

Lewisham rate 'take-over'

TORIES' COUNCIL COUP

A POLITICAL coup by Tory councillors in a south London borough has imposed a rate-capped cuts budget on trade unionists and the local community.

The take-over was staged by the minority Tory group in Lewisham late on Thursday night.

As trade unionists and community groups demonstrated peacefully inside the town hall, the majority Labour Group was holding its own private meeting to discuss plans to adjourn the council.

But after 40 minutes, the Tories decided to hold their own meeting, even though the mayor was not present and the council had yet to start its proceedings.

Within three minutes the Tories elected a chairman from their own group and passed the maximum rate imposed on the borough by the Thatcher government.

Chief executive John Harwood advised the Tories that their action was 'more legal than illegal'.

The Labour-controlled council had twice before declared it would not set a rate until the government returned grant stolen from the council.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

On Wednesday a meeting of the council was suspended after demonstrations by trade unionists and tenants.

They had suspected that the Labour Group would collapse and the right wing join with the Tories to fix a rate.

But on Thursday the Labour Group was denied the chance of opposing Tory plans by a coup staged in the spirit of Thatcher's Bonapartist regime itself.

Lewisham Tories acted 24 hours after the judiciary had abolished the right of Hackney councillors to resist the Tory laws which impose cuts in jobs and services.

Although there is no date in law by which local boroughs have to make a

rate, this did not deter the judge from inventing an arbitrary date of April 16.

If Hackney does not comply, a High Court order will be served on councillors.

Other rate-capped councils which have refused to comply with Tory laws now expect similar treatment to that handed out to Hackney.

There is also the growing threat of action by the state-appointed district auditor to fine and debar councillors.

The Lewisham coup has angered trade unionists, and there were calls yesterday for industrial action against the Tory government.

Jim O'Brien, chairman of London Bridge, the capital-wide shop stewards' organisation, said:

'In my opinion the



JIM O'BRIEN . . . trade unionists must strike against rate-capping

Lewisham trade unions have no option but to strike after the Tories have set a rate. We would then respond immediately across London.

'Everyone is now looking to the trade unions. We cannot sit back any longer and wait for the situation to develop.'

Will Fancy, assistant secretary of Lewisham NALGO, said meetings of the various sections of the trade unions would be held immediately they returned to work after the Easter break.

He said: 'While it is true that the Labour Group may have made a rate itself, the Tory move was more blatant.'

Fancy said the budget was bound to include job losses, rent rises and a deterioration in services.

He said the unions were opposed to cuts and would decide next week how to resist the budget which will follow the Tory-imposed rate.

Reagan ceasefire 'a declaration of war'

WASHINGTON — Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto has rejected a proposal by President Reagan for a two-month ceasefire.

It was 'much more like a declaration of war', D'Escoto told the ABC television network's 'Nightline' programme.

Under the arrogant imperialist gesture, the Sandinist regime in Managua would have had to negotiate with Washington's bandits through the Roman Catholic church and promise to hold 'in-

ternationally-supervised' elections which the 'Contras' would contest.

D'Escoto said the proposal was a last-ditch attempt to persuade Congress to continue to finance Nicaraguan counter-revolutionaries, to whom Reagan refers as 'our brothers'.

Worried

'The President of the US is very worried . . . he has not been able to persuade the

American people and the Congress as to why they should continue to finance the opposition ('Contras'),' he said.

'If he really wants peace . . . really he is the one who is waging war. It is for him to stop the war.'

Reagan's 'initiative' was a transparent attempt to win congressional approval for \$14 million in covert CIA aid to the 'Contras' and a reshuffle of a bogus peace plan unveiled in Costa Rica on March 2.



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Jobless trend is up

THE underlying trend of unemployment remains steadily upward, according to figures published by the Department of Employment on Thursday.

The seasonally adjusted figure for March — this total excludes school leavers — rose by 2,600 to 3,146,000, a new record high.

Overall unemployment was put at 3,267,592 or 13.5 per cent of the workforce. This shows a decline of 56,084 over the month.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

The rise in the seasonally adjusted total was the smallest monthly rise since last April.

But when the average of the February and March figures are taken together, it can be seen that the underlying trend has been rising at between 10,000 and 15,000 a month for the last 18 months.

In March, the unemployed total in Scotland rose by 2.9 per cent, while in the West Midlands, East Anglia and the South

West the jobless total fell slightly.

As usual, the figures do not include people covered by government schemes which, by the end of February, included 460,000 who would otherwise be claiming benefit.

Figures

Shadow employment secretary John Prescott slammed the figures, saying:

'The so-called budget for jobs and the employ-

ment White Paper confirm that the government is callously maintaining high levels of unemployment as a matter of deliberate policy.

'Britain maintains its lead over its major international competitors in having the highest unemployment levels, refusing to follow their downward trend of the last four months.'

TUC general secretary Norman Willis said: 'The underlying figures show that while the Chancellor preaches complacency and optimism the figures show a real world of in-

creasing gloom and despair.'

In Northern Ireland, the total registered as unemployed on March 14 was 121,681 — 20.9 per cent of the workforce — a reduction of 1,276 on the previous month.

In Strabane, Co Tyrone, 39.5 per cent of the employable population were on the dole — 52.3 per cent of men and 18.6 per cent of women.

A few miles away in Cookstown, 35.4 per cent were out of work and in the Co Down border town of Newry, 31.2 per cent.

Pound on the slide

A STRENGTHENING dollar and a price cut by the British National Oil Corporation have sent the pound sliding on the foreign exchanges.

Thursday saw the pound slide from \$1.2120 to \$1.1950. Initially the pressure was from a stronger dollar.

Then BNOC announced it was fixing the price of

oil at \$27.50 a barrel, compared with the previous price of £28.65.

The new price corresponds closely to the free market price at which most North Sea oil has been selling unofficially.

Now all eyes are on Nigeria, which charges £28.65 for its oil, which is comparable in quality to that sold by BNOC.

Teachers action on NUT agenda

THE DEFENCE of education and local government and the fight for jobs will be high on the agenda of the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers which opens in Scarborough today.

One of the motions before conference opposing Tory rate-capping legislation calls upon the executive 'to support authorities which defend jobs, services, and the interests of local people, through their non-compliance with government spending targets and with the Rates Act'.

It calls for support for 'a strategy of non-compliance if the powers of a local authority are passed, because of its opposition to the government's rates policy, to a non-elected body'.

The executive will be moving an amendment which seeks to delete all of the original motion, express verbal opposition to

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ratecapping, and confine action to defence of 'the education service and the livelihood of our members'.

In the past, executive-supported motions were practically guaranteed success but this year they could be in for a rough ride.

The last few years have seen an increasing opposition to their attempts to render harmless all conference resolutions which commit them to specific action.

The executive are expected to move a special resolution this afternoon calling for a stepping up of industrial action when schools resume after the Easter break.

The new policy will enable more teachers and more schools to be called out and give the union greater flexibility in targeting

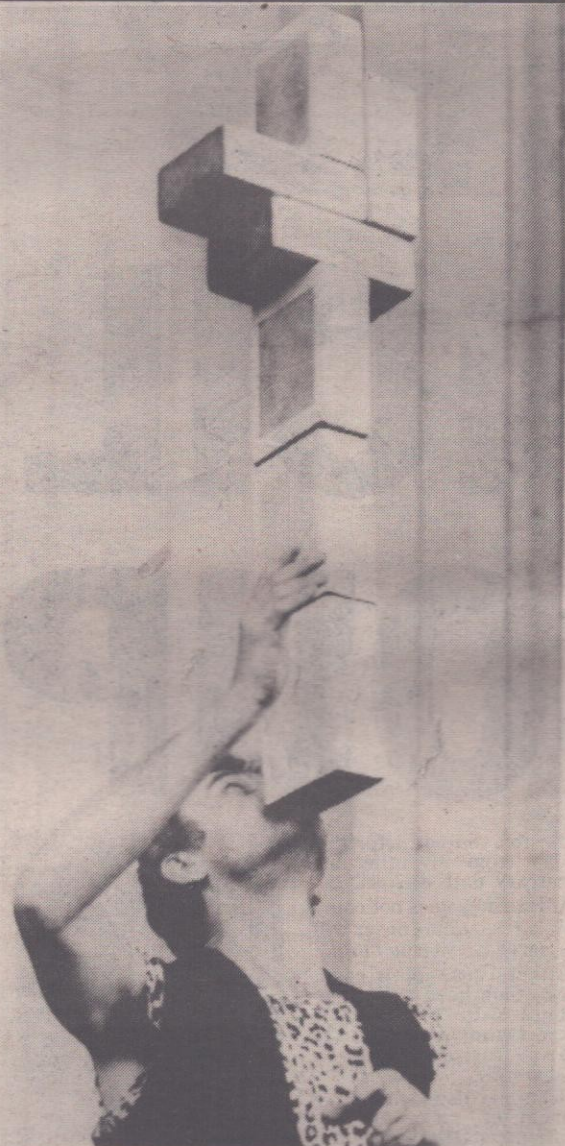
key areas and constituencies.

The executive resolution calls for the present three-day weekly selective strikes to be extended so that schools involved can be hit indefinitely every week if required.

The resolution urges 'maximum co-operation' with the second-largest teachers' union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

A motion on teacher assessment 'condemns the threat by the Secretary of State for Education to "manage" the teaching profession by reducing its numbers through dismissals and coercing those remaining through periodic appraisals.'

Other motions called for additional resources for special education, and reduced class sizes.



JUGGLER Tony Anthony (above) was one of the 'Performers for Peace' in action yesterday at the Piazza in London's Covent Garden. Singers, musicians, poets, clowns, magicians and others are performing throughout the Easter break from 11a.m. til 6p.m. every day.

Hundreds head for Molesworth

HUNDREDS of peace campaigners set out yesterday to march to Molesworth cruise missile base in Cambridgeshire at the start of four days of Easter protest by CND.

Three marches left Leicester, Cambridge and Stevenage in Hertfordshire, bound for the base.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's general secretary, Msgr Bruce Kent said of bids to breach the base's perimeter fence: 'I would certainly support it in the sense that what is going on in the base is illegal. The actual decision to cut wire is absolutely peripheral by comparison.'

300 marchers were stopping overnight at Market Harborough on the Northamptonshire border before completing the 45-mile trek to Molesworth today.

Another 600 from Stevenage stopped in Bedfordshire last night on their 45-mile walk and up to 300 marchers will arrive at the base on Sunday morning after a 40-mile round trip via St Neots and Huntingdon.

All police leave has been cancelled for Easter Monday when about 20,000 people are expected to ring the base.

Cambridgeshire police have drafted in officers

from forces all over the country, including Greater Manchester and the Metropolitan Police, to help them cope with the demonstration, in an operation expected to cost more than £100,000.

Peace campaigners will stage an all-night candlelit vigil outside the base on Sunday, a CND spokesman said.

● Scottish CND has organised a big peace protest today at the Royal Navy submarine base at Coulport on the Clyde where Trident submarines will be based.

A peace convoy of 15 vehicles including two Glasgow dustcarts will follow part of the route taken by nuclear warhead convoys.

According to CND, convoys carrying Polaris warheads travel every month between the Royal Ordnance factory at Burghfield, Berkshire and Coulport.

Liz Cochrane of Scottish CND said more than 1,000 protesters were expected today.

● A man who admitted damaging the fence around the proposed cruise missile base at Molesworth, was fined £50 and ordered to pay £10 compensation on Thursday.

Steven Dixon, 33, from Ipswich appearing before Huntingdon Magistrates, admitted damaging the fence on April 1st and being in possession of eight hack-saw blades with intent to commit criminal damage.

● The ghost village of Imber on Salisbury Plain is being re-opened to its former residents in a four-day truce declared by the army for the Easter holiday.

Its 100 residents were expelled in 1943

Post deal anger

DETAILS of the job-cutting deal worked out between the Post Office and the UCW union leaders are likely to cause deep resentment among local branches.

A 57-page document has been agreed by the union's executive on the introduction of new tech-

nology and part-time workers — despite a special delegates' conference rejecting the Post Office plans earlier this year.

Although copies of the document are only now percolating through to local officials it is known to include a promise to

ballot the union nationally, regardless of the decision of delegates at the May annual conference of the union.

The agreement also calls off both the national and local ballot at Mount Pleasant on strike action.

The Post Office is also permitted to recruit 2,000 part-time workers before the annual conference starts, while the remaining 9,500 recruits demanded by the management will proceed through negotiations with the UCW leaders.

The deal also allows the Post Office to proceed immediately with the introduction of 20 more modern sorting machines in addition to the one at Mount Pleasant.

Most union branch leaders are already convinced that every single part-time recruit is equivalent to the loss of a full-time job, and the proposal is certain to meet with opposition at the annual conference.

The document accepts that the deal will bring redundancies, and the plan is to use early retirement and voluntary redundancy to cut the level of jobs.

Post Office chairman Sir Ron Dearing said of the deal: 'It has been the aspiration of management to negotiate a deal of this kind for decades.'

MP wants probe into atom blasts

AN MP is attempting to establish if any atomic explosions have been recorded in Britain over the last 30 years.

Labour MP George Foulkes, who sits for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley in Scotland, has written to the British Seismological Survey based in Edinburgh, because he says he is dissatisfied with the parliamentary answers given by Prime Minister Thatcher on the subject.

Foulkes said: 'It has now been officially confirmed that Wick in the north of Scotland was considered as a possible site for some type of activity as part of the government's programme for testing the atomic bomb 30 years ago.'

'Documents show that other sites, for example in

Yorkshire, were also considered.'

Foulkes said the Prime Minister had acknowledged in a Commons reply that there could have been contamination from beryllium and radioactive polonium.

He said: 'These are extremely dangerous subst-

ances. What we need to know is whether other sites elsewhere in Britain were considered or used — whether there were explosions or contamination.'

The Prime Minister acknowledged that Wick was considered for the testing of a triggering device as part of the British experiments

'Subversives' rule condemned

NEW government rules intended to bar so-called 'subversives' from the public service have been attacked as 'paranoid' by Labour spokesman Gerald Kaufman.

The government has extended its powers to

purge the civil service of its political opponents and announced that similar rules will in future apply to other bodies such as the Post Office and private firms working on government orders.

In the original rules drafted in 1957 people could be excluded from the civil service as secur-

ity risks if they had communist 'or fascist' sympathies or were open to pressure from these

The revised rules show Thatcher has extended this to include those aiming to overthrow or undermine parliamentary democracy by 'political, industrial or violent means'.

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NCB CONFIRMS CLOSURES

THE NCB have confirmed the closure of two workshops in Scotland and a pit in Yorkshire.

In Scotland, only one workshop will remain after the closure of the two at Lugar in Ayrshire and Newbattle near Edinburgh.

The closure announcement can only strengthen rumours that eight pits are to be shut in Scotland under new Coal Board plans. The only remaining workshop will be at Cowdenbeath in Fife.

Since the workshops service and repair underground equipment, closures have generally indicated Board plans for pit closures in an area.

In its announcement yesterday, the Scottish

BY BEN RUDDER

NCB claimed that 15 working faces had been lost during the time of the strike.

Officials

Meanwhile in Yorkshire, local NUM officials at the Ackton Hall colliery have been told they have 16 days to prepare a case against the closure

of their colliery, where 1,100 men worked before the strike.

In the last few weeks nearly 400 men have been transferred to other pits, and now the Board have said they want to shut it down.

The Board claims that two faces were lost during the strike, and that the third face has only

three months workable reserves.

The NACODS pit deputies' union still believes that the Coal Board is attempting to close Bedwas pit in South Wales, and Frances colliery in Scotland without putting the closure plan through the review procedure.

NACODS secretary Peter McNestry said that redundancy forms com-

pleted by the Coal Board at Bedwas gave colliery closure as a reason for redundancy.

Procedure

It also stated that the unions had agreed to the closure when the only agreement was through a pithead ballot, bypassing the normal review procedure which consults other interested groups.

A harsh regime for pits

THE NEW harsh regime of the Coal Board has been spelt out in a letter from Derbyshire area director Ken Moses to NUM area secretary Gordon Butler.

The letter is dated March 19, and carries permission from Moses for it to be circulated to branch secretaries.

The letter opens with the announcement of a new 'twilight' shift which will be imposed on the area. If there are not enough volunteers, men will be rostered onto the new shift.

But under the section on consultation, the letter states that previous practices as follows must continue: '(a) Branch officials must accept that the manager and his staff will manage the mine and all operations thereat.

'(b) I and my staff reserve our right to communicate directly with employees by such means and on such occasions as we think appropriate. (c) Discussions on men's alleged grievances or problems will only take place when the men concerned and the mine generally are working normally.'

