

Tories and NCB warned over cuts in jobs and pits



Miners' president Arthur Scargill, who issued a warning from the pit delegates conference in Sheffield yesterday

THE MINERS MAY STRIKE AGAIN

MINERS may strike again if the Coal Board and the Tory government attempt to close more pits, NUM president Arthur Scargill warned yesterday.

'If the Board and the government try to butcher this industry then miners will have to consider the position in relation to taking action again,' he said in Sheffield.

Scargill issued this warning after an NUM delegates conference had voted to accept a 12.5 per cent pay offer for the last two years.

He also said every effort would be made to support and win the jobs backs of those miners sacked or jailed for their actions during the dispute.

Continuation

He told reporters that any move to resurrect the pit closure programme or a continuation of the NCB's current hard-line tactics could provoke action.

'If the Coal Board and the government's policy is to be maintained or resurrected in the weeks or months ahead, then our members again will have to reconsider their position and possibly take the same kind of action that they have had to take previously.

'If there is a further attempt by the Board and the government to butcher our industry and to des-

BY SIMON VEVERS

troy jobs and mining communities, then I feel it may well be essential on our members' part to reconsider their policy decisions. I believe the coal board and the government know that as well.'

Scargill said that NCB management was ignoring normal conciliation negotiations and intimidating miners.

He said the Board was also riding rough-shod over previously agreed procedures and that NUM members would have to consider how to fight this 'vicious attack'.

The union would continue to oppose cutbacks and would fight for the expansion and development of the coal industry, the NUM president pledged.

He said: 'Members of my union have been involved in the longest strike, possibly in world history. They came through it on the basis of defending pits, jobs and this industry.'

'If the policy of the coal board were to resort to the tactics prior to March 1984, or those deployed at the present time, our members should have to consider very seriously the position they would adopt in the face of such viciousness and such an attack.'

Scargill restated the union's support for miners who have been sacked or thrown in jail during the year-long fight for jobs.

'I think it would have been far better if none of our members had been taken to court or put in pris-

on. The only offence they are guilty of is fighting for the right to work,' he said.

Scargill said the union's national executive had outlined plans to ensure that sacked men were supported financially and that the campaign to win their reinstatement was sustained.

The conference is understood to have voted to bring back to Britain some of the union's money deposited at the moment in overseas banks.

Media

A number of delegates spoke to the media afterwards about this, but Scargill, asked about the funds, said: 'I could tell you many things that have been discussed, but, quite frankly, I do not see what business it is of yours.'

'What we have done is to decide not to tell the media about our internal affairs. Any matters discussed were of an internal nature and is not to be revealed by the president of this union or by the number of moles you seem to have.'

The wage settlement, recommended by the NUM national executive, is made up of 5.2 per cent for both 1983-84 and 1984-85.

It was accepted by the conference with only one vote against, said Scargill.

The union is understood to be ready to press for a 'substantial increase' when the current agreement runs out, at the end of October.

South African rebellion spreads

JOHANNESBURG — Two men died yesterday as widespread rebellion flared again in South Africa's townships and spread to a mine in Orange Free State.

At least ten men died and 12 were injured on Sunday,

when clashes broke out between Xhosas and Basotho migrant workers from Lesotho at the President Steyn gold mine at Welkom, about 170 miles from Johannesburg.

About 4,000 mineworkers

were drawn into the fighting that erupted at the Anglo American Corporation's Steyn mine on Sunday.

It followed the fatal stabbing of a Basotho labourer at a mineworkers' hostel

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Labour row over 'coalition' body

LABOUR and trade union leaders who lent their names to the newly-launched Charter for Jobs put forward by the Employment Institute came under fire at a meeting of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee yesterday.

Michael Meacher, the party's social services spokesman, is still being listed as a sponsor, but his aides say he has withdrawn completely. The other Labourites involved are ex-premiers Wilson and Callaghan, deputy leader Roy Hattersley and his predecessor Dennis Healey.

Among the trade union leaders taking part in the body, regarded by many on the Labour left as a front for the Liberal-SDP

alliance, are former print union leader Bill Keys and TUC assistant general secretary David Lea.

Yesterday's liaison committee meeting was due to discuss the party's own jobs and industry campaign. Labour NEC member Eric Heffer said this was being overshadowed by the Charter campaign, which many people saw as a future coalition.

Heffer was joined by other liaison committee members including John Prescott, Tony Benn, Doug Hoyle and Stan Orme.

Hattersley defended his own participation in the Charter campaign, which also includes SDP and Liberal politicians and 'wet' Tories including Edward Heath.



MICHAEL MEACHER
... Renounced membership of Charter — See page 3

Hands off the T.G.W.U.!

Reject the Tory-Kinnock witch-hunt!

THE Transport and General Workers' Union should tell Neil Kinnock to stop his right-wing interference in their affairs.

Kinnock yesterday publicly confirmed his attack on the Transport and General Workers' Union — of which he is a member — by backing calls for a re-ballot for the post of general secretary.

Joining the Tory press in rounding on the transport union, Kinnock said yesterday: 'A cloud has been manufactured over the head of Ron Todd, who is a first-class trade unionist and a very decent man. The consideration that has to be taken into account is how that cloud is cleared.'

'One of the options involved is the possibility of a re-run of the ballot.'

Important

He went on: 'It is important at what is a crucial time in the union's history with a new general secretary that he is not going to have in the first

COMMENT
by Ben Rudder



KINNOCK

months of office to preface everything with an explanation of his election.

In recent weeks the union has come under a ferocious attack from the Tory press, the SDP and the Thatcher government

who are attempting to foist a notorious right-winger into the leadership in place of Ron Todd.

George Wright has made his complaints known to the press and the media in the full knowledge that such allegations will be used in a campaign to denigrate the union.

Allegations of malpractice in union elections are the business of the union and the union alone. The release to the Tory press of such claims — which to this day have still to be investigated — only serves to open the union to attack by forces which seek to destroy it.

The witch-hunt against the union is supported by the SDP pro-Thatcherites, who are scheming to discredit the union leaders and undermine their campaign to retain the political levy in the union.

The SDP are joined by

the Tory press acting on Thatcher's behalf. The Tories have a particular hatred for the T&GWU because of the financial support given to the miners by the union.

They also hate the union's executive for following the lead of the miners last year by rejecting a High Court injunction and defying Thatcher's Bonapartist state.

Abide

The T&GWU were the only union among the nine organised at BL's Austin Rover factories to abide by TUC policy and defy Tory anti-union law. They were fined £200,000 for a breach of the Tory anti-union 1984 Trade Union Act which ordered them to instruct their members to return to work and conduct a ballot.

As this conspiracy of reactionary forces daily steps up its campaign for a political coup in the union as part of Tory plans to destroy independent trade unionism as a whole, who should join them but Neil Kinnock.

As was shown in the miners' strike, when the ruling class launches an attack on the unions, the political poodle Kinnock is sure to jump.

The attack in itself is a further sign of Kinnock's rightward rush away from those who elected him leader of the Labour Party and into the arms of the Tories. Without the T&GWU vote and public campaign within the Labour Party, Kinnock would never have been elected.

But in two years he has turned on the union, as he turned on the thousands of miners who supported him in the past.

He is a whole-hearted supporter of the capitalist state — the police, the courts, and the government. He does not support the reinstatement of all sacked miners, he does not support the struggle of the rate-capped local authorities in defiance of the government, and it is now clear he does not support the independence of his own trade union.

Reactionary

Trade unionists must reject the Tory witch-hunt against the union and the participation in the reactionary alliance by Neil Kinnock. The witch-hunt is part and parcel of Tory plans for corporatism and the destruction of independent trade unionism.

Hands off the T&GWU — reject the Tory witch-hunt.

Oil price collapse forecast

A 'NEAR-FUTURE' collapse of oil prices is forecast by the director of an international energy centre.

He forecasts that under certain conditions the price could fall \$20 to around \$7 a barrel.

This price would destroy the high-cost British North Sea oil fields.

The warning comes from Peter Odell, director of the Rotterdam Centre for International Studies.

Writing in *Lloyds Bank Review*, Odell said: 'The price of oil has been driven well above its equilibrium level.'

'Thus demand has been severely constrained, while the ability to supply has been greatly enhanced.'

Rodell said the 'inherent instability' had been kept in check by 'collusion between various interested parties'.

He added: 'Collectively the parties have sought to maintain the fiction of oil as a high value commodity.'

'If this fiction is maintained, by means of institutional action on the part of OPEC and others, then the market will remain unstable in the short to medium-term.'

Pension schemes under threat

TORY Social Services secretary Norman Fowler refused yesterday to deny government plans to abolish the earnings-related pension scheme.

He said of his review of the social security system to be published shortly: 'There is no point in having a review if every part of the existing structure is regarded as sacrosanct.'

He was replying to a Labour debate on the destruction of the welfare state, opened by Labour spokesman Michael Meacher.

Meacher said the government plans to abolish earnings-related pensions would condemn an extra 2

million pensioners to means-tested poverty.

Several supplementary benefit allowances would disappear altogether, as would mortgage payments for people on supplementary benefit.

'This will put thousands of claimants and one-parent families out of their homes,' said Meacher. He also claimed that payment of unemployment benefit to claimants would end after six months rather than a year as at present.

Family income supplement would be replaced by family credits, transferring the benefit from the wife to the husband, Meacher charged.

'This is not a review of the welfare state — it's a massacre,' he said.

Meacher was taunted by Tory MPs about his recent proposal to cut mortgage tax relief in favour of a new form of housing benefit.

He said it was a 'Goebels lie' for the Tories to claim that the suggestion, made in a discussion document, was now Labour Party policy.

'It is only malicious and fabricated press reporting that has implied otherwise, and for the Prime Minister to reiterate now what she knows to be a calculated falsehood is despicable and degrades her office,' he said.

Fowler claimed that the proposal to change tax relief on mortgages would mean that all those on more than one-and-a-half times the average wage would lose out.

But Meacher said Fowler's reviews 'like the rampaging Federation of Conservative Students stand with the goose-step of the New Right.'

Mining jobs under attack

A NEW threat to the mining industry was revealed last night in a leaked Common Market report recommending the ending of subsidies and the cutting of 300,000 jobs by 1990.

South Yorkshire Euro-MP Norman West warned that 20 pits and 15,000 jobs in his region alone were threatened if the report was approved.

Islington to defy auditor's warning

BY PAUL FELDMAN

ISLINGTON Council in north London is set to defy the district auditor tonight and vote not to make a rate under Tory terms.

The auditor has warned defiant London authorities that they face personal 'fines' and a ban from office for not carrying out their 'lawful duty'.

Auditor Brian Skinner has written to councillors, telling them they will be held personally liable for any losses which arise as a result of the failure to make a rate.

He said councillors had no 'cogent reason to delay further' and they should not expect 'any further advice or warning' before action was considered.

Islington leader Margaret Hodge told *News Line* yesterday: 'Now is the time for members of the Labour Groups to hold their nerve.'

'We are coming under enormous pressure but I believe if the eight councils stand firm we are unbeatable.'

A new poll in the borough showed that nearly 60 per cent supported the councillors' stand, and only 20 per cent backed the government. Only 3 per cent backed action by the district auditor.

Hodge added: 'We will be there until the end. We have held together and I am confident we will reaffirm our position.'

Tory backers get rates boost

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

WEALTHY backers of the Tory Party are having their rates bills cut while other ratepayers face massive increases, a public meeting in Edinburgh heard last night.

'Banks, insurance companies and building firms are having their profits boosted,' said Alex Wood, Labour group leader of Edinburgh district council.

'To pay for this, the Tory government is not only robbing Scottish councils but are, with revaluation, plundering their own naive voters, suburban owner-occupiers and small businessmen.'

Addressing a Labour Party meeting in the Cowgate, Wood said Standard Life Assurance's George Street headquarters, despite rates increases, is

paying £852 per week less in rates, thanks to revaluation.

For the same reason, Miller Construction is saving £123 weekly on its Groathill depot, and the Bank of Scotland is saving £381 a week on its Usher House headquarters.

Wood compared this with, for example, a small shop in Edinburgh city centre paying an extra £6.70 a week combined in rates to Lothian region and Edinburgh district, which has to pay an additional £17.11 a week for revaluation alone.

Another small shop, in the Haymarket, paying an extra £2.09 a week to the councils, must pay an additional £16.30 per week for revaluation.

'Householders, too, are paying heavily for YOUNG

ger's revaluation. A flat in Tollcross paying £1.52 a week to the councils is paying £4.25 extra per week for revaluation,' said Wood, whose Labour-controlled council is fighting Tory cuts.

He went on: 'But the Tories do not merely redistribute wealth by cutting the bills for their wealthy backers. By cutting rate support grant to Scottish councils they also force councils to increase rates simply to stand still.'

'This year several Scottish councils have been forced to raise rents by over £2 a week — in once case by £3.20. The objective is clear: to raise Scottish council house rents to at least the levels common in England and to destroy 60 years of progressive municipal housing tradition.'

Hammond wants ballot law

THE right-wing leader of the EETPU electricians' union, Eric Hammond, yesterday urged the Tories to strengthen their anti-union laws by calling for legislation enforcing postal ballots.

Stepping into the witch-hunt against the T&GWU

transport union, Hammond attacked arguments that postal balloting was subject to interference.

He said he could not allow 'the present burst of distortion to go unchallenged', and added: 'We regard our system as fiddle-proof and we urged

the Secretary of State to adopt it if he was intent on legislating.

'He failed to do so and it is reprehensible that he and others who have ignored our advice should now misrepresent our position,' Hammond added.

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TUC collaborates in attacks on basic rights

POOR RESPONSE FOR CHARTER FOR JOBS

RESPECTABLE and reasonable were key words at yesterday's official launch in London of the Charter for Jobs, an anti-Thatcher coalition with Labour, Alliance and Tory members.

BY JOHN SPENCER

Executive chairman Richard Layard, a professor at the London School of Economics, was convinced that the new body commanded the support of 'the vast majority of well-informed people'.

Over 100 politicians, trade unionists, leading businessmen, financiers, economists, journalists and churchmen were involved, he pointed out.

The three patrons, former premiers Edward Heath, Lord Wilson and James Callaghan were absent from the launch press conference.

So were prominent 'wet' Tories like Francis Pym and James Prior, former SDP chief Roy Jenkins and Labour's Dennis Healey, Roy Hattersley and Michael Meacher.

But their support was frequently invoked by former head of the Manpower Services Commission Sir Richard O'Brien, the chairman of trustees, and John Shields, the head of the Employment Institute which will operate alongside the Charter for Jobs.

'They have come together to make it clear that it is perfectly respectable to believe that something can be done to reduce unemployment,' said Layard.

The charter saw itself as a single-issue pressure group modelled on the Anti-Corn Law League of the 1840s and he hoped it would command the sup-

port of 'the majority of respectable men in the country'.

Layard hotly denied the Downing Street sneer that the Charter supporters were the 'erstwhile establishment'.

'The majority of the trustees are in our thirties or forties. Very nearly all of us are in the prime of our careers, or rising,' he said indignantly.

O'Brien is in the twilight rather than the heyday of his corporatist career, but Layard's description certainly applies to Shields.

