editorial board has fought to develop the paper, including each week theoretical articles for discussion in all the YS branches.'

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY PUBLIC MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE

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)

NORTH WEST

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 Greeney (NUPE); Helen McAndrew (NUT); Allen Jones (Point of Ayr NUM)

WIGAN: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. Lex's Wine Bar, The Wield.
Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Bob Andrews (WRP Central Committee)

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)

KIRKBY: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Kirkby Unemployed Centre, Leaside Avenue, Southdene.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)

SKELMERSDALE: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Quarry Bank Community Centre, Main Hall, Quarry Bank.
Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Dave Charles (WRP Central Committee)

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)

NORTH EAST

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

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY: Wednesday April 3, 7.30p.m. Gosford Park Hotel, St George Road.
Speakers: Nigel Gilder (Stoke YS); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Brian King (AUEW convenor WMPTE); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

RUGELEY: Thursday April 4, 7.30p.m. The Globe.
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Staffs NUM

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday April 11, 7.30p.m. Summerfield Centre, Winsor Green Road, (corner Dudley Road)
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Vivian Yates (NATFHE, in personal capacity)

EAST MIDLANDS

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

EASTERN

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

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

SOUTH WALES

PORT TALBOT: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Mozart Drive Community Centre, Mozart Drive, Sanfeild Estate.
Speakers: Nicola Harrington (Port Talbot YS); Jim Bevan (South Wales WRP District Committee)

NEWPORT: Thursday April 4, 7.30p.m. Open Hearth, Hendre Farm Drive, Ringland.
Speakers: Anne Pickard (YS Regional Committee); Travis Gould (WRP Central Committee)

MIDDLESEX

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)

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)

LONDON

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

Youth must join the WRP

'WE ARE not dealing with small questions, this is a life and death struggle,' said Frances Goldstein, Battersea YS, moving a special resolution on the Workers Revolutionary Party and cadre training.

'It is the responsibility of the WRP and the YS to lead the working class to take the power.'

'Youth are the most revolutionary section of the working class and without the youth there is no revolutionary future. There is no time to waste.'

Goldstein urged all YS members to become members of the WRP and to attend the College of Marxist Education in Derbyshire to become trained in the world scientific outlook of Marxism — dialectical materialism.

Attack

Urging youth to join the WRP, John Burns, Birkenhead YS, said: 'When you realise you are under attack, you must then decide what you are going to do about it.'

'Who will you look for leadership — the Labour and TUC bureaucracy? Forget it. Kinnock despises the working class, more — he's terrified — and the TUC sits on the Manpower Services Commission.'

Gary Hollingsbee, Medway YS, Kent, said: 'The youth will be the next generation of workers and that is why Thatcher, backed up by capitalism, is forcing



KATIE RHODES



MALCOLM BRAY

more and more youth on to slave labour YTS schemes.

'Youth, miners and council workers must unite. Both trade unionists and youth come under fire from the state and under the leadership of the YS and WRP they will be at the front in the General Strike and on to revolution.'

Malcolm Bray, Barnsley YS, said that the WRP and YS had fought for the organisation of the General Strike from the beginning of the miners' strike.

'During the strike while down on the picket line through reading the News Line I became aware that it wasn't just a question for the miners but for the whole working class.'

'It was after the 15th Anniversary of the News Line that I decided to join the WRP.'

'I attended the College of Marxist Education which has given me the knowledge and the confidence to fight within my own union to build the revolutionary

leadership that will ensure a job and a future for the miners, the youth and the whole working class.'

Vinnie Faal, Moss Side YS, said: 'The most important thing is for the youth here to take the conference resolutions and messages and fight for them in their areas.'

Demand

Moving a special resolution on the News Line, Katie Rhodes, Rotherham YS, said: 'It is the only paper which demanded from the start of the miners' strike the organisation of the General Strike and which has stood by that demand.'

The YS had played a major role in the 1960s in building the fore-runner to the News Line, the daily Workers Press.

The News Line drew together the struggles of workers in other countries of the world with the struggle of the working class in Britain.

'Every YS member must ensure that all members of their YS branch read the paper every day and takes part in the mass expansion of its sales. Only in this way can we actualise the General Strike.'

International debate and fraternal greetings in tomorrow's News Line

Conference — Blackpool

Fight to save the NHS



CAROLINE SAUNDERS

SINCE the Tories came to power, prescription charges had risen 1000 per cent from 20p to £2, said Gary Younge, Stevenage YS, moving the composite resolution on the National Health Service.

At the same time as massive cuts in health spending the government was spending millions on bullet-proof trains and on bringing out the forces of the state to smash trade unions.

Cleaners

'Thatcher started with cleaners, which has lowered hygiene standards and conditions in hospitals. Step by step she is privatising sections of the NHS. Now she is turning to ancillary workers, forcing them to face low wages and sackings.'

The fight of NHS workers was the fights of the youth



SIAN JONES

and the whole working class.

Sian Jones, a striking domestic from Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, urged delegates to 'stand and fight with us to defend services.'

'Every five years they bring in new contractors and cut more staff,' she said. One person was now doing the work of three, she added.

Caroline Saunders, Reading YS, said: 'The NHS is involved in a fight alongside everyone in the working class. We must all join together and save the NHS. This means making the TUC call the General Strike.'



A section of the audience at the Young Socialists' 26th Annual Conference held in Blackpool at the weekend

Ratecapping means education cuts

RATECAPPING will mean massive cuts in education, including teacher redundancies, college and course closures, said Andrew Cooper, Holloway YS and a student at St Martin's College of Art.

Moving the resolution on students and education, he said: 'The MSC intervention in schools and colleges is part of the same attack.'

'They are taking over the running of courses in colleges, where students are now being forced out into so-called work experience, which is cheap labour.'

Thousands of students now entering the fight against Thatcher had demonstrated time and time again their contempt for the treacherous policies of the reformist National Union of Students leadership.

Expose

Cooper called for full support for the teachers, whose strike was not just about money but the defence of education as a whole.

And he made a call for all students to join the Young Socialists Student Society and build revolutionary leadership in the colleges.

David Aston, Sheffield YS, said he had taken part in a school strike against rate-capping. 'I led an organised march around the local area which consisted of hundreds of determined youth.'

'But the police got involved and the vans moved in, even though we had been given the go-ahead by the local education authority.'

Wayne Davis from Swansea YS said: 'At Tycoc college the number of useful college places have been more than halved in the last year to make room for more and more one-day-a-



ANDREW COOPER

week learners on the Youth Training Scheme.

'This trend is uniform throughout the country.'

But although the Tory Bonapartist regime wanted to keep workers and youth down on cheap labour schemes, 'we will refuse'.

Vivian Yates, a member of the lecturers' union NAT-FHE, spoke of the struggle in Birmingham against the council's plans to cut back on adult education courses.

Kirsten McGarrie, Har-

lesden YS, called for the building of the YSSS. 'Thatcher is out to wipe out free education along with the health service and all the other public services,' she said.

'It is no longer profitable or possible to teach a generation that is going to be on the dole on slave labour schemes.'

She condemned Tory plans to abolish grants and introduce loans and the intervention of the MSC in colleges.

Support

Art student Paul Johnston, Willesden YS, condemned the treachery of the NUS leadership who had refused to support occupations, student demonstrations and the campaign at North London Polytechnic against the National Front student organiser Patrick Harrington.

'The struggle of students is inseparable from the struggle of miners, council workers, hospital workers, youth and the working class,' he said.

Mark Harrison, Norwich University YSSS, said: 'The defence of education is inseparable from the fight of the miners to defend jobs, pits and communities and from the fight against rate-capping to defend jobs and services in the cities.'

Harrison urged students to join the YSSS to build revolutionary leadership in the colleges and to defeat the reformists who did not want to fight for anything.

Reformists and Stalinists — traitors of working class

THE TREACHERY of the Labour and Stalinist leaders meant they were attacking workers in struggle, said Hollis Byrne, YS National Committee, moving the composite resolution on reformism and Stalinism.

'Kinnock and Willis say that workers and youth must stay within the law. In the NGA dispute they condemned the mass pickets at Warrington and forced the printers to purge their contempt of court.'

'During the GCHQ struggle they bowed down before Thatcher and said they would be happy to sign no-strike agreements.'

'In the miners' strike they attacked Scargill and the young miners and their wives for so-called violence, when the real violence was from the state.'

Their support of YTS had also condemned thousands of youth to these cheap labour schemes.

Campaign

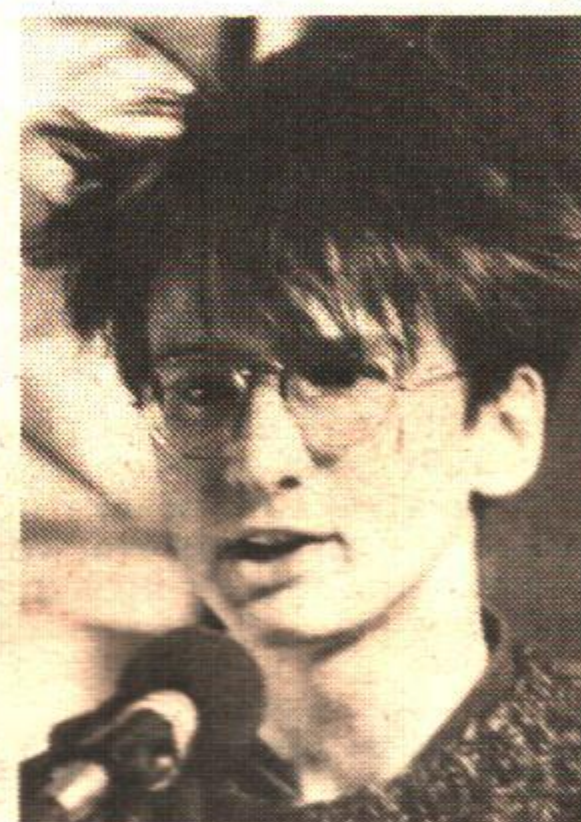
'We must step up the campaign for the General Strike to expose and kick out these traitors,' Byrne said.

Colin Wright, Walton YS, Liverpool, said: 'Kinnock and the Labour Party can offer the working class no leadership at all in this struggle.'

'Their support for the Tories on all the main issues, like the police, YTS and Falklands War, means not only that they won't offer leadership, but will continue to undermine the struggles of the workers.'

'We say the only way to expose these people is by building a mass Young Socialists and Workers Revolutionary Party.'

Charmaine Phillips, Handsworth YS, Birmingham, said that the Labour Party in government relied on the same state machine used by the Tories.



HOLLIS BYRNE



CHARMAINE PHILLIPS

The recent revelations about phone-tapping showed those who had any illusions that the Labour Party could not pose any opposition to the capitalist state.

Reformism also peddled the lie that parliament could be used to implement socialism, 'but parliament is an instrument of class rule,' she said. 'We pose as an alternative — the building of a Workers Revolutionary Government based on Community Councils — independent organs of workers' power.'



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Tremor detected in Chile

GOLDEN, Colorado — An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale hit Chile early yesterday but there was no immediate report of damage or casualties, the United States Geological Survey said. On March 3, a major quake killed about 50 people, injured about 2,000 and crippled the Chilean agricultural export industry.

Hunt for Soviet envoy

NEW DELHI — Police yesterday intensified their hunt for Soviet diplomat Igor Gheja, who disappeared from the capital last Sunday. Indian authorities speculated that he may have defected. Bus and railway stations and airline passenger lists were checked and tracker-dogs brought in.

Paris railworkers strike

PARIS — Rail traffic was disrupted yesterday when members of the CGT trade union federation went on strike for 24 hours to back up demands for wage increases and improved working conditions. Half the province-bound trains were cancelled and suburban links disrupted, causing traffic snarls in the capital's main highways.

Sweets sicken prisoner

OSLO — Former Norwegian diplomat Arne Treholt, standing trial on charges of spying for the Soviet Union, has complained of stomach pains after eating chocolates sent to him in prison. The chocolates have been sent for forensic tests. Treholt, who went on trial four weeks ago, has attracted widespread support from Norwegians, who anonymously sent him gifts, including flowers, books and sweets.

Focus on Lange's ban

WELLINGTON — The President of Kiribati (formerly the British Gilbert Islands), Ieremia Tabai, arrived in New Zealand yesterday for a ten-day visit that is expected to focus on Prime Minister David Lange's ban on visits by nuclear-capable United States warships. Lange is expected to seek the support of the South Pacific Forum, which meets in August.

Malvinas fishing racket

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine fishermen have protested against indiscriminate fishing by huge foreign fleets around the British-occupied Malvinas Islands. They have sent a letter to President Raul Alfonsin to tell him that foreign ships operating near the islands have more than quadrupled since British Prime Minister Thatcher declared the waters an 'excluded zone' for Argentine vessels after the 1982 war.

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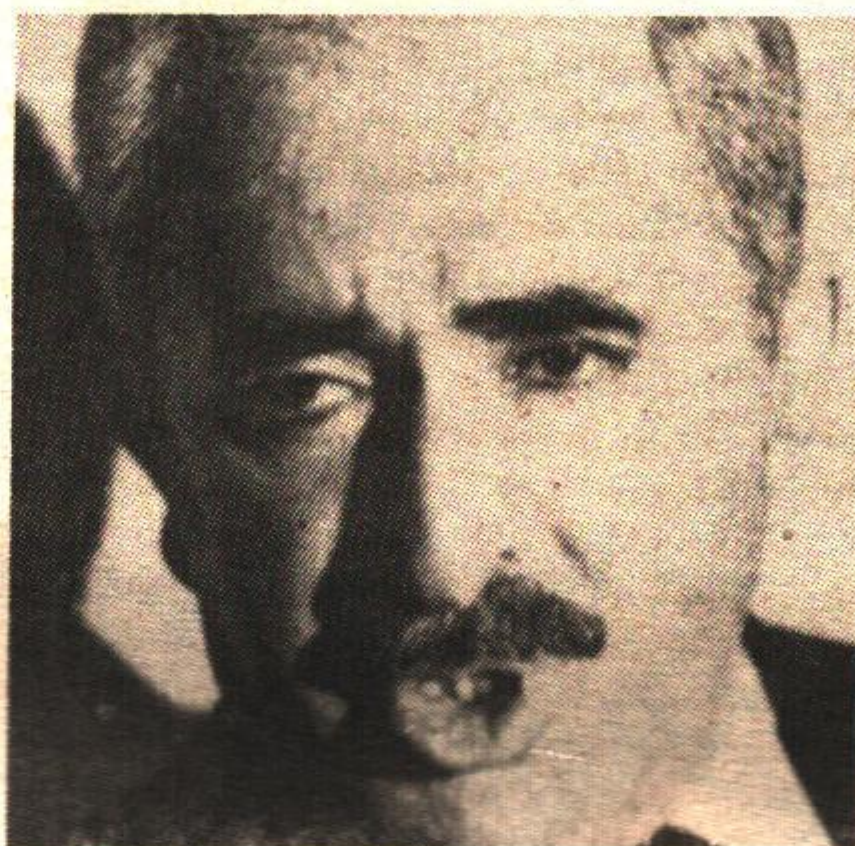
KARAMI CABINET
TACKLES WAR OF
THE FALANGISTSBY A FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT

BEIRUT — Prime Minister Rashid Karami yesterday convened an emergency session of his Cabinet after talks aimed at defusing the split between President Amin Gemayel's Falange party and the armed 'Lebanese Forces' wing collapsed.

The Sunni Muslim leader convened the Cabinet session amid accusations from a wide section of the Muslim community that the Falange party split was a Zionist-inspired plot to sabotage the national reconciliation process and push Lebanon towards partition.

A 'Lebanese Forces' official, commenting on Monday's lengthy but abortive talks in the Falange, yesterday warned the leaders against treating them 'like children'.