This last clause was used when the management refused to discuss a grievance after the strike until the shifts which had walked out returned to the pit.

Letter

Under the section on discipline, the letter adds: 'I confirm that it is my intention to operate a policy of firm but fair and even handed discipline, viz: (a) to carry out instructions, (b) to give proper effort and to co-operate to secure efficiency, (c) to take proper care of equipment in the mine, (d) to obey the law and rules of the mine made under the law.

'Failure to do any of these will result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.'

Moses confirms that he does not intend to grant a general amnesty to persons dismissed as a result of actions during the strike.'

'Buy-off' forced on ferry men

ALL of the dockworkers who occupied a ferry in Liverpool docks two weeks ago, were forced to accept redundancy on Thursday.

The men, who are clerical dockers, had the full support of their section of the transport union (ACTSS), which has a branch policy of not accepting any compulsory redundancy.

But the district committee of the T&GWU dock section refused to give their official backing and advised other dockers to work on despite the ACTSS picket line.

Then at a mass meeting on Thursday, Dennis Kelly, chairman of the docks shop stewards, pressed the men to work through the strike.

Meanwhile the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company told the men sitting in on the 'Peverill' that if they did not leave the ship by 5p.m. on Thursday, the severance pay offer of nearly £20,000 a man would be withdrawn for all 12 of them.

Eight of the men have already accepted the offer.

This coupled with the threat of an injunction due to be served on the men at the same time, caused the four men who had stood firm in the fight for their jobs to accept the company's terms.

After the dockers' mass meeting, Kelly said that the picket was not official and if dockers supported the action, it could cost

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the union between £1 million and £1½ million.

He said: 'We supported this act all we could. Mersey Docks and Harbour Company went over to the Isle of Man and persuaded the steam packet to up the severance to £20,000.'

Terry Teague, chairman of the ACTSS ports stewards committee, said he wanted to thank the many dockers who have supported their action despite the position of their leadership.

Issue

He said ordinary dockers understood the issue better than the leaders.

He said: 'I want to make it clear that it was not the Mersey dock company, that forced up the severance pay offer. It was the action of the men who occupied the ship.'

'Our branch policy is still that we will not accept any compulsory redundancy. If they try to finish up any more of our lads in the future, we will be out again in defence of jobs.'

'What Dennis Kelly is saying has always been the line of the lawyers in the Port of Liverpool. Now he's completely fallen for their line.'



Some dockers cross the picket line of the clerical dockers who had been occupying a ferry in defence of jobs

Gas industry shutdown

THE government plans to spend £97 million to shut down Northern Ireland's gas industry and axe 1,000 jobs in the unemployment black spot, it was disclosed yesterday.

Union officials are furious — one has already branded the move as 'obscene'. The National Coal Board hailed it as the 'right and sensible move'.

Tory Industry Minister for northern Ireland, Dr Rhodes Boyson, yesterday rejected a modified pipeline plan and said he was sticking to an earlier decision to stop the £12 million-a-year grant aid to the ailing town gas suppliers.

Hopes of a reprieve from inevitable closure were raised when the government signed a letter of intent with the Irish government to construct a pipeline to supply natural gas from the huge Kinsale field off the south-west coast of Ireland.

But last year the Northern Ireland Office pulled out of the deal

The disclosure that the north of Ireland department of Economic Development has earmarked £97 million for the 'orderly run-down' of the industry came in a newly-published draft order.

Successful signing in Glasgow

GLASGOW — Miners, women's groups from mining communities, trade unionists and youth attended a highly successful Mark Jones book signing session here.

Women's groups came from as far away as Dalkeith, near Edinburgh; Oakley, in Fife; and Whitburn, West Lothian to get signed copies of the book Mark Jones wrote about

his son: 'Killed on the Picket Line 1984 — The Story of David Gareth Jones'.

They talked with Mark and Doreen Jones at the event, held on Thursday evening at the Hope Street Book Centre in Glasgow.

Amongst miners in attendance were several ones who have been sacked — including John Glen,

NUM branch secretary at Monktonhall colliery, near Edinburgh.

Among other visitors were shop stewards from both the Govan shipyard and the Yarrow shipyard on the Upper Clyde, and the British Leyland plant (Albion Motors) at Scotstoun.

Unemployed youth came to meet Mark and Doreen. As did Norman Bissell, a

Lanarkshire leader of the EIS teachers' union.

Shop stewards from the Glasgow branch of the Transport and General Workers Union commercial road haulage drivers also attended. No members of the branch crossed miners' picket lines during the strike.

Yesterday morning, Mark and Doreen visited Upper Clyde shipyards.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

LEEDS: Sunday April 14, 3p.m. Brunswick Lecture Theatre, Leeds Polytechnic. Speakers: Chris Marsden (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee)

WAKEFIELD: Wednesday April 17, 7.30p.m. Primrose Hill Workingmen's Club, Park Lodge Lane, Eastmoor. Speakers: Andrew Allan (Kippax YS); Dave Hyland (WRP Central Committee); Philip Wilson (Kellingley NUM, in personal capacity)

ST HELENS: Wednesday April 17, 7.30p.m. Trade Union & Unemployed Resource Centre, College Street. Speakers: Stuart Murray (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

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

HORNSEY: Tuesday April 16, 7.30p.m. Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, N8. Speakers: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Committee); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee)

TUFNELL PARK: Thursday April 11, 7.30p.m. Newtown Community Centre, Bertram Street, NW5.

Speakers: Chris Eames (YS Regional Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: John Kirk (EETPU shop steward Camden DLO); Jim Widdowson (UCATT shop steward Camden DLO)

WOOLWICH: Tuesday April 16, 7.30p.m. Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road. Speakers: Richard Murphy (YS Regional Committee); Jean Kerrigan (WRP London District Committee); Paul Holmes (Vice-chair Greenwich NALGO, in personal capacity)

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Chile protesters held

SANTIAGO — At least 30 women who drove cars with black ribbons through the suburbs of the Chilean capital in protest at the brutal killings last week of three opponents of the US-sponsored military dictatorship have been arrested. Witnesses said the police forced the convoy of women protesters to drive towards a police station. Among the women, members of a group called 'Women for Life' were wives of opposition politicians and of former members of the Salvador Allende government, ousted in the bloody 1973 coup.

Indo-Pakistani talks

ISLAMABAD — A senior Indian official is in the Pakistani capital for 'normalisation' talks. Ties have been severely strained between the two countries who have fought three wars; over Jammu and Kashmir and the birth of Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan. Indian Foreign Secretary Romesh Bhandari's visit follows a meeting between Pakistani military dictator General Zia ul-Haq and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Moscow last month, where they attended the funeral of the late Konstantin Chernenko.

Kuwait charges Iraqis

KUWAIT — The Kuwaiti government yesterday said six Iraqis and three stateless men, aged from 15 to 70, had been charged in connection with the murder of an Iraqi diplomat and his son in the Kuwaiti capital last month. Eight men are charged with the murder of Hadi Awwad Saeed and his teenaged son Hassan on March 1 and one man is charged with instigating the murder, according to the Attorney-General's office.

Vorotnikov for Canada

MOSCOW — Politburo member Vitaly Vorotnikov has told Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, on a week's visit to the Soviet Union, that he looked forward to a planned visit to Canada next month, according to embassy officials. Tass, the official news agency said Clark and Vorotnikov met on Thursday to discuss bilateral and international relations. Vorotnikov, 59, is being tipped to succeed ailing Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, 79.

Jordanian airliner hit

ATHENS — A man armed with a bazooka blew a four-inch hole in the tail of a Jordanian airliner as it was about to take off from the Greek capital with 63 passengers last Thursday. The man escaped.

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MITTERRAND'S VOTE STORM

PARIS — President Mitterrand has sparked a political storm with plans to abandon a first-past-the post voting system in favour of proportional representation in parliamentary elections.

Agriculture Ministry Michel Rocard, a senior member of the Socialist Party and leading contender for party leadership, has resigned in protest.

FROM NICOLE VERNIER
IN PARIS

Mitterrand's proposal has been welcomed only by the fascist National Front, led by former paratrooper and millionaire Jean Marie Le Pen.

Rocard, who had clashed bitterly with Mitterrand on the grounds that it would open the door to fringe parties such as the National Front, resigned less than 24 hours after the Cabinet adopted the proposed Bill.

The system was last used nearly 30 years ago and was abandoned after the 1956 general election under the Fourth Republic.

Former President Charles de Gaulle abolished the system when he took over in 1958, proclaimed the Fifth Republic and introduced the first-past-the-post system.

The reversion to proportional representation is a reactionary attempt by Mitterrand to further consolidate sweeping power in his hands at the Elysee Palace and turn the assembly into a tool of presidential manipulation.

Salvage

The desperate attempt to salvage the Socialist Party's discredited standing with the electorate virtually ensures the entry into the assembly of Le Pen's fascists; a move Mitterrand is hoping will help divide the right-wing opposition and curtail its threat to Socialist Party dominance.

The right-wing opposition have accused Mitterrand of a political manoeuvre aimed at containing the socialists' steady electoral decline.

In a joint statement the RPR and the UDF said: 'With proportional representation the President of the Republic has decided in favour of his own personal interests than those of the country.'

Giscard d'Estaing said: 'It is a sad day for the Fifth Republic ... which relies on two pillars: the President elected by universal suffrage and the possibility of building a strong governing majority.'

'The proposals will cause the collapse of the second pillar.'

Mitterrand defended his plans on Thursday, hours after Rocard's resignation: 'The Third and Fourth Republics were both unstable; the latter with a proportional system, the former with a majority one.'

'This shows that the voting system is not the reason for France's instability.'

Under the present sys-

tem a candidate is elected provided he wins more than half the votes cast. If no one wins an absolute majority, the top two candidates compete for the seat in a second round.

Mitterrand's plans call for proportional representation in a single round on the department (district) level with a 5 per cent threshold to win a seat. The reform will also apply to regional council elections.

Seats

It will include a redistribution of seats in departments to take account of population changes. There will be only one seat for about 100,000 inhabitants, although sparsely populated districts will have a minimum of two deputies.

It is this device that ensures seats in the assembly for Le Pen's fascists, who showed a relatively strong showing in the south at the cantonal elections last month and took Marseilles.

Paris, where the opposition is prominent, should be allocated 22 seats instead of 31 but some Paris suburban areas, many of them strongholds of the Socialists, are likely to see their representation dramatically increased.

The redistribution will cause an increase of 86 seats, raising the total number of assembly deputies to 577.

Several French newspapers predicted major upheavals and the end of the Fifth Republic.

The right-wing 'Le Figaro' said in a front-page headline on Thursday: 'Mitterrand breaks the Fifth Republic'.

Mitterrand's blatant attempts to manipulate the National Assembly according to his whims is a logical outcome of the bankruptcy of French Social Democracy.



President Mitterrand with Prime Minister Thatcher outside 10 Downing Street during a state visit to Britain last year

Elysee confidant replaces Rocard

HENRI NALLET, a presidential adviser and confidant of President Mitterrand, replaces Agriculture Minister Michele Rocard who resigned last Thursday.

Rocard resigned less than 24 hours after Mitterrand's Cabinet adopted a Bill to abolish the first-past-the-post voting system and to introduce proportional voting.

Nallet, 46, has been a technical adviser at the Elysee Palace since Mitterrand's election in 1981 and has close connections with the farming bourgeoisie.

Former minister Rocard was named to the post in March 1983 after he had

held the rotating presidency of the Common Market.

His six-month tenure at the EEC post was marked by the most turbulent changes in the Common Agricultural Policy — disagreements over which have never been fully settled.

Rocard, a vitriolic critic of Mitterrand, is said to have few influential supporters in the faction-ridden Socialist Party but is also reputed to be one of the most popular.

Like Prime Minister Laurent Fabius, a protégé of Mitterrand's, Rocard is a graduate of the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

PAPANDREOU'S EARLY ELECTION

ATHENS — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu has called for an early general election in June amid trade union calls for the nationalisation of the Hellenic Shipyard to prevent the closure of the country's largest manufacturing industry.

Nearly 5,000 workers at the 29-year-old yard

owned by Greek tycoon Stavros Niarchos will be sacked next Monday.

At least 4,000 angry workers protested at Piraeus, the port city immediately west of the Greek capital, on Thursday after the shipyard announced its closure.

Underground trains, the docks, factories and post offices were all disrupted by a two-hour

stoppage called by the Piraeus Labour Federation.

The PASOK government has promised to begin talks with workers and employers about saving the yard at Skaramanga, west of Piraeus.

Niarchos has been widely accused of crudely trying to exacerbate a 'constitution-

al crisis' manufactured by right-wing New Democracy party leader Constantine Mitsotakis over the election of new President Christos Sartzetakis.

PASOK government spokesmen yesterday indicated the general election was likely to be held on June 9, a full four months before its term expires.

World News Line

Fighting
flares
again in
Sidon

SIDON — Sporadic shelling hit a Palestinian refugee camp near Sidon yesterday and occasional sniper fire was reported in the city.

Lebanese security spokesmen said no casualty was reported but a policeman, kidnapped recently after coming under suspicion of collaborating with Zionist forces, was found dead on Thursday night.

Sidon has experienced nearly three weeks of fighting between army units and fascist gunmen who have split from President Amin Gemayel's Falange party.

Some reports said the pro-Israeli fascists had seized control of the city's eastern suburbs but were facing repeated raids from the Shi'ite Amal Muslim resistance.

Nearly 30,000 Shias have been driven out of their homes by the combined rampage of the Zionist and fascist troops.

Thousands of Palestinians were also reported to have fled their camps and Sidon's mayor, Ahmed Kalash, said more than 15,000 displaced families in the city needed immediate relief which local agencies were unable to provide.

In Beirut, the Falangist radio claimed Christian villages east of Sidon were being shelled from Ain el-Helweh and Miyeh Miyeh Palestinian camps but there was no immediate alternative confirmation.

The Falange gunmen, who comprised the Gemayel's armed wing, split when Samir Geagea was thrown out of the party for opposing the President's new alliance with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria.

In Tel Aviv, army authorities said new Israeli fortifications along the Lebanese border would be completed by June, ready for the so-called withdrawal from Lebanon.

General Ori Orr, chief of the army northern command, told state radio that equipment brought out of Israeli bases in south Lebanon was being installed on a 50-mile frontier and in border settlements.

GENERAL STRIKE
GRIPS KHARTOUM

CAIRO — New anti-government demonstrations erupted in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, yesterday as the country remained out of bounds, paralysed by a general strike.

Reports filtering into the Egyptian capital said police had fired teargas to disperse stone-throwing protesters in Omdurman, across the Nile from Khartoum.

The clashes followed a march in the capital two days ago by tens of thousands of demonstrators calling for the resignation of US-backed military dictator Jaafar Numeiry.

The demonstration included the city's profes-

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CORRESPONDENT

sional classes, workers, peasants and 'street boys' — Khartoum's teeming thousands of dispossessed youths.

Police were reported to be maintaining strong guards at government buildings and other key installations in Khartoum but some television reports in London suggested the troops had stopped taking harsh action such as they did on the first day the rebellion



NUMEIRY

broke out last Wednesday.

Diplomatic reports from Khartoum said food, fuel and other goods were running short and public services had been drastically reduced by the strike.

Vice-President Omar el-Tayeb announced some price cuts on Khartoum on television last Thurs-

day night, some diplomats said.

An Egyptian airline official said the military authorities had closed Sudan's airspace to all traffic after closing all airports on Thursday.

Telex and telephone lines to Khartoum remained cut for the third day running.

Attempts

Numeiry who has survived several attempts to topple him during almost 16 years in power, has accused the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood of being behind the rebellion.

Striking doctors in Khartoum have said at least ten people were shot dead by police in the first day of the revolt.

Last month 11 Brotherhood leaders were arrested and the movement accused of trying to overthrow Numeiry.

Sudan, Africa's largest country but one of the world's poorest, is plagued by drought, a crumbling, debt-ridden economy and a split in the ruling military clique.

The country is racked by civil war in the mainly Christian south by the Southern People's Liberation Army led by former Sudanese army officer Colonel John Garang and in the north by the undefeated mass opposition of the Muslim majority to Numeiry's brutal rule under fraudulent claims to being guided by Sharia (Islamic) laws.

Military authorities are believed to have been unable to stop the uprising.

American NBC television network's Mike Silver said: 'The march was well-organised and the government was unable to stop it.'

Silver left Khartoum on Thursday on one of the last flights out of the country.

Numeiry, rounding up a visit to Washington where he has met President Reagan and senior government officials, was reportedly preparing to return to Khartoum today.

In Cairo, President Hosni Mubarak, a staunch supporter of Numeiry and a partner in a mutual defence pact and a political and economic integration charter, described the Sudanese developments as an internal affair in which Egypt would not interfere.