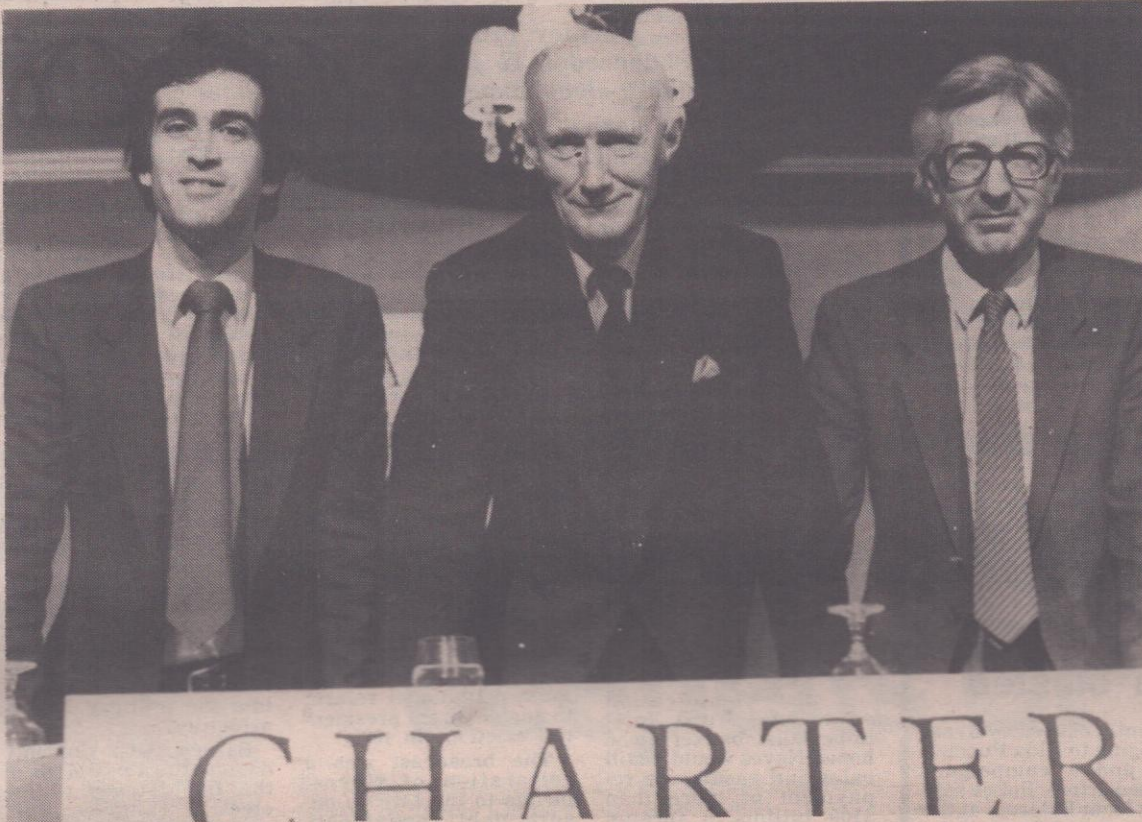
Quit

The new Institute chief is an identikit Yuppie (young upwardly-mobile person) who has just quit after 12 or 14 very happy years as a government economist to begin a full-time career in unemployment.

Shields said he had abandoned his climb up the civil service greasy pole because of the Thatcher government's 'rigid and tight approach'.

He emphasised that the Institute's research activities would be 'conducted in an academic spirit to see what is practical and what is useful'.

When it was pointed out that none of the hundred or so worthies around the Charter were unemployed, O'Brien said he



John Shields, Sir Richard O'Brien and Richard Layard launching the 'Charter for Jobs' yesterday

certainly did not want to give the impression that they were the comfortably placed trying to alleviate the distress of the lower orders.

But they are certainly not going out of their way to appeal to the common man. Appeals for money will appear this morning in selected papers — namely, 'The Times', the 'Daily Telegraph', 'The Guardian' and the 'Daily Mirror'.

And the support in other sections is not as impressive as it might appear. O'Brien was thrown off balance when asked why the Transport

and General Workers' Union was not represented. He maintained the T&GWU had not been approached.

Cooled

O'Brien denied that the Charter group was breaking up before it had got under way. However, Labour Party enthusiasm for the coalition group cooled rapidly yesterday.

Employment spokesman John Prescott said the anti-Thatcher 'think tank' was a collection of 'the good, the bad and the ugly' and questioned

whether it was truly non-political.

He said: 'My main concern is that it does not commit itself to full employment, and as Labour is committed to that programme, it is highly likely that it will begin to call the attainment of full employment as extremist, and the measures to achieve it as extremist.'

Labour's social security spokesman Michael Meacher, a member of the Charter's council, said he was prepared to support plans for economic research but not the Charter's public campaign.

Delegates reject ballot plans

UNION delegates to the AUEW national committee appear to have overturned plans by the engineering union leadership to accept Tory cash for union postal ballots.

The AUEW national executive have been privately canvassing opinion before deciding whether to put the issue to the vote at the national committee meeting in Eastbourne.

But yesterday, AUEW president Terry Duffy admitted: 'We did not anticipate the hostility that has come from among the committee.'

He said the union would still accept the £1 million on offer for elections in the past — a move which still places the union in violation of TUC rules.

Rely

The right wing can usually rely on about 75 of the 124 committee members to vote with them. But Duffy said yesterday that at least 10 were likely to have changed sides if the ballot issue was put to the vote.

THE AUEW national committee voted unanimously yesterday to mount a campaign to retain the political levy. The vote followed an address by Labour deputy Roy Hattersley to the annual meeting in Eastbourne.

The ballot of AUEW members over the ballot will be held in two months time in accordance with Tory anti-union laws. Yesterday's vote means that official union literature will urge a retention of the fund.

AUEW political sub-committee chairman Gerry Russell warned that the Tories intended to destroy the Labour Party and 'become an elected dictatorship without effective opposition'.

Repeal

The Corn Laws were repealed in 1846. Karl Marx favoured repeal of these protectionist laws only because it would heighten the antagonism between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat and hasten the social revolution.

Stalinists opposed Ford strike

BOTH the right-wing leaders of the AUEW engineers and the Stalinist AUEW executive member Jim Airlie were opposed to the Ford machinists' strike, it was revealed yesterday.

In an attack on the 270 mainly women workers at Ford's Halewood and Dagenham plants who took strike action last year, AUEW president Terry Duffy said yesterday:

'An award to the machinists will precipitate claims from other workers above them. Bargaining power should not be a criterion of advancement: it would lead to anarchy.'

Duffy was speaking about the arbitration panel hearing over the re-grading dispute which is due to report soon.

He made it clear he was opposed to an increase in wages for the women, who have been fighting for skilled status for 16 years — with numerous promises from management.

But Duffy also added that the AUEW had supported Jim Airlie, the union's Ford negotiator, who had opposed pressing the machinists' claim — arguing that other groups of workers also deserved regrading.

Airlie is a member of the Communist Party and a supporter of the Stalinist 'Morning Star'. But it is now clear that while the 'Morning Star' was allegedly supporting the Ford women, Airlie was advocating the winding up of the strike.

AUEW signs Nissan deal

THE right-wing leaders of the AUEW have signed what amounts to a no-strike deal with Nissan in exchange for sole negotiating rights at its new UK assembly plant.

There will be total mobility of labour, even to the point of allowing production workers to fix any breakdowns on the line.

Disputes

All workers will be represented by the one union, and disputes will be settled by conciliation or arbitration, with industrial action ruled out during negotiations.

Although the AUEW de-

nied it was a 'no-strike' agreement, there is little doubt that is what Nissan expects in practice.

Nissan's £50 million plant, now under construction in Washington, Tyne and Wear, will provide up to 500 jobs from next year assembling car kits imported from Japan.

Peter Wickens, the company's UK director of personnel, said yesterday: 'We believed that if we had more than one trade union, then sooner or later the old divisions would begin to arise and our common employment package and flexibility would begin to erode.'

He added: 'We will have no detailed job de-

scriptions and no multiplicity of grades.'

'All of these traditional systems are restrictive and reduce flexibility.'

'Nissan and the AUEW are agreed on the need to break away from the rigid strait-jacket of specifically defining every little task an employee is allowed to do.'

Right

Joe Cellini, divisional organiser of the AUEW, said: 'We think that the agreement is right.'

AUEW president Terry Duffy told his National Committee in Eastbourne: 'Some of the unions were not as committed as we were.'

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Invasion plot exposed

RIO DE JANEIRO — Former Brazilian military President Emilio Garrastazu Medici was ready to invade neighboring Uruguay in 1971 to prevent a leftist government from taking power, the newspaper 'O Estado de Sao Paulo' has reported. Plans for an invasion if left-wing candidate Liber Seregni had won elections in Uruguay that year are told by Dickson Graef, a Brazilian artillery colonel in a book to be published next month. The paper said the push into Montevideo had been planned to take about 48 hours. The former Argentine military junta had been aware of the US-backed regime's plans.

Military boost opposed

TOKYO — Seventy-eight per cent of Japanese want national defence spending to be limited below 1 per cent of gross national product (GNP), according to a newspaper poll published yesterday. The national daily 'Mainichi Shimbun' said only 12 per cent supported a review of the 1 per cent ceiling set by the government in 1976. Japan's defence expenditure for 1985-86 represents 0.997 per cent of the GNP.

School-age drink hazard

SYDNEY — Australian children have dramatically increased their intake of alcohol and drugs such as painkillers, according to a survey released yesterday. A report on primary schoolchildren aged between 10 and 12 in New South Wales showed that about one in four drank alcohol at least once a week — about double the number reported in a similar 1979 survey.

Hanoi devalues the dong

HANOI — The value of the Vietnamese currency, the dong, has been slashed to a rate of 100 to the dollar because the old level of 11.7 to the US unit had become 'humorous', Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs Tran Phuong said. Banks and tourist centres had applied their own incentive system and their rates had fluctuated from about 12 to 60 dong to the dollar for the past two years, he said.

Ex-mayor's villa blasted

ROME — An explosion apparently caused by dynamite has wrecked a villa belonging to Elda Pucci, a former mayor of Palermo and a campaigner against corruption and organised crime. Police said no one was in the villa, 15 miles from Palermo at the time. The blast, on Saturday, knocked down walls, tore out doors and windows and damaged furniture.

NATO's Iberian exercise

LISBON — A NATO rapid deployment force began a two-week land and air exercise in Portugal yesterday involving 1,500 servicemen from Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Italy, Britain, the United States and Portugal. The exercise by units of the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (AMF) is codenamed 'Ardent Ground 85'. It is being held 75 miles north-east of Lisbon. The AMF was formed in 1960 as a quick-strike anti-insurgency unit.

World News Line

TENSION DEEPENS AS NEVES DIES

SAO PAULO — Former military junta chairman Jose Sarney automatically succeeded to the presidency yesterday after the death of President-elect Tancredo Neves.

The 75-year-old Neves, who led his Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB) to victory after 21 years of military rule last January, died on Sunday night.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

He had been five weeks in a Brasilia hospital and Sao Paulo's specialist heart centre and had undergone seven major operations.

His death, and Sarney's apparent determination to take advantage of constitutional powers and remain in power, guarantees renewed political upheaval and threatens a fragile agreement with the former military rulers.

Although Sarney was Neves' choice for deputy, he is hated by the undefeated Brazilian peoples, whose intransigent resistance to military rule forced the US-backed junta to hand over power.

A new complication arises for US and world imperialist bankers who hoped Neves would instill calm and ensure the repayment of more than \$100 billion in foreign debts.

Fearful of likely social convulsions, the International Monetary Fund last month suspended a

loan programme to the interim government, on the grounds that it had been unable to fulfill economic austerity targets.

Yesterday Sarney, 54, said in a national broadcast: 'The changes demanded will be made. Our programme will be the same as Tancredo Neves'.

Vowed

He called on Brazil's 131 million people to help create 'democracy and liberty' and vowed to follow Neves' programme for constitutional reform to enable direct presidential elections in 1988.

The broadcast was a reiteration of Neves' pledge to the IMF to ensure debt repayments and enforce harsh measures to cut inflation raging at an annual rate of 250 per cent.

Senate President Jose

Fragelli immediately announced an emergency plenary session of both houses of Congress.

He said congressmen would be formally told of the death and be invited to discuss its implications.

The PMDB agreed to chose Neves as its candidate for presidency because the politician of 50 years was acceptable to the generals.

He was to have succeeded five military presidents installed since the 1964 US-engineered coup on the guarantee that there would be no inquiry into the military rulers' atrocities.

Sarney, who suddenly defected to the PMDB in the final stages of the election campaign last year is the former military rulers' guarantee that the largely hostile PMDB will not chose a candidate who may launch a hunt of the tor-



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turers and murders among the army general staff.

There are moves by minority opposition politicians in the Brazilian congress to defuse the crisis and reach a compromise on the basis that Sarney's mandate should hinge on 'how well he administers the government and placates political rivals'.

Sarney has proclaimed eight days of mourning and an elaborate funeral is being organised.

Neves is to be embalmed and his body paraded through Sao Paulo's streets to the city airport to be flown to Brasilia, where it will lie in state for two days before burial in Sao Joao del Rey, the town where he was born.

Alfonsin tells of coup plot

BUENOS AIRES — Unnamed people had tried to hatch a plot with the army to overthrow the democratic regime elected at the end of 1983, Argentines have been told.

President Raul Alfonsin made the charge in a ten-minute nationwide address on the eve of the opening of a public trial yesterday of nine former military junta leaders.

He said unidentified peo-

ple had probed officers of the armed forces with proposals 'which go from alleged coalition Cabinets to the possibility of a coup d'etat'.

The officers approached had not been moved by the proposals and were loyal to the constitution, Alfonsin said.

But he called on Argentines to demonstrate on Friday in front of Government House in support of 'the law, respect, liberty and democracy'.

The trial would 'bring an end to 50 years of democratic frustration and national decadence', Alfonsin said.

that all military officers suspected of human rights violations be brought to justice.

The trial is expected to last six months, with more than 2,200 witnesses expected to testify before the six-man federal appeals court tribunal.

The accused are expected to face possible prison terms of up to 25 years if convicted.

Italo Luder, opposition Peronist candidate in the 1983 presidential elections, was scheduled to be the first witness, court officials said.

Luder had served briefly as president in 1975 and ordered the armed forces to take action against left-wing opponents.

In March 1976, the generals ousted President Maria Estela (Isabel) Peron from power.

Argentine essayist and novelist Ernesto Sabato, arriving in Madrid yesterday to receive Spain's highest literary honour — the Cervantes Prize — said there was no danger of a military coup in Argentina.

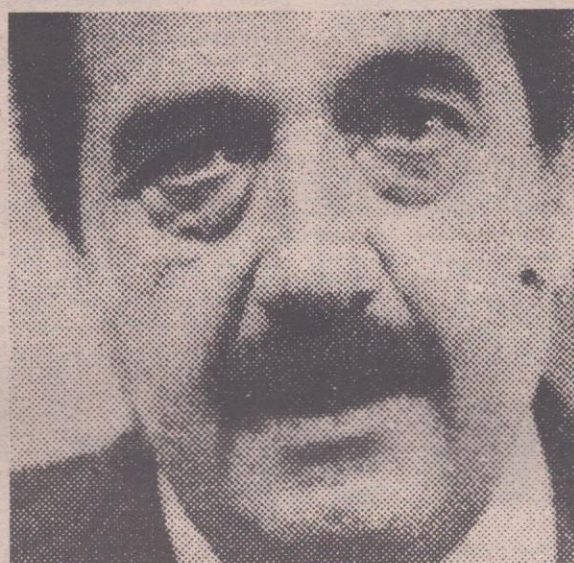
Sabato, 74, headed an official commission which produced evidence on the disappearance of nearly 9,000 people during the 'Dirty War', between 1976 and 1983.