Leaders of the pro-

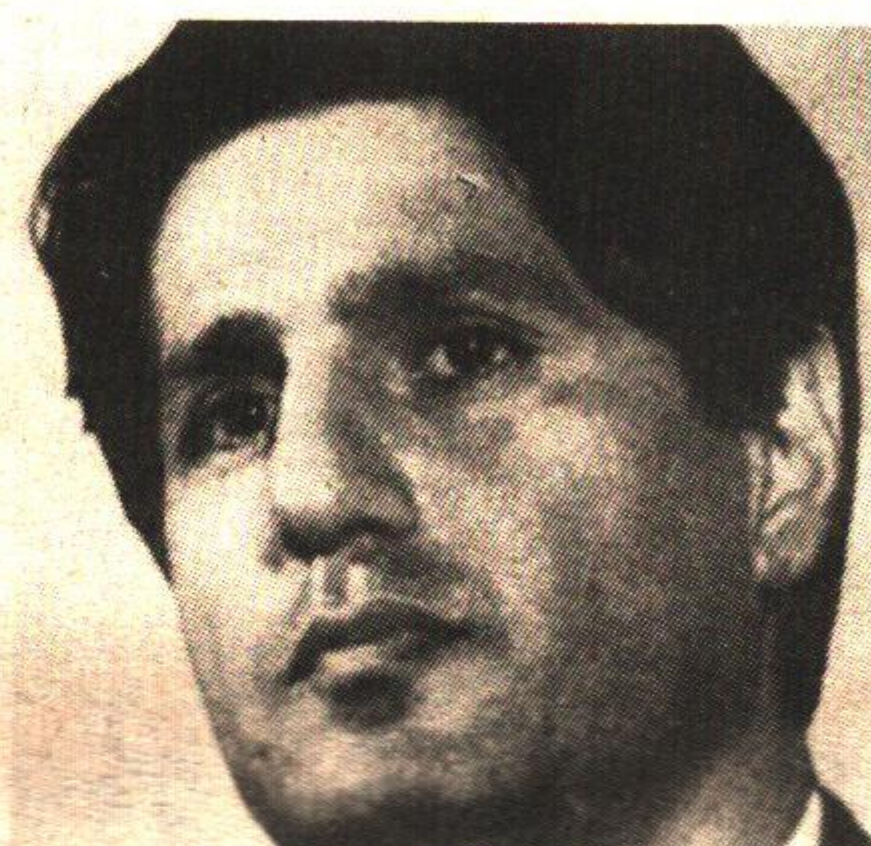


KARAMI

Gemayel Falange party warned the breakaway gunmen against threatening Lebanon's unity at their talks on Monday but failed to achieve a compromise.

Among the demands put by the gunmen's leader, Samir Geagea, were the creation of a Christian National Council, to represent 'Christian opinion independent of the President' and the other Falangist leaders.

An official of Geagea's 'Lebanese Forces' militia



GEMAYEL

said: 'The meeting solved nothing. The Falangist leaders are still threatening us like children but we still hope an understanding can be reached in the coming weeks.'

The fascist Falange movement is facing its worst crisis since they provoked Lebanon's civil war ten years ago.

Geagea was thrown out of the Falange party last week, after he refused to dismantle a checkpoint north of Beirut, on the highway to Tripoli.

month's 'cooling-off' period, during which a joint committee would work on details of the gunmen's demands.

Shi'ite Amal leader and Minister of State for South Lebanon Nabih Berri yesterday urged Gemayel to come out clearly against the breakaway gunmen.

He said: 'I ask Amin Gemayel: "You are face to face with your constitutional oath to preserve Lebanon and its unity."

'How can you go along with a compromise (with Geagea) through negotiations?'

Asking why Gemayel had not ordered the army to crush the uprising, he said he and Druze Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Jumblatt were holding back their forces to try to avert renewed Christian-Muslim war.

But if the Christian community failed to oppose the revolt, the 'Lebanese Forces' would face military action by the joint Syrian and Muslim forces, Berri said.

Sidon peace shattered
in new gun battles

SIDON — Gunmen of the breakaway 'Lebanese Forces', the armed wing of President Amin Gemayel's Falange party, again provoked sporadic gun battles with the Lebanese army yesterday.

The 'Lebanese Forces' declared their unilateral independence under Samir Geagea, who bitterly opposes Gemayel's backing for Syrian-sponsored measures in Lebanon.

The gunmen had exchanged fire with the Lebanese army for several hours on Monday, breaking a tenuous peace in the Mediterranean port since the Zionist retreat of February 16.

A Lebanese army

spokesman in Beirut said a soldier was killed and three wounded in the clashes near Christian villages east of Sidon on Monday.

Eight civilians were wounded, Lebanese security spokesmen said.

Wounded

Another soldier was wounded when fighting resumed yesterday, shortly before dawn and continued sporadically for several hours during the morning.

Residents said the shooting and explosions of grenades could be heard in the city. The

atmosphere in Sidon was tense, with armed Shi'ite militiamen guarding several districts.

Yesterday's battles threatened to develop into a major confrontation between Geagea's gunmen and the powerful Shi'ite Amal Muslim forces.

The fascist rampage rapidly spread south when Falangist militia in the south declared their allegiance to Geagea, closely allied to the Zionist regime in Jerusalem.

Sidon's Falangist gunmen are in turn closely allied to the mercenaries led by former Lebanese army officer Antoine Lahad who operates the

stooge 'South Lebanon Army' established in the Zionist occupation.

Their alliance threatens to transform the fighting into a bloody provocation against the Palestinian refugee camps in the region.

Retreat

Since the Israeli retreat from Sidon, the Amal have defended the peace in Sidon, while waging a relentless guerrilla war near Tyre to the south.

The so-called SLA vanished along with their sponsors after February 16 under fire from the Amal forces.

Brazil's
budget
freeze

BRASILIA — Newly-elected President Tancredo Neves has imposed a 60-day freeze on new loans, slashed Brazil's national budget by 10 per cent and banned the hiring of new staff.

The so-called drive against inflation is a strategy advocated by the International Monetary Fund, which has demanded that the government cut inflation, running at an annual rate of 250 per cent.

Ministries and government bodies have been put on a month-by-month shoestring budget to tighten the federal purse strings.

Saving

Finance Ministry Secretary-General Sebastiao Vital said the move would enable the government to make a \$2-billion saving on the \$20-billion budget.

The 60-day loan freeze applies to all federal government-run banks, which have been ordered to clear only loans already committed in agreements.

They have been told they must analyse their financial situation and gear lending to 'job-creation' projects.

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EEC squabbles simmer

BRUSSELS — Common Market Foreign Ministers yesterday began a new attempt to find a negotiating position on the entry of Spain and Portugal.

Two days of talks have failed to produce a compromise agreement but both ministers and diplomats yesterday predicted a 'break-through'.

But the representatives of the

ten member countries have continued to squabble over national trade protection since the four-day conference began.

Fishing rights in EEC waters demanded by the two Iberian governments have become the stumbling block.

Spain has one of the world's largest fishing fleets but the EEC

partners want to exclude both countries from their waters.

Both the Iberian governments are being asked to agree harsh economic austerities dictated by the International Monetary Fund.

The EEC talks are a manifest attempt to blackmail Lisbon and Madrid at pain of the IMF closing its doors on urgently-needed dollar credits.

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Township
death toll
mounts

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa — Police shot down two more black protesters yesterday, during a new outbreak of upheavals near the eastern Cape province city.

Four protesters were killed by police near Port Elizabeth on Monday. About 500 people fought back with stones in Kwazakele 'township' yesterday, when police moved in and arrested at least seven of the protesters.

More than 200 people have been killed in the rebellion that has swept South Africa for the past year.

Yesterday's shooting brought to nine the death toll in five days of angry demonstrations in 'townships' across apartheid South Africa.

Port Elizabeth blacks had been on strike for three days until Monday in protest against soaring prices and bus fare increases.

The action was timed to coincide with the introduction in parliament of the South African government's federal austerity budget the same day.

Higher bus fares have hit black labourers hard. Living in the so-called townships outside the cities where residence is forbidden to them, many spend as much as half their wages and more on transport to work.

Police in the other 'townships' maintained the vicious crackdown on the uprisings. Shotguns, rhino whips, truncheons and baton-charges were being indiscriminately used, reports said.

But a year of police violence has failed to crush the mass rebellion of South Africa's undefeated blacks.

Their unbroken defiance has presented the racist regime with one of its worst economic and political crises.

Pretoria's budget on Monday was an unprecedented attempt to cut the living standards of the lower castes of the white minority.

The black rebellion against rents and a host of vital issues virtually ensures the collapse of President Pieter Botha's economic strategy.

The regime is gripped by a crippling slump, with drastic falls in the price of gold, its main revenue earner, on the international markets.

IRAQ LAUNCHES RAIDS
AFTER BAGHDAD BLAST

BAHRAIN — Baghdad was rocked by the fourth explosion in six days just hours after President Hosni Mubarak and King Hussein of Jordan left the Iraqi capital where they had talks on the war with President Saddam Hussein.

The blast occurred near the main office of the ruling Baath Arab Socialist Party and badly damaged several houses. Eleven people were reported killed.

Iraqi commanders said

they had ordered raids on 'selected targets' in retaliation on the Iranian cities of Bushehr, Hamadan, Ardebil, Karand-e Gharb and Khorramabad yesterday.

In Tehran, diplomats said the Iranian military had halted their week-old advance in the treacherous Hawizah marshes.

Iraqi military commanders claimed they had defeated the Iranian offensive and were mopping up remnants of Iranian troops in the region.

Iran's Joint Staff Command, however, said their forces had shot down four Iraqi fighter

jets on Monday, one over the capital.

Yesterday, the West German Lufthansa airline airlifted more than 350 foreign nationals out of the Iranian capital, hours before an Iraqi deadline took effect declaring Iranian airspace a war zone.

All other international airlines have cancelled flights to Iran and Baghdad.

Baghdad-based correspondents in Al-Uzayr, in the marshlands in Iraq's south-east, yesterday reported seeing the bodies

of hundreds of Iranian soldiers, after touring the Tigris River region under Iraqi military escort.

It was the first conducted tour for journalists since March 11, when Iran launched its offensive and reportedly gained rapid control of strategic territory.

Bodies

The correspondents said they had seen bodies lying in foxholes and trenches on both sides of the river, many with rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launchers still at their sides.

Missile batteries around al-Uzayr, on the vital Baghdad-to-Basra highway between Al-Amarah and Al-Qurnah, fired on Iranian lines about 25 miles away.

Iraqi commanders said eight divisions of Iranian regular army troops and

revolutionary guards were poured into the Hawizah marshes, apparently trying to reach the Tigris and cut the Basra highway.

Basra is Iraq's second-largest city, with a population of 1 million. Iraq's military authorities refused to evacuate the city when it was heavily shelled earlier this month.

The Iraqi commanders said Iranian troops had sent advance units across the Tigris, throwing pontoon bridges across the river and taking up positions on the West Bank.

The highway was threatened, putting Basra in danger. But Iraqi helicopter gunships destroyed the bridges and encircled the Iranian troops, the Iraqi commanders said.

The correspondents said Iranian forces had also knocked out dozens of Iraqi tanks and armoured personnel car-

riers, seen strewn around the battleground.

They said also that the Iraqi Presidential Guard and crack troops were deployed to reverse the Iranian advance.

Iraqi Major-General Sultan Hashem, commander of east Tigris forces, boasted that to estimate his casualties as 'one Iraqi to every 100 Iranian losses would be far too high.'

Marshlands

'Not a single Iranian soldier now exists in the marshlands they invaded last week.'

Tehran has accused the Iraqi regime of resorting once again to the use of indiscriminate chemical warfare in the marshlands.

Reports from the Baghdad-based correspondents did not give details of the state of the Iranian war dead they had seen.

Kuwaiti mission to Baghdad

THE KUWAITI Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, announced a visit to Baghdad yesterday to discuss the Gulf War with President Saddam Hussein.

The Gulf news agency quoted Sabah as saying he was ready to also visit Tehran if Iran 'showed readiness to end the war'.

He was speaking at the end of a two-day meeting of foreign ministers of

the pro-Iraq Gulf Co-operation Council.

The war dominated the discussion among the ministers from Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

The ministers contacted Baghdad and Algiers on Monday after their first discussions in Bahrain, launching a new diplomatic initiative aimed at reducing the crippling effects of the war on their vital shipping routes.

PAC leaders massacred

DAR ES SALAAM — Five Pan Africanist Congress members have been shot dead by the Lesotho Paramilitary Unit, according to a PAC statement yesterday.

The PAC's chief representative in the Tanzanian capital, Thobile Gola, said he had received the information from Maseru, the Lesotho capital.

Gola said among the five killed were Thamsanqa Zani, 36, Boniswa Ngukana, 33, Kuki Barnabas, 30, Nkuleleko Msimango, 25, and Siyabulela Twabu, 21.



The Eelam Solidarity Campaign yesterday picketed 10 Downing St in protest at Prime Minister Thatcher's eight-day visit to Sri Lanka from April 4. They demanded an end to all support for the racist, anti-Tamil regime of President Junius Jayewardene

Crackdown on Indian students

NEW DELHI — Troops moved into Ahmedabad, the Gujarati capital, yesterday in the wake of student demonstrations against a reservation system of university enrolment.

A curfew clamped on part of the city was extended to other suburban and outlying districts.

Police action and provocations against the student demonstrators have led to the deaths of four in the city.

Yesterday, army units patrolled the suburbs and the city centre after angry groups of people stormed through the city, hurling stones, looting shops and setting fire to buildings.

The month-long upheaval erupted again on Monday, when students demonstrated against the state government's proposals to add government jobs to the selective reservation process.

Three people were killed during that demonstration, when police opened fire on the protes-

ters. A fourth was stabbed to death when rival student groups fought running battles. At least five people were injured.

Fires swept through a number of shophouses and homes and firemen said they had difficulty bringing them under control.

The Gujarat state government last week postponed for one year a review of its reservation policy, arrogantly brushing aside the student demands for its abolition.

It was the spark that set

off the new round of confrontations between left-wing and right-wing student groups.

Successive state and federal governments have maintained the reservation system on the grounds that it is designed to help the underprivileged castes to jobs and university places.

But the system has long been exploited by the wealthy who are able to buy both university enrolment and jobs.

It has fuelled runaway corruption in the education system.

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This **WEDNESDAY**
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United campaign for Stalinist policies

THE STALINIST 'Morning Star' yesterday launched a two-faced cover-up for its counter-revolutionary role in the miners' strike. Under the fraudulent guise of an editorial attack on the Euro-Stalinists, the 'Morning Star' confirms that it shares with them exactly the same reactionary position.

Kinnock and Willis are defended from the justified anger of the working class by the same silence the Euro-Stalinists maintain. And both blame rank-and-file organisation for the isolation of the miners.

In this way both the 'Morning Star' and the Euro-Stalinists consciously work to preserve the right-wing TUC and Labour leaders to allow them to stab the working class in the back again. The 'Morning Star' blames the Euro-Stalinist 'Focus' and 'Marxism Today' for allowing the 'Guardian' newspaper to 'present a picture of utter defeatism'. But this argument is only a cover for a basic agreement.

Take first, for example, the remark by Euro-Stalinist and Communist Party industrial organiser Peter Carter in 'Focus' (March 14). He totally opposes demands for the General Strike and for a link between the struggle for jobs in the mines and against Tory rate-capping.

These demands, Carter says, 'impose a level of struggle that the movement [our emphasis] is as yet unable to respond to or, to put it another way, putting forward tomorrow's slogans today'.

This cowardly apology for the TUC and Labour leaders might almost have been penned by the hand which wrote in the 'Morning Star' yesterday: 'It is no secret that workplace political organisation has declined catastrophically, and that political leadership in organising industrial solidarity action with the miners from the shopfloor upwards [our emphasis] was virtually absent.'

Nothing could more clearly show the full agreement that both wings of Stalinism share in blaming the working class and excusing the right-wing leaders. Both set out to protect the treacherous TUC and Labour Party leadership from correct demands for their removal.

Nor should it be forgotten that the 'Morning Star' — yesterday trying to appear whiter than white over its miserable record on the miners' strike — consistently supported the Euro-Stalinist leaders of the Scottish NUM and the Scottish TUC during the strike.

- It raised no protest over the deal which isolated the miners from the dockers' strike and allowed more coal into the Ravenscraig steel plant than before the strike.

- It remained silent on the counter-revolutionary role of the Moscow bureaucracy which endorsed the shipment of scab coal from Poland by the Jaruzelski regime throughout the strike.

- It was the first newspaper to give credence to the defeatist line promoted by Stalinist leaders in the South Wales NUM that there should be a return to work without an agreement.