Botha threatens
army siege
of townships

JOHANNESBURG — The apartheid regime yesterday warned it would place all South Africa's black 'townships' under military control as police shot dead two more protesters in the eastern Cape province on Thursday night.

Deputy Police and Defence Minister Adriaan Vlok confirmed that troops already deployed in some 'townships' would 'help' police to man roadblocks and cordons and to 'assist in such other situations as circumstances may demand'.

A bitter propaganda campaign accompanied the announcement, alleging that liberals and opposition politicians both in the apartheid parliament and outside were trying to reduce the 'townships' to anarchy.

The regime of President Pieter Botha has been shaken by the undefeated rebellion that has rolled on despite 14 months of armed repression.

Last year more than

70,000 soldiers were mobilised in the Vaal Triangle.

The racist regime has lost all effective control in the 'townships', where stooge black councillors and traders who exploited the oppressed working class with Pretoria's protections have been singled out for reprisals.

Speech

Police Commissioner General Johan Coetzee expressed Pretoria's desperation in a speech yesterday, when he attacked 'hit-and-run operations' and 'relatively small groups of rioters (who) spread their acts of violence over a wide geographical area' and



Members of the New Jewel Movement (UK) picketed the US Embassy in London on Thursday to protest against extradition procedures against trade union leader and prominent NJM member Chester Humphrey to the United States. Arrested in April last year, Humphrey is facing trumped-up charges of purchasing arms for the 1979 revolution

then dispersed 'quickly to regroup elsewhere'.

Clearly the protesters have organised effective means of resistance despite the menacing presence around Port Elizabeth of thousands of soldiers.

The attacks are a categorical rejection of attempts by liberal clergymen and politicians in the reformist United Democratic Party to reconcile seething anger with promises of negotiation with Botha.

Soaring rents and the general cost of living burst into open hatred and opposition to the corruption and nepotism of Pretoria's proxy rule in the so-called dormitory suburbs.

Spokesmen for civil rights groups yesterday said black councillors and policemen were widely regarded as 'sellouts' to the racist white minority.

In Durban, clergymen and their reformist allies headed a march of 300 protesters at dawn, bearing a cross and heading for a prison where 16 UDF politicians are being held on charges of high treason.

Arms seized in Madras

COLOMBO — Indian customs authorities have seized a large consignment of arms and ammunition in the south-eastern Indian port of Madras, according to Sri Lankan Defence Ministry officials.

A Sri Lankan official said the arms and ammunition were to be taken over in Madras, the capital of Tamil Nadu state, by the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLO).

PLOT is one of the largest of the six armed liberation organisations fighting for a separate state of Tamil Eelam (Nation).

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signment of arms and ammunition had been seized but did not indicate if the Indian authorities had any theory it was to be smuggled into Sri Lanka.

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that the Tamil Sri Lankan liberation organisations are trained in and operate from bases in Tamil Nadu.

The Sri Lankan Defence Ministry allegations were backed up by the pro-government 'Daily News' which alleged in a report yesterday that 'expatriate Tamils' had been shopping for arms in West Europe with £300,000 to spend.

Three captured guerrillas and three police informers were killed, along with nine policemen when Tamil guerrillas attacked a police patrol in Eastern province on Thursday.



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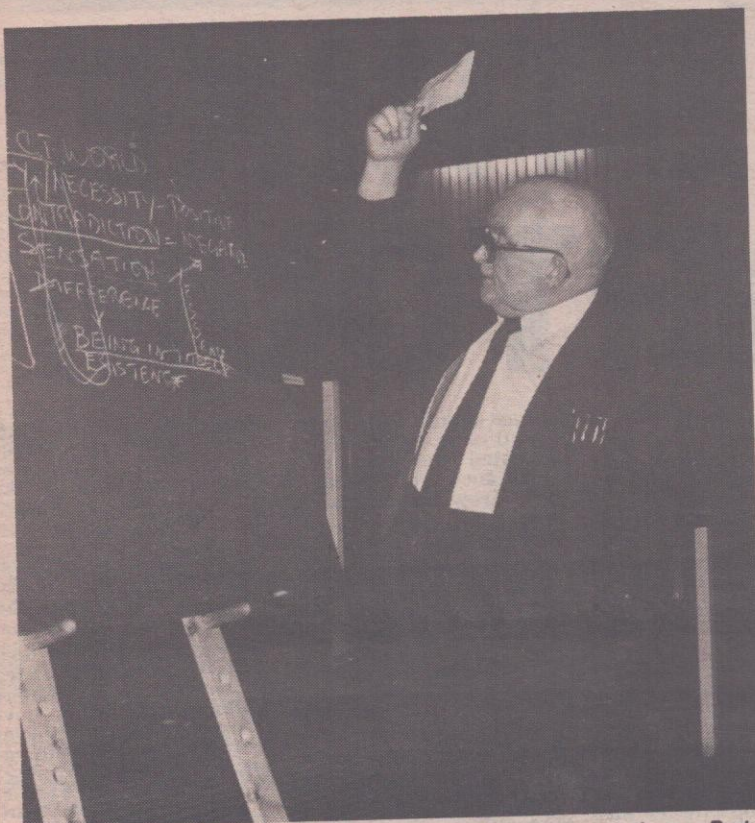
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Gerry Healy, of the Central Committee of the Workers Revolutionary Party, emphasises a point to the large and attentive audience in Liverpool on Wednesday

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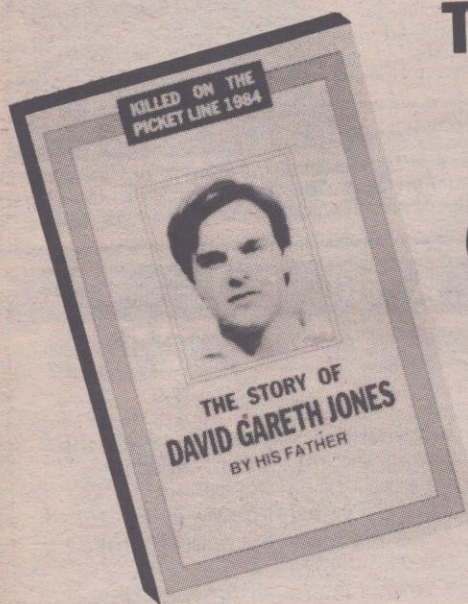
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Constant struggle for training

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

THERE is no Marxism anywhere without dialectical training and Bob Shaw fought for that training throughout his entire political life.

That was the message to a public meeting of 200 people held in Liverpool on Wednesday night to commemorate the political achievements of Shaw. He died in March 1980 after 40 years' membership of the Trotskyist movement.

Gerry Healy, from the Central Committee of the Workers Revolutionary Party, told the audience that only the struggle for the dialectical-materialist method could prepare the working class for the socialist revolution.

He said: 'The most important thing for a revolutionary is not to be right, it's to be able to correct mistakes. If you can't correct mistakes, you can't learn anything.'

'Mistakes are made because of the pressure of bourgeois society on the working class. The ruling class always miseducate the working class by the pretence that the "individual" is the most important fellow.'

'When they break you up into individuals they prevent you from thinking as a class. And when they pre-

vent you from thinking as a class, you are finished.'

'Therefore, when we're speaking of the correction of mistakes, we're speaking of the correction of mistakes that hold the working class back in the course of the class struggle.'

'When we speak about the political achievements of Bob Shaw, it was that he fought for this method all of his life. That is what makes our party different from all the rest, the revisionists, the Stalinists and the reformist pack.'

'So we've got the battle on our hands. Therefore, when we're talking about the method of the battle, it's because capitalism is an historically outmoded system. It has lived its life, in fact it has been finished since 1914.'

'It's either the socialist revolution and the liberation of mankind, or total nuclear destruction, but we don't have to have nuclear destruction.'

Healy made it clear that the end of the miners' strike had resolved nothing: 'The miners have shown us the way to fight. Terry French got five

years' jail and he's still battling. All the miners are battling.'

'The working class are ready to fight. It's only the middle class who don't want to fight. But to fight we have to have a scientific method.'

'Bob Shaw had a very full life. To me Comrade Shaw is still here, in the sense that what he fought for is still being fought for by our party.'

'The correction of mistakes is the preparation of this leadership. That is why we know in England that the socialist revolution is coming.'

Mickie Shaw, companion and comrade of Bob Shaw throughout his whole political life, said: 'The fifth anniversary of the death of Robert Shaw, coincides with events of major political significance in Britain and developments throughout the world.'

'These events demonstrate with startling clarity that the working class and oppressed people everywhere are stepping out along the road of revolutionary confrontation with world capitalism, in order

to destroy it.

'The miners' strike proved that the capitalist system is enormously weakened by the crisis and contradictions which it, itself generate.'

'Robert was continually extending his knowledge of Marxist theory, and training others, above all the youth, to whom he dedicated his book.'

'He once remarked of the youth: "They will stand on our shoulders and that is how it should be".'

'So it will be, on this fifth anniversary of his death, the year of youth for revolution.'

Wayne Chand from the Young Socialists National Committee said: 'The working class and masses throughout the world are undefeated. The struggle for power is on the agenda immediately.'

'Bob Shaw paid particular attention to the youth because youth are in the forefront of the struggle.'

Bill Hunter, Workers Revolutionary Party Granby branch, said: 'The title of the book is "Robert Shaw, a Revolutionary Fighter". That is what this meeting is all about – to take the struggles of Bob Shaw and the principles that motivated him, to develop revolutionary fighters today.'

● A collection for the £25,000 party-building and education fund raised £120.74.

Tories cut 'masterpiece money'

NATIONAL Gallery director Sir Michael Levey has accused the Tories of allowing major masterpieces to be lost to public galleries and museums.

Levey told the National Gallery 'News', it would be very difficult to buy any Old Masters since the Minister for the Arts has cut its purchase grant.

With an annual grant of £2.75 million, he said, 'we are going to have very great difficulty in matching open market prices, if you consider that individual Old Masters are being talked about in terms of £5 million'.

Arts Minister Lord Gowrie has also set a very low ceiling – £1 million in 1985-1986 – on acceptance of works of art 'in lieu' of capital transfer tax.

Levey said this was disturbing because it would prevent municipal museums and galleries from acquiring works of art.

'With such a low ceiling, they are bound to lose out,' he said, 'and some fine items which could have

come to them free of charge will instead be lost to them altogether.'

The grant allocated to cover the gallery's running costs, £3.889 million, has not been increased in line with the level of inflation, and this would mean the closure of some of the galleries to the public.

Levey is opposed to the introduction of admission charges because 'the task of the National Gallery is to encourage more people to visit and enjoy the Permanent Collection. Entrance charges can only prove a barrier'.

SUPERMARKET chiefs



SIR MICHAEL LEVEY

Sainsburys have offered funds for a newly-designed extension to the National Gallery. Their move follows the scrapping of an earlier controversial £18 million extension design.

RELEASE class war prisoners AMNESTY for all sacked men



'What we needed was industrial action'

Jailed miners' wife

TRADE unions will be destroyed unless they stand up and fight the Thatcher government, warned Margaret Kenealy, whose husband has been jailed for nine months.

'People can't believe what she is doing. You often heard during the strike that if the miners were to lose, she'd start attacking other unions.'

'Well, that's what has happened. Thatcher's fetched in all these laws for one purpose — to defeat the unions.'

Margaret's husband, Stephen, was on strike at Grimethorpe colliery in South Yorkshire when he and two other men were jailed for attacking the local police station.

He is now in Leyland prison in Lancashire after spending a traumatic few weeks in Armley jail, which has become notorious among miners for its appalling conditions.

But, despite being jailed and sacked during

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the fight for jobs, Stephen remains solidly behind the NUM.

'He firmly believed in the strike and he still believes in what he was fighting for,' said Margaret, whose father, Jacksie Howell, is NUM treasurer at Grimethorpe.

She said that Stephen had effectively been punished three times for causing £400 worth of damage.

'He's lost his job and been put in jail. But before that he was under curfew for three months. He couldn't go out after 7 o'clock in the evening and before 8 o'clock in the morning,' said Margaret.

She is convinced that he had been provoked into joining the attack on the police station. Earlier that day he had watched in horror as riot police smashed their way into the homes of people in Armthorpe, near Doncaster, and beat up a fellow picket.

'I don't accept that my

husband is a criminal. The government, the NCB and the police are responsible for him being in prison.

'I was always brought up to respect the police, but never again, not after what they've done to this village.'

'They are talking about bringing in a community bobby now that the strike is over, but he hasn't got an earthly.'

Vital lessons must be drawn from the miners' strike by the rest of the trade union movement, said Margaret.

'A lot of people gave us financial support. That was welcome, but we didn't want conscience money. What we needed — and didn't get — was industrial action.'

'The rail unions are now recommending that their members accept a low wage rise, well below what they asked for.'

'Perhaps if the railwaymen had come out with the miners, instead of being bought off, then both of us could have won.'



Margaret Kenealy, whose husband has been jailed for nine months, with her father Jacksie Howell, NUM branch treasurer, at the Grimethorpe social club

THE JAILED MEN

SCOTTISH NUM

BRIAN MILLAR: Solsgirth — Four-month sentence from March 1985. Saughton jail, Edinburgh.

DURHAM

GARY HOPPER: Wearmouth — Four-month sentence, due out on April 19. Wetherby Prison, Yorkshire.

KEVIN HUGHES: Dawdon — Two-year youth custody sentence from March 1985.

JOHN LITTLE: Dawdon. Two-year sentence started March 1985.

GORDON MILLER: Wearmouth — Four-month sentence, due out on April 19. Leyland Prison, Lancashire.

RAYMOND PATTERSON: Dawdon — Two-year sentence from March 1985.

GEORGE RICHARDSON: Wearmouth — Four-month sentence, due out April 19. Wetherby Prison, Yorkshire.

MARK ROCHESTER: Dawdon — Two-year sentence from March 1985.

Not miners but sentenced in connection with the miners' strike:

GLEN BLACK: Dawdon — Unemployed. Two-year sentence from March 1985.

STANLEY GREGORY: Dawdon. Unemployed. Two-year sentence from March 1985.

GARY KRISTONSON: Dawdon. Warehouseman. Two-year sentence started March 1985.

BRIAN LITTLE: Dawdon. Engineer. Two-year sentence started March 1985.

IAN STEPHENSON: Dawdon. Unemployed. Two-year youth custody sentence started March 1985.

NORTHUMBERLAND

NIGEL BIRCH: Bates — Three-month sentence from April 1985.

WILLIAM SMITH: Whittle — 2½-year sentence from February 1985. Durham jail.

LANCASHIRE

DENNIS PINNINGTON: Bold — Kirkham Prison, Nr Preston, Lancashire.

YORKSHIRE

ALAN BRIDDICK: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott prison, Liverpool.

MICHAEL BRIDDICK: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott prison, Liverpool.

DAVE SCHOFIELD: Prince of Wales — Three-month sentence from March 1985. Armley Prison, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

RAYMOND VARLEY: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott prison, Liverpool.

STEVEN WAKEFIELD: Frickley — on remand. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

PAUL WRIGHT: Saville — 18-month sentence. Kirkham Prison, near Preston, Lancashire.

PETER HURST: Fitzwilliam village. Not a miner, but sentenced in connection with the miners' dispute. Six-month sentence started December 1984. G78282 HM Prison, Haverigg Millan, Cumberland.

STAFFORDSHIRE

WILLIAM BANNISTER: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

MICHAEL JONES: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

STEVEN LOWE: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

GARY MOULD: Hem Heath — Two-year youth custody sentence from January 1985.

RAYMOND PATTON: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE

KEVIN BEAL: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 031 Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

SIMON BROOKES: 18-month sentence. Young Offenders Centre, Glen Parva, Wigston, Leicester.

PAUL BROTHWELL: 12-month sentence.

GRAHAM COOPER: Ireland — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Sudbury open prison, Derby.

PETER COOPER: Expected release in April. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

DAVID GAUNT: Shirebrook — Three-year sentence from December 1984. E71037, A Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

STEVEN GOODALL: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 039 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

STEPHEN GREGORY: On remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

VICTOR GREGORY: On remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

ALAN HAWKINS: Four-month sentence at a detention centre from March 1985.

DAVID JAMES: 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 034 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

PAUL JONES: 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

IAN KESTLE: 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71032, Welford Prison, Leicester.

BRIAN MARTIN: Three-month sentence from March 1985.

DAVID MASON: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71033, F Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

KEITH MILLWARD: Markham — Three-month sentence from March 1985.

MICHAEL PARTINGTON: Three-month sentence from March 1985.