Torture

Former presidents Jorge Videla, Roberto Viola and Leopoldo Galtieri and six other military junta members went on trial yesterday for the abduction, torture and murder of thousands during military rule from 1976 to 1983.

Alfonsin ordered the trial of the nine shortly after taking office in December, 1983.

Eight human rights organisations were due to march to the Congress building shortly after the trial opened to protest against any possible amnesty and to demand



ALFONSIN

Zia cancels Karachi visit

KARACHI — Military President Zia ul-Haq yesterday cancelled a visit to Karachi as tension simmered in the wake of a government-inspired bloodbath in Pakistan's second-largest city.

Troops were reported to have dug up unmarked graves near the curfew-bound Orangi working class district.

Three more decomposed bodies have been recovered from houses burned in the worst violence involving the minority Bihari and Pashtun peoples of the city of 7 million mainly Urdu-speaking Punjabis.

Zia was due in Karachi on a scheduled visit to lay the foundation stone for the new headquarters of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, a government spokesman said. He declined to explain why the visit had been cancelled.

From reports leaking through despite harsh censorship laws, it appeared that terror-stricken families in the Orangi shanty town had taken to burying their dead secretly to avoid facing a witchhunt at the hands of the military authorities.

According to official figures the death toll has reached 53.

hand of the military authorities.

Policemen and soldiers are unofficially reported to be grilling grieving relatives on whether the dead had been involved in alleged looting or arson.

Official photographers with the provincial assembly members claimed they had seen a vacant lot with more than 100 holes that Pashtun men had allegedly said they had dug to bury Biharis there were going to kill in revenge.

Most of last Thursday's victims were Pashtun migrant workers from the North-West Frontier Province.

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Sudan
delegation
meets
Gaddafi

TRIPOLI — A four-man delegation, including two generals from Sudan's Transitional Military Council, are in Libya for talks with Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

The two top officers are Brigadier-General Fadhallah Burmah and Brigadier-General Faris Abdullah Hosni, who carried a message from the new military ruler in Khartoum, General Abdul-Rahman Swaredahab.

The message dealt with 'brotherly relations between the two peoples and ways to develop them', said the official Sudanese news agency SUNA.

In a recorded interview for Libyan television, Colonel Gaddafi said he was continuing his efforts to persuade John Garang, leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, to 'stop the war and enter into negotiations with our brothers in Khartoum'.

Allies

'We are allies of Garang,' he said. 'We have been providing him with arms and training. Therefore, our evaluation of matters will be one and the same.'

'In fact, I am against the continuation of the fighting in southern Sudan. I believe that there is no alternative to negotiations and the unification of Sudan.'

Referring to the generals' April 6 coup against President Numeiry, the Libyan leader said: 'The military commanders who saved Sudan a great deal of trouble by joining the people at the decisive moment and toppling the fascist Numeiry regime should not be allowed to become lax.'

'I hope the revolution in Sudan will not be aborted.'

East Malaysian
election coup

KUALA LUMPUR — The multi-party National Front government of Malaysia has stepped in after elections in the East Malaysian state of Sabah to prevent the non-Malay Parti Bersatu Sabah (PDS) from taking office.

The PDS (United Party of Sabah), led by Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitangan, swept to victory early yesterday, winning 25 of the 48 seats in the Legislative Assembly.

Ousted Chief Minister Harris Salleh's Parti Berjaya held on to only six of the 44 seats it won in 1981. Harris lost his seat.

Tun Mustapha Harun, a multi-millionaire and leader of the United Sabah National Organisation, was sworn into office with only 16 seats. The party previously had three seats. The Kadazan

TEL AVIV — The Israeli regime has admitted sinking a boat carrying 28 Palestinians last Saturday night in international waters off the coast of Israel.

Eight were rescued from the sea and the other 20 were 'presumed drowned'. Only one body was recovered.

An army statement said the men were planning 'a three-pronged attack' on coastal targets. They intended to launch the raids from

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rubber dinghies this Thursday, the eve of Israel's independence day.

A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) spokesman later confirmed that a major military action against the Zionist state had been underway. He said that three boats were launched from the mother ship and fought Israeli soldiers on the beaches, but this was denied by Tel Aviv.

The Israeli military

communicate said the 'Ataverus' was intercepted by a 'deep water patrol', a euphemism for the fact that it was well outside Israel's territorial waters.

In fact, the ship was 100 miles from the Israeli coastline.

When ordered to identify itself, the boat's crew refused. The Israelis allegedly fired 'warning shots' and the 'terrorists' fired back with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades.

'As a result, the terrorist vessel was sunk by an

Israeli navy vessel,' the

communicate added.

There were no Israeli

casualties.

Only last Friday, Israel's navy commander, Avraham Ben-Shoshan, disclosed that his war ships had recently intercepted two other vessels on their way towards the Israeli coast.

'The navy has foiled ten such attempts in the past six years,' he said.

Asked about the legality of attacking a ship on the high seas, Rear Admiral Ben-Shoshan said that 'countries are allowed to operate

against terrorists on the open seas. . .

'It's absolutely legal what we did,' he added.

He said the eight captured Palestinians told Israeli interrogators they were personally briefed by Fatah military chief, Abu Jihad.

The Labour-Likud government has not explained why the news of the sea incident was delayed from Saturday night until Monday morning.

Sunday's Cabinet meeting announced that Israeli troops will be pulled out of south Lebanon by June 1, but 'occasional

patrols' will continue to operate in the border region.

The vote to withdraw under these provisions was 17 to three with one abstention. Those voting against were three ex-Defence Ministers — Ariel Sharon, Moshe Arens and Ezer Weizman.

Last week Israeli war planes staged an unprovoked air raid on a Palestinian base in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon. It followed news that the Israeli death toll in Lebanon since the 1982 invasion had reached 650.

Carrillo's expulsion
deepens CP rift

MADRID — The expulsion of Santiago Carrillo from the central committee of the Spanish Communist Party has deepened the rifts in Stalinism.

Carrillo, the party's former general secretary and the 'godfather' of Euro-Stalinism, was sacked from the central committee along with 18 of his supporters.

They were removed from the 104-member central committee by the 27-member executive committee which is dominated by Gerardo Iglesias, 39, the man who replaced Carrillo as general secretary.

Stripped of all his positions, Carrillo is now an ordinary rank and file member of the party he led for 22 years.

Ironically, Iglesias is a political protégé of the 70-year-old Carrillo. He got his brand of ultra-nationalist and ultra-reactionary 'Euro-Stalinism' from Carrillo himself.

Expelled

Among those expelled from the central committee along with Carrillo are: Adolfo Pinedo, secretary-general of the party in Madrid; Ignacio Latierro, secretary-general of the party in the Basque country; Juan Villalba, secretary-general of the party in Valencia; and Julio Perez de la Fuente, secretary-general of the party in Galicia.

The discarded Carrillo is refusing to quit the stage. 'I will continue fighting for what I have been fighting,' he said.

He told a rally of 4,000 loyalists in Madrid earlier this month that he would never change his views and described the Iglesias leadership as 'a bunch of hypocrites who

are acting like an oppressive government.

'It is as if they are trying to destroy the PCE.'

Those following the break-up within British Stalinism will have heard similar sentiments from the Chater camp after they were expelled.

The fall of Carrillo was made inevitable when he refused to endorse the Iglesias leadership's call for a broad alliance of left-wing parties to fight the 1986 general election.

Carrillo condemned the electoral pact saying it was 'a surrender of the party's independent identity'.

His removal from the central committee came a week after he was dismissed as official party spokesman for Stalinist MPs in the Spanish parliament.

Carrillo, a veteran of the Spanish civil war, returned from exile in 1975 following the death of the fascist dictator Francisco Franco. In 1978 he led the Spanish Stalinists' congress into an aggressively 'Euro-Stalinist' orientation which was widely criticised by Moscow.

But Carrillo had created a political Frankenstein of liberals, reformers and anti-Marxists.

In November 1981 he was obliged to conduct his own purge, expelling a faction which wanted 'more democracy' in the party.

He was forced to step down as secretary general in 1982 after general elections resulted in a disastrous decline for the Stalinists. The party received less than 4 per cent of the vote, down from 13 per cent in local elections held three years earlier.

The poor showing of the Stalinists was not a surprise since the party had thrown itself into securing a victory for Felipe Gonzalez and his pro-imperialist Socialist Party (PSOE).



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SCOTLAND

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Speakers: John Ritchie (YS Regional Committee); Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee); Duncan Foggo (Monktonhall SCEBTA, in personal capacity)

GOVANHILL: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Daisy Street Resource Centre.
Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS Regional Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

ABERDEEN: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. St Katherine Community Centre, West North Street.
Speakers: Brian Craigen (Aberdeen YS); David Lovie (Aberdeen WRP)

DALKEITH: Monday April 29, 7.30p.m. Dalkeith County Hotel, High Street.

Speakers: John Ritchie (YS Regional Committee); In personal capacity: Duncan Foggo (Monktonhall SCEBTA); Jackie Aitchison (Bilston Glen NUM branch secretary)

SPRINGBURN: Wednesday May 1, 7.30p.m. Sighthill Primary School, Sighthill.

Speakers: Colin Carberry (Springburn YS); David Hamilton (Springburn WRP); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Eddie Broom (ASLEF Eastfield branch chairman, in personal capacity)

DUNFERMLINE: Thursday May 2, 7.30p.m. Touch Community Centre, Mercer Place, off Woodmill Road (next to Noddy's Neuk pub).
Speakers: Alan MacKie (YS National Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)

CLYDEBANK: Tuesday May 7, 7.30p.m. The Hub Centre, Kilbowie Road.
Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Joe Keegan (Clydebank WRP)

DUNDEE: Thursday May 8, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Wellgate.
Speakers: Alan MacKie (YS National Committee); David Lovie (WRP Scottish District Committee)

GLASGOW EAST END: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Glasgow Young Socialists Training Centre, off London Road.
Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)

CUMNOCK: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Cumnock Town Hall.
Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS Regional Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

COATBRIDGE: Tuesday May 14, 7.30p.m. Corsewall Street Community Centre, Corsewall Street.
Speakers: Helen Gallacher (Coatbridge YS); James Reid (Coatbridge WRP); Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee)

RUTHERGLEN: Tuesday May 14, 7.30p.m. Burgh Hall, King Street. (One min from Main Street).
Speakers: Mick McDade (Rutherglen YS); Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH WEST

BLACKBURN: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Centre, St Peter Street.
Speakers: Lyn Waring (YS National Committee); Ray Waring (WRP Central Committee); Blackburn T&GWU bus section speaker

PRESTON: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Textile Centre, Sedgwick Street.
Speakers: Leigh Mullin (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

WIGAN: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Letts Wine Bar, The Wiend.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

KENSINGTON: Wednesday May 1, 7.30p.m. YS Training Centre, 100 Gloucester Place, Liverpool 6.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Tony Williams (UCW, in personal capacity)

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS: Tuesday May 7, 7.30p.m. The Railway.

Speakers: John Lappin (Warrington YS); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

HYDE: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Crown Hotel, Market Street.

Speakers: Chris McBride (YS Regional Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

BURNLEY: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. AUEW Rooms, Hargreave Street, opp. GPO.
Speakers: Denise Fishwick (YS Regional Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee); George Reed (T&GWU bus secretary)

DINGLE: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. Great Eastern Public House, Mill Street, Liverpool 8.

Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)

LIVERPOOL: Tuesday May 14, 7.30p.m. The Jawbone, Litherland Road, Liverpool 20.

Speakers: Keith Mullin (Walton YS); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Roger Mullin (UCATT Sefton Trades Council, in personal capacity)

KIRKBY: Wednesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Kirkby Unemployed Centre, Leaside Avenue.

Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); John Simons (WRP North West District Committee)

SKELMERSDALE: Wednesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Quarry Bank Community Centre.
Speakers: Paul Borrows (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)

STOCKPORT: Wednesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Purple Room, Trade Union Centre, High Street.

Speakers: John Oldham (YS Regional Committee); Ray Waring (WRP Central Committee)

MANCHESTER: Thursday May 23, 7.30p.m. Longsight Library, Stockport Road.
Speakers: Lyn Waring (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

YORKSHIRE

HALIFAX: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. AUEW Club, St James Street (next to bus station).

Speakers: Warren Stewart (Bradford YS); Colleen Smith (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Jeff Ferguson (Emley Moor NUM); Keith Jennings (Bradford NUPE)

KEIGHLEY: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. Albert Hotel, Bridge Street.

Speakers: Warren Stewart (YS Regional Committee); Colleen Smith (WRP Central Committee); Keith Jennings (NUPE Bradford Waterworks, in personal capacity)

STAFFS

STOKE ON TRENT: Wednesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Stoke Town Hall.

Speakers: Mathew Lovett (Stoke YS); P Reid (Stoke WRP); In personal capacity: Trevor Holloway (Florence NUM); Doreen Muncey (Silverdale Wives Committee)

WEST MIDLANDS

KERESLEY: Wednesday April 24, 7.30p.m. The Pavilion.
Speakers: Elaine Gibbons (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Brian King (WMPTE AUEW Conventor, in personal capacity); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

COVENTRY: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. Gilbert Richards Centre, Broadway, Earlsdon.
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS Regional Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

EAST MIDLANDS

CHESTERFIELD: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. Room 3/4, Market Hall.
Speakers: Chris Lynas (YS National Committee); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee)

LEICESTER: Monday May 13, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.
Speakers: Chris Lynas (YS Regional Committee); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

ST NEOTS: Monday April 29, 7.30p.m. Kings Head Hotel.
Speakers: Michelle Christmas (YS Regional Committee); Chris Bailey (Cambridge WRP)

THETFORD: Thursday May 2, 7.30p.m. The Guildhall, Market Place.

Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Fiona Cairns (WRP District Committee)

NORWICH: Sunday May 12, 3p.m. The Appleyard Room, Norman Centre, Bignold Road.
Speakers: Mark Harrison (YS Regional Committee); Fiona Cairns (Norwich WRP)

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Wednesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Shepherds Hall, David Street, Old Market.

Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); A Robertson (Bristol WRP)

EXETER: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. The Oddfellows Arms, New North Road.

Speakers: Daniel Stephens (Exeter YS); A. Robertson (WRP Western District Committee)

SWINDON: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. The Ship, Westcott Place.

Speakers: Bruce Chapman (YS Regional Committee); Dave Good (WRP Central Committee)

BASINGSTOKE: Wednesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Danesmede Community Centre, Oatridge Road.

Speakers: Jim Cooley (YS Regional Committee); Dave Good (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

MERTHYR: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. YS Training Centre, Wesley Hall, Pont Morlais.

Speakers: Brian Morgan (YS Regional Committee); Travis Gould (WRP Central Committee)

KENT

GILLINGHAM: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Black Lion Hotel, Mill Road.

Speakers: Paul Crittenden (YS Regional Committee); Colin Harrison (WRP District Committee)

MIDDLESEX

ISLEWORTH: Tuesday May 7, 7.30p.m. Public Hall, South Street.

Speakers: Jerry Ocran (YS Regional Committee); Richard Lugg (Southall WRP and BAA shop steward, in personal capacity); Lynne McEvoy (NUPE nursing West Middx hospital, in personal capacity)

HERTS

WATFORD: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Hall, Woodford Road.