- It has welcomed the meeting between Kinnock and the Scottish NUM leaders at which the Euro-Stalinist leadership were 'greatly encouraged by positive support from Labour leader Neil Kinnock in their campaign to get hundreds of miners their jobs back'. ('Morning Star', Saturday, March 9)

This amounts to an endorsement of Kinnock's refusal to consider a total amnesty by both the Euro-Stalinists and the 'Morning Star'. Anyone who can come to the least agreement with Kinnock on the question of amnesty has already decided to abandon sacked miners.

None of the differences between the two crisis-ridden wings of Stalinism are of a principled nature. What unites them is their counter-revolutionary hatred of the working class.

What binds them together in their deepening crisis is a desperate class hostility to the urgent task of organising the General Strike to bring down the Thatcher government, a vital step in the struggle for workers' power.

TUC MUST CALL GI

Brenkley wives list their achievements

ONE of the biggest achievements of the Brenkley miners' wives support group during the strike was in defeating Newcastle's right-wing Labour council leaders over their refusal to give aid to striking families.

'We must have one of the most right-wing

Labour councils in the country. One of our biggest gains during the strike was fighting the Labour council to give help to striking miners,' said Sheila Graham, secretary of the local women's group.

'All we had at first was free school meals. Then numerous parents asked for help with clothes and were turned down point blank.

'So we organised a petition in the village expressing the disappointment of local people with a Labour council that should support the people who voted it in. That was put to a full council meeting on November 7.'

Sheila said she was anxious about delivering her speech to the council because, like all the women in the support

group, she had not been politically active before the strike.

But when she read the statement out, it was given a warm reception. She had told the council: 'Our only crime is that, along with our husbands, we are fighting for a secure mining industry in this area.'

Rights

'However, you "the people's party" segregate us from the rest of our communities. We will not be starved back, we will not grovel to Labour, Conservative or Alliance councillors.

'We are not asking, we are demanding our rights as citizens of Newcastle,' her speech concluded.

BY BEN RUDDER

The women in the group are still bitter that it took until November of last year for the council to concede that something should be done for striking miners and their families.

But after raising the petition and exposing the right-wing leaders of the council, they were invited to meet social services and welfare officers to make a request for assistance.

Eventually the council helped with school uniforms and single miners who had been living with elderly parents who until then had been paying a full rent. Up to £200 in back money was conceded to these cases thanks to the women's action.

They also succeeded in winning help for pregnant and nursing mothers

which had been denied by the council.

'There was a great sense of achievement in winning that battle, though we all thought we should never have had to wage that sort of fight with a council which ought to have been on our side.

'This battle and the other experiences of the strike have made all the women in the group much more aware of what is going on around them. At one time we would have accepted things without question, but now we intend to stick together.

Issues

'We are thinking of forming a Westerhope wives action group to help on other issues affecting the community.

'We had quite a lot of encouragement from people in the village. Westerhope was a mining village, and we won a lot of respect from older people who remember the pit. They said we had helped rebuilt the spirit of the community.

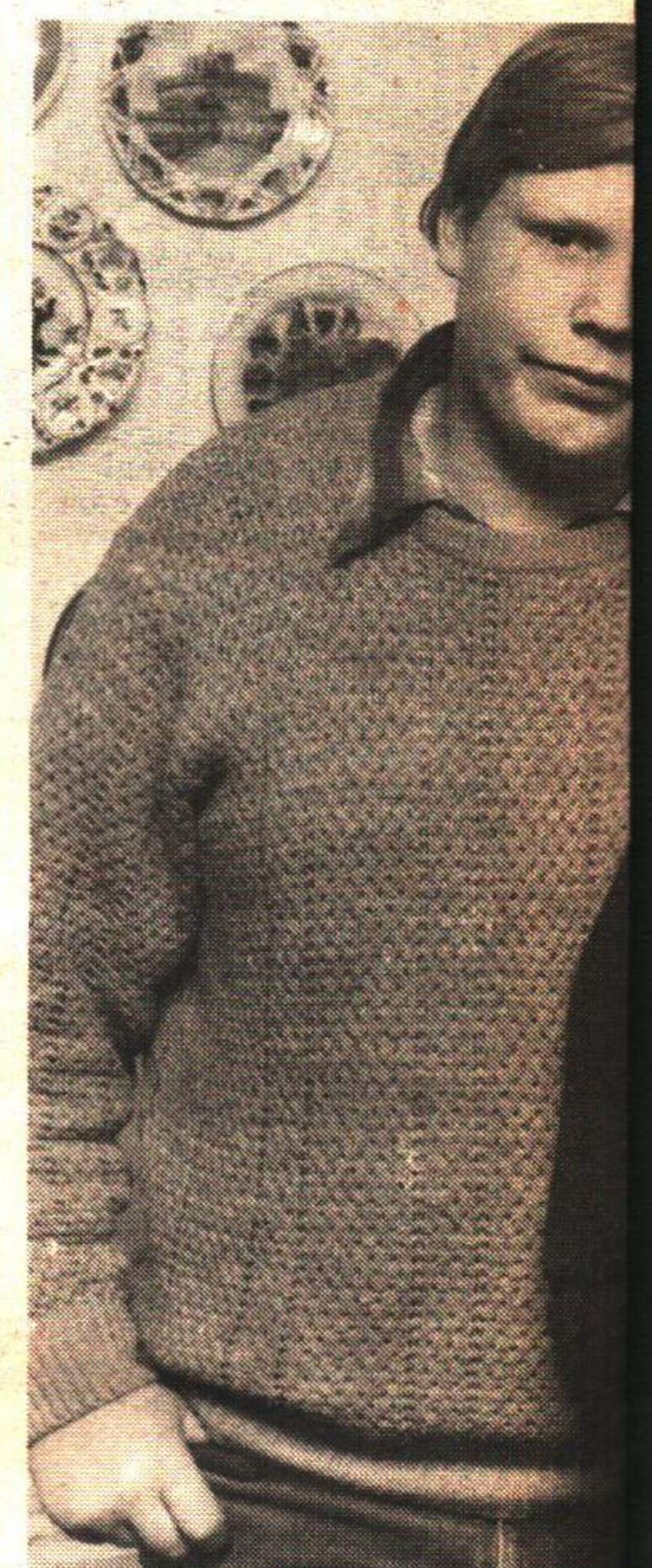
'We also got a lot of help from the shipyards, and if they came asking for help there would be no question about our rallying support for them.'

Like miners' wives around the country, Sheila believes Thatcher has failed to defeat the miners. 'The end of the strike has hardened attitudes if anything.

Support

'But the lesson is that there has to be physical support from other unions. We had financial support, but with very few exceptions that was all. That was not enough.

'We are not defeated. We are very proud of what we have done and what we have achieved. We will go on fighting, and I hope, so will all those support groups who rallied in Chesterfield on March 9.'



Brenkley Women's Support Group



Members of the Brenkley Women's Support Group

Coal Board admit massive losses

THE National Coal Board yesterday admitted to losses of £1.85 billion through the 12-month miners' struggle for jobs.

The losses were announced by Energy Secretary Peter Walker yesterday who said that extra government finance will be provided to the state-owned company.

Meanwhile, the South Derbyshire NUM have joined scab organisers in Nottinghamshire by refusing to hold a ballot for a 50p levy in the union to support sacked miners.

The ballot on the levy, which is being strongly recommended by the NUM leaders, will be conducted today.

The South Derbyshire area have also decided to lift the overtime ban regardless of any decision by the NUM national ex-

ecutive committee on the overtime ban. The NCB have refused any national negotiations with the union unless the overtime ban is lifted nationally.

Miners at Markham colliery in North Derbyshire who went on strike on Monday over the imposition of a new shift pattern returned to work yesterday. The local Coal Board agreed to resume negotiations.

SCABS at the Markham Main pit near Doncaster in Yorkshire have been given their just deserts by local management. The seven scabs complained yesterday that the NCB had reneged on promises of transfer and retirement after the strike.

But the Board refused their pleas, and has offered them only surface work and a £70 a week

pay cut in return for their scabbing. One scab, Paul Wilson, is so terrified that he has insisted that two management officials stand by the shower after work. He claims he is too scared to go into Doncaster.

THE right-wing leader of the EETPU electricians' union, Eric Hammond, yesterday cited articles written by Euro-Stalinists and Labour Party members in the 'Tribune' as justification for his opposition to the miners' strike.

He said the articles showed that while he was being pilloried by people from these groups last year, they were secretly in agreement with him that there should have been a ballot and that the NUM picketing policy was wrong.

GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS

Defiant message from Ashington

'THATCHER may think we are beaten — but by heck we are not! Let her gloat a little if she wants, but we're coming back,' was the defiant message from Ashington miners' wives in Northumberland.

The women's support group in the endangered mining areas will continue to fight for the reinstatement of those men sacked through the strike.

And if at any time the men decide to come out on strike action again, the group will be ready and standing behind them, said committee secretary Audrey Hall.

'We must try to keep the support groups up for the lads that are sacked. And for many of the single lads that will now have to pay bills for the first time in a year, it will be even more difficult for them to survive than when they were on strike.'

The women in the group have already decided to continue fund raising and sending out parcels to support those miners and their families in difficulty.

Struggles

But their work must also include preparation for even bigger struggles ahead. Secret documents drawn up by the Coal Board show that only a single pit will be retained in the Northumberland coalfield.

'The NCB is the biggest employer in this area, what will it be like if it is gone,' Audrey said. 'I have two lads working at Bates colliery — what job is there for them round here?'

'We don't want a place which is just for old people and the unemployed, and as far as we are concerned the fight against that is just beginning.'

But Audrey and the other women in the group have drawn sharp conclusions from their work in support of the strike. 'We know now that the Thatcher government wants to see this country back in the 19th century. They want one law for the rich, and one law for the poor.'

'It is about time the working class realised what is at stake. The whole working class need to get off their knees and start fighting. Every trade union must get behind this fight for jobs.'

None of the women in the group have any time for TUC general secretary Norman Willis or Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock. Many of



Members of the Ashington and Lynemouth support group

the group said they were disgusted with their refusal to back a demand for total amnesty for all sacked miners.

'It came as a shock to us that Kinnock would not support the miners.

He has changed his policies since he came in and if it comes to a vote in this area he would definitely get thrown out. There are lots of people disillusioned in him — not just the min-

ers,' added Audrey.

The women called on all those workers who supported the strike to continue the backing for the mining communities. 'We urge them to respond to our calls for

help for as long as we need it. We have supported other trade unions in the past and we should all stick together and fight together,' one committee member added.



Secretary Sheila Graham with her children David and Allison



Support Group

THE JAILED MEN

WILLIAM BANNISTER

Hem Heath, Staffordshire NUM — serving a two-year sentence started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

KEVIN BEAL

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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.

GRAHAM COOPER

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PETER COOPER

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

PAUL FOSTER

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TERRY FRENCH

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DAVID GAUNT

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

STEVEN GOODALL

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STEPHEN GREGORY

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

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

DEAN HANCOCK

South Wales NUM. 899410 Cardiff Prison.

ALAN HAWKINS

North Derbyshire NUM — serving a four-month sentence at a detention centre. Started 3.85.

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, Staffordshire NUM — Two-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, Staffordshire NUM — Two-year sentence started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

BRIAN MARTIN

North Derbyshire NUM — Three-month sentence started 3.85.

DAVID MASON

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

BRIAN MILLAR

Solsgirth, Scottish NUM. — serving a four-month sentence started 3.85. Saughton jail, Edinburgh.

GORDON MILLER

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

KEITH MILLWARD

Markham, North Derbyshire NUM — serving a three-month sentence started 3.85.

GARY MOULD

Hem Heath, Staffordshire NUM — serving a two-year youth custody sentence from 24.1.85. Prison location uncertain.

MICHAEL PARTINGTON

North Derbyshire NUM — serving a three-month sentence started 3.85.

RAYMOND PATTON

Hem Heath, Staffordshire NUM — Two-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 PINNINGTON

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

GEORGE RICHARDSON

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

DAVE SCHOFIELD

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.

WILLIAM SMITH

Whittle, Northumberland NUM — 2½-year sentence started 2.85. Durham jail.

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, Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

STEVEN WAKEFIELD

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

GLEN WRIGHT

Ireland, North Derbyshire NUM — Six-month sentence started 3.85. Sudbury open prison, Derby.

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RELEASE

AMNESTY

class war prisoners

for all sacked men

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.

'All trade unions must fight for sacked men'

BY SIMON VEVERS

OTHER trade unions must take up the responsibility to fight for the re-instatement of men sacked during the 12-month strike who are victims of Tory class justice.

That's the view of sacked Hem Heath miner Charlie McClaren who is also a local Labour councillor in North Staffordshire.

He told News Line yesterday: 'These unions should become involved in pressurising the Coal Board and the government to get our reinstatement. They should realise that many men who have been convicted have not been guilty.'

Right

McClaren is among several Hem Heath men dismissed for fighting for the right to work. While they have been kept outside the gates, the management has victimised the majority of strikers by refusing to give them their original jobs back.

'In the last 12 months we've seen men who have never been in trouble in

their lives all of a sudden being branded as criminals.

'I'm certain that in most cases if the so-called offences had been committed before the strike then they would not have been sacked. They would probably have got no more than a fine.

Scabs

'I don't know of any policemen who has been charged during the strike and yet look at what they've done on picket lines,' said McClaren.

He pointed out that scabs who had been caught fighting down the pit at Hem Heath had only been reprimanded.

'The Coal Board is acting with the tacit approval of the government in this. They are positively discriminating against those miners who stayed out on strike.

'I hope the rank and file of other trade unions learn the lessons from the miners' strike. The first

thing they should do in future is to check the credentials of the people they elect into the leadership before they take office.

'After this strike I hope they say that they won't tolerate the Duffys and the Eric Hammonds any more.

'I can't remember how many times rank and file members of other unions have said to me they wish they had a union leader like we've got in the NUM.

Leaders

'We've got to have leaders in all unions who are there to protect the interests of their members.

'The rank and file have to see that this takes place. They must mobilise and look at the way we've been treated over the last year and keep up the campaign for an amnesty for those that have been sacked.'

INJUNCTION

THE High Court yesterday granted an injunction to the Coal Board banning 39 sacked Kent miners from entering NCB premises. The injunction bars the sacked men at Betteshanger colliery from 'intimidating' scabs.

Sacked

Though the majority of the NUM branch committee are among those sacked after they occupied the pit last year during the strike, the branch officers will work from a green-grocer's shop near the pit entrance.

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Campaign against the arts cuts

THE storm over the Tory government's attack on the arts has been gathering momentum over the past weeks.

The total government funding for the Arts Council for the year 1985/86 is up by a mere 3 per cent. A figure well below the inflation rate of 5 per cent, and a cut in real terms for the arts of 3.5 per cent. Every area is affected — music, visual arts, dance, opera, films — but nowhere has the axe fallen so swiftly or provoked such anger as in the theatre.

Subsidised theatre, which came with the establishment of the Arts Council in 1945, provided the impulse for new generations of writers, actors and directors whose impact has been felt not only in the theatre itself but also throughout television and film. The training and

experience actors and actresses have had in the subsidised theatre has been a strong element in making the British acting profession so highly respected worldwide.

Now the first blows have been struck. The cut at the National Theatre has meant the immediate closure of the Cottesloe Theatre. Touring companies like the 7:84 have already been chopped.

Seven members of the Drama Panel of the Arts Council, long time opponents of Arts Council chairman William Rees-Mogg's 'Glory of the Garden' strategy which they believe divisively pits London against the provinces in terms of funding have now resigned en bloc.

In their letter of resignation on February 28 they said,

the Arts Council 'will never re-establish its position as an invaluable national asset until it is no longer perceived as an arm of the government'.

An unprecedented meeting of 47 artistic directors representing subsidised theatre companies all over Britain took place on March 5. The meeting endorsed the principle of an independent arts council, but unanimously expressed 'a vote of no confidence in the Arts Council of Great Britain as presently constituted, and described its policies as divisive and no longer representative of the needs of the subsidised theatre as a whole'.

Today News line begins a series of interviews with actors, writers, directors who are directly affected by the cuts.

Work cut in the bud

MAX STAFFORD CLARK, artistic director of the Royal Court Theatre in London, believes that the government has 'got it completely wrong' when it comes to the arts.