PETER PEARSON: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 038 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

MICHAEL SOUTHWELL: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 030 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

RON STANILAND: Expected release next month. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

PHILIP STIRLAND: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71035 B Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

GLEN WRIGHT: Ireland — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Sudbury open prison, Derby.

WEST MIDLANDS

LES WARD: Coventry — Unemployed ex-miner. Six month sentence. Expected release May 29, 1985. C54232, A Wing, Ranby Prison, nr Retford.

KENT

MARK BEST: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

EMLYN DAVIES: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

BRIAN DAY: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

TERRY FRENCH: Betteshanger — Five-year sentence from January 1985. B73383, Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

GARRY NEWELL: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

CHRIS TAZEY: Betteshanger — Three-year sentence from January 1985. A29398 Youth Detention Centre, Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

JAMES WADDELL: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

SOUTH WALES

DEAN HANCOCK: 899410. Cardiff Prison.

RUSSELL SHANKLAND: A83752. Hospital Wing, Cardiff Prison.

BILLY TAYLOR: In Featherstone Prison, New Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PU.

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Kent miners: Class war prisoners

FIVE KENT miners who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to set fire to scab lorries were jailed for three years earlier this week at Chelmsford Crown Court. As he handed out these extremely severe sentences, Judge Martyn Ward delivered himself of a political attack on the miners' union leaders which revealed the Bonapartist basis of the entire trial:

'If those among your national leaders who throughout this long dispute were repeatedly asked to condemn the use of violence had done so, many miners might well not have ended up before the criminal courts. Were those leaders here today to see your and your families' anguish, they might recognise how wrong and misguided they were by refusing to speak out. The strike became cloaked by an aura of violence and it is my belief you became caught up in it.'

The learned judge does not trouble to conceal his prejudice against trade unionism and the working class. Not content with locking up rank-and-file trade unionists, he can't wait to get trade union leaders behind bars as well!

The strike became 'cloaked by an aura of violence' because the Bonapartist regime used the full weight of the capitalist state machine to impose its policies of mass unemployment and the destruction of working-class communities.

The mobilisation of scab transport to break miners' picket lines was one aspect of this ruling-class onslaught against the NUM. The state stripped the miners of all civil rights, but awarded the scabs full legal protection.

So much for the myth of the impartiality of the law. All those like Labour MP Neil Kinnock and TUC general secretary Norman Willis who condemned picket-line violence during the strike were only giving ammunition to the Bonapartist judiciary against the working class.

It is a striking indication of the extent to which the judiciary has become a rubber-stamp for the government's counter-revolutionary policies that the judge should feel free to parrot Mrs Thatcher's propaganda in such a blatant fashion.

Even the sentencing of miners who plead guilty is accompanied by abuse of the union leadership along the lines pioneered by the government's black propaganda specialists, who orchestrated the campaign to target the miners' leaders as the source of all violence in the strike.

It was Thatcher herself who repeatedly demanded that the miners' leaders must 'condemn violence'. She aimed to obscure the real source of violence: the systematic efforts of the capitalist state to destroy the miners' jobs, communities and basic trade union organisation.

The News Line has no hesitation in stating that the five miners jailed at Chelmsford — Emlyn Davies, Garry Newell, James Waddell, Mark Best and Brian Day — are class-war prisoners.

The labour movement has a duty to fight for their release and the restoration of their jobs. As part of this struggle their families must be sustained financially while they are in jail.

TUC MUST CALL GI



Grimethorpe women in their canteen send their thanks to everyone who backed them during the miners' strike

Grimethorpe women thank community for backing

BY SIMON VEVERS

GRIMETHORPE women's support group thanked the local community for its staunch backing during the strike when it hosted a social at the working men's club on Wednesday night.

Group member Gayle Hancock paid tribute to the shopkeepers and local clubs for their unstinting support which kept the strike solid at the pit.

Then the guests en-

joyed a buffet — and an evening of entertainment provided by members of the Birmingham-based Banner Theatre Company.

Gayle told News Line: 'As a group we intend to still lobby on behalf of the miners. There's definitely a need for that because the NCB is already closing pits down.'

'But our aim will also be to improve this village. We want to make the standard of things for the old folks better.'

'I've certainly become politically aware during the strike. But that has been very frustrating because it makes you realise that if you want to change things you have to get a lot of support.'

Audrey Clarke is convinced that the Thatcher government and the Coal Board never calculated that miners' wives would be a pillar of strength in the strike.

'They never thought the miners would stay out so long. I'm sure they thought the women would be at home pressurising their men to go back to work.'



The Grimethorpe wives' support

Polmaise call for a united front

A CALL for a united front of all mining unions against pit closures has come from miners at Polmaise colliery, Stirling-shire.

'Although we have been out on strike for a full year, I would say we have lost nothing,' said Polmaise NUM delegate John McCormack.

'As far as I am concerned our policy has never changed. A year ago, Polmaise was declared closed forthwith. We are still open, and in-

tend to keep it that way.'

McCormack said a call would be put out to the NUM Scottish area that, along with the SCEBTA pit craftsmen's union and the NACODS overmen's union, they resist the eight pit closures listed on a secret hit-list disclosed in the media earlier this week.

'Surely NACODS must see by this time that the agreement they signed with the coal board on a new review procedure doesn't hold any water?'

Polmaise, Frances, Polkemmet and Bogside pits are to close virtually immediately under the secret plan. Within 18 months to two years, Comrie, Seafield, Killoch and Barony pits would also be shut.

It would mean the end of the industry in once-thriving mining areas like Ayrshire, East Fife, and West Lothian. Only five pits altogether would be left in Scotland.

Robert McCluskie, Killoch NUM branch secret-

ary, said last night: 'The coal board are denying it, but I'm certain compulsory redundancies are on the way.'

'Some of the older men are taking voluntary redundancy, but the younger men know in particular that a lump sum payoff is no good to them.'

'Generally, the men are holding their ground. Morale has been very low, but what's been in the papers about the closures has made a lot of the men sit up and think.'

GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS



The 'Orchid Squad' at Grimethorpe are fighting for the jailed workers in Britain and in South Africa

WE WILL NOT ABANDON PRISONERS

'Orchid Squad' fight for jailed workers here and in South Africa



Group who collected food and other necessities during the miners' strike to keep their community going

JAILED miners are political prisoners who have made the ultimate sacrifice and must not be abandoned by the rest of the trade union movement.

Betty Hancock, a 53-year-old grandmother who organised food parcels for Grimethorpe pickets, made this point forcefully when she spoke to News Line.

However she is confident that NUM president Arthur Scargill will not forget them.

'I believe that Scargill has more integrity than to abandon men who have been victimised and put in prison,' she said.

'They have been jailed for their principles and should be viewed with respect by every working class person.

'If they had done what they are supposed to have done for flag-waving Britain then they would have been hailed as heroes.

'But because they did it for people, for communities, they've been jailed. They are political prisoners.'

Betty and other members of the Grimethorpe Ladies' Parcels Fund are committed to supporting the fight to free the jailed men and win the reinstatement of sacked miners.

Adopted

After recognising the international dimensions of the miners' fight for jobs, Betty said the women had adopted a number of political prisoners in South Africa.

She stressed: 'This struggle didn't start 12 months ago. It's been

going on for hundreds of years in Ireland.

'It will go on until the workers control the wealth of this country and not the capitalists who are only interested in making profits.

'The most important thing is to educate the working class in socialism. This applies particularly to the young people. It's easier with them because they've got no jobs, got nothing.

Rally

'The working class — men and women — have got to rally to the fight because if they don't they'll be none left in work, they'll all be on the dole.

'Workers cannot stand by and say they'll do nothing. If they do that then they'll be allowing this government to crush the unions, which is the first step to completely annihilating the working class.

'I think the miners have set an example to the working class as a whole on how to fight governments.

'But one thing we have to recognise is that Marquis of Queensbury rules don't count with Thatcher. Next time we can't

afford to play by those rules.'

Known as the 'Orchid Squad' the Grimethorpe parcels group covered two picket lines each day and travelled to rallies and demonstrations throughout the country.

'We weren't doing anybody any favours. We were doing what we had to do because our communities are under attack. We did it for the superb men and women of this village who have suffered over the last year — and we will be back, make no mistake about that,' said Betty.

Rosanna Lettin echoed that view when she said: 'If it happens again we'll be ready. The women will be in the forefront of the battle again. At the beginning they might have ignored us, but not now.'

Attacks

Betty said the Coal Board had stepped up its attacks on the miners and their union since the return to work. NUM branch officials are now forced to do shifts.

'It's bound to flare up again because of the diabolical way the management is treating the men, particularly their representatives.'

YOUR TV GUIDE

BBC1

8.30 Roobarb. 8.35 Battle of the Planets. 9.00 Saturday Superstore. 12.00 The Gospel According to St John. 12.12 Weather News.

12.15 GRANDSTAND: (12.50 News Summary). 12.16, 1.10, 1.40, 2.10 The Boat Race. 12.20 Football Focus. 12.55 Racing from Haydock (1.00, 1.30, 2.00 races). 1.15, 3.10, 4.15 Swimming from Wythenshawe. 3.30 Rugby League: Hull v Castleford. 4.30 Formula One Preview. 4.45 Final Score.

5.05 NEWS; Weather News

5.15 SPORT

5.20 THE NEW ADVENTURES OF WONDER WOMAN Lynda Carter stars as the crime fighter extraordinaire in *Anschluss 77*

6.05 TERRY AND JUNE A Day in Boulogne

6.35 THE NOEL EDMONDS GOLDEN EASTER EGG AWARDS presenting special awards for the best foul-ups, slips, trips and blunders

7.05 THE PAUL DANIELS MAGIC EASTER SHOW Paul Daniels and his magic circus are joined by Bubble Man Tom Noddy and the high-speed group Airjazz

8.00 DYNASTY

8.45 NEWS AND SPORT Weather News

9.00 BLAZING SADDLES (1974) Mel Brooks's riotous spoof Western about a black sheriff who saves the town of Rook Ridge from crooked speculators. With Gene Wilder, Cleavon Little, Mel Brooks and Madeline Kahn

10.30 MATCH OF DAY Jimmy Hill with action from the First and Second Divisions

11.20 THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

11.30 ALL TIME GREAT MOVIES Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Classic 1931 version of R.L. Stevenson's thriller starring Fredric March as the young London physician whose experiments on himself transform him into an evil monster. With Miriam Hopkins

1.10 Weather; Closedown

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 1.25 The Sky at Night. 1.45 Will Hay in *The Ghost of St Michael's* (1941) Comedy thriller about a schoolmaster and his smart-alec pupils who are evacuated to a haunted castle. 3.05 The Day the Universe Changed. 3.55 Flower Drum Song.

6.00 THE LIONS OF KORA John Huston narrates this film about the Kora Game Reserve in Kenya

6.50 NEWS AND SPORT Weather

7.05 INSIDE DAISY CLOVER (1965) Natalie Wood plays 15-year-old Daisy Clover, living in pre-war Hollywood with dreams of becoming a singer. But when her talents are noticed by producer Raymond Swann and she is launched on a film career her new life is not at all what she hoped. With Christopher Plummer and Robert Redford

9.10 FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA Christopher Frayling interviews Francis Coppola, writer-director of two 'Godfather' films and 'Apocalypse Now'

10.00 HARTY GOES TO MONACO Russell Harty visits Monaco's School of Dance

10.30 LITTLE BIG MAN (1970) Off-beat Western based on the novel by Thomas Berger. Dustin Hoffman stars as Jack Crabb, the aged adventurer who was the sole white survivor of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. At the age of 121 he settles down to recall his past exploits. With Faye Dunaway

12.50 Closedown



Julie Tullis in 'K2 the Elusive Summit' on 4 at 7.30

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Peter and The Magic Egg. 9.55 Young Lookaround. 10.00 BMX Beat Final. 10.30 Film: *Mandrake the Magician*. 12.15 World of Sport (12.50 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Film: *Alias Smith and Jones*. 6.30 The Price is Right. 7.30 Robin of Sherwood. 9.30 News. 9.45 Love Song. 11.45 Peggy Lee and Roberta Flack in Concert. 12.45 Poet's Corner; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.35 Peter and The Magic Egg. 10.00 BMX Beat Final. 10.30 Film: *Mandrake the Magician*. 12.15 World of Sport (12.50 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Film: *Alias Smith and Jones*. 6.30 The Price is Right. 7.30 Robin of Sherwood. 9.30 News; Sport. 9.45 Love Song. 11.45 Peggy Lee and Roberta Flack in Concert. 12.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; Cartoon Time. 9.35 Peter and The Magic

Egg. 10.00 BMX Beat Final. 10.30 Film: *Mandrake the Magician*. 12.15 World of Sport (12.50 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Film: *Alias Smith and Jones*. 6.30 The Price is Right. 7.30 Robin of Sherwood. 9.30 News. 9.45 Love Song. 11.45 Peggy Lee and Roberta Flack in Concert. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.35 Freeze Frame. 10.27 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10.30 Film: *Mandrake the Magician*. 12.12 TSW Regional News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.50 News). 5.00 News; Newsport. 5.10 Film: *Alias Smith and Jones*. 6.30 The Price is Right. 7.30 Robin of Sherwood. 9.30 News. 9.45 Love Song. 11.45 Peggy Lee and Roberta Flack in Concert. 12.45 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

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SATURDAY



Dustin Hoffman gets a bath from Faye Dunaway in 'Little Big Man' on 2 at 10.30



Roberta Flack is 'Live at City Hall' with Peggy Lee on ITV at 11.45

CHANNEL 4

1.05 BLACK AND WHITE AND READ ALL OVER Dona Croll and Michael Rosen present this series about children's books

1.35 THE GREAT ZIEGFELD (1936) Williams Powell as Florenz Ziegfeld in this film biography of the American showman. With Luise Rainer, Myrna Loy, Frank Morgan, Fannie Brice, Ray Bolger and Virginia Bruce

4.45 DANGEROUS JOURNEY *Doubting Castle* Christian and his new friend, Hopeful, take a wrong turning and become the prisoners of Giant Despair

5.05 BROOKSIDE

6.00 THE MAX HEADROOM SHOW Max Headroom introduces some of the best and latest pop videos

6.30 THE STORY OF ABBA The world famous Swedish group tell their own story

7.25 NEWS SUMMARY and Weather

7.30 K2 — THE ELUSIVE SUMMIT In the summer of 1984 Kurt Diemberger and Julie Tullis, probably the world's best known high-altitude filming team, accompanied a Swiss expedition to the Himalayas to attempt an ascent on K2, the second highest mountain. In this documentary, Julie describes her own highly personal experiences of climbing and filming among the world's most formidable peaks

8.30 GOD ROT TUNBRIDGE WELLS! Trevor Howard as G.F. Handel in Tony Palmer's hilarious, dramatic and profoundly moving account of Handel's life. Handel's music is featured throughout the film

10.40 ALL ABOUT EVE (1950) A classic Oscar-winning drama with Bette Davis as an ageing Broadway actress who is insidiously undermined by an ambitious and unscrupulous young would-be actress, played by Anne Baxter. With George Sanders, Celeste Holm, Therese Ritter, Hugh Marlowe, Gary Merrill, Marilyn Monroe and Gregory Ratoff

1.10 Closedown

LWT

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.35 Peter and the Magic Egg. 10.00 BMX Beat Final. 10.30 *Mandrake the Magician*.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT: 12.20, 1.25, 3.20 Motor Cycling from Donington; 12.50 News from ITN; 12.55 On the Ball; 1.45 The ITV Six: Newcastle (1.50, 2.20, 2.50 races) and Kempton (2.00, 2.35 and 3.10 races); 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-Up; 4.00 Wrestling from Southend; 4.45 Results.

5.00 NEWS FROM ITN AND SPORT

5.05 BLOCKBUSTERS Hosted by Bob Holness

5.35 CHIPS Meet the New Guy

6.30 THE PRICE IS RIGHT presented by Leslie Crowther

7.30 ROBIN OF SHERWOOD The Swords of Wayland with Michael Praed, Rula Lenska and Anthony Steel. Marion's father makes a journey to Sherwood forest to find Robin Hood

9.30 NEWS FROM ITN AND SPORT

9.45 LOVE SONG starring Michael Kitchen, Constance Cummings, Diana Hardcastle and Maurice Denham. William and Philippa both began their careers at Cambridge University and soon became rivals in their ambition to become star pupils of their year; followed by

LONDON NEWS HEADLINES

11.45 PEGGY LEE & ROBERTA FLACK IN CONCERT LIVE AT CITY HALL Two great lady singers recorded live at Sheffield City Hall last autumn. With Brook Benton, Gerry Mulligan, Astrud Gilberto, Jimmy Witherspoon, Buddy Greco, Nancy Wilson, Stan Getz

12.45 THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS ... Sloth

12.55 Closedown

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2.00 Hey Good Looking! 2.15 7 Up. 3.00 Repercussions. 4.05 Americans at War: *Divide and Conquer*. 6.05 Where in the World? 6.30 The Avengers. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion A Siân. 8.15 Portreadau. 8.50 Pedwar Ar Bedwar. 9.20 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.10 Canwio. 10.40 Film: *The Browning Version*. 12.15 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half-hour until 12.30p.m., 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight.