Speakers: Gary Young (YS Regional Committee); Paul Shipley (Watford WRP)

LUTON: Monday May 6, 7.30p.m. High Town Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road.

Speakers: Amanda Whitmore (Colney Heath YS); Paul Stickley (WRP District Committee)

ESSEX

BASILDON: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Room 2, Pitsea Leisure Centre, Northlands Pavement.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Committee); Keith Scotcher (WRP London District Committee)

LONDON

STEPNEY: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Bancroft Road, E1.

Speakers: Marianne Kane (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP London District Committee)

SHEPHERDS BUSH: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Project Enterprise, Askew Crescent, off Askew Road, W12.
Speakers: Clare Dixon (YS National Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

KILBURN: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Carleton Centre, Carleton Vale, NW6.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS editor); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee)



NUPE general secretary Rodney Bickerstaffe, TUC health service committee secretary Peter Jacques and chairman Ada Maddocks launching Health Focus Week in London yesterday

Tories forcing 'sell-offs' in health areas

THE GOVERNMENT is enforcing privatisation on the health service, despite reports of disasters everywhere, health union leaders said yesterday.

The TUC was launching its NHS health focus week against privatisation in the NHS.

'The deeper privatisation goes within the health service the more rotten it becomes,' COHSE health union general secretary David Williams told reporters.

'Many private companies have put in bids so low that any fool could see they are unworkable.'

'Yet the government, against all common sense, has forced health authorities to accept their lowest tenders.'

Ada Maddocks, chairman of the TUC health services committee, said that the well-publicised privatisation scandals at Barking Hospital and Addenbrooke's were only the tip of the iceberg.

She cited the recent example of Allied Medical Catering Services who had quit the catering contract at Farnham Road Hospital, Guildford, after

BY PENNY BLOOR

just four months of the contract.

'What price patient care when a health authority can be left without cover for key services?' asked Maddocks.

Resisted

'This damaging process will be strongly resisted. It will be resisted by the health service staff, by patients and by the general public when the implications of NHS privatisation are fully recognised.'

Health authorities were instructed last year to put out to tender their catering, ancillary and laundry services.

NUPE general secretary Rodney Bickerstaffe said that meant job losses and wage cuts for already low-paid workers.

'At a time of mass unemployment it shouldn't be those who are at the bottom who should be told to make the greatest sacrifices.'

John Edmonds of the general and municipal union GMBATU cited the case of the private com-

pany Hospital Hygiene Services (HHS) in Bromley.

Bromley had taken legal advice and decided to end the contract, after being dissatisfied with its performance.

After meeting one of the HHS directors, Shipley MP Marcus Fox, Tory Health Minister Kenneth Clarke had sent a circular to every district health authority telling them not to cancel any contracts without consulting his department first.

It was also rumoured that another Tory minister had asked Bromley's legal advisers to withdraw their advice.

One of the directors of HHS had been a senior civil servant in the DHSS working on the government's privatisation programme before he gained two years' leave to work for HHS.

He has since left his government job.

Terry Comerford, ASTMS national officer, said services such as laboratory staff, radiology, and speech therapy faced privatisation. Even GPs were to be given new contracts allowing them to charge for services such as smear tests.

Waiting lists grow

LONDON's hospital waiting lists have gone up compared with last year, Labour health spokesman Frank Dobson said yesterday.

He was speaking at a press conference emphasising the effect of privatisation and Tory health cuts on London hospitals in TUC Health Focus Week.

Latest official figures show 114,876 people waiting for hospital treatment in the Greater London area in September 1984 — an increase of 5,576 (5 per cent) on the equivalent figures for September 1983.

Examples include:

● Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, where the waiting list totals 2,106 compared with 1,903 last year;

Compared

● Moorfields Eye Hospital where the waiting list is 1,720 compared with 1,320;

● Royal Marsden, where the waiting list is 274 compared with 212.

In Hackney, the most deprived area, there are now 6,321 people on the waiting list, 1,453 of them have been waiting more than a month for urgent operations.

The National Union of Public Employees yesterday launched a booklet outlining the scale of cuts in every single district health authority in London, entitled 'London's Health Emergency'.

Ipswich factory to sack 120

WORKERS at one of the largest factories in Ipswich have declared their opposition to 120 redundancies announced last week.

The factory, Crane Ltd, an American-owned engineering firm employs 1,300 workers.

Through the joint shop stewards' committee the workers announced that they will fight redundancies imposed by the company.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, senior shop steward Tony Miller said the workforce were in complete opposition to the company statement on redundancies and short-time working.

He added that workers were now being made to pay the price for management's short-sighted policies over a number of years, especially in the area of capital invest-

ment in modern machinery and plant.

Another shop steward, Ian Ralph, explained how the company had concentrated on holding down wages and break-neck production rates based on piece work rather than investing in better machinery.

But now countries in the Far East, with an even cheaper labour force working on the most

up-to-date machines, had taken over the market.

'The people at the top at Cranes will just juggle their shares while ordinary workers are thrown on the dole. Well, we're not having it.'

He added: 'Everybody is really angered by this and have no confidence in the management. That's why we're fighting these redundancies. We have all had enough.'

UNIONS WANT PROBE INTO HOSPITAL DEAL

UNION leaders yesterday called for a Commons investigation into Health Minister Kenneth Clarke's involvement in a hospital privatisation deal.

John Edmonds, GMBATU national officer, accused Clarke of 'trying to influence legal advice' from the District Health Authority's legal adviser at Orpington hospital, Bromley, south London.

He said at a TUC press conference in London that the introduction of privatisation of the National

Health Service had changed what ministers called fair competition into a 'rather nasty abuse of political power in favour of commercial profit-making interests'.

He said that the Yorkshire-based hospital hygiene services had been awarded the domestic cleaning contract at Orpington hospital. But their standards were 'so appallingly low' that the DHS decided to terminate the contract after taking legal advice.

A complaint that the DHA's decision was 'vindictive' had been made

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by Dick Clements, who until recently had been a civil servant, a principal at the DHSS working on the government's privatisation programme.

Edmonds claimed that immediately afterwards Marcus Fox, Tory MP for Shipley and a director of hospital hygiene services, saw Clark.

The union official said that Clarke then telephoned the DHA and said that if they wanted to cancel a contract, irrespec-

tive of standards, they should consult his department first.

Edmonds also called on John Patton, Clarke's subordinate at the department, to deny claims that he contacted the legal adviser of the health authority and asked him to withdraw his advice that the contract should be terminated.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, NUPE general secretary, said that he had written to Norman Fowler, social services secretary, asking him about Clements' appointment.

He had received from Clarke a letter confirming that the DHSS 'recently gave Mr Clements two years special leave without pay so that he could take up an appointment with care services group in order to gain first hand experience of working in the private sector'.

In his letter, Clarke said that it was in no way a political decision and was not handled at ministerial level. 'It was in line with general policy endorsed by ministers of career development for civil servants.'

Kinnock's 'promise'

NURSES' and midwives' pay levels would be restored gradually by a Labour government, Neil Kinnock told a conference yesterday.

If Thatcher insisted on keeping this year's award down to 3 per cent she would be showing complete contempt for both the nurses and the public's regard for the profession.

He told the Royal College of Nursing annual congress in Bournemouth that nurses' pay had fallen by 20 per cent in real terms since 1980.

'The government should now be setting itself the task of at least restoring pay levels for nurses by negotiation and in systematic and agreed stages,' he advised.

Promise

Kinnock, whose mother was an RCN member, added: 'I do not make a promise of immediate restoration of pay. That would be an undertaking that was absurd to give and impossible to believe.'

But he said the process of restoration should be undertaken before the effective reduction in wage levels was so great

as to be a real disincentive to work.

Kinnock criticised the Tories for telling the nurses' independent review body that any deal over 3 per cent would have to be financed by a diversion of funds from the rest of the health service.

Contemptible

'I consider that action to be contemptible. I do not believe that there is any significant body of opinion in the whole country that would support a wage-cut for the nurses — for that is what a 3-per-cent offer would mean.'

He also pledged that a Labour government would stop competitive tendering and work towards giving the NHS an annual real growth of 3 per cent.

The results of privatisation had been the sacking of experienced health workers, cutting the wages of catering, cleaning and laundry staff and reducing standards of cleanliness.

Nurses were increasingly expected to fill the gaps — to clean toilets, to serve food and to fetch and carry.



Members of the Royal College of Nursing on a London demonstration to demand more pay

Tories stick to 3-per-cent offer

PREMIER Margaret Thatcher is reported to have rejected a review body recommendation that nurses get pay rises up to 22 per cent. The Tories are sticking by their 3-per-cent level.

Shadow Health Minister Frank Dobson says it would be a 'bloody outrage' if the Tories refused to honour the findings of the review, set up by Thatcher herself just two years ago.

Thatcher is reported to

have heatedly turned down the proposals which are said to give sisters and staff nurses a full 22-per-cent increase with unqualified juniors getting 8 per cent. The review body's 7-per-cent recommendation last year was accepted and implemented by the government.

Dobson will be demanding in parliament confirmation of the reports from Social Services

Secretary Norman Fowler.

He said: 'Mrs Thatcher set up the review body and, if it is to mean anything, she must honour its recommendations. I think it would be an absolute bloody outrage if she does not and this sense of outrage will be shared by the nursing profession.'

'They are already angry at their level of pay now and they are entitled to everything and more that the review body recommends.'

WEATHER

AFTER a bright start northern Scotland will become cloudy with a little rain in places later. Eastern England will be rather cloudy and scattered showers are likely near coasts.

Northern Ireland, Wales and remaining parts of Scotland and England will stay mainly dry with bright or sunny periods more especially in sheltered western districts. The Channel Islands will remain cloudy with occasional rain. It will be rather windy near English Channel coasts. Temperatures will be mostly near normal but eastern districts of England will be rather cold.

Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Outbreaks of rain over northern Scotland spreading south followed by brighter weather with showers

Rosyth dockyard stoppage

ROSYTH dockyard in Fife was brought to a halt yesterday when 5,000 workers staged a half-day stoppage in protest at the government's privatisation plans.

And at Devonport dockyard, Plymouth, 2,000 white collar workers mounted a similar walk-out.

Several hundred MoD workers at three naval depots in Fife and Lothian also stopped work in support of the action.

The move by the Devonport workers, men and women members of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, follows a walk-out last week at the

yard by more than 10,000 blue collar workmates.

All work on all ships at Rosyth was stopped, including refitting the Polaris submarine 'Repulse', despite a boycott by 1,500 managers, foremen and inspectors, members of the IPCS and the Civil Service Union.

The government plans to hand the two naval yards over to commercial management, which is expected to mean the loss of 2,000 jobs at Devonport and hundreds at Rosyth.

Teachers' strike today

A NEW round of strikes by the National Union of Teachers begins today in furtherance of their demand for a 12½ per cent pay increase.

Selective strike action by the biggest 235,000-strong teacher union will affect 201 schools in 20 local education authorities. It will involve 4,000 teachers.

Of the 201 schools, 180 will be involved in a three-day selective action. The remainder will be on strike for a combination of either half a day, one day or two days.

The new NUT hit list is the sixth successive round of strikes it has mounted

since the dispute began last term.

All the schools are being hit for the first time, mostly in areas already affected.

Next week the union begins to escalate the strike action authorised by its Easter conference, with many schools being affected for the second time.

College lecturers have stepped up their fight for extra pay by announcing that they will stage a series of five regional one-day strikes.

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**TUESDAY
April 23, 1985**

A time for 'left' gurus

PROFESSOR Ralph Miliband of the London School of Economics (where else) has poured his heart out in the pages of 'The Guardian' (where else!). The article, entitled 'Why the Left has fallen on hard times', is misnamed. It should be called 'Why Professor Miliband and his old New Left chums have fallen on hard times'.

It begins with a doom and gloom view of the class struggle in Britain which has become the hallmark of these petty bourgeois academic circles. From his professorial chair at the LSE, Miliband sees the bleak picture of 'malaise, confusion, loss of confidence and even despair which have so damagingly affected the Left in recent years' and pronounces that 'the Left is today divided and demoralised'.

He identifies a 'new revisionism' whose guru, he says, is Professor Eric Hobsbawm. He accuses them of boosting the invincibility of Thatcherism and moving to the right in order to find 'progressive Tory', Liberal and SDP allies in an anti-Tory coalition.

But this isn't 'new revisionism' at all. This is old-time Stalinism. It stems from the line of the Communist Party Stalinists since the days of the Popular Front in the 1930s and it has been the central theme of every variation of the 'British Road to Socialism' since 1951.

But even though he professes disagreement with Hobsbawm's political approach, Miliband remains, to the end, the gallant English intellectual. Thus he writes:

'Eric Hobsbawm has been a steadfast man of the Left for 50 years. He is not only one of its most gifted and distinguished intellectuals, but a man of great honesty and decency, whose responses to the controversies which he has generated have been a model of sobriety and moderation.'

What, then, is his answer? He writes that 'it is natural — and desirable — that such times should produce intense thinking and rethinking about what is wrong, and what can be done about it'.

So, halt the class struggle — the great Professor Miliband is thinking and rethinking. When everything is clear in his head he will come forward and illuminate us all.

Unfortunately, history and the class struggle wait for no man. They move objectively and independently of human consciousness. The political lessons cannot be drawn by armchair academics who are conducting scholarly, genteel debates with other academics.

They are drawn by the leaders and members of the Marxist party, the Workers Revolutionary Party, in the daily practice of building the party in the working class, the trade unions and youth.

Those who have 'fallen on hard times' are people, like Miliband and Hobsbawm, who are wedded to parliamentary democracy, Labourism and the so-called 'consensus' politics which operated in the post-war economic 'boom'.

But all this is now over forever. Today's politics are dominated by the world economic slump, Thatcherite Bonapartism and the undefeated strength of the working class as the decisive factor in the deepening world crisis of imperialism.

While Miliband, Hobsbawm and their respective followers in the revisionist and Stalinist factions are wringing their hands and weeping about the misfortunes of the reformist Labour Party and its right-wing coalitionist leadership, what is surging onto the agenda is the struggle for workers' power.

The tempo is not set by the good professors, nor 'The Guardian', nor the misnamed 'Marxism Today', but by the working out of the iron laws of capitalist crisis and disintegration.

These are the laws on which the perspectives and revolutionary socialist programme of the Workers Revolutionary Party are based. We say organise the General Strike against Thatcher's Bonapartist regime because this expresses the concrete needs of the working class to smash capitalism and its state machine and to establish a Workers Revolutionary Government based on the power of Community Councils, or Soviets.

TUC MUST CALL G



Jailed Kent miners' wives (left to right): Sylvana Waddell, Val Newell, Rosemary Day, Jill Davies and Tracey Best, who spoke to News Line in Deal

YS MARCH TO DEFEND TRADE UNIONS AND BASIC

MAY 18 — JUNE 30

THE YOUNG Socialists have announced a six-week march of youth throughout Britain in defence of jobs.

Young people from all over the country leave Edinburgh, Scotland, on May 18 to begin the six-week trek, climaxing in a mass rally at the Alexandra Pavilion, north London, on June 30.

Sacked miners from the various coalfields will also take part. And one of the march's main demands will be for the release of all class-war prisoners.

Two other legs of the march will start from Swansea in South Wales and Liverpool.