He feels strongly that state subsidy has encouraged real seriousness in the theatre and is justly proud of the work, particularly with new writers, pioneered by the Royal Court.

Over the last three years the Royal Court has produced plays on many subjects, including police corruption, the Falklands war and sexual scandal in the Tory party.

He considers that English theatre at its best can provide a real forum for the debate on the nature of the society we live in and that these plays have contributed to that essential debate.

Stafford Clark emphasised how in Britain the theatre has long had a major influence on society and culture.

'Cultural identity has often been expressed through the theatre and through playwrighting.

'We have Shakespeare — a playwright, not an artist or a musician or a scientist — on a £20 note. That is how important theatre and playwrights in this country are.

'This last period has seen a flowering of writing that will be compared with, if not the Elizabethan age, then the Jacobean age and certainly with the Restoration period, as one of the golden ages of English writing.'

But with the cuts, Stafford Clark fears all this will come to an end.

'The Arts Council, which has previously been a body that lobbied the government on behalf of the arts, is now becoming

ing an arm of the government's policy and an extension of this government's monetarist policies,' he pointed out.

'Surprisingly, this is not felt simply by those directors and companies like the 7:84, whom you might expect it to, but all of those non-specific left-wing theatres like the Royal Court, which doesn't have a particular philosophy but nonetheless takes a broad left stand.

Policies

'People up and down the country, including those whom you would expect to be in the heart of the establishment, are beginning to see this government's policies are being extended to its control of the arts and the Arts Council, that monetarist policies are beginning to starve the theatrical system of subsidies.'

Stafford-Clark spelled out what the cuts would mean for the Royal Court.

'In this building, in common with other buildings in the theatre — a large part of our subsidy goes on fixed costs — the upkeep of the building and permanent staff salaries. Only the amount above that goes on production costs for producing plays.

'As our subsidy gets cut back, so in fact we can produce less and less plays. In this current year the Royal Court will have done four plays on this stage and four plays in the Theatre Upstairs.

'That is exactly half the amount of work we were able to do ten years ago. A very little increase in arts funding would mean that we could do considerably more work.

'If we received, let's say, an extra £25,000 in the coming year then that would mean we could do another show downstairs; £50,000 and we could do another show downstairs and another two upstairs. The increase in funding would go directly towards production money.'

Stafford-Clark explained how the theatre is currently funded. 'We get roughly £500,000 from the Arts Council and we received £80,000 from the GLC in this current year.'

'In the coming year the Arts Council spending is at a standstill and we can't really speculate on what we will get from the GLC.'

Stafford-Clark was highly critical of Rees-Mogg's strategy for the Arts Council, 'The Glory of the Garden'.

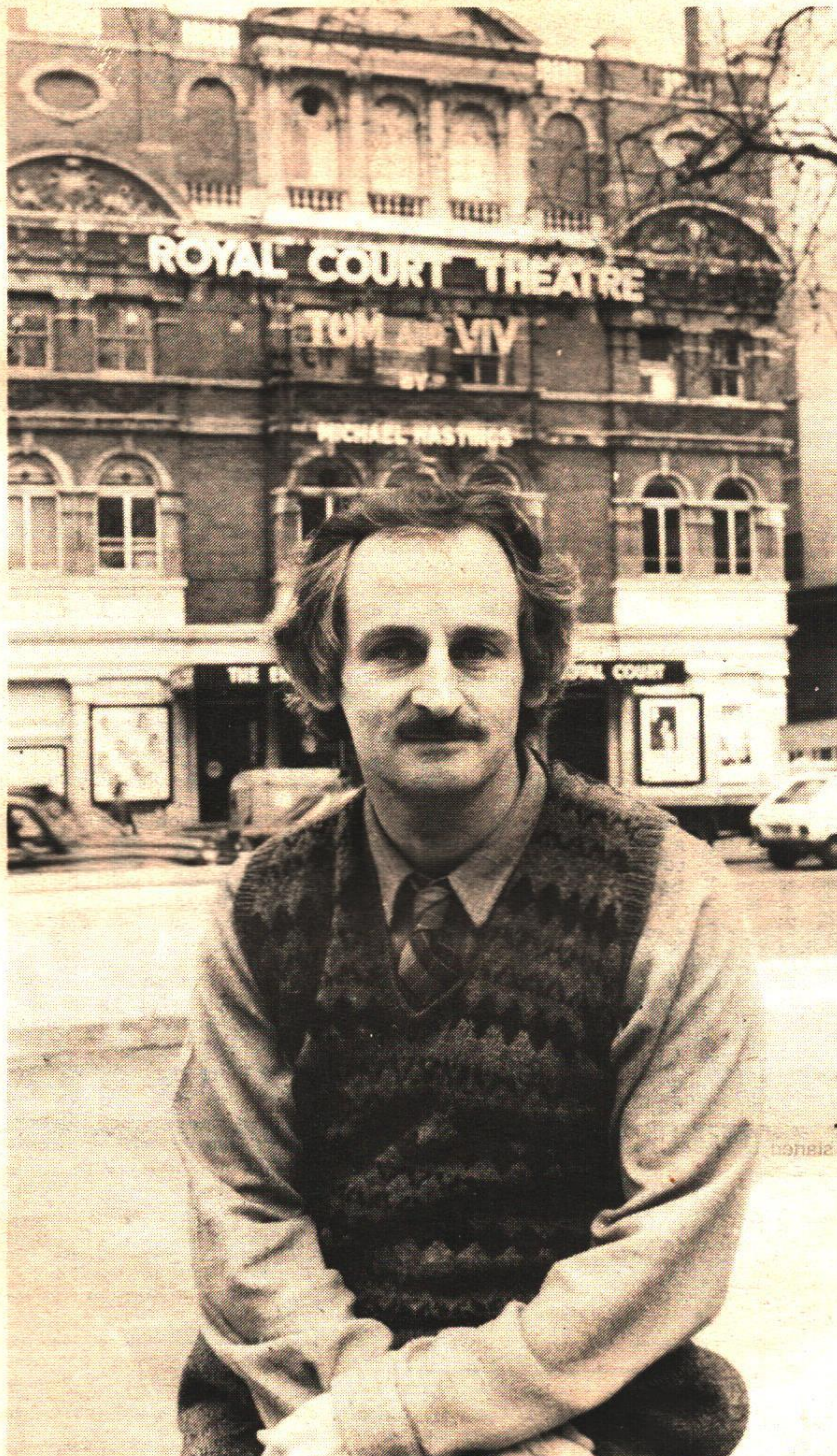
Regions

'It concerns a policy of providing more for the regions. In principle, everyone in the theatre would stand behind that policy.

'In practice, the extra money has not been generated from the government to execute this policy, in practice the money has been cut from London to give to the regions. That is both divisive and short-sighted.

'In fact, if you take new writing, which is a specific concern of the Royal Court, we service writers from the provinces. For example, the year before last, we performed more plays by Yorkshire writers than all the theatres in Yorkshire put together.

'There are many regional writers who first have their plays performed in London, and many new plays are per-



MAX STAFFORD CLARK outside the Royal Court Theatre in Sloane Square

formed in Bristol, Ipswich and Leeds after they've received a run in London.

'The work of Caryl Churchill, Howard Barker and Howard Brenton was performed in those regional centres after they appeared at the Royal Court.'

The biggest problem facing the Royal Court is maintaining its tradition of promoting the work of new writers.

'New work is the most vulnerable area and the least attractive area to many sponsors,' Stafford-Clark stressed. 'It is also the area about which senior officials in the Arts Council are most indifferent. It is always the new work which is going to suffer.'

'New work means that our budgeting is likely to be more volatile.'

'Say we did a pantomime every year and an

O-Level Shakespeare then you would have a constant in your programme. You'd know that the business from those two shows wouldn't fluctuate.

'Whereas if you are doing new work all the time you can play as low as 20 per cent or as high as 90 per cent. So new work is more and more difficult to produce.'

This government's monetarist policies make

absolutely no sense as applied to the arts, says Stafford Clarke.'

'The influence of the theatre is out of proportion to the small amount of money needed to safeguard it. It seems to me, whatever political background you speak from, it would be a cut that makes no sense at all.

'Even in terms simply of the VAT that we pay, the amount of money that comes from subsidy is cost effective.'

Stafford-Clark is scathing of the Arts Council's suggestion that theatres should turn to business for sponsorship.

'All of us have come to realise that business sponsorship is a ludicrous expectation and it is an irresponsibility on the part of the Tory party to imagine that their responsibility for the arts can be shifted on to industry.'

'Neither the tax system in this country nor the temperature of the current business climate is suited to the arts.'

Reasons

And no business company is likely to put money into the Court, for two reasons, he explained.

'The first is that a production might fail. The second is political lines have already been drawn that much more clearly here in Britain than they have been drawn in America.

'It is conceivable that here at the Court, one or two plays might attract business support, but I think that is going to be quite hard, much harder for us than, say, for the National Theatre.

'The number of businesses inclined to give money to the arts is minuscule, and they are more likely to give money to establishment companies than broad left or community theatres.

'When you consider that the small change from a couple of weeks in the Falklands could sponsor the entire arts in this country for a year, you could say the government has got it entirely wrong.

'They have their priorities badly wrong. Their philosophy is privatisation of the arts. Money for the arts should be considered an investment and not a subsidy.'

TOMORROW:
Interview
with actor Ian
Charleson

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Andrew Sachs and Robert Daws in 'There Comes a Time . . .' on ITV at 8.30

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 King Rollo. 1.50 Bric-a-Brac. 2.00 International Snooker. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 The Wombles. 4.15 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4.35 Uninvited Ghosts. 4.50 Captain Caveman. 5.00 Newsround with Paul McDowell. 5.10 Sea-view. 5.35 Grange Hill.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS Weather

6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES

7.00 WOGAN Terry Wogan with guests, conversation and entertainment

7.40 MONKEY BUSINESS Naturalists and showbiz people make up two teams facing Henry Kelly's questions about animals and plants

8.10 THE TWO RONNIES With Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker in tonight's film, *Tinker, Tailor, Smiley, Doyle*

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weather News

9.25 THE BUDGET Roy Hattersley speaks for the Opposition

9.35 Q.E.D. *The 300-million Years War* John Lawton explores the never ending battle between two of nature's superpowers: insects and plants

10.05 SPORTSNIGHT With Harry Carpenter. *Football*: Highlights of one of tonight's European matches, plus *International Snooker*, England v Scotland at Bournemouth

12.05 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio.

BBC2

6.30-7.20 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Living with Technology. 6.55 Interpreting a Dream. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

9.38 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.38 Science Workshop. 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Maths File. 10.38 A-Level Studies: Statistics. 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 The Music Arcade. 11.39 General Studies. 12.05 Russian Language and People. 12.30 Honourable Members. 12.55 Switch On to English. 1.21 Descubra España. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 Watch. 2.18 One World. 2.40 Zig Zag.

3.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.50 International Snooker.

5.30 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.35 ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS Stanway House, Gloucestershire, where he looks at porcelain from England, Europe and the Orient

6.00 THE WEDNESDAY WESTERN *Run of the Arrow* (1949) With Rod Steiger as a Southerner who joins the Sioux Indians after the Civil War. Years later he meets the US cavalry lieutenant he shot on the last day of battle

7.25 OPEN SPACE: *Advocacy: Assault on Democracy* Advocate Michael Mansfield argues on behalf of people who feel increasingly excluded from the process of local government

8.10 BOOKMARK Iain Hamilton introduces discussion on 'The Tenth Man' by Graham Greene, E.M. Forster's 'A Passage to India' and Samuel Richardson's 'Pamela'

9.00 HOLLYWOOD COWBOY An aspiring writer in the early 1930s finds work with a team of Western movie-makers in this lighthearted comedy starring Jeff Bridges and Blythe Danner (1975)

10.40 THE BUDGET Roy Hattersley speaks for the Opposition

10.50 NEWSNIGHT

11.35 Weather View

11.40 HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE

11.55 ANIMATION NOW *Jumping A* film from Japan

12.05-12.55 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.50 Electronics. 12.15 Biology.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 A PLUS 4

3.00 THEIR LORDSHIP'S HOUSE

6.00 COUNTDOWN

6.30 THE LIVING BODY *Into the World* Second of the pair of programmes in the series exploring the workings of the human body follows the pregnancy of Sally Neville from Swindon and the birth of her baby

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Tory MP Jeremy Hanley; followed by Weather

8.00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES — A HISTORY OF THE WELSH *How Red Was My Valley?*

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS *Dieting Makes You Guilty* Christine Chapman takes a sceptical look at so-called 'healthy' eating

9.00 VISIONS *Extravagant Images* Channel 4's cinema magazine presents a profile of Fellini's favourite cameraman Peppino Rotunno, who also works in America, plus a profile of Chilean-born director Paul Ruiz, and clips of current releases

10.00 ANOTHER WAY (1979) Hungarian with English subtitles — the story of a tragic homosexual love affair between two women, one of whom is married, set in the period shortly after the 1956 uprising. With Jadwiga Jankowska-Cieslak, Grazyna Szapolowska and Jozef Kroner

12.00 BOOK FOUR Hermione Lee with novelists Martin Amis and Margaret Forster and biographer Humphrey Carpenter discuss Michael Scammell's biography 'Solzhenitsyn', Patricia Ferguson's 'Family Myths and Legends' and Josef Skvorecky's 'The Engineer of Human Souls'

12.30 DADARAMA *Cumrae Clyde*

12.40 Close

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; School Programmes. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr & Mrs. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Baffink. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 Fraggie Rock. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 WISH YOU WERE HERE . . . ? Judith Chalmers is on the unspoiled Suffolk coast at Aldeburgh on the edge of Constable country; Chris Kelly goes to the old town of Antibes in the South of France; and Annika Rice is in the Australian tropics

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 THERE COMES A TIME . . . Tony James is cast adrift in a nightmare land

9.00 THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH 10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 BUDGET '85 Shadow Chancellor Roy Hattersley talks about the Budget

10.40 DEATH WISH (1974) With Charles Bronson

12.25 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 S.W.A.L.K. 2.00 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd A Ble? 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 3.00 Their Lordship's House. 4.15 Irish Angle. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Pwl. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Dilyn Yr Og. 8.00 Can Y Gwledydd Bychain. 8.35 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.05 Film: *Ticket to Heaven*. 11.00 Diverse Reports. 11.30 Eastern Eye. 12.30 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Mark Page (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

VHF: 8.00 String Sound. 8.30 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition. 9.15 Listen to the Band.

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 6.00 Ray Moore (S). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.02 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 European Soccer Special. 9.30 Listen to the Band (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers. 10.15 Tom Mennard Tells Local Tales. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew (S) presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00 Cynthia Glover Sings (S). 3.30-4.00 Vintage Sporting Years 1966 (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Sallieri, Tchaikovsky, Gershwin

(8.00-8.05 News) Whittaker, Shostakovich, Schumann, Sibelius. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S) Schuman and Thomson. 10.00 Mozart (S) Piano concerto No. 25. 10.35 John Ward (S) Madrigals. 11.05 British Music (S) Elgar. Alexander Mackenzie. Holst. George Butterworth. Tippett. 12.15 Concert Hall (S) Hindemith. Poulenc. Glazunov and Francaix. 1.00 News. 1.05 Sims and Pags (S). 1.30 Malinee Musicale (S) Johann Strauss (son), arr. Canteloube. Walton arr. Matheson, Messenger, Weinberger, Dvorak, Richard Strauss. 2.30 A Full, Bell-Like Tone (S) Mozart and Beethoven. 3.15 Music for the Tempest (S) Purcell and Sibelius. 4.00 Choral Evening-song (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Mendelssohn's Quartet Op. 44 No. 1. 7.00 The Shikuhachi (S). 7.20 Boney Jan and the Flying Man (S) Play. 9.05 Un Re In Ascolto (S) by Luciano Berio (9.55-10.15 Six Continents). 11.00 Parikian/Milne/Fleming Trio (S) Chamber music by Beethoven and Schubert. 11.57-12.00 News. VHF: 6.35-6.55 a.m. Open University.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Business News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Money Box Budget Call. 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *Ring-a-ding-ding*. 10.45 Daily Service. 11.00 News; Travel: Richard Lewis at 70 (S). 11.48 What's in a Name. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Gold of the Conquerors. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News: The Afternoon Play (S) *Quids In, Seconds Out*. 3.47 Time for Verse (S). 4.00 News; File on 4. 4.40 Short Story: *Jennings in Particular*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Just A Minute (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Riding with the Boys. 7.45 Books of the Century. 8.15 A Sound of Revelry by Night. 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 The Alternative Diplomacy. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *The Rich Mrs Robinson*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4. 11.30-12.00 Open University. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

ROUND THE REGIONS**TYNE TEES**

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Bygones. 1.00 News; North East News. 1.25 Where The Jobs Are. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Baffink. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 Fraggie Rock. 5.15 Whose Baby? 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 There Comes a Time. 9.00 The Last Place on Earth. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Budget 85. 10.42 Film: *Death Wish*. 12.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Something To Treasure. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Baffink. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 Fraggie Rock. 5.15 Newsround. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 There Comes a Time. 9.00 The Last Place on Earth. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Budget 85. 10.40 Film: *Death Wish*. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Teachers Only. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Baffink. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 Fraggie Rock. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Scene South West. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 There Comes a Time. 9.00 The Last Place on Earth. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Budget 85. 10.40 Film: *Death Wish*. 12.25 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club; Mr and Mrs. 2.00 Problem Page. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Baffink. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 Fraggie Rock.