6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Punk to Present (S). 2.00 Paul Gambaccini (S). 4.00 Saturday Live (S). 6.30 In Concert (S) Howard Jones. 7.30 Saturday Night Out. 9.30-12.00 Dixie Peach.

2 News on the hour until 1p.m., then from 6.00 (except 8p.m.). Headlines 6.30a.m., 7.30.

4.00 David Dunning (S). 6.00 George Ferguson (S). 8.05 David Jacobs (S). 10.00 Sounds of the 60s (S). 11.00 Album Time (S) (11.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 The News Huddlines. 1.30 Sport on 2. 6.00 Folk on 2. 7.00 Jump! 7.30 Saturday Gala Concert (S). 9.30 Big Band Special (S) 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Steve Jones (S). 12.05 Night Owls (S). 1.00 Steve Madden (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Wally Whyton (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Aubade (S) Debussy, Francaix, Saint-Saens, Bizet, Ravel, Milhaud, Faure, Berlioz records. 9.00 News. 9.05 Record

Review (S) Incl Building a Library: Mozart's Symphony No.29. 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Couperin, Handel, Charpentier, Telemann. 11.25 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Dvorak, Rawsthorne (12.10-12.15 Interval Reading) Nielsen Symphony No.4. 1.00 News. 1.05 Borodin Piano Trio (S) Tchaikovsky's Trio in A minor. 2.00 Otto Klemperer (S) Gluck rev Wagner, Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Klemperer (his 7th String Quartet) and Mahler (the Resurrection Symphony); records. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Critics' Forum. 6.35 Music for Organ (S). 7.15 Moscow Virtuosi (S) Concert: Mozart, Shostakovich (7.55 Interval) Respighi, Rossini. 8.40 Faure (S) piano recital by Jean-Philippe Collard. 9.35 Strauss (S) Suite: Le bourgeois gentilhomme. 10.15 Beethoven (S) The Coulli String Quartet play Op. 59 No.1. 11.00 Peter Schreier (S) The German tenor sings Schubert's *Die Schone Mullerin*. 12.07-12.10 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On

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5.00 ITN NEWS

5.05 ALIAS SMITH AND JONES Pete Duel and Ben Murphy. Two notorious outlaws are suddenly given the opportunity to go straight when they are offered jobs in a bank

6.30 THE PRICE IS RIGHT With Leslie Crowther

7.30 ROBIN OF SHERWOOD The Swords of Wayland An extra long episode of this six-part drama series based around the life and adventures of Robin Hood. With Michael Praed, Rula Lenska, Anthony Steel

9.30 ITN NEWS

9.45 LOVE SONG A dramatic and beguiling love story by based on a story by Jeffrey Archer. With Michael Kitchen, Constance Cummings, Diana Hardcastle, Maurice Denham, Diana King and Tom Chadbon

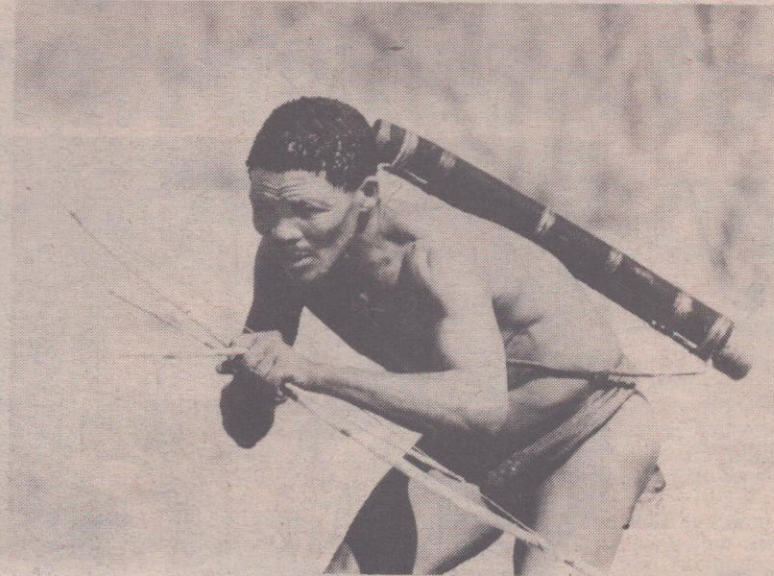
11.45 PEGGY LEE AND ROBERTA FLACK Live at the City Hall. Second hour-long special featuring music from Jazz and Swing to mainstream and blues

12.45 HAWAII FIVE-O Let Death Do Us Part

1.35 Closedown



Claire Bloom as Mrs Conway and Simon Shepherd as Robin in 'Time and the Conways' on BBC1 at 9



'People of the Great Sand Face' is on 4 at 7.15



Michael Beck, Gene Kelly and Olivia Newton-John in 'Xanadu' on ITV at 2.30

BBC1

8.55 Play School. 9.10 Taking Stock. 9.35 Business Club. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Use Your Head. 10.55 Festival Service. 11.50 The Gospel According to St John. 12.05 Devon's Underworld. 12.35 Farming. 12.58 Weather for Farmers. 1.00 News Headlines. 1.05 The Empty Bowl. 1.45 Tom and Jerry. 2.00 Eastenders. 3.00 Film: *Tarka the Otter* (1978) Peter Ustinov narrates this film version of Henry Williamson's novel. 4.30 Top Gear (with regional variations). 5.00 Rockspell. 5.50 Antiques Roadshow.

6.30 NEWS Weather News

6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE

7.15 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE *One of the Last Few Places Unexplored* by Man Compo decides to get his picture taken in Nora Batty's bedroom

7.45 BIRD BRAIN OF BRITAIN Simon King watches birds confront intelligence tests and nominates Britain's brightest bird

8.15 MASTERMIND Magnus Magnusson chairs the second semi-final

8.45 NEWS; Weather News

9.00 TIME AND THE CONWAYS J.B. Priestley's play set in the wake of World War I. With Claire Bloom, Geraldine James, Phyllis Logan, Mel Martin and Susan Wooldridge

10.40 REMEMBER LAMBETH WALK? The songs of Noel Gay and the songwriter's story explored by Kenneth Connor, Paula Wilcox and others

11.30 THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

11.45 ALL-TIME GREAT MOVIES *Waterloo Bridge* (1940) World War I romance starring Vivien Leigh as a beautiful dancer and Robert Taylor as the young officer who loves her

1.30 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 12.35-12.58 Farming in Wales. 2.00-3.00 Weekend Rugby Union: Cardiff v The Barbarians. 4.30-5.00 A Question of Sport. 6.40-7.15 Songs of Praise. 10.40 Voices from the Holy Land. 11.30 Remember the Lambeth Walk? 12.20 The Gospel According to St John; News; Weather; Closedown

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 11.45 Will Hay in *Ask A Policeman* (1939) An incompetent village policeman gets entangled with smugglers. 1.00 Horizon. 1.50 Rugby Special: Cardiff v The Barbarians. 2.45 Bridge Club. 3.05 Master Photographers. 3.40 J.S. Bach (1685-1750): The Musical Offering. 4.30 Film: *Born Free* (1965) Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers in a true story of rearing an orphaned lioness in Kenya.

6.00 CAMEO

6.10 NEWS REVIEW with subtitles

6.45 FAVOURITE THINGS Roy Plomley visits former Speaker of the House Lord Tony Pandy in his Cardiff bungalow

7.15 THE CANTOR OF ST THOMAS'S Marking the composer's tercentenary, this film reconstructs J.S. Bach's Leipzig years from the records of the city council, his employers. Brian Cox takes the part of Bach and Polly Hemingway is Anna Magdalena. Roger Norrington directs the musical performances on authentic period instruments

8.45 THE COPPOLA CONNECTION: *The Conversation* (1974) Thriller about a neurotic surveillance expert, obsessed with his work, who is driven near to insanity when a bugging operation entangles him in a deadly mystery. With Gene Hackman and John Cazale

10.35 HARTY GOES TO MONACO Russell Harty interviews Prince Rainier

11.05 GRAND PRIX Murray Walker and James Hunt commentate on *The Brazilian Grand Prix*

11.50 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.00 GO WEST (1925) Buster Keaton as a tenderfoot on an Arizona ranch who falls in love with a cow. With Howard Truesdale, Kathleen Myers, Ray Thompson, Joe Keaton and Roscoe 'Fatty' Arbuckle

2.15 ST MARK'S GOSPEL

4.10 DANGEROUS JOURNEY *The Dark River and Christiana's Story* Christian arrives in the Celestial City after fording the Dark River

4.45 THE AMATEUR NATURALIST *The Cost of High Living* Gerald and Lee Durrell visit the Canadian Rocky Mountains and observe elk, bats and grizzly bears on their way up to a glacier

5.15 NEWS SUMMARY AND WEATHER followed by

PAINTING THE WARMTH OF THE SUN *St Ives* First of three programmes looking at the painters who worked around St Ives from the 1930s onwards

7.15 PEOPLE OF THE GREAT SAND FACE Paul Myburgh's documentary following the last surviving band of wild bushmen living in Africa's harsh Kalahari desert

9.15 GUITARRA! *Serenade* Julian Bream is joined by the renowned flamenco guitarist Paco Pena for an examination of the Spanish flamenco tradition and the emergence of the 'romantic' guitar in 19th century

9.45 28 UP Documentary catching up with the 28-year-old men and women who were originally interviewed as seven-year-olds in '7 Up', and seeing how their lives have worked out so far

11.00 THE SECRET PARTNER (1961) With Stewart Granger in the taut, ingenious thriller about the blackmail of a fast-rising shipping executive with a criminal past. With Haya Harareet, Bernard Lee and Hugh Burden

12.40 Closedown

LWT

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Walt Disney Presents: *The Orphan Kittens*. 9.30 *The Passion of Christ*. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Care Bears. 12.00 The Smurfs. 12.30 Sports Special: International Motor Cycling from Donington Park. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 London News Headlines; followed by Film: *Xanadu* (1980) With Olivia Newton-John, Gene Kelly and Michael Beck. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows — Together.

6.00 NEWS FROM ITN

6.15 HIGHWAY

7.15 THE PRACTICE Dr Biddy vows to change and Dr Golding believes him. But will he?

7.45 GAME FOR A LAUGH More fun and games for holiday weekend with the zany gang of four — Jeremy Beadle, Martin P Daniels, Rustie Lee and Lee Peck

8.45 THE BEST OF CANNON AND BALL Tommy Cannon and Bobby Ball star in this special hour-long programme featuring some of the most hilarious moments from their popular series over the last two years

9.45 NEWS FROM ITN

10.00 THEME DREAMING Song and dance show based on film and television theme music, like Harry's Game, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Minder, Dallas, Reilly Ace of Spies; followed by

LONDON NEWS HEADLINES

11.00 MOTOR CYCLING Highlights of the racing spectacular at Donington Park

12.00 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Walt Disney Presents: *Three Orphan Kittens*. 9.30 *The Passion of Christ*. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Sylvia Read and William Fry. 11.30 Down to Earth Special. 12.30 Sports Special: International Motor Cycling. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu* (1980) With Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows — Together.

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7.45 GAME FOR A LAUGH Bizarre situations and zany fun with Jeremy Beadle, Martin Daniels, Lee Peck and Rustie Lee

8.45 THE BEST OF CANNON AND BALL Excerpts from Tommy Cannon and Bobby Ball's series

9.45 ITN NEWS

10.00 THEME DREAMING Famous television and film music provide the framework for this entertaining song and dance show, which includes Barbara Dickson, Grace Kennedy, Gerard Kenny and Wayne Sleep

11.00 INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CYCLING *Great Britain v US* from Donington

12.00 JUST JAZZ Houston tenor sax player Arnett Cobb performs in the intimate setting of the Faubourg jazz club, New Orleans

12.30 Closedown

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2.05 The Living Body. 2.35 Look What It Can Do. 3.05 Film: *The Sign of the Cross*. 5.10 The Three Stooges. 5.25 The Story of Abba. 6.15 International Volleyball. 7.15 Sioe Siarad. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.35 Llef o'r Anialwch. 8.10 Almanac. 8.40 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.15 Galwad I'r Genedl. 9.50 Canwio. 11.00 As the Years Pass, As the Days Pass. 12.30 Close.

RADIO

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

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

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

4.00 David Dunning (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S). 7.30 Roger Royle (S). 9.00 Melodies for You (S). 11.00 Desmond Carrington (S) (12.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 David Hamilton presents Two's Best (S). 2.00 Benny Green (S). 3.00 Alan Dell (S). 4.00 It's a Funny Business (S). 4.30 Sing Something Simple (S). 5.00 Charlie Chester (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.30 Twentieth-Century Troubadour. 7.00 Niall Murray Sings. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 Leslie Pearson at the piano. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 Steve Madden (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 David Hamilton presents Two's Best (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Mozart and Ravel (S). 8.00 Bach Cantatas — 1724 (S).

Bach's Cantata No.4 and music by Pachelbel and Reincken. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Bartok, Liszt, Enesco, Borodin. 10.30 Music Weekly (S). 11.15 Academy of St Martin in the Fields (S) Rossini, Wagner, Mozart (12.05-12.10 Words) Tippett, Handel. 12.45 Ingrid Haeberle (S) Piano music by Mozart and Schubert. 1.30 Elgar and Tippett (S) String Quartets. 2.20 A Brahms Concert (S) Radu Lupu is soloist in the 1st Piano Concerto (3.15-3.20 Interval Reading). 4.15 London Saxophone Quartet (S). 4.45 Italian Concertos (S) Marcello, Vivaldi, Tartini. 5.30 A Man Worth Knowing (S) James Henry Leigh Hunt. 6.15 The Mantle of Beethoven (S) Ries, Onslow. 7.30 Voices (S) Play by Susan Griffin. 9.00 Bach (S) Easter oratorio. 9.50 No Pale Comparison. 10.10 Messiaen: Visions de L'Amen (S) played on two pianos. 11.00 Nash Ensemble (S) Bax, Debussy and Malipiero. 11.57-12.00 News.

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

Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 And on the Third Day (S). 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Appeal. 8.55 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.25 The Archers. 11.25 The Food Programme. 11.45 Stilgoe's Around at the Radio Festival. 12.10 It's Your World 01-580 4411 with a senior Chinese official, Huan Xiang as guest. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend; News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 Afternoon Play (S) *Titus Groan*. 4.00 News; The One Great Scorer. 4.30 The Living World. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 Down Your Way. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 More Wrestling than Dancing. 6.30 Bookshelf. 7.00 Travel; The Gold of the Conqueror (S). 7.30 Words, Words, Words (S). 7.50 Learn to be Blind. 8.30 Central American Journey. 9.00 News; Micah Clarke (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 The Law of Love. 11.15 Fifth Generation Computers. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 4.00-4.30 In Business.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 The Passion of Christ. 11.25 Lookaround. 11.30 The Glory of the Garden. 12.30 Sports Special. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu*. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows. 6.00 News. 6.15 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game for a Laugh. 8.45 Cannon and Ball. 9.45 News. 10.00 Theme Dreaming. 11.00 Motor Cycling. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35 The Passion of Christ. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Here and Now. 12.00 England Their England. 12.30 Sports Special. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu*. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows. 6.00 News. 6.15 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game for a Laugh. 8.45 Cannon and Ball. 9.45 News. 10.00 Theme Dreaming. 11.00 Motor Cycling. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather; followed by Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 The Passion of Christ. 11.30 The

Magic Planet. 12.30 Sports Special. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu*. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows. 6.00 News. 6.15 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game for a Laugh. 8.45 Cannon and Ball. 9.45 News. 10.00 Theme Dreaming. 11.30 Motor Cycling. 12.00 Festival Folk. 12.30 Five Minutes; Closedown.