Young Socialists national secretary Julie Hyland has called on members and supporters to join the march, which is already finding widespread support among the mining communities and other sections of the trade union movement.

The marchers will pass through the coalfields and the rate-capped boroughs where councils are currently defying Tory law in defence of jobs and services.

They will demand that the TUC call the General Strike for jobs, uniting youth and adult trade unionists in the fight for a future.

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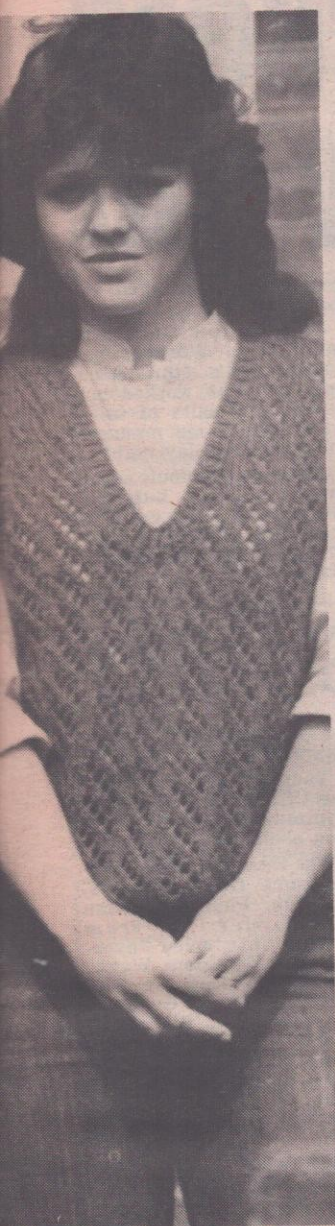
MAIN ROUTE

MAY 18	Bilston Glen to Westerhailes, Edinburgh
MAY 19	Edinburgh to Dunfermline
MAY 20	Dunfermline, Oakley, Kincardine
MAY 21	Kincardine, Fallin, Stirling
MAY 22	Stirling to Cumbernauld
MAY 23	Cumbernauld to Glasgow
MAY 24	Glasgow to Kilmarnock
MAY 25	Kilmarnock to Cumnock
MAY 26	Cumnock to Ashington
MAY 27	Ashington to Blythe
MAY 28	Blythe to Newcastle
MAY 29	Newcastle to Westoe, South Shields
MAY 30	Westoe to Wearmouth
MAY 31	Wearmouth to Seaham
JUNE 1	Seaham to Easington
JUNE 2	Easington to Yorks
JUNE 3	Selby to Castleford
JUNE 4	Castleford to Leeds
JUNE 5	Leeds
JUNE 6	Leeds to Bradford
JUNE 7	Bradford to Halifax
JUNE 8	Halifax to Huddersfield
JUNE 9	Huddersfield to Wakefield
JUNE 10	Wakefield to Grimethorpe
JUNE 11	Grimethorpe to Doncaster
JUNE 12	Doncaster to Barnsley
JUNE 13	Barnsley to Rotherham
JUNE 14	Rotherham to Sheffield
JUNE 15	Sheffield
JUNE 16	Sheffield to Chesterfield
JUNE 17	Chesterfield to Shirebrook
JUNE 18	Shirebrook to Warsop, Clipstone, Mansfield
JUNE 19	Mansfield to Nottingham
JUNE 20	Nottingham to Leicester
JUNE 21	Leicester to Corby
JUNE 22	Corby to Northampton
JUNE 23	NORTHAMPTON CONVERGE
JUNE 24	Northampton to Bedford
JUNE 25	Bedford to Luton
JUNE 26	Luton to Stevenage
JUNE 27	Stevenage to Welwyn Garden City
JUNE 28	Welwyn to London

NORTH WEST ROUTE

JUNE 1	Liverpool, Pier Head
JUNE 2	Liverpool

GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS



Yesterday



Jailed miners last April on their march to Nottingham which campaigned for support for the strike. Left to right Mark Best, James Waddell, Emlyn Davies, Terry French, Brian Day and Garry Newell

C RIGHTS THE MARCH

NE 3 Liverpool to Warrington
NE 4 Warrington to St Helens
NE 5 St Helens, Sutton Manor, Bold
NE 6 Bold to Wigan
NE 7 Wigan, Leigh, Salford
NE 8 Manchester
NE 9 Manchester to Winsford
NE 10 Winsford to Crewe
NE 11 Crewe to Stoke-on-Trent
NE 12 Stoke-on-Trent
NE 13 Stoke-on-Trent to Stafford
NE 14 Stafford to Cannock
NE 15 Cannock to Wolverhampton
NE 16 Wolverhampton to Walsall
NE 17 Walsall to Birmingham
NE 18 Birmingham
NE 19 Birmingham to Nuneaton
NE 20 Nuneaton to Coventry
NE 21 Coventry to Daventry
NE 22 Daventry to Northampton
JOINS MAIN MARCH

SOUTH WALES ROUTE

NE 1 Swansea to Pontardawe
NE 2 Pontardawe to Seven Sisters
NE 3 Seven Sisters to Glyn-Neath
NE 4 Glyn-Neath to Aberdare
NE 5 Aberdare to Abercynon
NE 6 Abercynon to Merthyr
NE 7 Merthyr
NE 8 Merthyr to Bedlinog
NE 9 Bedlinog to Ystradmynach
NE 10 Ystradmynach to Newbridge
NE 11 Newbridge to Abertillery
NE 12 Abertillery to Newport
NE 13 Newport to Chepstow
NE 14 Chepstow to Bristol
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NE 16 Bristol to Bath
NE 17 Bath to Chippenham
NE 18 Chippenham to Swindon
NE 19 Swindon
NE 20 Swindon to Hungerford
NE 21 Hungerford to Newbury
NE 22 Newbury to Reading
NE 23 Reading to Maidenhead
NE 24 Maidenhead to Slough
NE 25 Slough to Southall
JOINS MAIN MARCH

Kent miners' wives are appalled by sentences

THE WIVES of five Kent miners jailed earlier this month are to campaign for their husbands' early release and against their unjust three-year sentences.

The five women are working together to mount a petition and publicity campaign, and say they will never stop in their efforts to expose the unfair treatment handed down by the courts.

The women say they are still reeling from the shock of the sentence, after lawyers and probation officers had assured them before the trial that they would not get jail sentences.

But in a highly political summing up of the five cases, a Chelmsford judge said it was the fault of NUM leaders that they did not condemn members charged with offences of violence.

Although none of the men had been involved with the

police before, he awarded them three years jail each on a charge of conspiracy of arson.

Val Newell, wife of Garry Newell, told News Line: 'Our men were judged as miners and not as people. Even in 30 years' time we will not forget what has happened to our men.'

Shocked

'Even when they are out of prison we will still have to fight against the injustice done to them. Everyone was shocked by the sentence they were given. The probation officer told me they were likely to get a heavy fine, but they would be coming home with us after the trial.'

'My main objective is to get my husband out of jail. I have heard of cases where people severely treated have mounted a public campaign, and sometimes they get the sentence re-

duced. We hope we can do that.'

Tracey Best, wife of Mark, said the urgent need was to get the campaign for the release of the jailed men on a national footing, and this was an important reason to meet the wives of other jailed miners.

She also supported the Young Socialists' march for the release of jailed miners and the reinstatement of sacked men. 'Everything done to help the jailed men is important. I'm sure we will be joining the march at some point with our banners.'

'We are trying to do as much as we can by joining the women's support group and their campaign to help the sacked miners. The sentences passed on our husbands are so unfair. They were given a year for

the offence and two years for being miners.'

'I would like to see the Labour Party say they will give these men amnesty if they get back into government. After all, they get all their votes from people like us.'

But the women were sceptical about support for their campaign from the Labour Party. They have no faith in Kinnock after his remarks ruling out support for men sacked by the Coal Board.

Jill, wife of Emlyn Davies, added: 'We all want our men to know we are still thinking about them, and that we don't want to let everyone else forget about them.'

'Our men are not criminals. We worry about what they will be like when they get out. They do not need

reforming, they are all hardworking men who have never been in trouble before.'

'If it were not for the strike, and if the other trade unions had given more real support, they would not have ended up in prison.'

'We are also concerned about the other miners in jail in the country and we hope we can meet them at a conference the Kent NUM are trying to organise.'

Nightmare

Sylvana Waddell, wife of Jim, summed up her feelings by saying: 'The court case and the weeks since have seemed like a nightmare from which I can't wake up. I try to look at the sentence as two years, but I hope it will be less than that.'

And after listening closely to the demands for a

campaign to release their husbands by the other wives, Rosemary Day, married to Brian Day, added: 'I feel the same as the other women. Like them I want my husband to know I still love him and will be waiting for him.'

All the women sent their love to their husbands.

● Garry and Val Newell have two children, Jodie, 6, and Jared, 3 and have been married nearly 10 years.

● Emlyn and Jill Davies have two children, Lyndon, 7, and Lucy, 6, and have been married nearly 12 years.

● Jim and Sylvana Waddell have two children, Sonia, 9, and Sabrina, 6, and have been married nearly 10 years.

● Brian and Rosemary Day have a son, Peter, 2, and have been married for nearly five years.

● Mark and Tracey Best will have been married two years at the end of July.

FULL LIST OF JAILED MINERS — TOMORROW'S NEWS LINE

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Courts halt student cash

THREE Cambridge university students were granted an immediate injunction by a High Court judge in London yesterday banning their students' union spending money on a leaflet about the miners' strike.

The three, all members of Cambridge Conservative Students, claim the leaflet 'The Facts Behind the Miners' Strike' is political and that the union has overstepped its powers in proposing to contribute £118 towards the costs.

Guy Senior, 21, of Downing College, with Guy Black, 20, and Edward Heckels, 18, both of Peterhouse, appeared in person. Mr Justice Walton told

them that their application was 'very irregular in form' but he would grant an injunction against the union until next Monday restraining any payment towards the costs of the leaflets.

Political

Heckels said later: 'The payment of £118 was authorised last Monday by the union executive. We believe it is a political action in infringement of the union's charitable status.'

The judge gave the union and its officers, who were not represented, liberty to apply to discharge the injunction on giving 48 hours' notice.

URGENT APPEAL

NUM need cash to continue the fight

THE whole trade union movement has an urgent and immediate responsibility to step up financial support for the National Union of Mineworkers, even though the strike is over.

In refusing to sign an agreement with the Coal Board accepting the loss of jobs, and refusing to purge its contempt in front of Thatcher's Bonapartist courts, the NUM are abiding by TUC policy.

But for carrying out TUC policy — despite the refusal of the TUC leaders to take a similar principled stand — the NUM have incurred the hatred of every department of state, the judiciary and the banks.

The conspiracy between the judiciary and the banks extends across national boundaries. The High Court in Britain have told the union that it will not release the union's funds from sequestration until the union trustees sign a declaration absolving the foreign banks from any future court action abroad.

Legal sources in Europe believe the NUM would have a good chance of bringing a successful legal action against foreign banks which freed NUM funds to the British court-appointed receiver.

Even if the union regains its funds, it seems certain that huge costs, fines and loss of interest will deplete its resources.

Meanwhile, the union faces the prospect of repaying loans to those unions which would make no donations during the strike as well as paying the wages of staff and continuing the campaign for jobs.

Certain leading members of the union are still drawing no pay, even

though the strike is now over.

Most importantly, the union has publicly appealed for financial support to sustain the families of 700 sacked men and those in jail.

In a recent letter to all supporters, NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield thanked all those who had donated financial assistance, but added:

'The first priority since the return to work has been to seek reinstatement at work for the many hundreds of men sacked and victimised by the National Coal Board during the strike.'

'Until these men have their jobs back, their welfare and that of their families is the responsibility of the National Union of Mineworkers and the wider labour movement.'

To this end, the Trustees of the Miners' Solidarity Fund have confirmed their willingness to continue in office in order to assist with hardship, victimisation and welfare benefits to members and their families in line with the constitution of the Trust.

'The National Executive Committee of this Union has therefore determined that, to ensure a uniformity in the treatment of all cases, all future contributions intended for hardship and solidarity shall be directed to the Miners' Solidarity Fund and NUM Areas have been notified accordingly.'

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COVENTRY'S 600 postmen voted to stay on strike yesterday because of a row over the suspension of one man.

The man, at Leamington, was suspended by head postmaster Syd Creed for refusing to work normally during the dispute last week that originated in Northampton. Some counter staff at the head post office in Coventry also walked out yesterday afternoon.

At Leamington sorting office, postal sorters were demanding extra pay to handle Warwickshire County Council polling cards due to be delivered this week.

This was the issue which sparked off the week-long strike which has just ended in Northampton.

All collection and deliveries in the area have been halted.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

Postal services were getting back to normal yesterday after more than the 900 Northamptonshire workers resumed work.

They are now being paid overtime for dealing with their share of the massive backlog of about 20 million

items of mail delayed by the strike.

The Union of Communication Workers recommended a return based on a formula worked out during six hours of talks with Post Office management on Saturday night.

After the 50-minute mass meeting, UCW national officer John Taylor said the men had overwhelmingly accepted the recommendation.

NEW SECRETS JURY

A NEW jury was sworn in at the Old Bailey yesterday to try eight Cyprus-based British servicemen on secrets charges.

The first jury, empanelled last Tuesday when the trial should have begun, had to be discharged for what were described as 'legal reasons'.

It took 55 minutes yesterday to select a new jury of eight men and four women from a vetted list of 170 people.

Most of those excused had holidays booked or would face difficulties with their jobs if chosen. Fifty-eight people were excused when the first jury was

sworn in, which took over an hour.

Yesterday, 20 potential jurors were challenged before they took the oath. The judge will now deal with legal argument for up to four weeks in the absence of the jury.

He told the jury: 'There are matters of law which have to be discussed in your absence. The probability is you will not be required to return here for about a month.'

The judge told the jury not to let anyone get into conversation with them about the case.

The five airmen and three soldiers deny a total

between them of 31 charges.

They are accused under the Official Secrets Act of communicating information useful to an enemy.

The eight are: senior air-craftman Geoffrey Jones, 20, from Pontypool; Alan Lightowler, 21, from Powys; Christopher Payne, 24, from Brighton; Wayne Kriehn, 20, from Carshalton; and Gwynfor Owen, 21, from Bangor; Signalmen Martin Tuffy, 22, from Wallasey; and David Hardman, 26, from Swinton, Manchester; and Lance-corporal Anthony Glass, 31, from Stockwell, south London.

Courtauld jobs stand 'little chance'

MPs PROTESTING at the closure of two Courtaulds factories in North Wales with the loss of 1,000 jobs were told yesterday that the Tories see little prospect of saving the plants.

Labour and Tory MPs called on the Welsh Secretary Nicholas Edwards at Commons question time to intervene to save the plants.

But Edwards told them he had already discussed the matter with Courtaulds' chairman Sir Christopher Hogg. 'I cannot, I think, hold out any prospect that the company is going to change the decision it has taken.'

He added: 'I did protest to the chairman of Cour-

taulds about the way in which the announcement was made but, in fairness to him, he had warned me over a period of a number of years that the future of this plant was at risk.'

The textile giant has announced both the closure of the yarn manufacturing plant at Wrexham with the loss of 510 jobs and of its

viscose plant at Greenfield, near Flint in Clwyd, with 590 redundancies.

For the opposition, Barry Jones — whose Alyn and Deeside constituency is affected by the closures — said the workforce had a 'magnificent record' on productivity and demanning and had been let down by the company.