5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 There Comes a Time. 9.00 The Last Place on Earth. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Budget 85. 10.40 Film: *Death Wish*. 12.25 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Benson. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Simon and Simon. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Baffink. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 Fraggie Rock. 5.15 Three Little Words. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 There Comes a Time. 9.00 The Last Place on Earth. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Budget 85. 10.40 Film: *Death Wish*. 12.25 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Baffink. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 Fraggie Rock. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 There Comes a Time. 9.00 The Last Place on Earth. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Budget 85. 10.40 Film: *Death Wish*. 12.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Cheerie Chief — the one to follow

CHEERIE CHIEF (3.15), seventh to Elmboy in the Christies Foxhunters' Chase at Cheltenham, can resume winning ways in the Croall Bryston Land Rover Hunter Chase at **KELSO**.

One of the best hunters in the north, Cheerie Chief made an impressive seasonal debut at Ayr, beating The Drunken Duck by 12 lengths.

He found the Cheltenham

race a bit hot, but back in this grade he will be difficult to beat.

Flying Ace is a very useful point-to-pointer, although not as experienced as Cheerie Chief in hunter chases, but should still provide the danger.

Monica Dickinson should take the two divisions of the Heiton Novices' Hurdle with **Jonlani (2.15)** and **Dan The Millar (3.45)**.

Jonlani beat stablemate Hopeful Mission a length and

SELECTIONS

KELSO

2.15 Jonlani, 2.45 On Leave, 3.15 Cheerie Chief (nap), 3.45 Dan the Millar, 4.15 Slave King, 4.45 Jockambel, 5.15 Little Jack Horner

WORCESTER

1.00 Big Brown Bear, 1.30 Esker House, 2.00 Emmason, 2.30 Water Cannon, 3.00 Kelly's Honour, 3.30 Aberration, 4.00 Bonum Omen, 4.30 Tudor Road, 5.00 Golden Hornet, 5.30 Levant Way

a half at Doncaster last month and despite an 8lb penalty for that win is the type to go on to better things.

Dan The Millar was made favourite in his Catterick debut but fell at the second. He

is clearly well thought of and this is a good opportunity for him to recoup losses.

Kelly's Honor (3.00), who side-stepped a tempting engagement in last week's Sun Alliance Chase at Chel-

tenham, should collect easier pickings in the Third Division of the St Barnabas Novice Chase at **WORCESTER**.

John Webber's gelding, the winner of a point-to-point in Ireland, looked well above average when beating Leith Hill Flyer three lengths at Huntingdon last month.

The ease of that success had to be seen to be believed, and in view of the fact that six of the 11 runners failed to get round in the 'Sun Alliance', Webber is probably regretting not going to

the festival.

Only Fulke Walwyn's promising Chasm, or Northern raider Scottish Dream, look capable of troubling Kelly's Boy. But bar a fall, the Banbury-trained six-year-old looks unbeatable.

Big Brown Bear (1.00) hasn't run since falling at Wetherby on Boxing Day, but should still be good enough to take the opening division. The gelding is normally the safest of jumpers and his forcing tactics should soon have the opposition strung out.

KELSO

2.15 HEITON NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £500

2m (18 runners)		
2 01	JONLANI Mrs M Dickinson 6 11 9	R Earnshaw
3 011400	SECRET WALK (D) W A Stephenson 4 11 9	R Lamb
5 040000	AQUA VERDE M Kellett 6 11 1	
8 22003/P	DEREK'S BAY W Redfern 8 11 1	
9 00	EASTER BRIG G W Richards 5 11 1	J K Kinane
14 03000	TANA'S PERFORMANCE N Crump 6 11 1	C Hawkins
15 03033	THE BUILDER Mrs G Reveley 6 11 1	T G Dun
16 000000	COLISLACE H McConnell 7 10 10	
17 00	LONDON BLITZ Mrs J Goodfellow 5 10 10	
18 3330-00	MOONLIGHTING P Calver 5 10 10	C Grant
19 P0/P	TUDOR DREAM T Craig 7 10 10	M Ennis
20 000	BUNRANNOCH HOUSE R Fisher 4 10 7	P Tuck
22	DRAGONADE C Booth 4 10 7	S Charlton
23 0	GRANGE OF GLORY R Fisher 4 10 7	M Meagher (4)
25 4	JIM THORPE G W Richards 4 10 7	D C Oakley (4)
26 0	MASTER RICKIE D Swindlehurst 4 10 7	Mr D Swindlehurst (7)
28 00	WHISTLING STELLAR M Naughton 4 10 7	
29 F	LEMON SQUASH C Thornton 4 10 2	D Wilkinson

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Jonlani, 7-2 Jim Thorpe, 9-2 Secret Walk, 8-1 The Builder, 10-1 Moonlighting, 12-1 Tana's Performance, 14-1 others.

2.45 GREENLAW NOVICE CHASE £1,000

2m (12 runners)		
3 222F41	ON LEAVE A Scott 8 11 10	
4 0/0-FU01	SHINEY SON W A Stephenson 7 11 10	R Lamb
6 010-000	BOBBING STAR B McMahon 9 11 0	
7 112-23B	BROTHER GEOFFREY C Thornton 6 11 0	D Wilkinson
9 3-0003P	JONDALE M Lambert 8 11 0	P A Charlton
12 PPF	LOCHAN CORRIE J Haldane 8 11 0	
14 0/0-4000	MR NASH T Dun 8 11 0	
17 0/0-0000	STARJESTIC R Robinson 7 11 0	G W Gray
18 00PU00	TAMSON'S TIPPLE D Robertson 9 11 0	Mr D Robertson
20 P/0	COOL KIT C A Douglas 9 10 9	
22 22241	MAGGIES GIRL Denys Smith 6 10 9	C Grant
23 0000-UP	THE HOWLET J Oliver 6 10 9	T G Dun

BLINKERS: 14
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 On Leave, 5-2 Brother Geoffrey, 7-2 Maggies Girl, 5-1 Shiney Son, 8-1 Jondale, 14-1 Bobbing Star, 16-1 others.

3.15 CROALL BRYSTON LAND ROVER HUNTER CHASE £1,000 3m (11 runners)

1 1120-10	CHEERIE CHIEF (C-D) H Barclay 9 12 1	Mr K Anderson (7)
3 3/21U-24	YOUGHAL (C-D) (BF) W A Stephenson 9 11 11	Mr F Greenall (7)
4 F	ARCTIC OWEN J Gibson 9 11 7	
5 4/43-020	ARTHUR BELL'S J P Wight 9 11 7	Mr A Wight (7)
6 0F04-00	BAWNEEN Lady Renwick 11 11 7	
7 1/04	FLYING ACE A Calder 9 11 7	Miss D Calder (7)
9 2F	HUNTERMAC Mrs E Stokell 10 11 7	Miss A Stokell (7)
11 P/2300-3	PANEGYRIST C Alexander 10 11 7	Mr A Dudgeon (4)
12 0F0P/0P	PENNINE DEREK R Johnson 11 11 7	Mr P Johnson (7)
13 00040U	WARDSOFF R Thorburn 8 11 7	
14 0F31/4	WEST ACRE (D) R Macnaughton 12 11 7	

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Cheerie Chief, 5-2 Flying Ace, 9-2 Youghal, 10-1 Arthur Bell's, 14-1 Panegyrist and West Acre, 20-1 others.

3.45 HEITON NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £500

2m (16 runners)		
2 00030	BILLY TOBIN Miss Z Green 5 11 1	J Goulding
3 P00034	BRIILLANT FELLOW P Monteith 8 11 1	D Nolan
4	CAPTAIN CURTAIN R Fisher 5 11 1	P Tuck
5 F	DAN THE MILLAR (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 6 11 1	NON-RUNNER
6 00	NORWHISTLE T Craig 5 11 1	M Ennis
7 P-00	RHEIN LAD T Barnes 5 11 1	M Barnes
8 0-000	ROTATE W Murray 5 11 1	B Storey
10 302-400	CORRIE LK G Fairbairn 8 10 10	A Charlton (7)
11 F0	GREY LIL R Allan 5 10 10	J Handson
12 F00	MILTON LOCKHART W Young 6 10 10	Mr R Robinson (4)
16 OPP	MR SPONGE D Lamb 4 10 7	R Lamb
17 20	PADDY HAYTON S Leadbetter 4 10 7	A Brown
18 0	SINGING SABRE Lord Kilmany 4 10 7	D Dutton
19 0000	TASAR W A Stephenson 4 10 7	K Jones

RESULTS

NOTTINGHAM

1.45 (2m): **BHARAT** S Johnson (12-1); **Ziggurat** (6-1); **Indian** (3-1); **Private Label** (13-2); 25 ran. 4, 1/2. (K A Morgan) T: £7.10; £2.60, £1.80, £4.90, CSF: £88.16.
2.15 (2m 6f): **WORK MATE** Mr S Sherwood (5-1); **Bishops Yarn** (11-10 on fav); **Excluder** (25-1); **The Royal Comrie** (9-2); 4 ran. 4, 2. (G Pritchard-Gordon) T: £5; £1.90, £1.10, £2.80, CSF: £9.04.
2.45 (2m): **BURANPOUR** T Jarvis (7-4 fav); **Gullfand** (9-1); **Easter Day** (11-1); **True Heritage** (10-1); 22 ran. 4, 1. (A Jarvis) T: £2.40; £1.20, £3.70, £2.80, CSF: £18.80. NR: Delighting, The Crigant, Inset Lady.
3.15 (3m 4f): **MR SNUGIFT** P Tuck (5-4 fav); **Personality Plus** (25-1); **Hill Of Slane** (10-1); **Succceeded** (7-1); 8 ran. 1 1/2. (M W Easterby) T: £2.30; £1.20, £1.60, £3.60, CSF: £26.90.
3.45 (2m 6f): **TEN CHERRIES** Mr M Bell (2-1 fav); **Song of Life** (9-4); **Royal Dust** (10-1); **Counterline** (10-1); 17 ran. 4, 3. (Mrs M Rimell) T: £2.70; £1.30, £1.20, £4.60, CSF: £6.61.
4.15 (3m 4f): **THE DISCO DAGO** S Morshead (25-1); **Kevin Evans** (6-1); **Last Of The Foxes** (25-1); **Sparkling Jenny** (4-1) (fav); 20 ran. 5, 1 1/2. (J Spearing) T: £24.50; £1.70, £2.20, £5.70, £1.10, CSF: £169.33. NR: Rington Sally.

FONTWELL

2.00 (2m 2f): **THE GOVERNOR** J Francome (8-1); **Severn Sound** (20-1); **Cervante Sovereign** (12-1); **Alumnus** (20-1); 22 ran. 3, 7. (J Jenkins) T: £4.50; £1.40, £4.70, £2.50, £23.30, CSF: £159.47.
2.30 (2m 2f): **RUN TO ME** B Powell (7-1); **Fire Drill** (4-1) (fav); **Buck And Wing** (4-1) (fav); **Master Nibble** (14-1); 13 ran. 2, 10. (N R Mitchell) T: £6.80; £2.00, £2.20, £1.90, CSF: £33.87. NR: Tower Moss.
3.00 (3m 2f): **PARADISE STRAITS** R Dunwoody (14-1); **Komatch** (10-1); **Skiskelter** (33-1); **Upham Kelly** (16-1); 22 ran. 12, 2. (S Woodman) T: £12.80; £1.90, £4.30, £5.20, £4.00, CSF: £146.57.
3.30 (3m 2f): **CHEADLE GREEN** L Bloomfield (5-1 fav); **Lumparita** (10-1); **Playfields** (20-1); **Dargai** (6-1); 16 ran. 8, 2 1/2. (T Hallett) T: £6.90; £2.30, £2.10, £6.70, £2.10, CSF: £52.27. NR: Another Cygnet.
4.00 (2m 2f): **YOUNG NICHOLAS** S Smith Eccles (5-2 on fav); **Meziara** (14-1); **Honest Hint** (14-1); **Rainbow Lady** (11-2); 17 ran. 2, 8. (N Henderson) T: £1.60; £1.20, £2.20, £3.70, CSF: £9.65. NR: Young Buckers.
4.30 (2m 4f): **FREDDIE BEE** Fada (7-1); **Lone Streak** (33-1); **High Class Agent** (4-1); 13 ran. 3, 30. (R Parker) T: £2.50; £1.40, £1.80, £4.50, CSF: £10.83.

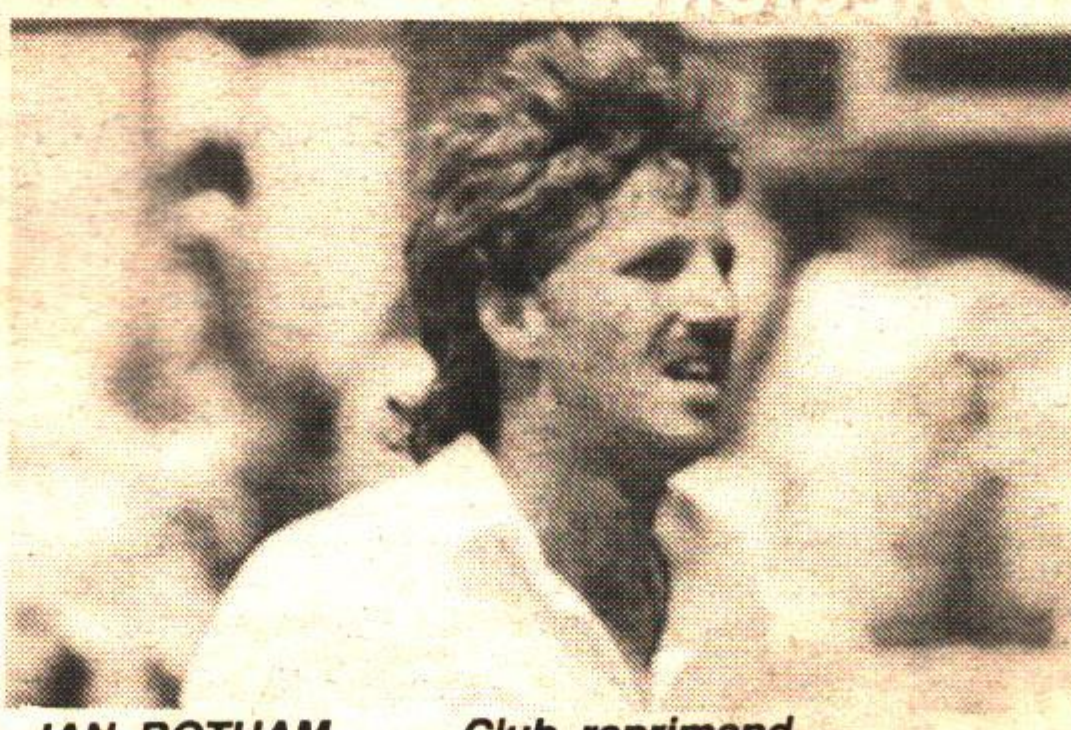
BOTHAM'S COUNTY WARNING

IAN BOTHAM, given the all clear by Somerset to carry on as their captain, has said he is 'totally opposed to the use of drugs by any sportsman.'