TSW

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Getting On; Getting On Plus. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 The Passion of Christ. 11.30 Look and See. 11.35 BMX Beat Final. 12.05 The Smurfs. 12.20 Fisheries News. 12.30 Sports Special. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu*. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows. 6.00 News. 6.15 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game for a Laugh. 8.45 Cannon and Ball. 9.45 News; Weather. 10.00 Theme Dreaming. 11.00 Motor Cycling. 12.00 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Action Line. 9.30 The Passion of Christ. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 The Human Factor. 12.00 The Smurf. 12.30 Sports Special. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu*. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows. 6.00 News. 6.15 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45

Game for a Laugh. 8.45 Cannon and Ball. 9.45 News. 10.00 Theme Dreaming. 11.00 Motor Cycling. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Walt Disney Presents. 9.30 The Passion of Christ. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Return of the Swans. 11.45 The Vintage Spirit. 12.30 Sports Special. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu*. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows. 6.00 News. 6.15 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game for a Laugh. 8.45 Cannon and Ball. 9.45 News. 10.00 Theme Dreaming. 11.00 Motor Cycling. 12.00 Looks Familiar. 12.45 HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Walt Disney Presents. 9.35 The Passion of Christ. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Stand-by, Lights, Camera, Action. 12.30 Sports Special. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 Film: *Xanadu*. 4.15 Supergran. 4.45 Cliff Richard and The Shadows. 6.00 News; Weather. 6.15 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Game for a Laugh. 8.45 Cannon and Ball. 9.45 News; Weather. 10.00 Theme Dreaming. 11.00 Motor Cycling. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

**News
Line**

BOOKS

The story of the thin man

The Life of Dashiell Hammett by Diane Johnson — Picador, £3.95

DASHIELL HAMMETT, creator of Sam Spade and the Thin Man, surely ranks as one of the greatest writers of detective stories.

When he died in 1961, wrecked by alcohol, syphilis, tuberculosis, prison and finally cancer, his obituary in the 'New York Herald Tribune' produced a string of words to describe Hammett: 'Realism. Vigor. Vitality. Callousness. Immorality. Amoral. Muscular. Hard-boiled.'

'They were all words applied to Hammett at various times. But authentic fits him better.'

To Lillian Hellman, who loved him for 30 years, he was a great man. In the eulogy she read at his funeral, she said that he never lied, and that 'he learned, and acted on what he learned'.

Evidence

Diane Johnson's thorough biography, supported with the evidence of letters and papers made available to her by Hellman, explains how the son of a JP learned to become a writer and to go to prison, not, he said, for politics, but for principles.

The turning point in his career was undoubtedly working for the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, more a private police force or army than a detective organisation. Its concern was not simply crime, but the protection of private property, particularly from strikes.

Hammett was in Butte, Montana, in 1917 when Frank Little, who had been agitating among the

miners as a leader of the Wobblies, was brutally lynched. The young detective had been offered £5,000 for taking part in this murder, which was only of benefit to the mine owners, and it is likely that other Pinkerton men formed the lynch-mob.

What Hammett learned about the miners and the mineowners, the detective and the man he's stalking, were, as Johnson explains, to sit in the back of his mind.

In the 1930s, Hammett was active in the leadership of the Screen Writers Guild and the League for American Writers, inspired by union actions like the San Francisco general strike in 1934, which had been a response to the bloodshed caused by police attack on striking dockers.

Hatred

The writer's hatred of fascism never got him to republican Spain, though Hellman went, but he enlisted in the World War II although already 48 years old.

Hammett's courage was tested in the years of McCarthyism. He went to

prison for his refusal to testify, to reveal the names of those who had contributed to the bail fund for the Hollywood Ten, of which he was a trustee.

He probably had no names to give, but he consistently pleaded the 5th Amendment and said nothing. The period of imprisonment is where Johnson starts her biography, with his fame as a writer established by the radio adaptations of his Sam Spade characters and his

most principled stand made.

He was never to recover his health. But, as he said to his two daughters, it is 'better to die on your feet than live on your knees'.

Dashiell Hammett, right, on his way to jail with Alpheus Hunton in July 1951



A servant of imperialism

JOHN BUCHAN is principally remembered today as the author of the thrillers 'Greenmantle' 'The Thirty Nine Steps' and 'Mr Steadfast'.

His biography shows the thoroughly reactionary man behind that writing — the son of a Glasgow Presbyterian minister who became publishers director of Reuters, Tory MP and finally Governor-General of Canada.

John Buchan: a biography by Janet Adam Smith — Oxford university Press, paperback, £4.95

His career took him via Oxford, work for the bar and articles for the 'Spectator' to organising land sales to expand British colonisation in South Africa at the end of the Boer war. His support for the Tory party came because of his conscious imperial-

ist stance, notably on Ireland.

During World War II, Buchan wrote a history of the war as a series for the publisher Nelson. He proved his fitness for a new post as Director of Information, in charge of British propaganda, especially concerned to influence policy in the United States.

Buchan saw support for the League of Nations as part of strengthening imperialism.

Colonies

For Buchan, imperialism meant efficient administration of the colonies, support for unionism, and for Zionism. But it also meant recognition of the trade unions.

In his personal relationships, Buchan illustrates the need of imperialism to get close to the labour bureaucracy for he counted as friends not only Stanley Baldwin and Lloyd George, but also Ramsay MacDonald, and as an MP he often took an evening cup of tea with the so-called 'Red Clydesiders', James Maxton, David Kirkwood, George Buchan and Tom Johnston.

Buchan ended his life of varied service to British imperialism as Governor General of Canada in the 1930s.

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Workers Revolutionary Party PUBLIC MEETING

**SMASH THE BOTHA REGIME!
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REPUBLIC OF AZANIA!**

Monday April 15, 7.30p.m.

Conway Hall

Red Lion Square, London WC1

Speakers: Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary)
Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)
Claire Dixon (YS National Committee)

In personal capacity:

Zoille Hamilton Keke (UK representative of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania)
Jack Young (Sacked Kent NUM)

Chairman Richard Price (WRP London District Committee)

Workers Revolutionary Party

PUBLIC LECTURES The Elements of Marxism

Monday April 15

The capitalist system. Marxism and capitalist economics. The world economic crisis and world revolution.

Monday April 22

Socialism and the socialist revolution. Revolutionary role of the working class. Marxism, reformism and trade unionism. The state and revolution.

Monday May 13

Materialism and idealism. Hegel and Marx and the dialectical method. Theory and practice of building the revolutionary party.

Assembly Rooms

Rotherham, 7.30p.m.

Lecturer CLIFF SLAUGHTER
(WRP Central Committee)

Admission 20p

Winning Post

Bright future for Que Sympatica

IT MAY be a little early in the season to start looking for classic pointers, but the Bonusprint Masaka Stakes at KEMPTON threw up the brilliant Time Charter a couple of seasons ago, and this year the race could go to another very smart filly — **Que Sympatica** (2.35).

Potentially, this filly has a bright future. She ran only once as a juvenile, winning cleverly at Yarmouth, and prompted her trainer Ron Boss to state that he rated her the best filly he had had in his care since Olwyn, who won the 1977 Irish Oaks for him.

Owned by Mrs Andry Muinos, original owner of the smart middle-distance performer Ela Mana Mou,

Que Sympatica is reported to have wintered very well and is well-fancied to retain her unbeaten record.

The Bonusprint Easter Stakes could go to **Sharp Romance** (3.10), who ran with credit in top-class company last term when trained by Paul Kelleway at Newmarket.

His best performance was when fourth to Bassen-

SELECTIONS

KEMPTON: 2.00 Zantac, 2.35 Que Sympatica (n.b.), 3.10 Sharp Romance, 3.40 Floyd, 4.10 Fouz, 4.40 Four For Uncle

NEWCASTLE: 1.50 Nasreen's Pet, 2.20 Count Colours, 2.50 Crews Hill, 3.20 Lochtillum, 3.50 Auntie Bobbie, 4.20 King of Naples

HAYDOCK: 1.00 Royal Rouser, 1.30 Bronze Hero, 2.00 Si Signor (nap), 2.30 Rough Stones, 3.00 Lord Sinclair, 3.30 Fen Tiger

thwaite in the Middle Park Stakes over six furlongs. He ran on strongly throughout the final furlong that day,

indicating that he found the fast early pace too strong and the six furlongs too sharp for him.

KEMPTON

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers favoured beyond 7f.

2.00 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP £3,000 (3-Y-O) 6f (20 runners)

2 (15)	1312-	ZANTAC R Hannan 97	L Jones (7)
5 (11)	1034-10	BROWN BEAR BOY (USA) (D) R Armstrong 95	S Cauthen
6 (3)	204302-	OUR JOCK (C) R Smyth 95	S Whitworth (3)
7 (12)	310-	MAKE STRIDES (USA) (D) J Ciechanowski 92	G Baxter
8 (19)	011000-	SUPER REGAL (D) G Lewis 92	P Waldron
9 (17)	00014-0	STEERPIKE P Cundell 812	N Adams (5)
10 (16)	0101-	KIP (D) D Thoms 811	P Robinson
11 (7)	021-	EDDIE ZIP (USA) (D) J Sutcliffe 89	J Matthias
12 (9)	32300-	HENRY'S VENTURE (USA) F Durr 89	G Starkey
13 (13)	410140-	ANDI ALJA P Mitchell 88	R McGhin
15 (5)	003-	RAIN IN VENICE R Williams 86	T Ives
16 (1)	01-	PERFECT TIMING D Elsworth 86	B Rouse
17 (10)	001242-	TYROLLE N Vigors 86	P Cook
19 (20)	02-0040	SECRETARYS OFFICE P Mitchell 84	A McGlone
20 (2)	00230-0	DUCK FLIGHT J Douglas-Horne 84 (7 ex)	J Reid
21 (6)	400-	WATCH TOWER M Stoute 82	K Bradshaw (5)
22 (4)	210020-	TANA MIST R Voorspuys 81	W Carson
23 (8)	000000-	CROXTETH G Lewis 710	M L Thomas
24 (14)	30000-2	DISTING H Beasley 710	A Proud
27 (18)	2300-4	HOKUSAN K Ivory 77	R Fox

BLINKERS: 10, 19
PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Duck Flight, 5-1 Brown Bear Boy, 6-1 Perfect Timing, 13-2 Zantac, 8-1 Hokusan, 10-1 Steerpike, 12-1 Eddie Zip and Tyrolle, 14-1 Tana Mist and Make Strides, 20-1 others.

2.35 BONUSPRINT MASAKA STAKES £10,000 (3-Y-O) 1m (10 runners)

3 (9)	1100440-	FARAWAY GREY R Williams 89	T Ives
4 (6)	40311	GLEN TUMBLE (D) W Hastings-Bass 89	S Cauthen
6 (5)	14100-	PONTEVECCHIO DUE B Hobbs 89	G Baxter
7 (3)	312-	PRINCESS CAROLE G Huffer 89	G Starkey
8 (7)	1-	QUE SYMPATICA R Boss 89	M Miller
9 (1)	230-	ADAGIO (USA) B Hills 83	B Thomson
10 (10)	4-	DANCELA C Brittain 83	P Robinson
11 (8)	00304-	FREE ON BOARD C A Bell 83	R Cochrane
12 (2)	00304-	NORTHERN HOPE (FR) P Kelleway 83	J Reid
13 (4)	3-	SOPRANO L Balding 83	W Carson

BLINKERS: 9
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Glen Tumble, 7-2 Princess Carole, 5-1 Que Sympatica, 7-1 Soprano, 8-1 Adagio, 10-1 Faraway Grey, 14-1 Dance, 16-1 Pontevecchio Due, 20-1 others.

3.10 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES £10,000 (3-Y-O) 1m (7 runners)

3 (6)	30100-	DOWNING STREET C Brittain 810	W Carson
4 (1)	22420-1	INTREPID LAD M McCourt 810	R Wernham
5 (2)	023010-	KENTUCKY QUEST (USA) R Hannan 810	T Ives
6 (3)	1030-	LUPO NERO R Houghton 810	S Cauthen
7 (7)	420240-	SHARP ROMANCE (USA) C Benstead 810	B Rouse

HAYDOCK

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best for 6f to 1m

1.00 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS STAKES £2,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (6 runners)

1 (5)	00000-	CUMBRIAN DANCER M H Easterby 90	B Raymond
4 (2)	000040-	ROYAL BOLLIN M H Easterby 90	T Quinn
5 (1)	4	ROYAL ROUSER R Hollinshead 90	S Perks
7 (4)	00000-	ST SEPULCHRE M W Easterby 90	K Hodgson
9 (3)	0	TOMMY TOPHAM T Fairhurst 90	R P Elliott
10 (6)	00004-	CABASK J Berry 811	K Darley

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Royal Rouser, 9-4 Cumbrian Dancer, 7-2 Cabask, 8-1 Royal Bollin, 10-1 Rommy Topham, 12-1 St Sepulchre.

1.30 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS MDN STAKES QUALIFIER £3,500 1m 2f (8 runners)

1 (7)	00000-	BAY POND M Jarvis 90	B Raymond
2 (2)	4032-	BRONZE HERO (USA) P Cole 90	T Quinn
4 (5)	0-	FUSILIER C Brittain 90	A Lequeux
5 (6)	03-	LHASA E Weymes 90	K Hodgson (5)
7 (4)	000-	ROBSIM J Berry 90	S Horsfall (5)
9 (3)	33-2	WESTRAY (USA) R Hollinshead 90	S Perks
10 (8)	0-	WITCHCRAFT G Wragg 90	M Hills
11 (1)	0034-	MAIRS GIRL A W Jones 811	R P Elliott

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Bronze Hero, 2-1 Westray, 6-1 Bay Pond, 8-1 Lhasa, 10-1 Witchcraft, 14-1 Mairs Girl, 16-1 others.

2.00 VALSPAR PAINTS HANDICAP £10,000 (3-Y-O) 1m (8 runners)

2 (4)	111400-	TRUCIDATOR S Norton 97	J G Murray (7)
5 (1)	032103-	TRY NORDAN M Camacho 91	G Sexton
6 (6)	10030-0	HOPEFUL HEIGHTS (C) T Fairhurst 812	C Coates (5)
7 (5)	01304-3	QUALITAIR FLYER K Stone 87	B Raymond
8 (3)	010-	TIMBER TOOL C Nelson 84	M Hills
10 (2)	310-	SI SIGNOR (C-D) P Cole 84	T Quinn
12 (8)	032-	CHANGANOOR R Hollinshead 82	W Ryan
13 (7)	4312-	TORQUEMADA M Stoute 81	E Johnson

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Si Signor, 7-2 Qualitair Flyer, 4-1 Torquemada, 6-1 Timber Tool, 7-1 Trucidator, 8-1 Try Nordan, 12-1 Changanoor, 14-1 Hopeful Heights.

3.00 TOD SLOAN MAIDEN SELLING STAKES £1,000 (3-Y-O) 6f (10 runners)

1 (7)	00000-	BRAMPTON IMPERIAL D Chapman 90	M Wood
2 (5)	000040-	BUCKS BOLT J Berry 90	K Darley
3 (3)	230000-	DEBRIS W A Stephenson 90	K Hodgson
5 (1)	00000-	FOR JOE M McCormack 90	B Raymond
6 (6)	00000-0	LORD SINCLAIR M Lambert 90	D Oldham
7 (4)	00400-	MASTER MARK D Garraton 90	T Quinn
9 (8)	300000-	SMITHS BOY R Hollinshead 90	S Perks
10 (10)	00-	WHO'S SORRY NOW P Cundell 90	G Sexton
11 (2)	00000-	KELLY'S MATCH M Naughton 811	N Howe
12 (9)	00030-2	PARADE GIRL J Kettlewell 811	C Coates (5)

BLINKERS: 7
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Lord Sinclair, 7-2 Who's Sorry Now, 4-1 Bucks Bolt, 6-1 Master Mark, 7-1 Debris, 8-1 Parade Girl, 12-1 Brampton Imperial, 14-1 Smiths Boy, 16-1 others.

2.30 DANNY MAHER HANDICAP £3,500 2m (9 declared)

1 (1)	003410-	ROUGH STONES (C-D) K Brassey 4100	T Quinn
2 (5)	04000-4	JACKDAW (USA) (C-D) R Hollinshead 590	W Ryan (3)
3 (8)	000412-	MEADOWBROOK I Balding 4813	B Raymond
4 (2)	20200-0	TERN M H Easterby 489	K Hodgson
5 (4)	020002-	GILDED CHIEF B McMahon 886	S Perks
6 (7)	000042-	HIERONYMOUS M Pipe 482	M Hills
9 (9)	0300-	ICACOS BAY E Alston 4710	Julie Bowker (7)
10 (3)	093001-0	BEAKER (USA) M Naughton 5710	N Howe
11 (6)	34400-0-	RHEINFORD J Old 977	M Fry

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Jackdaw, 3-1 Meadowbrook, 4-1 Rough Stones, 7-1 Hieronymous and Tern, 10-1 Beaker, 14-1 Gilded Chief, 16-1 others.