A NEW Tory pay offer worth 4.9 per cent was rejected yesterday by the Institution of Professional Civil Servants. It would give 5 per cent to staff at the top of their scales and 4.75 per cent to the rest. IPCS general secretary Bill McCall said the offer still fell behind the rise in the cost-of-living and the increase in outside settlements.

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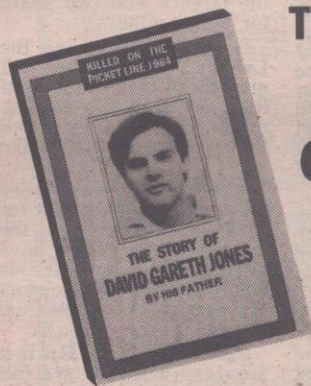
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HACKNEY

Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m.
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Speakers: Nigel Anthony (Hackney YS); Marianne Kane (YS National Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Jim Law (Hackney NUPE convenor); Linda Goldstein (NUT rep); Hackney UCW representative; Kent NUM speaker

ACTON

Thursday May 16, 7.30p.m.
Council Chamber
Acton Town Hall, W6

Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Matt Hanlon (YS National Committee); Geoff Pilling (Acton WRP)

LEICESTER

Monday May 20, 7.30p.m.
Secular Hall
Humberstone Lane

Speakers: Gary Greenwood West (Leicester YS); Chris Lymas (YS National Committee); Tony Benjamin (Leicester WRP)

BATTERSEA

Tuesday May 21, 7.30p.m.
Battersea Lower Town Hall
(Theatre St entrance), SW11

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Tony Bell (WRP London District Committee)

WEMBLEY

Tuesday May 21, 7.30p.m.
Copland High School
Harrow Road

Speakers: Matt Hanlon (YS National Committee); Julie Palmer (YS Regional Committee); Sam Cox (Willesden WRP)

EAST HAM

Wednesday May 29, 7.30p.m.
Lister Rooms
East Ham Town Hall
Barking Road, E6

Speakers: Steve Thomas (Millwall YS); Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Bill Rogers (WRP London District Committee)

New oil substitute developed from coal

A METHOD of turning dirty, sulphurous coal into a clean substitute for oil has been launched in Sweden.

The world's first commercial 'fluidcarbon' refinery in Malmö is now producing a mixture of coal, water and chemicals — its exact composition is a closely-guarded secret — as a cheap substitute for heating oil.

Production of the jet black fluid is partially funded by the Swedish government.

A total of \$23 million has been spent on developing the process, invented by a professor at Lund University near Malmö in the late 1970's.

'This type of fuel is highly promising since you can extract ash, heavy metals and other pollutants in the refining stage, reducing the need to rely on costly filters in the chimney,' Kurt Borgne of the National Swedish Energy Agency said last week.

Sweden opens first 'fluid carbon' refinery

ish Energy Agency said last week.

He said fluidcarbon cut sulphurous emissions to about 0.14 grammes per megajoule of energy, against 0.24 grammes for heating oil with a low sulphur content.

Answer

Not only is fluidcarbon an answer to the problem of cleaning factory and power station exhausts, it is also about 30 percent cheaper than oil.

Even if oil prices dropped further, industries and district heating plants would still cut fuel costs by switching to coal slurry the government claims. A firm need carry

out only minor modifications in its boiler room to install a new burner for the coal fuel.

The fluidcarbon plant, which has an annual capacity of 250,000 tonnes, currently supplies fuel to two manufacturing companies and one district heating authority in Sweden.

Coal-to-fuel research is under way in Japan, Canada, the United States and other countries, but the Swedish firm has sold licensing rights to Allis-Chalmers, an American mining equipment firm.

It also hopes to export the technology to Italy, Britain and coal-rich North Korea.

Heart survey revelations

MANUAL workers from Scotland, Wales and the north of England are most prone to heart disease, according to a new report.

A survey carried out on behalf of the Flora Project for heart disease prevention was based primarily on a comparison between the south east town of Woking, and the northern city of Leeds.

The survey, which concentrated on the primary victims of heart disease among the male population, found that men are generally taller and heavier in the south — but manual workers tend to be overweight.

The survey also revealed that professional, middle-class men were more capable of giving up smoking and adopting sport than manual workers.

Only a third of the professional men surveyed smoked, while two-thirds of manual workers smoked. Manual workers drank 50 per cent more

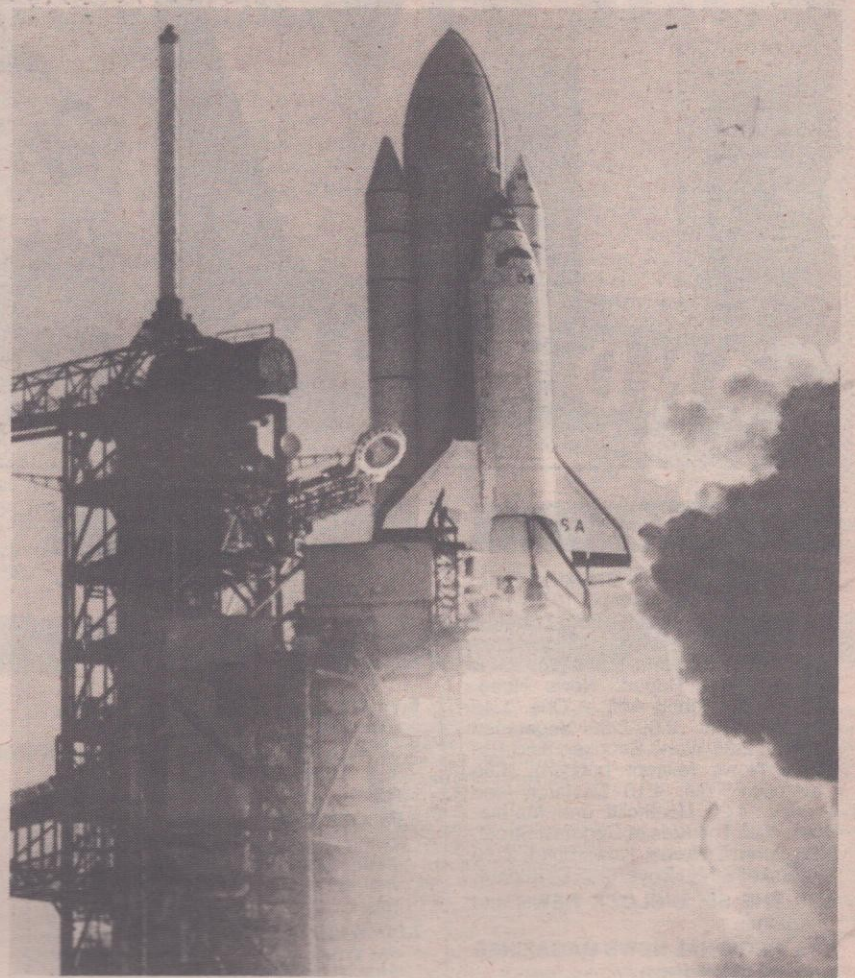
beer than professional men.

Manual workers are also three times more likely to visit their doctors than professional men and 'there was a significant difference between classes over what was considered healthy in diet'.

Healthy

More professional men considered bran, polyunsaturated fats and high fibre food to be healthy than did manual workers.

The report confirms in general the trends established in social health which show the high level of sickness and deprivation in working class families compared to those of the middle class.



Confidence is waning in the space shuttle

Shuttle problems

NASA officials in the United States have been licking their wounds after the spectacular problems of last week's Discovery space shuttle mission.

Astronauts were kept quiet by their superiors, and there was no routine meeting of reporters and the space trip commanders.

The bursting of a tyre on touchdown, and the discovery of a football-

sized hole in one of the spacecraft's wings only added to the gloom at NASA headquarters.

With over \$85 million worth of unusable satellite floating in space as a result of the mission, serious financial difficulties are looming for NASA.

While the secret military version of the space shuttle is guaranteed funding from the US defence budget, the NASA budget depends to a great extent on the success of the satellite launching business.

Confidence in the shuttle system is certain to

drop again after the third unsuccessful launch of a satellite in a year.

The matter is made worse by the fact that the latest failure occurred on a new system for launching specifically designed for use on the shuttle, and that the prospect for recovering this satellite are not good.

The last two 'rogue' satellites had their orbits corrected by a subsequent mission. The latest satellite was designed to orbit much further away from earth, and is loaded with highly explosive jet fuel, making it potentially unsafe.

Workers Revolutionary Party

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Monday May 13

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

Assembly Rooms
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Lecturer CLIFF SLAUGHTER
(WRP Central Committee)

Admission 20p

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Smash Botha Regime!
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Sunday April 28, 3.30p.m.
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IN SYMPATHY

LEYLAND branch of the Workers Revolutionary Party express their deepest sorrow at the death of Stephen Walley, a News Line reader and firm supporter, and extend their sympathy to his wife Ivy and family.

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Breakthrough in brain research

RESEARCHERS at Rockefeller University in New York have found that brain areas controlling song in canaries shrink and expand seasonally as sex hormone levels change.

This unusual plasticity, scientists say, raises the hope that the brains of other species — especially humans — might be similarly adaptive, given the right biological conditions.

Damaged

If researchers could discover how to turn on the biological mechanism that causes new canary brain cells to grow, scientists may be able to help people whose brains have been damaged by coma, epilepsy or concussion.

'Take the example of a stroke that affects the speech area on the left side of the human brain,'

Dr Fernando Nottebohm, director of the university's field station at Millbrook, New York, told reporters last week.

Nottebohm found that in almost every bird he studied, the left side of the brain controlled song, in much the same way that the left side of the human brain is active tuning speech.

His research on songbirds dates back to the early 1960's but at that time he was more interested in birdsongs than bird brains.

Dr Peter Marler, another Rockefeller University professor, had already established that most birds were not born knowing how to sing.

Instead, most songbirds must learn to sing, as humans learn to speak, by hearing and memorising the distinctive songs of their species. This need to learn language is uni-

que to humans and songbirds.

Nottebohm then sought to learn whether the structure of the birds' brains underwent physical changes as they learned.

He proved that it did, and established that during the yearly cycle when a canary changes its old song and learns a new one, the parts of the brain involved in learning atrophy and then redevelop.

Implications

He believes the implications for the treatment of damaged human brains are impressive.

'It's very thought-provoking,' Nottebohm said. 'Right now, man doesn't know enough about brains to fix them. Neurology is a field that is desperately in need of new ideas. I think our work will provide them.'

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Hal Linden, the hapless 50-year-old publisher with his young wife Madolyn Smith in 'The Other Woman' on Channel 4 at 9.00pm



A change of scenery for Linda Evans in 'The Gambler' on ITV at 10.30pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather News. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Pigeon Street. 2.00-2.25 Vegetarian Kitchen. 2.35 World Snooker. 3.53 Regional News (except London). 3.55 Caterpillar Trail. 4.10 Dastardly and Muttley. 4.20 Heathcliff and Marmaduke. 4.35 The Kids of Degra Street. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 The Baker Street Boys. 5.35 Dr Kildare. 6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES. 7.00 EASTENDERS. 7.30 NO PLACE LIKE HOME Comedy series with William Gaunt as the harassed father of four and husband of Beryl (Patricia Garwood). 8.00 THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED *Credit Where It's Due* Part six of James Burke's historical series looks at the arrival of modern commercialism in the 18th century. 8.50 POINTS OF VIEW Barry Took with viewers' letters. 9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weatherman. 9.25 WORLD SNOOKER. 10.15 THE CHIEFTAINS With Irish traditional music. This selection from the late 1960s includes 'The Fox-hunt' (with regional variations). 10.45 FILM 85 Barry Norman looks at 20th Century Fox's 50th anniversary, and reviews 'Lust in the Dust' and 'Supergrass'. 11.15 THE 20th CENTURY REMEMBERED Barbara Castle remembers her last years as a minister in the Wilson government and her recent career in the European parliament. 11.45 Weatherman; Closedown.

BBC WALES: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 10.15 Soccer: Welsh Cup semi-final. 10.45 Film 85. 11.15 Sporting Chance. 11.45 The 20th Century Remembered. 12.15-12.20 News; Weather; Close.

BBC2

6.30-7.20 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Minerals Under the Microscope. 6.55 England is the Place for Me. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.25 World Snooker. 2.35 House of Lords. 5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather. 5.30 WORLD SNOOKER Highlights of the quarter-final matches played today. 6.50 OFF THE RECORD Paul King, rising star who is currently on a nationwide tour, gives Steve Blacknell an account of his own taste in music. 7.00 WHISTLE TEST Live music from Go West, plus U2 on their American tour, Frankie Goes to Hollywood at Hammersmith, new videos and 'Hindsight', featuring Ry Cooder. 8.00 TOP GEAR William Woollard introduces the motoring programme, tonight featuring new tyre technology, the MG Montego Turbo, the TVR 390SE and the latest in in-car entertainment. 8.30 ENTERTAINMENT USA 2 Jonathan King visits Palm Springs and interviews Meat Loaf. 9.00 THE COPPOLA CONNECTION *One From the Heart* (1982) Frederic Forrest, Teri Garr and Nastassia Kinski star in Coppola's romantic fantasy set in Las Vegas on the eve of the July 4 celebrations. Tom Waits and Crystal Gayle sing the soundtrack. 10.45 NEWSNIGHT Follows extended Lords debate on Soviet foreign policy and the Third World. 11.30 WEATHERVIEW. 11.35 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage. 12.10-1.05 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 12.10 Juggling with Physics. 12.35 Religion.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 CHANNEL 4 RACING From Epsom (2.35, 3.05, 3.35, 4.10 races). 4.30 ISaura THE SLAVE GIRL Isaura (Lucelia Santos) discovers the truth about her parents and asks Donna Ester for her freedom; followed by FANTASTICO Paired with 'Isaura' each afternoon is another Brazilian TV series showing the music, colour and dance of contemporary Brazil. 5.30 LOW TECH On *Reflection* Rick Ball makes an Art Deco display out of old mirrors and there's a party for past contributors using Low Tech oil drum barbecue. 6.00 THE AVENGERS *The Danger Makers* Steed (Patrick McNeel) and Mrs Peel (Diana Rigg) investigate the inexplicable deaths of a number of eminent men engaged in curiously dangerous pursuits. 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS. 7.50 COMMENT By North Yorkshire parish priest Michael Buckley; followed by Weather. 8.00 BROOKSIDE. 8.30 THE WINE PROGRAMME *Enjoying It* Tonight Jancis Robinson looks at wine and food. 9.00 THE OTHER WOMAN (1983) Made-for-TV film with Anne Meara as a young grandmother who enters the life of a publisher (Hal Linden) — who has just married a fast-living young woman — with unexpected results. 10.50 BLACK ON BLACK Fortnightly magazine programme for the Afro-Caribbean community, presented by Beverly Anderson and Pauline Black. 11.45 THEIR LORDSHIP'S HOUSE. 12.15 Close.

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; School Programmes. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gambit. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins. 6.25 REPORTING LONDON. 7.00 EMMERDALE FARM. 7.30 BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY Hosted by Julian Pettifer. 8.00 QUINCY *Murder On Ice*. 9.00 TELEVISION *Comedy* A look at the history of situation comedies. This programme goes back to the very roots in America and examines the way in which a British drama series had an influence on American sitcoms. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by Thames News Headlines. 10.30 THE GAMBLER The final part of the story of gambler Brady Hawkes and his sidekick Billy Montana. Will Hawkes and Montana save the beautiful saloon singer Kate Muldoon from the gallows? If they can, the three will make a formidable team. 12.20 Night Thoughts and Closedown.