Four days after escaping disciplinary action from the Test and County Cricket Board for being convicted of possessing cannabis, Botham was reappointed as Somerset captain. But he received a severe reprimand.

Botham, who will lead Somerset on a tour of the West Indies next week, commented: 'I am very sorry for all the trouble I have caused. I realise I have a responsibility to set the highest possible standards for young cricketers to follow.'

'I regret very much being involved with cannabis very briefly some three years ago and realise how wrong it was.'



IAN BOTHAM . . . Club reprimand

Botham's home near Scunthorpe was raided on New Year's Eve and the small amount of cannabis found. The former England captain said he had had it for about three years.

Somerset president Colin Atkinson said: 'The county's cricket committee made it absolutely clear to Mr Botham that if his unwise and brief experi-

ment with cannabis some three years ago had taken place during his term as captain, he would not have been reappointed.'

'Should he be involved in any future incident which, in the opinion of the committee, brings the game into disrepute, regardless of whether drugs are involved or not, he would lose the captaincy forthwith.'

Limb SPEED WAY defends Odsal

BRADFORD's Odsal Stadium, re-developed at a cost of £1½ million, was defended yesterday by Michael Limb, chairman of the Speedway Control Board, as the best venue for this year's World Individual Speedway Championship final.

At the announcement of a £50,000-plus sponsorship deal Limb said: 'I have no doubt our decision to hold the world individual final there is right.'

'To its critics, who re-memo Odsal stadium as it was, and have not seen it as it is, I would say that it is a splendid place to hold the final.'

Wembley can no longer be used for the event, and Limb said: 'For a variety of reasons a new venue had to be found. For some time a great deal of concern has been expressed about where the

world final should be held.

'It has been disappointing to me to see the number of articles written indicating that we should have the final anywhere but Odsal. But it is now a very fine stadium, so let's back it.'

Stadium

The City of Bradford Metropolitan Council and West Yorkshire County Council have combined to redevelop the stadium, with a stand for 5,000, terracing for 36,000 and a new speedway track.

Bradford councillor Tom Hall said: 'The ultimate development could well amount to anything approaching £10 million. Over the years we could expect it to embrace major athletics, pop concerts, possibly a tattoo.'

Racism and sport

Barlow attacks golf Gleneagles

EDDIE BARLOW, director of the reactionary South African Sports Office in London, yesterday attacked his country's exclusion from the new \$1.2 million International Team Golf Championship at St Andrews, Scotland, in October.

Signed

South Africa was excluded from the championship because of the 1976 Gleneagles Declaration, signed by members of the British Commonwealth, which discourages sporting links with racist South Africa.

ca, a spokesman for the organisers said.

But former Test cricketer Barlow said the premise on which the Gleneagles Declaration was based was no longer valid. 'South African sport is now entirely multi-racial and sportsmen have rejected apartheid in no uncertain terms,' Barlow opined.

'There is now no reason why South Africa should not be involved in the golf championship. That would be the attitude most South Africans would take,' added the man whose wages are paid by South Africa's multi-national companies.

But the championship spokesman said: 'I think we would lose some of the other participants if South Africa did take part. But, anyway, the Gleneagles Agreement is government policy and we would not wish to go against the government.'

Invited

Australia, Canada, Taiwan, England, Japan, Scotland, Spain and the US have been invited to play in the championship, the richest event in golf history. Qualifying tournaments will take place in Italy and Hong Kong to decide the remaining places.

KIWIS' RUGBY PLEA

NEW ZEALAND's cricket council has asked the country's Rugby Union to delay a decision on playing in South Africa to avoid interference in the New Zealand cricket's West Indies tour.

The request, in a personal, confidential letter from cricket council chairman Bob Vance to his rugby opposite Ces Blazey, was confirmed by Vance yesterday after the letter was leaked to the media.

Vance told reporters the

council feared retaliation by Guyana when the Rugby Union makes its anticipated acceptance of the South African invitation.

New Zealand is due to play the second Test against the West Indies from April 6 to 11, and play a one-day match in Guyana on April 14.

Guyana has taken a hard line against anything to do with South Africa. It cancelled the second Test against England in 1981 because of the selection of Surrey fast bowler Robin Jackman who had played in South Africa during the southern summer.

The Rugby Union has not said when it will vote on the South African invitation, but many commentators expect a decision on March 30, after the union's council has met with Prime Minister David Lange.

Vance said he had been assured by the West Indies Cricket Board of Control there would be no retaliation against the cricket side.

But he said the request for a delay in the decision was precautionary.



Robson to face Videoton

ENGLAND captain Bryan Robson, who came on as substitute for Manchester United at West Ham on Friday, will play his first full senior game for two months in Hungary tonight.

He will begin the match for United against Videoton in the second leg of the UEFA Cup quarter-final in which the Manchester club hold a tenuous 1-0 lead.

Robson had missed nine first-team games with shoulder and ankle injuries before his return at West Ham where

he scored six minutes after coming on to force a 2-2 draw.

But Robson's return has provided selection problems for United manager Ron Atkinson.

It was expected that Robson would be a straight swap for Norman Whiteside, who injured an ankle at West Ham. But Whiteside is making a quick recovery and Atkinson says that he will definitely play if fit.

So one of either Frank Stapleton, Jesper Olsen or Mike Duxbury may be left out of the team.

Viv wants debut victory

VIV RICHARDS aims to mark his home debut as newly-appointed West Indies captain with victory over New Zealand in today's first of five one-day cricket internationals. Richards will be without the injured Malcolm Marshall and Larry Gomes, but expects his team to have the reserves to win despite their recent tiring tour of Australia.

New Zealand remain short of practice and need to find a worthy opening partner for John Wright, their only player with Caribbean experience. Wright scored a half century in the drawn opening tour

game against a Shell Award XI. But young openers Ken Rutherford and Ron Hart failed.

'It is obvious we have a problem with the opening spot,' said skipper Geoff Howarth.

WEST INDIES: Viv Richards, Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Roger Harper, Gus Logie, Jeffrey Dujon, Eldine Baptiste, Michael Holding, Joel Garner, Winston Davis.

NEW ZEALAND: (from) Geoff Howarth, Jeremy Coney, Stephen Boock, John Bracewell, Lance Cairns, Ewen Chatfield, Martin Crowe, Jeff Crowe, Richard Hadlee, Ron Hart, Ken Rutherford, Ian Smith, Derek Stirling, Gary Troup, John Wright.



VIV RICHARDS

WORCESTER

1.00 ST BARNABAS NOV. CHASE DIV I £1,200

2	02211F	BIG BROWN BEAR	G B Barlow	8 12 0	G Bradley
14	02F022	AWNING	H Jackson	7 11 0	A J Wilson
15	P	BALLINGER'S FOLLY	H Jackson	7 11 0	
17	000F04	BERGHILL	J H Heath	9 11 0	Mr J Cambridge (4)
18	4420F4	BOLT THE GATE	D Williams	6 11 0	B Powell
20	FFFP4	BRIGADIER ROSE	M Stephens	6 11 0	C Mann
32	FF00P	CROWMAN	N R Mitchell	7 11 0	B Powell
33	4-PP00	DAY AFTER	A P James	9 11 0	G Jones
40	0-00032	GOINGO	R L Brown	6 11 0	R Hyett
57	0PU000	MR PRESIDENT	Wear C C Tietline	8 11 0	K Ross (7)
58	001214	NO SWEAT	J A Old	6 11 0	Mr E Whettam
61	F23PF3	PARISH RIGGED	T A Forster	7 11 0	H Davies
65	P/P	ROBERT HENRY	R C Armytage	7 11 0	A Webber
74	P	STOUT ANSWER	M B Ogle	8 11 0	
82	043P00	WONKEYS LUCK	Mrs N Kennedy	7 11 0	A Chamberlain (4)
88	00PP/OF	MISS TULLULAH	K C Bailey	7 10 9	
92	00000-F	WINNING CLOVER	R E Blakeney	7 10 9	G McCourt

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Big Brown Bear, 7-2 No Sweat, 4-1 Awning, 5-1 Parish-Rigged, 10-1 Goingo, 12-1 Bolt The Gate, 16-1 others.

1.30 PORTLAND WALK SELLING HURDLE DIV I 1/500

2	004-P00	GALTRIM (C)	C F Jackson	6 11 12	J Burke
15	0000-U0	KANO FLOWER	A Barrow	6 11 5	R Hoare
19	P	MICROBYTE	H Jackson	5 11 5	
20	06330-P	NICK BARRY	J R Bosley	6 11 5	Mr M Bosley (7)
23	000033	PICKET LINE	W Clay	5 11 5	S J O'Neill
24	00-0	SAUNSON BOY (USA)	B A McMahon	5 11 5	T Wall
29	B-0000F	WARWICK BLUE	L G Kennard	5 11 5	
30	PP00P	WINTER SPORT	Miss J Seaborn	5 11 5	
31	0	APRIL GEM	D Burchell	5 11 0	C Seward
36	00F-P00	GOOSE GREEN	Mrs D Williams	5 11 0	J Bryan
46	POP	DINADEN	D Roderick	4 10 10	C Warren (7)
47	022202	ESKER HOUSE	DR Tucker	4 10 10	S McNeill
48	0040P0	HIGHVIEW	P J Bevan	4 10 10	R Hatfield (7)
50	PP	SPECIAL ENVOY	J R Jenkins	4 10 10	
51	3340	JOAN ADDISON	G A Ham	4 10 5	N Coleman (7)
52		MAID OF IRELAND	D J Wintle	4 10 5	A Carroll

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Picket Line, 4-1 Esker House, 5-1 Warwick Blue, 6-1 Galtrim, 7-1 Saunson Boy, 8-1 Joan Addison, 10-1 Special Envoy, 12-1 Maid of Ireland, 16-1 others.

2.00 ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE DIV 2 £1,200

4	32122P	EMMASON	J L Spearing	10 11 7	S Morshead
6	143002	PEBBLE ISLAND	G Richards	6 11 7	N Doughty
19	0PP0P	BOY PIPER	L G Kennard	6 11 0	B Powell
23	0041P0	CALMACUTTER	C James	8 11 0	V McKevitt
25	0P0PUF	CHALFOUR HILL	M M J Gibson	8 11 0	C Mann
29		CONTRADEAL	F Walwyn	8 11 0	S Shilton
31	114000	COUNTRY PLAYER	Mrs S Oliver	8 11 0	J Duggan (4)
36	00P-F	ERICA'S GENERAL	J Brooks	7 11 0	P Leach
42	000-0PU	GRANTSTOWN	A Tunnell	7 11 0	Steve Knight
43	4-0000P	HENRY BELL	K C Bailey	7 11 0	
44	0-00400	HOPE END	R G Brazington	7 11 0	C Jones
62	400-FU4	PETROCELLI	R T Jackes	7 11 0	P Carvill
71	000000F	SHINTULLAH	N R Mitchell	7 11 0	
75	03-0PF0	THISTLEDOWN PATH	T A Forster	8 10 0	H Davies
80	24-02P0	TWO EAGLES	R C Armytage	6 11 0	A Webber
94	FP	BIG TIME	Mrs A Ratcliff	5 10 0	Mr Des Williams (7)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Emmason, 3-1 Pebble Island, 9-2 The County Player, 6-1 Two Eagles, 8-1 Contradeal, 10-1 Calmacutter, 12-1 Thistledown Path, 16-1 others.

2.30 PITCHCROFT NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £800

2	313	TREYFORD	T A Forster	5 11 12	H Davies
11	040020	BRYMA	B Palling	5 11 2	A Griffiths
13	0	CO CO MAN	N Tinkler	6 11 2	S Moore
14	FF	COURTIERS WAG	M Tate	5 11 2	C Smith
15	004-	COYOR (USA)	R E Blakeney	5 11 2	R Linley
17	400	GOLD WARBLE	M Oliver	5 11 2	R Dunwoody
18		HARD GOLD	H Hutsby	6 11 2	C O'Toole (7)
19	22	JAMES MY BOY (BF)	M Dickinson	5 11 2	J A Harris
21	00	LUMINIST	G H Yardley	5 11 2	A Sharpe
22	40303	MAUJENDOR	M Tate	5 11 2	P Scudamore
25	P-000	MUMMYS SWIFT	T B Hallett	6 11 2	B Wright
27	000-0	PENNETT LAD	Mrs M Rimell	6 11 2	S Morshead
28	002	PERISCOPE	N J Henderson	5 11 2	J White

29	P00-	PURPLE BLAZE	J M Bradley	7 11 2	G Davies
31	0	SAMSHU	J Thorne	5 11 2	P Dever
33	FP0	SPIDER KELLY	G W Richards	7 11 2	N Doughty
37	0P	ANNIE HOTSPUR	A J Chamberlain	7 10 11	A Chamberlain
40	P0	IVY ROYAL	P J Bomford	6 10 11	Philip Hobbs
41	P0	LADY WREKIN	D J Wintle	5 10 11	A Carroll
42	0	MIZZIE LIZZIE	J R Bosley	7 10 11	Mr M Bosley (7)
43		ROMFUL AIR	N R Mitchell	5 10 11	B Powell
46		VALLEE DES ROSES	M W Eckley	6 10 11	A O'Hagen
47	00	MARSTON MOOR (USA)	B Palling	4 10 7	A Griffiths
49	PPP	OGRE	D Williams	4 10 7	R Dennis (4)
51	24	WATER CANNON (BF)	F H Lee	4 10 7	S Holland

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Periscope, 4-1 Treylord, 5-1 Water Cannon, 6-1 James My Boy, 8-1 Maujendar, 10-1 Bryma, 12-1 Coyor and Gold Warbler, 16-1 others.

3.00 ST BARNABAS NOVICE CHASE DIV 3 £1,200 2m 4f (16 runners)

5	P21	KELLY'S HONOR (D)	J Webber	6 11 7	Mr J Sharp (4)
7	21P001	SCOTTISH DREAM (D)	G W Richards	7 11 7	N Doughty
26	0013-U2	CHASM	F Walwyn	6 11 0	R Pusey (4)
27	020-PFP	COLONEL CURTIS	C L Popham	6 11 0	B Powell
34	30-2PF0	DOUBLE BASS	T A Forster	8 11 0	H Davies
41	230/P2-0	GRAND REVIEW	Mrs W Sykes	9 11 0	S Morshea
48	0-00FU0	KARANSU	A Tunnell	7 11 0	Steve Knight
51	102-000	LE TOUQUET	R W Hartop	6 11 0	J Barlow
56	F-00FFP	MAGIC MOUSE	J Colston	9 11 0	J Sutherland
59	UP0000	OUART HILL	M Oliver	9 11 0	R Dunwoody
63	000UFP	POOR EXCUSE	O J Henley	10 11 0	P Dever
64	02F-F00	RIVER SHEEN	R C Armytage	7 11 0	A Webber
70	00000-0	SHINING TUSK	Mrs C Lloyd-Jones	7 11 0	S J O'Neill
77	0012-P	TIGHT TURN	R G Frost	6 11 0	J Frost
78	0012-P	TOO OFTEN	K S Bridgwater	6 11 0	W Worthington (7)
81	040002	VICTOR DUB	M Castell	7 11 0	W Knox (7)

BLINKERS: 27, 81
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Kelly's Honor, 7-2 Scottish Dream, 9-2 Chasm, 6-1 Grand Review, 8-1 Tight Turn, 10-1 Double Bass, 14-1 Too Often and Ouart Hill, 16-1 others.