3.30 HERBERT JONES HANDICAP £3,000 1m 4f (9 runners)

1 (1)	022110-	OLD HUBERT (D) A Bailey 4910	Heather Quorn (7)
3 (4)	04140-0	ESTOC (FR) (D) S Norton 495	B Raymond
4 (2)	310430-	FEN TIGER (D) R Hollinshead 5813	S Perks
6 (8)	40004-3	SOCKS UP R Houghton 8812	D Price (5)
8 (7)	300212-	POLAR STAR M Pipe 689	A Murray
9 (6)	132222-	RIVERS EDGE Denys Smith 786	M Fry
11 (3)	202230-	MEESON GRANGE J Berry 481	K Darley
13 (9)	104000-	STAR BURST (D) R B Francis 877	W Ryan (3)
14 (5)	0000-03	TURKOMAN (D) D Sasse 677	D McKay

BLINKERS: 8, 14
PROBABLE SP: 100-30 Socks Up, 4-1 Rivers Edge, 5-1 Polar Star, 6-1 Turkoman, 7-1 Estoc, Fen Tiger and Old Hubert, 14-1 others.

NEWCASTLE

DRAW ADVANTAGE: No significant advantage

1.50 CAMBOIS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES £1,500 (3-Y-O) 1m (13 runners)

1 (11)	40-	ABLOOM M McCormack 811	M Birch
2 (3)	00-	BOBS C Thornton 811	J Bleasdale
3 (1)	00-	CHRYSANTHEMUM C Thornton 811	M Tebbutt (7)
4 (6)	00000-	CLAIRWOOD E Weymes 811	E Guest (5)
6 (9)	00000-0	EMMAZENDA J Parkes 811	N Day
7 (2)	0000-	FRIENDLY WONDER F Watson 811	D Leadbitter (5)
8 (4)	0-	JAZZY LADY P Kelleway 811	Gay Kelleway (5)
9 (8)	000-	JOSEPHINE GIBNEY F Carr 811	N Connorton
10 (7)	40-	LITTLE BITTERN (USA) G Wragg 811	G Duffield
13 (13)	0-	MISS MARCH M Brittain 811	B Coogan
14 (10)	400-2	NASREEN'S PET F Durr 811	Paul Eddery
15 (12)	3	ON PATROL C Brittain 811	J Lowe
16 (5)	303000-	SOUND WORK W Bentley 811	R Guest

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Nasreen's Pet, 5-2 On Patrol, 7-2 Little Bittern, 10-1 Jazzy Lady, 12-1 Abloom, 16-1 Miss March, 20-1 others.

2.20 'MAIL ON SUNDAY' 3-Y-O SERIES (H'CAP) £5,000 1m 2f (7 runners)

1 (7)	10230-0	ELECTRIC CONNECTION M Lambert 97	P Burke (7)
2 (1)	003-1	COUNT COLOURS (USA) S Norton 91 (5 ex)	J Lowe
3 (2)	010-0	ASTICOT P Brookshaw 813	M Birch
5 (5)	0210-	FINAL STEP T Fairhurst 85	J Mercer
6 (4)	400000-	QUALITAIR BOY K Stone 81	N Carlisle
7 (3)	00-4	PERSIAN KING W Musson 77	A Mackay
8 (6)	000-	PATRALAN W Musson 77	B Unlache (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 On Count Colours, 7-1 Electricconnection, 8-1 Final Step, 10-1 Persian Knight, 14-1 Asticot, 20-1 Qualitair Boy and Patralan.

2.50 BRUNSWICK HANDICAP £10,000 7f (12 runners)

2 (5)	0000-1	CREWS HILL Mrs C Reavey 9911	N Day
3 (1)	024321-	SHMAIREEKH (USA) (D) P Walwyn 497	J Mercer
4 (11)	02020-0	CHRISTMAS COTTAGE (C-D) A M Robson 7810	M Hindley (5)
5 (8)	043200-	EL MANSOUR (D) J W Watts 688	N Connorton
6 (7)	00100-0	GO BANANA'S K Ivory 486	G Duffield
7 (2)	20000-0	ANY BUSINESS W Musson 486	R Sidebottom
8 (4)	03240-1	AIR COMMAND (D) Mrs G Reveley 586	A Shoults (7)
9 (9)	02340-0	BATON BOY (C-D) M Lambert 485	L Charnock
10 (6)	1100-44	MEL'S CHOICE (D) M Brittain 783	B Coogan
13 (12)	00010-4	CAMBRIDGE LODGE K Stone 477	N Carlisle
14 (10)	000200-	BENZ M H Easterby 477	A Mackay
17 (3)	01030-4	SCRUMMAGE (D) E Alston 777	S P Griffiths (5)

BLINKERS: 4, 7, 14
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Air Command, 9-2 Go Banana's, 5-1 Shmaireekh, 6-1 Baton Boy, 8-1 Cambridge Lodge, 10-1 Mel's Choice, 16-1 others.

3.20 MONKSEATON HANDICAP £2,100 5f (13 runners)

1 (10)	00031-2	BATONI (D) (BF) M H Easterby 6100	M Birch
2 (2)	040410-	LOCHTILLUM (C-D) J D-Home 698	G Duffield
3 (7)	00000-0	PHILSTAR (D) W Elsey 497	J Lowe
5 (13)	20000-0	ZENYATTA (D) Denys Smith 595	D Leadbitter (5)
6 (8)	03300-0	PERGODA (D) I Vickers 794	J Carroll (7)
7 (3)	02000-0	LADY CARA (D) J Berry 591	J Carroll (7)
8 (5)	004002-	CHAPLINS CLUB (USA) (D) D Chapman 590	
9 (9)	2300-01	SHIELA CROCKATT M W Easterby 4811 (5 ex)	
10 (12)	30000-1	BINCLEAVES (D) M McCormack 785 (8 ex)	R Street
11 (4)	00000-3	TANFEN T Craig 484	
12 (11)	00000-0	RIDALS CHOICE (D) M Camacho 480	N Connorton
14 (1)	00000-0	WILMA RUDOLPH N Tinkler 4710	Kim Spink (7)
15 (6)	343003	GO SPECTRUM G Calvert 577	

BLINKERS: 12
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Bincleaves, 3-1 Shiela Crockatt, 4-1 Batoni, 11-2 Tanfen, 8-1 Lochtillum, 10-1 Lady Cara, 12-1 Chaplins Club, 16-1 others.

3.50 NEWCASTLE SELLING STAKES £1,500 (2-Y-O) 5f (9 runners)

1 (2)	31	AUNTIE BOBBIE (D) J Berry 91	J Carroll (7)
4 (9)	0	PERSIAN PRINCE J D-Home 811	S Webster
5 (7)	0	SLAN LEAT P Rohan 811	L Charnock
6 (8)	0	BLUE CEDAR T Fairhurst 88	M Beecroft
7 (5)	0	LITTLE ARMIE K Stone 88	C Dryer
8 (1)	0	MRS NAUGHTY W Wharton 88	G Duffield
9 (3)	0	MUSIC TEACHER A M Robson 88	J Bleasdale
10 (4)	0	OCTIGA M Brittain 88	B Coogan
11 (5)	2	QUIVERING N Chamberlain 88	N Day

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Auntie Bobbie, 9-4 Slan Leat, 5-1 Octiga, 6-1 Blue Cedar, 8-1 Quivering, 12-1 Little Armie, 16-1 others.

4.20 HOLYSTONE MAIDEN STAKES £1,000 1m 2f (13 runners)

1 (10)	023020-	GAMESMANSHIP P Monteith 497	B Coogan
2 (9)	00030-0	KING OF NAPLES G Wragg 497	G Duffield
3 (1)	24000-0	TROMEROS Denys Smith 497	D Leadbitter (5)
4 (5)	0	BATEASE K Stone 494	C Dwyer
6 (6)	000-	ALCAZABA F Carr 383	J Carroll (7)
8 (13)	0-0	MAORI WARRIOR (NZ) J W Watts 383	N Connorton
12 (2)	0	RUN FOR FRED J Parkes 383	J Bleasdale
13 (7)	00-	TREYARON (USA) S Norton 383	J Lowe
15 (8)	00-	WITHY BANK M H Easterby 383	M Birch
16 (3)	42	BONNY'S PLEDGE W Elsey 380	
17 (4)	2	CALORGE (FR) (BF) P Kelleway 380	Gay Kelleway (5)
18 (11)	0-	JUNIPER DAZE P Rohan 380	
19 (12)	4	LUCILLE ASTIK T Barron 380	S Webster

BLINKERS: 16
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Calorge, 10-3 Tromeros, 9-2 King of Naples, 7-1 Treyaron, 10-1 Withy Bank, 12-1 Lucille Astik, Bonny's Pledge and Gamesmanship, 16-1 others.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

LUDLOW

2.00 (2m): WIGGBURN M Williams (12-1); Saunson Bay (6-1); Undeb (4-1 fav); I Appeal (16-1). 14 ran. 8, 5, (Mrs A Hewitt) T: £12.50; £3.30, £1.80, £2.40. CSF: £81.27.

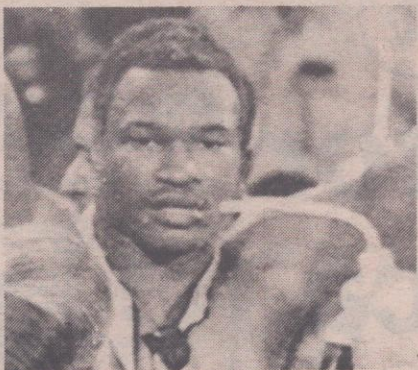
2.30 (2m): VALLEY JUSTICE J Southern (9-2); Lislary Lad (10-1); Lord Laurence (4-1 fav); Celtic Bell (7-1). 14 ran. 5, 4, (C Trifline) T: £6; £1.40, £2.80, £3.10. CSF: £47.97.

3.00 (3m): VELESO S Smith Eccles (7-4 fav); Wild Gamble (11-1); Co Member (9-4); Fearless Seal (14-1). 10 ran. 3, 8, (J S King) T: £3; £1.60, £2, £1.40. CSF: £21.98. NR: De Pluvine.

3.30 (2m 4f): PROFESS

BOXING

Larry is set for last bout?



HOLMES . . . Hoping to meet Spinks

NEW YORK — Larry Holmes, who indicated that his recent fight with David Bey was probably his last, is close to signing to meet undisputed light-heavyweight champion Michael Spinks, promoter Butch Lewis and an aide to Holmes said yesterday.

'We already have a basic understanding, and the fight is 95 per cent set,' Lewis said. 'I'm meeting with Larry and his people tomorrow and hope we can wrap it up.'

Dirk Lovell, public relations representative for the International Boxing Federation champion, also said contract signings were imminent.

'We've been holding meetings all day with Lewis's people and talking with Lewis on the phone, and everything is in place,' Lovell said. 'The fight will be held, probably in late May or early June.'

Before and after stopping Bey in the 10th round three weeks ago to retain his title, the 35-year-old Holmes said he would announce his

retirement on June 9 unless he was offered between \$3 million and \$4 million to fight Spinks, or \$25 million to meet Gerry Cooney.

Lewis, who will probably promote the fight if it comes off, said Holmes had been guaranteed between \$3 million and \$4 million to fight the 28-year-old Spinks.

Victories

Holmes, unbeaten in 47 fights — two victories short of Rocky Marciano's all-time heavyweight record of 49-0 — had expressed doubts that a fight with Spinks would develop because of the weight disparity between the two fighters.

Holmes usually fights at about 223 lbs, while Spinks has been forced to come in at 175lbs or less as a light-heavyweight.

But Spinks, undefeated in 26 professional fights, says he expects to come in at around 190lbs if he does indeed fight Holmes.

'I'll weigh in whatever is comfortable,' says Spinks. 'But I think I'll come in at about 190.'

Asked about the weight difference, Spinks said: 'It is a disadvantage, but I know I can still catch him.'

But Spinks did not sound over-optimistic.

'I believe in miracles,' he said. 'And I think I can do a lot better than some guys he's fought.'

Spinks has said for some time that he wanted to step up to the heavyweight class because he had run out of quality opponents — and thus big-money purses — in a division he has thoroughly dominated.

In the past, a number of light-heavyweight champions have fought for the heavyweight title, including Billy Conn, Archie Moore and Bob Foster. But none ever succeeded in winning the heavyweight title.

And in the cases of Conn, Moore and Fraser, all were knocked out — by Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano and Joe Frazier respectively.

TENNIS

Czech-Swede sweep is foiled

MONTE CARLO — Teen-age American Aaron Krickstein prevented Sweden and Czechoslovakia from sweeping all the semi-final places at the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament when he defeated Tomas Smid in an enthralling duel yesterday.

Krickstein, 17, earned a semi-final date with infirm Swedish ace Mats Wilander when he finally shook off his tenacious and athletic Czechoslovak rival 3-6 6-1 6-2 in a match transferred from the centre court to one with a convertible roof.

Swedish defending champion Henrik Sundstrom and Czechoslovak top seed Ivan Lendl will play today's other semi-final.

Sundstrom was first to advance on a day of gusty winds, fending off a brave challenge from unseeded West German Michael Westphal to ease through 6-4 6-2.

Lendl, improving with every match as he tunes up for the defence of his French Open crown, crushed Francesco Cancellotti of Italy 6-2 6-1 to book his appointment with Sundstrom.

Wilander, champion two

years ago, dispatched Lendl's compatriot Libor Pimek 6-3 6-1 with another performance of brisk and ruthless efficiency, which augurs ill for his rivals.

'I don't know when I played three such good matches in a row,' Wilander said. So far he had dropped just 12 games.

Krickstein's duel with Smid was the most dramatic contest of the championship and the only closely disputed quarter-final.

Smid, already into his eighth tournament of 1985, made some astonishing retrievals, scampering all over the court in search of winners. 'He played a great first set but paid the price. I think he ran about 18 miles out there,' Krickstein said.

Lendl will have a chance today to avenge the defeats inflicted on him last year by Sundstrom both here, when he bowed out injured but on the way to certain defeat in the quarter-finals, and in the Davis Cup.

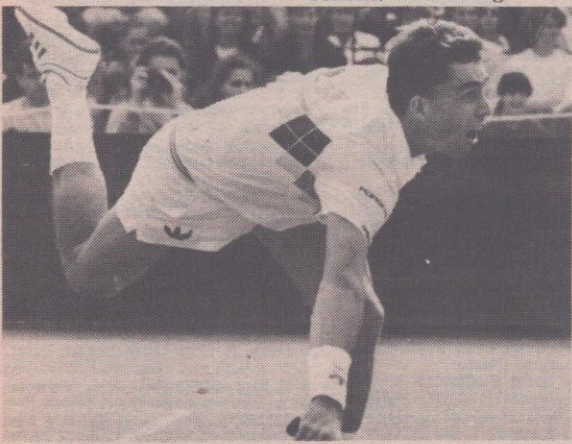
Lendl, the world No.3, looked sharp against Cancellotti, who was given no

chance to reproduce the form which took him past fifth-seeded Swede Joakim Nystrom on Thursday.

'I felt much better today and was very happy with the way I was hitting the ball, even when I was in trouble,' Lendl said.

Sundstrom and Westphal had the worst of the wind. 'I kept looking at the flags to see which way the wind was going, but it was different on court, so I knew when the flag was going one way the wind was going the opposite way,' Sundstrom said.

Lendl was unperturbed by the wind. 'After you play at Delray Beach and Fort Myers, this is nothing,' he said.



IVAN LENDL

BY A RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE SECOND semi-final of the Challenge Cup between Hull and Castleford is played at Headingley this afternoon.

Hull will start clear favourites. Arthur Bunting's men have already reached a final of both the Yorkshire Cup and the John Player trophy this season.

Underdogs Castleford are sure to fight hard as they attempt to reach Wembley for the first time in 15 years.

But Hull have the class and the consistency to go all the way.

It will be the black and

WEEKEND SOCCER

SPURS' VITAL

BY SPORTS LINE STAFF

GARY BROOKE has been ruled out of Spurs' London Derby at West Ham, but winger John Chidozie could return after a fortnight's absence.

As Spurs attempt to lift themselves after the damaging home defeat by title rivals Everton, manager Peter Shreeves has kept faith with Mark Bowen and Paul Miller, whose defensive mistakes proved costly.

But Brooke, who replaced Garth Crooks, has an ankle injury and will not be considered at Upton Park.

Ian Crook and Dave Leworthy are added, along with Chidozie, who had a brief run-out in a practice match to prove his fitness after a back injury.

'Saturday's Villa defeat upset us because we hadn't played well, but we did well against Everton despite losing and a repeat of that spirit and performance tomorrow is what we're looking for,' said manager Peter Shreeves.

West Ham, thrashed 5-0 at Watford on Tuesday and without a home win since November 17, make just

one change for the visit of Tottenham.