GRANADA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 The Glass Box. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 Gambit. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.45 News. 6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley. 6.05 CROSSROADS. 6.30 GRANADA REPORTS The latest news and reports from around the North West. 7.00 EMMERDALE FARM. 7.30 BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY Last week's winners, three pub landlords, return to compete against teams of butchers from Essex, Middlesex and Kent and three Aberdeen helicopter pilots. 8.00 FALCON CREST *Sport of Kings*. 9.00 TELEVISION *Canned Laughter* Tonight's programme on the history of television looks at comedy and, in particular, situation comedy. The roots of sitcom are traced back to American radio and there is an examination of how a British series from 1964 radically changed the nature of American situation comedy in the 1970s. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 THE GAMBLER. 12.20 Closedown.

S4C

1.00 Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 2.00-2.15 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Am Gymru. 2.50-4.30 Racing from Epsom. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.05 Bilidowcar. 5.35 Project UFO. 6.30 Larwm. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cwmpas. 8.00 Pookiesnackeburger — In Hell Bent; News Headlines. 8.30 Mann's Best Friend. 9.00 Gwyl Ffilmiau Celtaidd 1985. 9.50 Sncwr A Phel-Droed. 11.10 Film: *Praise Marx and Pass the Ammunition*. 12.50 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30a.m. until 9.30p.m. and at 12 midnight. 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S). 2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30a.m. 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Howard Pearce (S). 6.00 Bill Rennells (S). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music: All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S). (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S). (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified results. 8.00 Hubert Gregg (S). 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Pop Score. 10.30 The Law Game. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S). 3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Bizet, Carlo Francesco Chabran, William Boyce, Handel (8.00-8.05 News). Berlioz, Schubert, Halevy, Poulenc. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S). The English Madrigalists — Wilbye and Coprario. 9.45 Fire and Tempest (S) Frankfurt Radio S.O. plays Tchaikovsky and Scriabin. 10.45 A Garland for the Queen (S). Modern madrigals — Bliss, Bax, Tippett, Vaughan Williams, Berkeley, Ireland, Howells, Finzi, Rawsthorne, Rubbra. 11.30 Ruth Geiger (S) Piano recital: Haydn, Beethoven, Debussy. 12.15 Mid-day Concert (S) Lalo, Rossini arr Stanford, Robinson (1.00-1.05 News). Mendelssohn. 1.45 Guitar Encores (S) Carlos Barbose-Lima plays Scarlatti, Bach, Pernambuco and Luis Bonfá in his own arrangements. 2.15 England and St George (S). Britten, Bax, Walton (3.05-3.10 Interval Reading). Elgar (Symphony No. 1). 4.00 Peter Savidge and David Owen Norris (S) Tchaikovsky and Bax. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Alonso Lobo (S). 7.00 Bach on Record. 7.30 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Britten (Bridge Variations), Sibelius (Symphony No. 7) (8.25-8.45 The Churches and Broadcasting) Szymanowski (Sinfonia Concertante), Strauss (Rosenkavalier waltzes), 9.40 Unpublished Britten Songs (S) Neil Mackie. 10.00 Jazz Today (S). 11.00 Bartok and Haydn (S) String Quartets. 11.40 Telemann (S) Concerto in E minor for recorder, flute and strings. 11.57-12.00 News. VHF: 6.35-6.55a.m. Open University. 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Business News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.20 Your Letters; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather, Travel, 9.00 News; 9.05 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Morning Story: *Illuminations*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre (S) *The Blue Door*. 11.33 Wildlife (S). 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Brain of Britain 1985 (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: *The Family Man*. 4.00 News; Sir Stanley Rous. 4.40 Story Time: *A Night to Remember*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 King Street Junior (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 File On Four. 8.00 Medicine Now. 8.30 A Celebration of England (S). 9.00 In Touch. 9.30 A Sideways Look At... 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *A Moveable Feast*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM, 11.00 Study on 4. 11.30-12.10 Open University.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Benson. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 Vintage Quiz. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Busman's Holiday. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00 Televisoft. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 The Gambler. 12.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gambit. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 Keep It In the Family. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Busman's Holiday. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00 Television. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Gambler. 12.20 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.00

News; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gambit. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 The Protectors. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Busman's Holiday. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00 Television. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Gambler. 12.20 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Candid Camera. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gambit. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Televiews. 6.40 Consumer Check. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Busman's Holiday. 8.00 Miss TSW 1985. 9.00 Television. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 The Gambler. 12.20 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gambit. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.12 TVS

News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Busman's Holiday. 8.00 Quincy. 9.00 Television. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 The Gambler. 12.20 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gambit; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 Benson. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Busman's Holiday. 8.00 The Yellow Rose. 9.00 Television. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 The Gambler. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown. HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Cockleshell Bay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardens for All. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 The Outsider. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gambit. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Cockleshell Bay. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. 4.45 The Wall Game. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Different Strokes. 7.30 Busman's Holiday. 8.00 Quincy. 9.00 Television. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 The Gambler. 12.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Nestor's speed to show

SELECTIONS

EPSOM: 2.30 Nestor (nap), 3.05 Fast Service, 3.35 Morning Devotion (n.b.), 4.10 Maumann, 4.40 Golfines, 5.10 Fire of Life, 5.40 Mango Man

SEDGEFIELD: 2.15 Thomond Prince, 2.45 French Nephew, 3.15 Rubesco, 3.45 Bashful Lad, 4.15 Castle Official, 4.45 Taelos

TOWCESTER: 2.00 The Argonaut, 2.30 Chasm, 3.00 Kelly's Boy, 3.30 Le Gran Brun, 4.00 Memberson, 4.30 Premier Susan

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16	3000P0	SEABRIGHT (D) L Parry 7 100	C Grant
17	34U012	FRENCH NEPHEW (D) Denys Smith 4 100	
18	0-00300	TWICE LUCKY (D) F Gibson 6 100	

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 French Nephew, 7-2 Kindred, 4-1 Shubette, 6-1 Wimsey, 8-1 Soldby, 10-1 Abu Torkey, 12-1 Theimas Secret, 14-1 others.

3.15 MAY & HASSELL NOVICE CHASE £1,200 3m (9 runners)

5	0-33F13	RUBESCO (C-D) J Aynsley 11 116	B Storey
9	4	DOUGLAS BRIG J Haldane 7 110	J K Kinane
10	P/3-2	GAME PATRICK M Avison 7 110	
13	30-U02P	MEND IT (BF) N Bycroft 7 110	P Tuck
15	0024FF	SHIRLSTAR BUYABOX J Wade 9 110	Mr J Wade
17	0	SWEET STREAM W A Stephenson 6 110	K Jones
18	2-U0P33	WELLHILL W G Forster 10 110	A Stringer
20	0F0220	LINDA'S WISH M Oliver 6 109	R Crank
21	0F0220	PURPLE BEAM T Barnes 6 109	C Grant

PROBABLE SP: Game Patrick, 3-1 Rubesco, 5-1 Mend It, 7-1 Douglas Brig, 9-1 Linda's Wish, 12-1 Shiristar Buyabox, 14-1 Wellhill, 16-1 others.

3.45 REG LAMB MEMORIAL H'CAP CHASE £2,000 3m (8 runners)

1	14021U	BOOK OF KELLS (C-D) J Blundell 10 112	D Dutton
2	0220F4	BASHFUL LAD M Oliver 10 119	R Crank
3	0230P0	UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE W A Stephenson 8 115	C Grant
4	U14434	SUCCCEEDED (C-D) W A Stephenson 8 112	Mr P J Dun
7	212F020	STRAWHILL (C-D) E Alston 10 112	K Doolan (4)
8	1031PP	CHEF MARCEL (USA) (C) N Bycroft 7 106	P Tuck
9	23303U	WELFARE G Richards 7 103	J K Kinane
10	420133	OWEN LUCK (C-D) R Swiers 11 102	Miss A Beaumont (7)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Bashful Lad, 7-2 Book Of Kells, 4-1 Succeeded, 6-1 Welfare, 8-1 Owen Luck, 10-1 Unscrupulous Judge, 12-1 others.

4.15 BRAN TUB NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £500 2m (18 runners)

1	000011	CASTLE OFFICIAL (C-D) J Hanson 7 113	C Pimlott
2	10	CAPTAIN CURTAIN (D)(BF) R Fisher 5 118	P Tuck
9	0	GINDANGO F Taylor 6 110	
11	032	MATABELE (BF) W A Stephenson 5 110	R Lamb
12	00	MURTON R E Barr 6 110	Mr M Sowersby (7)
15	0/0	SHOOLER KING F Watson 9 110	C Grant
16	P	SHOW NO MERCY J Blundell 6 110	D Dutton
17	000/2-	SMOKEY SHADOW Mrs G Reveley 8 110	Mr G Harker
20	FOOP0	TARQOGANS SURPRISE W A Stephenson 6 110	Mr P J Dun
23	P	GREY LIL R Allan 5 109	J Hansen
24	P	JINGLING ALICE Mrs M Kendall 6 109	Mrs M Kendall
25	P	LOVING EYES M Oliver 5 109	R Crank
28	0	LUND HEAD LADY W Tinning 6 109	K Whyte
28	0	JEFFREY GRAHAM Miss S Hall 4 108	K Teelan (4)
30	00	SEYL (USA) F Gibson 4 108	
31	000	SIRUNDY C Tinkler 4 108	R O'Leary
32	003	WHISTLING STELLAR M Naughton 4 108	P A Charlton
34	POP00	DARING PRANK C Wardman 4 103	M Pepper

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Matabele, 4-1 Castle Official, 5-1 Captain Curtain, 6-1 Whistling Stellar, 7-1 Jeffrey Graham, 8-1 Tarqogans Surprise, 10-1 Sirundy, 12-1 others.

4.45 BRAN TUB NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £500 2m (16 runners)

1	4311	TAELOS (D) A Scott 4 117	P A Charlton
2	0/1	CIMARRON (D) M Naughton 7 113	P A Farrell (7)
4	00	BROCK MILL D Moffatt 5 110	K Teelan (4)
6	00	HARLEY Miss J Eaton 5 110	P Barry
8	F	HOPEFUL FUTURE D Lee 5 110	A Stringer
9	00	JOHNSTON'S PRIDE E Alston 6 110	K Doolan (4)
11	040003	OWEN HERBERT C Wardman 5 110	M Pepper
12	23P23P	PASS ASHORE M Oliver 6 110	NON RUNNER
13	0-0000	PAY ZONE J Hanson 5 110	C Pimlott
14	0-P0P00	ROYAL MERLIN W Pearce 6 110	S Keightley
19	POU	ANDANTINO E Heseltine 6 109	
20		JUST A SPARK J Mulhall 6 109	G P Kelly
21	000000	LITTLE MITTENS R E Barr 7 109	Mr M Sowersby (7)
24	003032	CAMPUS BOY Mrs J Ramsden 4 108	Mr G Harker (4)
25	00	GRANGE OF GLORY R Fisher 4 108	P Tuck
28	000033	SQUIRES GOLD M Dickinson 4 108	J A Harris

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Taelos, 4-1 Cimarron, 6-1 Owen Herbert, 8-1 Campus Boy and Squires Gold, 10-1 Grange of Glory, 12-1 Just A Spark, 14-1 others.

THE speedy Nestor (2.30) should demonstrate that he is the class horse of the race in today's Farriers Invitation Private Sweepstakes at EPSOM.

Locally-trained Nestor, ridden on this occasion by Prooke Saunders, has run well on this course in the past and is more than capable of producing the necessary finishing speed to outshine today's opposition.

The event, being staged in support of Riding for the Disabled, will be run over the full Derby course and distance — a notoriously tricky course to ride even for the professionals.

Princess Anne makes her race riding debut on the David Nicholson-trained Against the Grain.

Although her mount won twice last year on the flat and came a creditable second in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle punters would be well-advised to put their money behind the professionals.

Stable

Michael, Stoute's stable, going through an early season purple patch, can take the £19,000 Princess Elizabeth Stakes with Morning Devotion (3.35).

Morning Devotion was only three and a half lengths behind current 1,000 Guineas favourite Oh So Sharp in the Hoover Fillies Mile at Ascot.

The City and Suburban Handicap could go to a filly making her seasonal debut, Maumann (4.10).

The Barry Hills-trained four-year-old would up last year with two impressive wins, and may still be on a lenient mark.

Race — he was second last year.

Droitwich trainer Michael Oliver sends a four-strong raid on the long trip to SEDGEFIELD and he could have a double with Thomond Prince (2.15) in the Monkey Puzzle Selling Handicap Hurdle and Bashful Lad (3.45) in the Reg Lamb Memorial Handicap Chase.

Good

At TOWCESTER Chasm (2.30) may be good enough in the Stoke Bruerne Novice Chase, while Memberson (4.00) could take the Bradden Handicap Chase.

EPSOM

DRAW: low numbers best up to 1m

2.30 FARRIERS INVITATION PRIVATE SWEEPSTAKES £3,000 1m 4f (16 runners)

1	(14)	220330-	NO-U-TURN (D) S Mellor 7 110	Elain Mellor
2	(12)	431010-	AGAINST THE GRAIN (D) D Nicholson 4 115	H R H Princess Anne
4	(13)	30312-4	KNIGHT'S HEIR D Arbutnot 4 115	Diana Henderson
5	(11)	04030-0	NESTOR (C) G Lewis 5 115	Brooke Sanders
6	(8)	11410-0	THE FRIEND (D) Thomson Jones 7 115	Aziz Al-Reda
7	(5)	00101-0	TIMSAH (D) N Gaselee 5 115	Richard Jenks
8	(16)	011140-	ARABIAN SEA M McCormack 6 110	Malcolm Wallace
9	(1)	400440-	COFFEE HOUSE (D) I Balding 10 110	Sandy Dudgeon
11	(10)	00420-1	DHOFAR G P-Gordon 5 110	Mark Richardson
12	(9)	20002-0	GILDED CHIEF M McMahon 8 110	Edward McMahon
13	(7)	04321-0	JOLI WASFI (USA)(D) M Haynes 4 110	Yvonne Haynes
14	(2)	24000-4	OREGON TRAIL D Arbutnot 5 110	Henry Ponsonby
15	(15)	023300-	PETIT PAIN F Winter 4 110	Joanna Winter
16	(6)	410330-	SASSANOCO D Oughton 4 110	Maureen Piggott
17	(4)	00000-	TARAS CHARIOT P Mitchell 4 110	Virginia Holgate
18	(3)	40000-2	EXCAVATOR LADY G Moore 6 109	Frazer Hines

BLINKERS: 6, 18
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Nestor, 9-2 Joli Wasfi, 6-1 Dhofar, 7-1 Against The Grain and Sassanoco, 8-1 No-U-Turn, 10-1 Arabian Sea, 12-1 The Friend, 14-1 Oregon Trail, 16-1 others.