3.30 PORTLAND WALK SELLING HURDLE (DIV 2) £500 2m (16 runners)

3	00PP-0P	NO SALE (D)	C L Popham	6 11 12	R Dunwoody
6	0	ABERRATION	M McCormack	5 11 5	P Barton
7	PP00	BELLAMUSE (USA)	F Jordan	5 11 5	R Hyett
8	04-00	CAPA	O'Neill	6 11 5	J Sutherland
9	040P3-0	CRUMBS	D N Carey	6 11 5	Lorna Vincent
10	00-P004	DRUM MAKER	B Forsey	5 11 5	J Duggan (4)
11	002003	FORT LAMY	W G Turner	6 11 5	Jessica Turner (7)
13	PP0PP	GUARD THE FORT	Mrs C Seymour	5 11 5	C Gray
14	0P-0	HUNGARIAN PRINCE	W Clay	5 11 5	S J O'Neill
16	044004	LIFT HIGH	DR Tucker	6 11 5	S McNeill
28	034-PP0	THOMAS A BECKET	J V Cridle	6 11 5	Mr P Townsley
35	00P-000	FERNDALIS	P J Kearney	5 11 0	I Raybould (7)
37	UU-0000	LITTLE KHAN	J Johnson	6 11 0	I Johnson
43	00	ABOUT TIME TOO	J R Jenkins	4 10 10	
49	P000	MR BENNINGTON	D J Wintle	4 10 10	A Carroll
54	P00	WHAT A PRINCESS	A Moore	4 10 5	G Moore

BLINKERS: 3, 13, 14
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 About Time Too, 7-2 Capa, 4-1 Lift High, 7-1 Aberration, 8-1 Crumbs, 10-1 Drum Maker and Fort Lamy, 14-1 others.

4.00 KING JOHN HANDICAP CHASE £2,000 3m 5f (16 runners)

1	012000	SAILOR'S RETURN	Mrs S Tainton	9 11 7	C Smith
5	PP/PP0P	SUGARALLY	J A Edwards	12 10 11	P Barton
6	03BP0P	GIDDYCAN (C)	K Bishop	9 10 8	P Richards
10	04-PF00	BONUM OMEN	F Walwyn	11 10 4	K Mooney
12	04P010	IMMIGRATE (BF)	G W Richards	12 10 0	N Doughty
13	P-000F0	DRUMCONDRA	Mrs S Tainton	10 10 0	A Sharpe
14	PPF-34P	GALLEON BEACH	J A Edwards	9 10 0	P Warner
15	210U4P	JIMMY MIFF (C)	I P Wardle	13 10 0	S J O'Neill
17	10-1000	SPACED OUT (C)	T N Bailey	10 10 0	Mr B Dowling (7)
18	0-0000U	JACKO (C)	D Nicholson	13 10 0	P Scudamore
20	424004	NATIVE BREAK (USA)	Mrs W Sykes	8 10 0	S Morshead
21	2-03234	ROCKIN BERRY	Mrs M Evans	10 10 0	Mr T Jackson
22	0301P0	MEMBRIDGE	P Dufosse	10 10 0	R Dunwoody
23	4/P3040	TENS OR BETTER (C)	R B Francis	11 10 0	R Crank
27	4/0021P-	HATTON LAD	Mrs M Titterton	9 10 0	G Newman

28	111200-	SON OF QUIVER	W G Turner	9 10 0	Jessica Turner (7)
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BLINKERS: 6, 27
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Bonum Omen, 5-1 Immigrate, 13-2 Sailor's Return, 8-1 Galleon Beach, Jimmy Miff and Rockin Berry, 10-1 Native Break and Jacko, 14-1 Membridge, 16-1 others.

4.30 WORCS. COUNTY CRICKET CLUB H'CAP CHASE £1,600 2m (17 runners)

4	00U131	ITSGOTTBEALRIGHT (D)	Mrs W Sykes	8 11 12	S Morshead
7	30P023	TUDOR ROAD (C-D) (BF)	L G Kennard	10 11 7	B Powell
8	040-24P	JOHN SILVER (C)	D J Wintle	9 11 5	R Hyett
9	F013F0	SKYTRAIN JETSET	Earl Jones	6 11 0	
10	210-020	ARCHERS PRINCE	C James	7 10 13	A Webber
11	UP02P0	CROWNING MOMENT (D)	A Barrow	10 10 12	J Duggan (4)
12	220040	DUNDURM BAY (C-D)	A Barrow	10 10 12	R Hoare
13	120240	COLE PORTER	M C Banks	10 10 8	G McCourt
14	423204	POMPOSITO	R J Smith	8 10 6	W Knox (7)
15	0001P-0	CHRYSIPPOS (USA)	D M Scudamore	8 10 6	P Scudamore
19	P00-432	LAW VENTURE	Mrs P Sly	11 10 0	M Bastard
20	4FFU00	FARE LOVE	E E Evans	6 10 0	P Warner
22	03013/0	STAR'S PET	P J Bevan	7 10 0	
23	004-000	MR CHOW	C Bridgett	6 10 0	Mr C Bridgett
24	PPR432	LUCKY GEM	A Moore	8 10 0	G Moore
25	000PP	DAN DARE	O J Henley	10 10 0	P Dever
26	3242U/0-	VAUNTED	J E Long	15 10 0	P Upson

BLINKERS: 11
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Tudor Road, 4-1 Itsgottbealright, 6-1 Law Venture, 13-2 Lucky Gem and Dundrum Bay, 8-1 John Silver and Cole Porter, 12-1 Pomposito, 16-1 others.

5.00 ST BARNABAS NOV CHASE DIV 4 £1,200 2m 4f (16 runners)

1	FP-P11P	BEK LAIR (C) F Walwyn	7 12 0	R Pusey (4)	
8	404320	GOLDEN HORNET	K D Dunn	7 11 2	L Bloomfield (4)
10	P-00F03	AFRICAN STAR	J D Roberts	7 11 0	R Hoare
21	2/0P0	BROUGHTON LAD	R D Chugg	12 11 0	
28	20P40	CONN THE COBBER	M Stephens	7 11 0	A Sharpe
30	2/00-0F0	CORBENSON	Mrs D Tucker	9 11 0	Philip Hobbs
38	0004FP	FERNARO	M Henriques	8 11 0	Mr A J Wilson
39	0FU000	GANOUGH LANE	J A Old	8 11 0	G Bradley
47	PP00F/P	KAMACHOW	C Bridgett	9 11 0	Mr C Bridgett
50	0	LANGTON CROSS	N R Mitchell	8 11 0	B Powell
54	030330	LIGHT SENTENCE	P A Pritchard	7 11	C Mann
67	2F-00F0	SASILITO	C L Popham	7 11 0	
68	P22-F00	SAYS EYE	D J Wintle	10 11 0	Mr N Babbage (4)
76	10400-0	THORNTON	S W May	6 11 0	S May
83	P/PP-0	CINDY'S RIVAL	J Webber	7 10 9	G McCourt
87	2-00000	MARIBAN	R J Holdern	6 10 9	P Richards
BLINKERS: 39					

European soccer

REAL LOSE STIELIKE

REAL MADRID take on Tottenham Hotspur in tonight's UEFA Cup quarter-final second leg match without 'hard man' defender Uli Stielike of West Germany.

Stielike, architect of the brilliant defence which brought Real their surprise 1-0 first leg victory in London, is out of action for at least two months with hepatitis and Real have now pinned their defensive hopes on youthful Jose Salguero.

Salguero helped hold Tottenham's talented forward line in check at White Hart Lane and Spurs' strikers Mark Falco and Garth Crooks will have to show a great deal more inspiration in the Bernabeu Stadium if Tottenham are to reach the semi-finals.

Record

Emilio Butragueno, the young 'Vulture' with a fine scoring record, is again expected to present problems for the visitors, as is Argentine striker Jorge Valdano who should have left London with at least one goal to his credit.

BY ROBERT JAMES

But Real Madrid, whose rousing performances in Europe have contrasted with a dismal season in the domestic League, appeared to have hit another low over the weekend, losing to Osasuna.

Tottenham, on the other hand, flew to the Spanish capital with the rare prize of a win at Liverpool under their seatbelts.

Their 1-0 win, the first at Anfield in 73 years, was bought at a price, however, as four Tottenham players, including midfielder Glenn Hoddle, are now injured.

Nigerian winger John Chidozie is unlikely to play, while left wing Tony Galvin and centre back Paul Miller are also doubtful after bruising encounters with Liverpool's players.

Real's worries are not confined to the pitch as club officials have worked out an elaborate security plan with the British Embassy to prevent spectator violence.

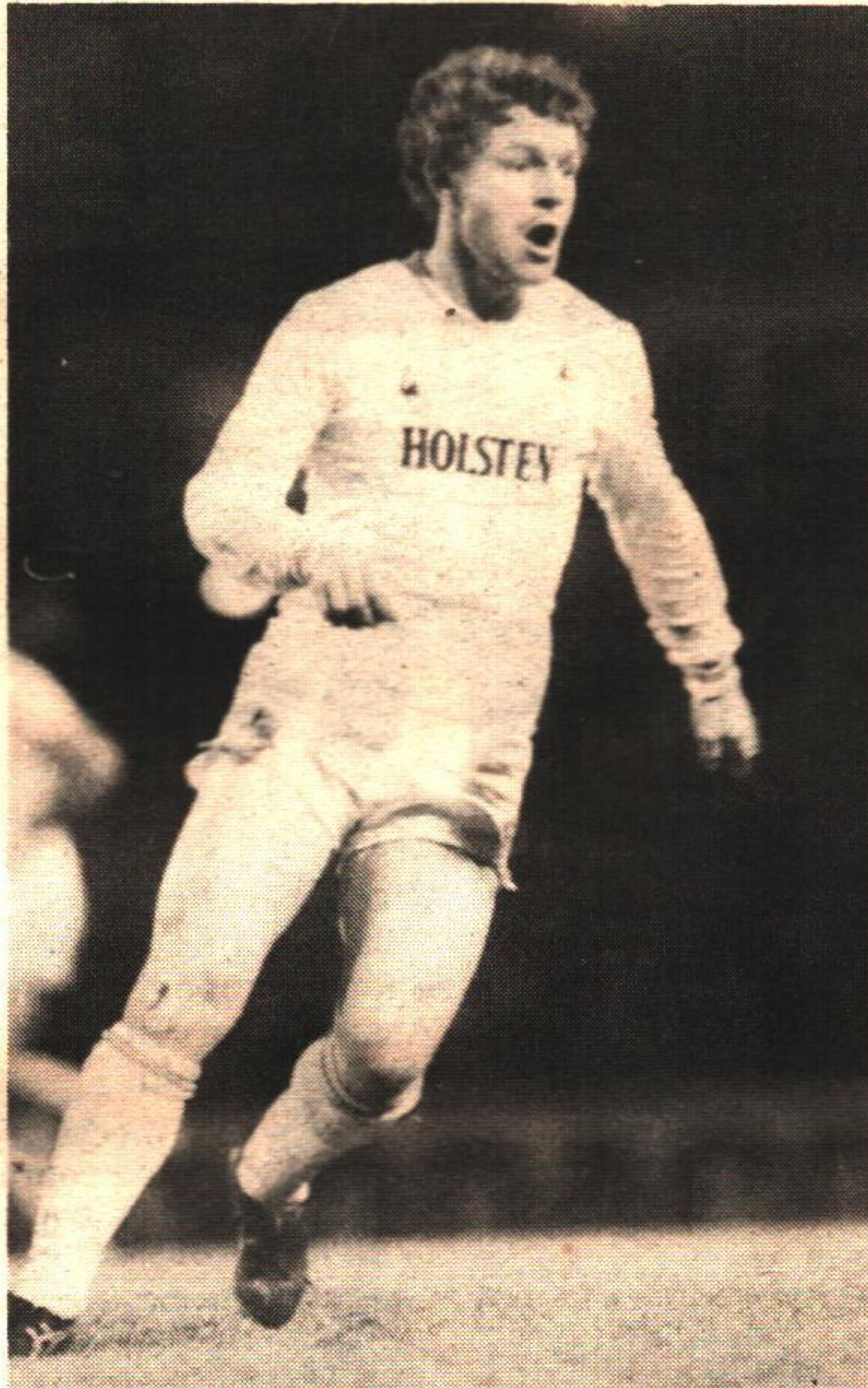
Police will be searching fans entering the ground and they have also established plans to quickly evacuate the 1,000 Tottenham fans from the Bernabeu Stadium if trouble occurs.

Rain

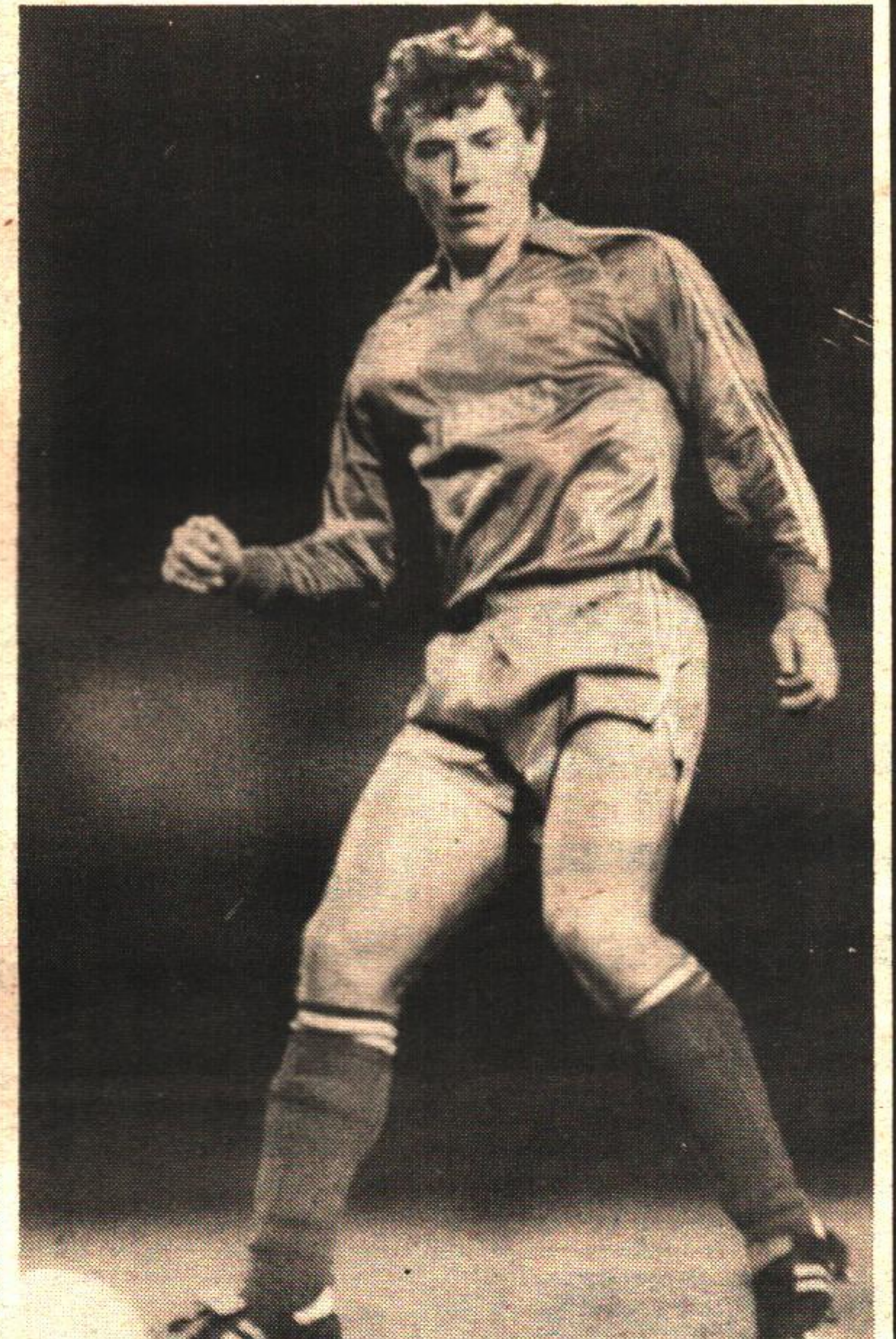
With a chill rain pelting Madrid, fans are prepared to pay up to 5,600 pesetas (30 dollars) for match tickets, double the top box office price. Real expect ticket sales to pull in a record 90 million pesetas (450,000 dollars).

● **REAL MADRID** — Miguel Angel: Miguel Chendo, Jose Camacho, Alfonso Fraile, Manuel Sanchis; Jose Salguero, Angel Santos, Michel Gonzalez; Emilio Butragueno, Ricardo Gallego, Jorge Valdano.

● **TOTTENHAM** — Ray Clemence; Danny Thomas, Chris Hughton, Paul Miller, Graham Roberts; Steve Perryman, Glenn Hoddle, Mike Hazard, Garth Crooks, Mark Falco, Tony Galvin.