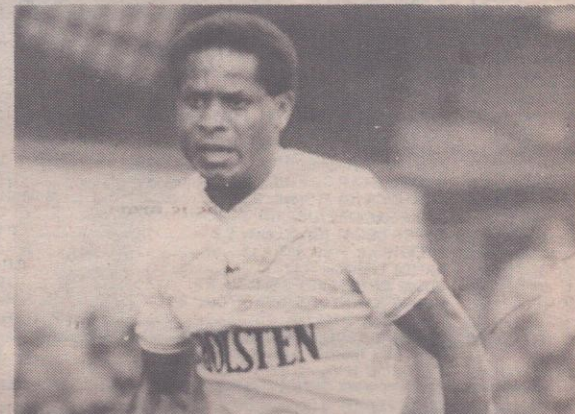
Midfielder Geoff Pike is ruled out by a hamstring injury aggravated at Watford and Alan Dickens comes in.

● WATFORD stick by the side that thrashed West Ham as they continue their bid to escape relegation worries at home to Southampton.

Manager Graham Taylor has set his side a 49-point target for survival, saying: 'We'll be flipping unlucky to go down with that number of points.'

That means another four wins from their last ten games and with the next three at home Taylor is confident the target can be reached.

WINGER IS BACK



CHIDOZIE . . . Welcome return on wing after injury

Fresh insult to Scottish fans

SCOTTISH football fans who have lost money through cancellation of the Wembley match against England have been refused government compensation.

It was the Tory leadership which virtually instructed the football authorities to abandon the Wembley venue.

But John Biffen, leader of the House of Commons, has now told Falkirk West Labour MP Dennis Canavan: 'There is no question — though there is much sympathy — of the government having to accept liability.'

Canavan had protested that Scottish supporters have already collectively parted with tens of thousands of pounds in advance payments for air and rail fares and hotel bookings, 'only to find that the great dictatorial referee in Downing Street blows the whistle and moves the goalposts to Glasgow.'

Switching the venue to Hampden Park has not cooled the anger of fans north of the border because the trip Wembley to see their team take on the

English has always been an eagerly-awaited traditional event.

Members of working men's clubs and football supporters' clubs start saving for the trip a year before.

The behaviour of Tory students in conference in Loughborough earlier this week has served to intensify bitterness amongst fans. Some have called for a demonstration outside Downing Street against Thatcher because of the ban.

There is also substan-

tial criticism of the Scottish Football Association and of the English FA for submitting to Thatcher's pressure over the game.

What is also clear is that the right-wing political move is not temporary, but permanent. Although government spokesmen have since claimed misrepresentation, reporters distinctly heard Sports Minister Neil McFarlane say last Tuesday that in future no England v Scotland matches would be allowed on a Saturday again.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull confident for third final

white army from Humber-side that will be making the trip south to face Wigan in the final.

Open

The race for the championship is still wide open. Cup finalists Wigan slumped to their fourth defeat in eight days when they were beaten 30-19 by St Helen's at Central Park yesterday.

Saints raced to an early lead, scoring three quick

tries, but Wigan came back with Australian star, Brett Kenny, getting two superb touchdowns to bring the half-time score to 18-13 for Saint Helens.

Saint Helens ran away with it at the start of the second half. They got two tries in the first seven minutes, including Andy Platt's, second of the match and in the end were comfortable winners.

Wigan are at Oldham on Monday. They desperately need a victory to get their championship efforts back

on the road. But third-placed Oldham will have other ideas.

Rivals

St Helen's play local rivals Widnes at Knowsley Road on Monday. The Chemics beat Leigh 26-16 at Hilton Park yesterday, with Mick Burke topping a great display by getting his sides last try.

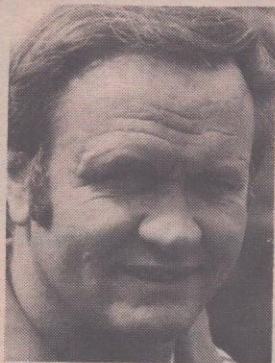
Saints at home are a different proposition though and Widnes will be hard pressed to repeat

yesterday's success.

Fourth-placed Hull Kingston Rovers beat Featherstone 46-0 yesterday. They should win by a similar score when they take on bottom club Workington on Monday.

The big Second-Division clash on Monday is at the Willows, between Salford and local rivals Swinton. The Derby match should be one of the most interesting games of the day. Salford's home advantage should see them through against the league leaders.

PREVIEW



ATKINSON . . . Praise lavished on rivals

Atkinson makes a tip for the top

REDS EYE ON EVERTON

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER United manager Ron Atkinson has voiced his admiration for the consistency which has kept Everton ahead of the field in the championship race.

He said: 'They got a tremendous result at Tottenham and if they continue to set the pace this way they probably deserve to win the title.'

'All we can do is accumulate as many points as possible to be ready in case Everton slip up, but at the moment you have to admire the way they keep winning.'

United Captain Bryan Robson said: 'Everton are playing some tremendous stuff at the moment.'

'We are delighted to be in second place, but you can only be impressed by the way they are keeping the pressure on everyone else.'

Everton face a possible 'treble' programme of 16 games in six weeks. But they will not be tempted to spread the League match burden over their full first team squad.

'We will pick our strongest possible XI for every match,' says manager Howard Kendall. 'That's why we are trying to get Andy Gray and Trevor Steven fit for the Sunderland game.'

Squad

'We have had a good squad of 18 or so players, but there is no thought of deliberately changing the line-up.'

Everton, four points clear of United with two games in hand, will have to make one enforced change for the visit of Sunderland.

Left-back Pat Van Den Hauwe is serving a one-match suspension, so trans-

. . . But what a pile-up

EVERTON'S chase for three trophies is proving no problem for the players, but spare a thought for club secretary, Jim Greenwood. He has to fit 16 matches into the remaining six weeks of the season.

'It's the worst situation I have known in my ten years at the club,' says Greenwood.

'I can't see us avoiding a Saturday-Monday-Wednesday-Saturday schedule at least twice before the end. Sometimes I think it's tougher on the admin team than the

players.'

Everton still have no definite dates for three League games and, ironically, one is their Merseyside Derby against Liverpool, the club normally weighed down with fixture problems.

But even Liverpool's commitments haven't come as thick and fast this before.

Last season Liverpool had to crowd 12 games into the final seven weeks of the season as they clinched a remarkable treble but their

European Cup final fell after the main domestic programme was complete.

But the Cup Winners' Cup final falls only days before a possible FA Cup final appearance for Everton this year.

A place in both finals would mean a 63-game season for Everton, while Liverpool only played 67 games last season, 61 the year before and 63 when they took the European Cup and Milk Cup in 1980-1981.

fer-listed John Bailey, who has been unable to command a regular place this season, will be recalled.

'There will be no problem with John — he is experienced and capable and just the sort of player you need ready to step in if anything arises,' added Kendall.

Striker Andy Gray, whose stunning goal paved the way for Everton's 2-1 win at White Hart Lane on Wednesday night, is doubtful with a knee injury.

New signing Paul Wilkinson would be the obvious replacement for Gray but he is suspended because of bookings accumulated during his time at Grimsby. Terry Curran stands by.

Full-back Gary Stevens suffered a foot injury against Spurs but is expected to be fit.

Sunderland captain Shaun Elliott and strikers Howard Gayle and David Hodgson are expected to return to the side.

The experienced trio missed Wednesday's 3-0 home defeat by Liverpool and although manager Len Ashurst does not want to risk further injury problems, he is banking on their availability.

'I don't want their hearts to rule their heads and be back in the treatment room at only one game,' Ashurst said.

'But I'm hopeful. I'm banking on experience to see us through.'

Reuben Agboola has failed to recover from a knee injury, while John Cooke replaces former England youth international Paul Atkinson in a 15-strong squad.

● Manchester United could face strugglers Stoke without captain Robson. He aggravated his recent ankle injury against Leicester in midweek and Mike Duxbury has been put on standby.

Midfield man Gordon Strachan has recovered from a foot injury.

United are looking for revenge, having lost to Stoke 2-1 on Boxing Day.

'That set us off on a run of four defeats and was our worst performance of the season. I know they are bottom, but struggling sides at this time of the season are often the most difficult opponents,' said Ron Atkinson.

Stoke have striker Keith Bertschin back after suspension and England winger Mark Chamberlain joins the squad after missing four weeks through a groin strain.

SCORECARD

DIVISION II

Grimsby . . . (1)1 Birmingham . . . 0

Henshaw

DIVISION III

Plymouth . . . (0)1 Bristol C . . . 0

Staniforth

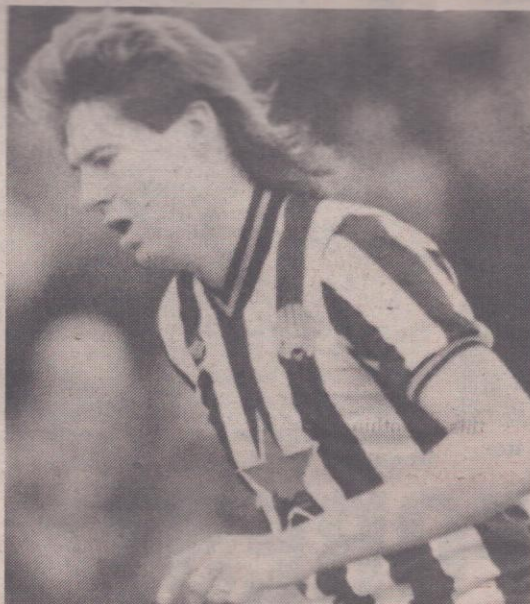
DIVISION IV

Chester . . . (1)1 Peterbro . . . (1)3

Holden

Worral, Shepherd, Pike

Waddle stays at Newcastle



WADDLE . . . Charlton turns down offers

NEWCASTLE have turned down a massive £550,000 bid from Tottenham for England striker Chris Waddle.

And Newcastle are to make a fresh offer to Waddle in the hope that he will stay at St James's Park when his contract expires in the summer.

Manager Jack Charlton said: 'I turned down the Spurs offer because it was not good enough and because we need all the players we have at the moment to ensure our First Division safety.'

'Chris Waddle is one of the most exciting strikers in the business and if he goes we want a realistic figure for him.'

● BRIAN KIDD, the former Manchester United, Arsenal and Manchester City striker, is set to join Preston.

He will link up with his former Manchester City colleague Tommy Booth, who has been appointed manager of the struggling Third Division club.

Kidd, managing non-league Barrow, said: 'I want everything to be done above board. I don't want to leave Barrow without discussions with the directors.'

'There is a big job to do at Preston and it is a great challenge, particularly if I can help my friend Tommy to put them back on the map.'

TOP SCORER Gordon Smith misses Manchester City's visit to Barnsley because of a knee injury.

Manager Billy McNeill prefers to give his 13-goal striker time to recover for Monday's home game with Leeds.

The Second Division leaders expect to have midfielder Graham Baker back for the first time in a month and give a second outing to 18-year-old Paul Simpson, who marked his first full game with a goal against Cardiff last week.

Barnsley have Joe Joyce and Nicky Law suspended.

Duel

Today's top promotion duel sees Brighton visit Portsmouth. Brighton, unbeaten in their last seven matches, give Mick Ferguson his first game since December as replacement for midweek broken leg victim Gerry Ryan.

Alan Biley leads the attack against his former club and declares: 'We firmly believe we can get promotion.'

Portsmouth captain Mick Kennedy has recovered from a rib injury to take his place in an unchanged team before an expected 20,000 crowd.

Simon Garner has shaken off a stomach upset to take his place in Blackburn's line-up at Leeds in a match described by manager Bobby Saxton as 'the real

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

crunch match for our promotion hopes'.

Saxton adds: 'Given a good result there and the players finding a new belief in their early-season ability, we can still make the First Division.'

Irish striker Billy Hamilton has an inflamed knee and takes a late test before Oxford's visit to Cardiff. Full-back Dave Langan returns after a two-match suspension.

City blunder

PLYMOUTH 1

Staniforth

BRISTOL CITY 0

A BLUNDER by goalkeeper John Shaw ended promotion-chasing Bristol City's seven match unbeaten run.

He fumbled a centre by Andy Rogers and Gordon Staniforth pounced to grab the 79th minute winner from point-blank range.

City responded immediately with impressive centre back Keith Curle thundering a drive against the bar but Plymouth were good value for their first home win in five games.

BRUM UNSTUCK

BIRMINGHAM'S faltering promotion challenge came further unstuck at Grimsby when they went down to their third successive away defeat.

A 14th-minute penalty by Gary Henshaw decided the match, but Grimsby could have had three or four more goals against a side that failed to put its game together at all in the first

GRIMSBY 1

Henshaw

BIRMINGHAM 0

half and fared little better in the second.

The penalty followed a back pass from Stevenson after which goalkeeper Seaman brought down Grimsby striker Drinkell.



BAILEY . . . Transfer listed but a tough replacement

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WILF ROSTON . . . he is fighting to keep Watford in the First Division. He faces Southampton today



TREVOR STEVEN . . . the Everton star is on course to win a League championship medal. He faces Sunderland at Goodison today

FAITH IN FOREST

Clough signs for an extra year

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough yesterday signed a one-year extension to his present contract, which will keep him at the City Ground until June 1987.

Clough, 50, who celebrated ten years as a manager in January, asked the Forest board for an extra year at a meeting yesterday, even though his present agreement does not expire until June 1986.

Said Clough: 'I've been trying to get certain players here to sign new contracts and I am setting an example and showing them my faith in this club.'

Forest chairman Maurice Roworth said: 'It puts an end to speculation about Brian's future because it had been rumoured

he might retire at the end of the present season.

'He has signed sooner rather than later and we are all delighted because we know we have the best manager in the game.'

Manager

● LESS fortunate than Clough is Swindon Town manager Lou Macari, dismissed yesterday with his assistant Harry Gregg.

After last night's four-hour meeting board chairman Brian Hillier issued

the following statement yesterday: 'In the interests of the club, Lou Macari and Harry Gregg have been relieved of their responsibilities due to their inability to work together.'

The Swindon chairman declined to make further comments, but added that former manager John Trollope — now serving as youth manager — would be in charge of the team for today's Division Four home game against Southend.

Macari, who was appointed in July last year when Gregg also joined the staff, was unavailable for comment.



BRIAN CLOUGH

DIVISION I		POOLS CHECK		SCOTTISH PREMIER	
(3.00 kick-off)					
1	Arsenal v Norwich	24	Bristol R v Brentford	45	Corby v Gloucester
2	A Villa v Sheff Wed	25	Burnley v York	46	Crawley v Alvechurch
3	Chelsea v QPR	26	Derby v Gillingham	SCOTTISH PREMIER	
4	Coventry v Luton (P)	27	Doncaster v Bradford C	47	Dumbarton v Hibs
5	Everton v Sunderland	28	Hull v Millwall	48	Dundee Utd v Morton
6	Ipswich v Nottm For	29	Lincoln v Orient	49	Hearts v Celtic
7	Leicester v Liverpool	30	Preston v Walsall	50	Rangers v Aberdeen
8	Man Utd v Stoke	31	Reading v Newport	51	St Mirren v Dundee
9	Newcastle v West Brom	32	Rotherham v Swansea	SCOTTISH DIV I	
10	Watford v Southampton	DIVISION IV		52	Airdrie v Forfar
11	West Ham v Tottenham	33	Crewe v Aldershot	53	Clyde v Brechin
DIVISION II		34	Hartlepool v Halifax	54	Kilmarnock v Falkirk
12	Barnsley v Man City	35	Hereford v Colchester	55	Meadowbank v Clydebank
13	Cardiff v Oxford	36	Mansfield v Chesterfield	Motherwell v East Fife	
14	Charlton v C Palace	37	Port Vale v Bury	Partick v Ayr	
15	Leeds v Blackburn	38	Rochdale v Blackpool	St Johnstone v Hamilton	
16	Middlesbro v Carlisle	39	Stockport v Scunthorpe	SCOTTISH DIV II	
17	Notts Co v Wimbledon	Swindon v Southend		Alloa v Berwick	
18	Oldham v Huddersfield	40	Torquay v Exeter	Dunfermline v Raith	
19	Portsmouth v Brighton	41	Tranmere v Darlington (3.15)	E Stirlingshire v Cow'beath	
20	Sheff Utd v Fulham	42	Wrexham v Chester	Montrose v Albion R	
21	Wolves v Shrewsbury	SOUTHERN PREMIER		Queen's Park v Arbroath	
DIVISION III		43	Bedworth v Gravesend	Sten's semuir v Stirling A	
22	Bolton v Wigan	44	Cheltenham v Shepshed	Stranraer v Queen O'Sth	
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