MICK HAZARD faces the mighty Real Madrid tonight EMILIO BUTRAGUENO, Real's dangerous striker



PAUL WALSH

Liverpool's familiar problem

LIVERPOOL will have to solve a familiar puzzle in tonight's European Cup quarter-final second leg at Anfield.

Although a goalless draw will be sufficient to send the European Champions into the last four, they still expect opponents FK Austria to rely on the time-honoured formula of tight defence and quick counter-attacks.

The Austrians need to score after conceding a late goal to Steve Nicol in the 1-1 draw in Vienna a fortnight ago, but Liverpool manager Joe Fagan is certainly not expecting to be forced onto the defensive.

He said: 'It will be cat and mouse. They will try and hit us on the break and we will have to be on our toes for the whole game.'

'We cannot go out and play for a goalless draw. Spanish or Italian teams might, but if we tried it we would probably be defeated by our own tactics.'

FK Austria have none of Liverpool's tradition for European success, but Fagan said: 'We never underestimate teams, even the Barnsleys and Yorks of this world. We give them the respect they deserve

without going too much overboard.'

He added: 'Austria are a very good side compared with others we have met in European competition. They have scored seven goals in their last two away legs, so Liverpool players must be aware.'

Fagan identified Herbert Prohaska, the vastly-experienced Austrian inter-

national midfielder player, as the biggest threat to Liverpool's progress.

The in-form Kenny Dalglish, who is completing a three-match European suspension, will be missing from the Liverpool line-up. Paul Walsh, as expected, takes his place in the only change from the team which suffered an historic home defeat by Tottenham last Saturday.

Despite the loss of Dalglish, it will be a major surprise if Liverpool fail to go through.

They have only been beaten three times in 64 home European ties, and have not lost to Continental opposition at Anfield for 12 years.

TEAM: Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson, Nicol, Hansen, Walsh, Whelan, Rush, MacDonald, Wark.

Brady ready for Wembley

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

REPUBLIC OF Ireland manager Eoin Hand has named possibly his strongest squad for the friendly against England at Wembley next Tuesday night.

There had been doubts about the availability of his midfield general Liam Brady, but last night the Inter Milan star confirmed that he would fly into London on Sunday evening to join up with the Irish squad after playing in the Italian League the same afternoon.

Hand's squad was predictable although the inclusion of Fourth Division Port Vale's Eamonn O'Keefe may surprise some people.

However Hand, who has always remained loyal to players who have not let him down, said last

night: 'Eamonn deserves his chance. I always look at him and wonder why clubs from the Second, or First, Division have not snapped him up. I'm sure he would do a fine job for them.'

Hand has left out Alan Campbell, the Irish striker now with Spanish club Racing Santander and QPR's Pat Byrne. Both players will play instead in the Republic's other fixture, an Under-21 match against England at Portsmouth, the night before.

Of the forthcoming fixture, Hand said last night: 'Games against England have a special significance. For the Re-

public it's always a huge prestige fixture especially at Wembley with so many Irishmen living in London.'

'It's probably the only time ever Ireland will play England in two codes in the same week and three internationals in all in the space of six days.'

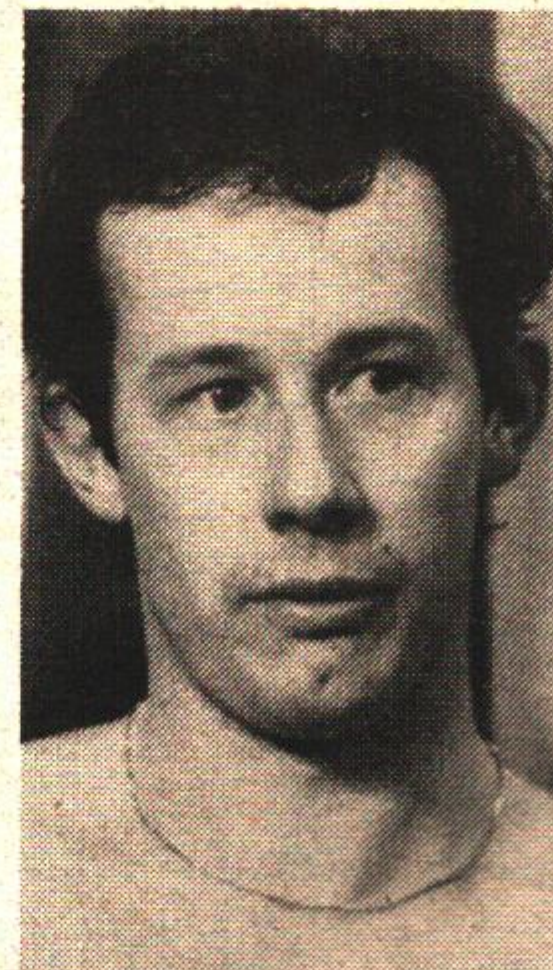
Ireland of course face England at rugby at Lansdowne Road on March 30 and in the Under-21 international on Monday night at Portsmouth.

Hand's only injury worry at the moment is Everton midfielder Kevin Sheedy.

The Everton player has a thigh strain and misses tonight's European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final, second leg, match in Holland for his club. 'I'll wait until the weekend to see which way things go with Kevin,' Hand said.

Portuguese-based Mickey Walsh was not considered. 'Walsh has not played first-team football for some time and this is not an experimental match,' added the Irish manager. 'It's a very serious one and it's very much a part of a build-up for the World Cup against Norway in May.'

● **THE FULL Irish squad is:** Pat Bonner (Celtic), Jim McDonagh (Gillingham), Jim Beglin (Liverpool), Chris Hughton (Tottenham), Mark Lawrenson (Liverpool), Mick McCarthy



LIAM BRADY

(Man City), Paul McGrath (Man Utd), Dave O'Leary (Arsenal), Gary Waddock (QPR), Liam Brady (AC Milan), Tony Grealish (WBA), Kevin Sheedy (Everton), Ronnie Whelan (Liverpool), Mick Robinson (QPR), Frank Stapleton (Man Utd), Tony Galvin (Tottenham), Eamonn O'Keefe (Port Vale).

Sukova survives

HELENA SUKOVA of Czechoslovakia and Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist earned hard-fought victories in a \$500,000 1984-1985 women's tennis circuit championship at Madison Square Garden yesterday.

Sukova, who gained international prominence with a semi-final victory over Martina Navratilova in last December's Australian Open, beat West Germany's Claudia Kohde 7-6 (8-6) 7-6 (7-4).

Sukova lost a 4-1 lead in the second set and had to rally from a 1-3 deficit in the final-set tie breaker to beat her doubles partner.

Lindqvist got off to a slow start before wearing down Wendy Turnbull,

the 32-year-old Australian veteran, 3-6 6-2 6-2. The 80-minute triumph by Lindqvist, ranked 11th to Turnbull's sixth, moved the rising 21-year-old into Thursday's quarter-finals against Sukova.

In another upset, Canada's Carling Bassett, ranked tenth, was unable to match the ground-stroke power generated by No.15 Kathy Rinaldi and fell to the American 6-3 6-2 in a battle of 17-year-olds.

● **TOP SEED** Tim Wilkison of the US moved safely into the second round of the Lorraine Open tennis tournament with a 6-3 6-4 victory over Czechoslovakia's Jaro Navratil on Monday.

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AT YESTERDAY'S British Olympic Association meeting were (left to right): Dick Palmer, Charles Palmer and Robert Watson



BOA BACKS GAMES BID

Three cities keen to play host

MANCHESTER, Birmingham and London, three cities reputedly keen on bringing the 1992 Olympic Games to Britain, will receive every support from the British Olympic Association (BOA) if they go forward with an official bid.

At a special meeting in London yesterday, the national Olympic committee of the BOA unanimously agreed to 'encourage and assist any city in Britain considering making a viable bid to

stage the 1992 Games.'

But the BOA made a proviso. In an official statement, they said: 'Before finally endorsing a bid to be placed before the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the British Olympic Association would need to be satisfied of the stability of the proposal for facilities and village and to have indications of the support of the local and central government.'

Charles Palmer, chairman of the BOA, made it clear that any city bidding for the Games must make their intentions clear by May 15, and then put in a formal application before March, 1986.

'So far, no one has made

a bid,' said Palmer. 'But I would be surprised if there were not at least two British cities in contention before the May deadline.'

'The real key to staging the Games is having a suitable village. I have spoken to the president of the IOC and he has made it clear that unless a village capable of holding at least 15,000 athletes is available, then that city's bid would have no chance.'

Palmer added that he and his committee had already been in touch with Manchester officials and were speaking to Birmingham officials later this week.

But no contact has been made by the BOA with anyone in London.

Amsterdam, Paris and Barcelona would be strong

contenders for the 1992 Games but Palmer felt that Britain would have as good a chance as any if they made a 'feasible bid'.

He stressed one major difficulty. 'There is not one city that has a sufficient number of indoor arenas in particular to host all the sports, and capable of holding 10,000 spectators, which is a realistic figure for Olympic competitions.'

'We also lack Olympic-size swimming pools, even Olympic swimming training pools.'

Despite all the problems, Palmer was convinced that Britain could stage the Games, both successfully as a spectacle and financially.

'Now it is up to the cities concerned to make their intentions clear before the May deadline,' added Palmer.

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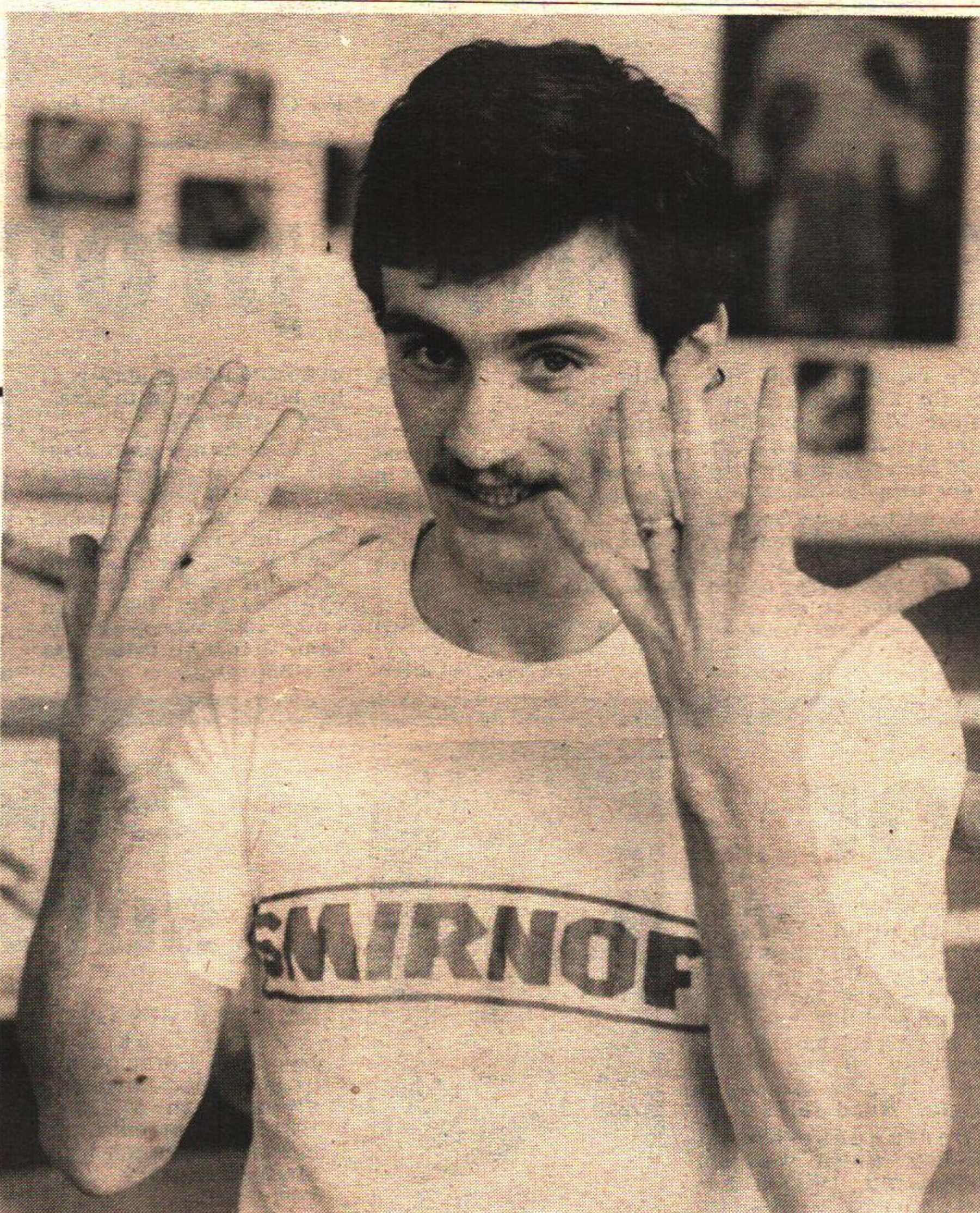
Barry tries again

EUSEBIO PEDROZA gets the chance to see Barry McGuigan in action when the Irishman defends his European featherweight title at Wembley Arena next Tuesday night.

The Panamanian world champion is being flown in for McGuigan's fight, along with his manager Santiago Del Rio, and the Clones Cyclone's manager, Barney Eastwood, hopes to persuade Pedroza to defend his crown in London later this year.

So far Eastwood has made three fruitless trips to Panama to try and clinch a deal, but now, following a £100,000 deal with a drinks company, he hopes to be able to re-open negotiations.

McGuigan's camp have



WITH THESE HANDS... Irish boxer Barry McGuigan who defends his European title in London next week. McGuigan is also hoping for a shot at Eusebio Pedroza's world crown in the near future

now resigned themselves to Pedroza's continued refusal to fight in Belfast. Eastwood said yesterday: 'Money is not the problem. The stumbling blocks are the options they are demanding.'

'Smirnoff are putting up £100,000 to help us buy

out those options and I want to make a fresh start when Pedroza arrives,' added Eastwood.

Those options would leave McGuigan, if he won the title, tied to fighting where and when Pedroza's handlers demanded, and that is unacceptable to the

Irishman.

Mickey Duff, who promotes next Tuesday's bill at the Wembley Arena, said: 'I think there is a 50-50 chance of clinching the fight. If it goes ahead I would like to put it on in the open air in London by the end of July.'

Canaries' Cup bonus

IT WILL be all or nothing for Milk Cup finalists Norwich at Wembley on Sunday. Victory over Sunderland will earn them the biggest bonus ever paid by the club.

Defeat will mean just the same £50 appearance money the players received after last Saturday's League defeat, ironically by Sunderland.

'It is one of the harsh realities of football at a club like ours,' said manager Ken Brown. 'We can only afford to reward winning. That was the basis of all our pre-season bonus schemes agreed with the players.'

When Norwich reached the League Cup Final in 1973 and 1975 they lost the matches, and also lost out financially because of large Wembley appearance bonuses agreed beforehand.

'This time we are not paying money to lose. The attitude has to be, if you don't win you don't deserve a bonus.'

'The club could not afford one anyway without the reward of a place in Europe,' added Brown.

Even if Norwich win, the club will only pay the bonus to the 12 selected players and Brown will not name them until Saturday.

Asa Hartford (calf injury) and Steve Bruce (ankle injury) both missed yesterday's training session but were included in the Wembley squad of 15 and are both expected to be fit and chosen.

Brown's biggest decision could be whether to include 20-year-old winger Louie Donowa in such a testing fixture or allow former Sunderland player Gary Rowell to claim a late place.

Brown and the club's directors have slashed a one million pound debt to nothing over the last four years and the 'victory incentive payment' is part of that same approach to finance.

'We have a commonsense

wage structure and sensible incentives. We don't go overboard with money and the bonuses are there only if the team wins.'

'Their Wembley bonus if you like was the money they received for winning the semi-finals,' said Brown.

Part of the undisclosed bonus will be paid if the final is drawn, though one player in particular who wants it settled first time is striker John Deehan. He had to battle through three games with Aston Villa before they won the League Cup in 1977.

Recalls Deehan: 'The way it stretched on and on took away some of the pleasure. The final is a Wembley day. It should be settled there and then.'

'Collecting the cup at Old Trafford wasn't the same. I remember walking around the Wembley track with the Everton players not really knowing what to do. I don't want that experience again.'