3.05 TOM CAXTON HOMEBREW APPRENTICE CH'SHIP Round 3 (h'cap) £3,000 1m (23 runners)

4	(1)	00400-0	ROSOLIO D Marks 4 910	P Struthers (5)
5	(19)	00200-0	DEADLY QUICK TIME R Smyth 4 910	C Rutter
6	(11)	1410-22	PEANDAY H Beasley 4 99	S Cuddy (7)
7	(12)	221210-	FIRST PLEASURE W H-Bass 4 97	R Lines
8	(16)	230310-	MAFOO'S TOKEN R Holder 5 96	A Dicks (5)
11	(10)	2200-00	REAR ACTION R Smyth 5 91	R Banks (7)
12	(17)	0024-20	TOM FORRESTER (BF) A Pitt 4 91	G Dickie
13	(20)	101-0000	PARK SPRINGS R Simpson 4 91	K Radcliffe (5)
14	(18)	10020-1	SWIFT PALM P Cundell 8 90	N Adams
15	(6)	400000-	MOONDOWN M Usher 4 813	J Carter (5)
16	(5)	00010-0	SEVEN SWALLOWS H Collingridge 4 813	W Woods
18	(14)	32223-0	PRINCESS POSSUM P Mitchell 4 811	P Simms (7)
19	(9)	000000-	CATMAN N Mitchell 4 810	
20	(4)	404230-	TAMERTOWN LAD J Jenkins 4 89	G Landau (3)
21	(15)	4242-1	OPEN ALL HOURS J Berry 3 88	J Carroll (5)
22	(7)	000000-	FAIR COUNTRY P M Taylor 3 88	P Brette (5)
23	(23)	000000-	LANDSEER D Sasse 5 88	N Dawe
24	(2)	121000-	FAST SERVICE C Horgan 6 87	T Godden (7)
25	(3)	2344-1	QUALITY CHORISTER R Champion 4 84	Gay Kellaway
28	(21)	10000-0	PRONUPTIA BRIDE D Dale 4 84	E Guest
29	(13)	010000-	TRUMPS Mrs S Swift 5 84	R Crowden (7)
30	(8)	000000-	DANISH EXPRESS J M Bradley 4 82	A Shoults
31	(22)	0000-1	JODY'S BOY B Stevens 4 82 (5 ex)	R Morse (7)

BLINKERS: 11, 31
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Swift Palm, 5-1 Open All Hours, 11-2 Jody's Boy, 13-2 Tamertown Lad and Peanday, 8-1 Fast Service, 10-1 Tom Forrester, 12-1 Double Quick Time, 16-1 First Pleasure, 20-1 others.

3.35 PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES Group 3 £16,000 (3-Y-O fillies) 1m (10 runners)

1	(8)	32401-0	JOLLY SAINT P Doyle (IRE) 8 12	W Carson
3	(9)	0-12	BROKE FREE J Bolger (IRE) 8 9	D Gillespie
4	(6)	1-	DUBIAN A Stewart 8 9	Pat Eddery
5	(2)	4132-	GLIDE BY R Boss 8 9	L Piggott
6	(4)	2221-	GRAECIA MAGNA (USA) G Hanwood 8 9	S Starkey
8	(5)	1-	MARY DAVIES H Cecil 8 9	G Cauthen
9	(10)	13-	MORNING DEVOTION (USA) M Stoute 8 9	W R Swinburn
10	(1)	0113-	STELLA GRANDE R Sheather 8 9	R Cochran
11	(3)	02-	CHAPEL LIGHT (USA) B Hills 8 6	B Thomson
12	(7)	40-P	LITTLE BITTERN (USA) G Wragg 8 6	G Duffield

BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Morning Devotion, 7-2 Broke Free, 5-1 Glide By, 6-1 Dubian, 8-1 Graecia Magna and Mary Davies, 12-1 Jolly Saint, 14-1 others.

4.10 CITY & SUBURBAN HANDICAP £12,000 1m 2f (15 runners)

1	(14)	10000-0	BANK PARADE J Hindley 4 910	M Hills
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RESULTS

SOUTHWELL:

2.15 (2m): BELLE BAVARD A Gorman (8-11); Wannacine (7-2); Sweetheart (3-1 fav); Saffron Poser (12-14). 16 ran. NK, nk. (P D Cundell) T: £10.40; £2.30, £1.90, £1.70. CSF: £40.97.
2.45 (2m): BLAKESWARE GIFT S Smith Eccles (6-11); Fleur-de-Chrise (5-1); What a Princess (7-13); Bellekino (3-1 fav). 15 ran. 1 1/2, 3. (R Carter) T: £4; £1.40, £2.80, £3.10. CSF: £44.95. NR: Mr Bennington, Upland Goose.
3.15 (3m): USURPING B de Haan (9-21); Richard G (20-1); Ben Spartan (20-1); River Warrior (10-14). 13 ran. 1, 2. (F T Winter) T: £7.50; £2.70, £4.20, £6.40. CSF: £91.44.
3.45 (2m): HOPE END C Jones (16-11); Slieve Bracken (9-4 fav); Master Piper (4-1); Nero Wolf (25-14). 18 ran. Sh hd, 10. (R Brazington) T: £18.20; £3.10, £1.30, £1.40, £2.40. CSF: £52.14.
4.15 (3m): BROCKIE LAW Miss T Webber (evens fav); Socorro (20-1); Miraguest (50-1); Come On Flower (25-14). 15 ran.

10, 8. (J Webber) T: £2.40; £1.70, £12.20, £65.10. CSF: £22.53. NR: Brown Peril. Withdrawn: Templetown.
4.45 (2m 4f): DOUBLE DISCOUNT M Pepper (16-11); Polly Toodle (20-1); Petrocelli (10-13); Crown Land (12-14). 18 ran. 5, 1/2. (H Fleming) T: £25.50; £4.60, £2.50, £1.70, £3.90. CSF: £318.56.

WINDSOR

2.30 (5f): MOORGATE MAN M Miller (2-1 on fav); Delta Lima (6-1); Way Above (6-1); Mo The Grass (10-14). 6 ran. 3, 3. (R Boss) T: £1.30; £1, 2. CSF: £4.49.
3.00 (1m): FULL OF SPEED S Whitworth (12-1); Balmacara (9-2 fav); Jay-Zee Boy (12-13); Socher (8-14). 5 ran. 1 1/2, 3/4. (H O'Neill) T: £12.20; £2.50, £1.10, £2.70, £4.70. CSF: £70.91.
3.30 (1m 3f): TEMPLE BAR Pat Eddery (11-4 fav); Hodnet (6-1); Catcher In The Rye (16-1); Boccoda Lad (7-14). 19 ran. 1, 1/2. (C Brittain) T: £4.20; £1.10, £2.90, £6.20, £2. CSF: £23.34.
4.00 (5f): FAYRUZ T Ives (11-8 fav); Shelhoub (3-1); Virgin Prince (9-1);

Northern Gunner (25-14). 13 ran. 2 1/2, 5. (W O'Gorman) T: £2.10; £1.10, £1.10, £1.20. CSF: £5.65.
4.30 (1m 2f): ADARIYA S Cauthen (5-1); Coral Harbour (12-1); Kuwait Moon (11-13); Early School (9-4). 16 ran. NK, 1 1/2. (R Houghton) T: £3.50; £1.50, £4.70, £2.80. CSF: £64.11.
5.00 (1m 2f): IROKO W R Swinburn (3-1); Roark (2-1 fav); Boom Patrol (15-23); Watford Gap (33-14). 16 ran. 1 1/2, 3/4. (M Stoute) T: £3.50; £1.10, £2, £2.60. CSF: £8.82.
5.30 (6f): PARTY GAME S Whitworth (6-1 fav); Puccini (8-1); Karl's Pal (16-1); Habs Lad (6-1 fav); 4.28 ran. NK, 2 1/2. (R Smyth) T: £4.10; £1.10, £2.40, £3.60, £1.60. CSF: £65.39.

CARLISLE:

2.15 (2m): BROTHER GEOFFREY D Wilkinson (11-8 fav); Paraglo (33-1); Poloki (33-1); Avon Oak (7-14). 8 ran. 20, 20. (C W Thornton) T: £2.40; £1.10, £8, £4.10. CSF: £33.50. NR: Lady Lawyer.

2.45 (2m): CHIPCHASE Mr G Harker (5-11); Camionnage (11-10 on fav); Sonny One Shine (4-1); Another Gear (20-14). 7 ran. 1 1/2, 5. (B E Wilkinson) T: £4.20; £2.80, £1.20. CSF: £9.19. NR: Taelos and Yes Sir You Sir.
3.15 (2m 4f): POLARS SMARTIE C Grant (12-1); Preiko (4-1 fav); Ram The Thor (5-13); Corker (12-14). 10 ran. 15, 2. (R H Goldie) T: £18.50; £2.60, £1.50, £1.50. CSF: £52.89.
3.45 (2m): DEEP LOVE K Teelan (6-11); Starshot (5-1); Busk Fizz (33-1); Liverpool Rambler (16-14). 20

Sports Line

ROBSON CRAMS IN STRIKERS

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson has crammed his squad with goalscorers for their toughest World Cup qualifying match against Rumania in Bucharest on May 1.

But there are no places for Everton midfielders Peter Reid and Paul Bracewell.

They have outshone every midfield player in the country except their teammates Kevin Sheedy, Trevor Steven and England captain Bryan Robson.

As part of the Everton midfield quartet, they have guided the club to a possible treble of the FA Cup, European Cup Winners' Cup and League Championship — but Robson refuses to change his squad.

Although there are doubts about the fitness of Mark Hateley and Paul Mariner, Robson has given himself plenty of cover by including Trevor Francis, Gary Lineker, Chris Waddle and Peter Davenport in attack.

Selections

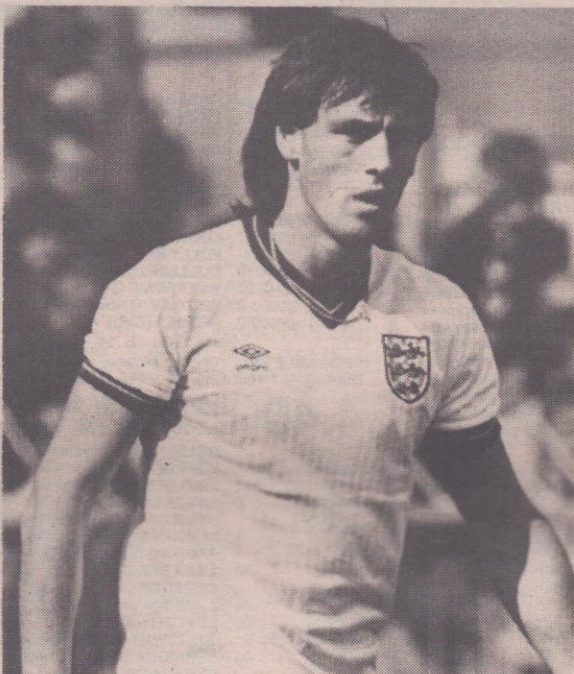
There are no surprises in Robson's defensive selections, but Arsenal's Steve Williams retains his place in the squad despite a run of indifferent performances for Arsenal and ahead of Reid and Bracewell.

'We are in a little run of victories and I am trying to keep a settled squad,' the England manager said.

'Unless somebody is going really exceptionally well and can push somebody out of the squad I will aim for stability.'

'If we had suffered defeat I would be looking to see if it could be changed, but we have not and I am leaving well alone.'

But no room for talented mid-fielders



MARK HATELEY . . . back from injury

He added: 'Bracewell is playing very well in a very consistent team. He's only 22 and it's just a question of patience over a period of time.'

'He must wait to see if I need to change the mid-field. At the moment I don't. I am very conscious of what he can do. Also of Peter Reid, who has been a warhorse in the Everton

team this season.'

Robson was surprised that Mark Hateley played with a painkilling injection for AC Milan on Sunday.

The England star had told him that 'he was not too optimistic about playing' for the first time since injuring his ankle in the 2-1 win against the Republic of Ireland last month.

With Tony Woodcock ab-

sent injured, Trevor Francis could return to the England attack for the first time since suffering a serious head injury during an Italian League match in March.

Confirmed

Gary Bailey has been confirmed as first reserve for Peter Shilton's goal-keeping jersey despite the blunder which presented the Republic of Ireland with a goal on his England debut.

Norwich's Chris Woods deserves an England cap and has understudied to Shilton on several occasions.

But he is relegated to the under-21 squad — playing a UEFA Championship qualifying match against Rumania on April 30 — as an over age player.

ENGLAND SQUAD: Shilton (Southampton), Bailey (Man Utd), Stevens (Everton), Sansom (Arsenal), Kennedy (Liverpool), Fenwick (QPR), Wright (Southampton), Butcher (Ipswich), Watson (Norwich), Steven (Everton), Robson (Man Utd), Wilkins (AC Milan), Williams (Arsenal), Hoddle (Tottenham), Davenport (Nottm Forest), Lineker (Leicester), Mariner (Arsenal), Waddle (Newcastle), Hateley (AC Milan), Barnes (Watford), Francis (Sampdoria).

ENGLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD: Woods (Norwich), Seaman (Birmingham), Parker (Fulham), Venison (Sunderland), Pickering (Sunderland), Fairclough (Nottm Forest), Butterworth (Coventry), Adams (Arsenal), Barker (Blackburn), I. Snodin (Doncaster), Robson (Arsenal), Walters (Aston Villa), Rideout (Aston Villa), Donawa (Norwich).

Bingham springs a big surprise on the wing

GILLINGHAM winger Terry Cochrane yesterday received a surprise recall to the Northern Ireland squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Turkey at Windsor Park, Belfast on May 1.

Cochrane, who has 26 caps, last played in Northern Ireland's opening Group Three game, which they lost 1-0 to Finland in Pori.

A skilful player prominent in Gillingham's promotion chase this season, the international recall is a late boost to his career.

Manager Billy Bingham has made two changes from the panel he had on duty in last month's goalless friendly with Spain in Majorca.

Omitted are Blackburn



BILLY BINGHAM . . . Picks Gillingham winger

Rovers midfield player Noel Brotherstone, whose form has lapsed despite his Second Division team's improvement, and Linfield centre forward Martin McGaughey, injured.

Also recalled is Sammy McIlroy of Stoke City, who missed the Spanish

match because of a club commitment.

With captain Martin O'Neill ruled out for the remainder of the season with a knee injury, McIlroy is expected to lead the team against Turkey.

There were injury doubts about Mal Donaghy, Jimmy Quinn and Billy Hamilton, but all three have been given the all clear by their respective clubs.

SQUAD: Jennings (Arsenal), Platt (Coleraine), Nicholl (West Bromwich), O'Neill (Leicester), McClelland (Watford), Donaghy (Luton), Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), Ramsey (Leicester), McIlroy (Stoke), McCreery (Newcastle), Stewart (QPR), Armstrong (Real Mallorca), Quinn (Blackburn Rovers), Whiteside (Man Utd), Clarke (Tranmere Rovers), Hamilton (Oxford Utd), Cochrane (Gillingham).

TOWCESTER (NH)

2.00 ABTHORPE NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £800

5	UU-	BARWAR P O'Connor 7 110	G McCourt
7	000P/O	CHARLIE DAN A Moore 7 110	G Moore
8	0FO	CHELTENHAM FUN H Collingridge 5 110	
11	00P/P	GOLDEN ALIBI Earl Jones 7 110	J D Doyle
15	P0030	INDIAN J Glover 5 110	
16	OP-R	LIBERTY WALK F Gray 6 110	G Enright
18	3-0P400	MARSH LANE F Winter 6 110	B de Haan
20	P	NASHAAB T Forster 5 110	H Davies
25	FO	SPRINGWOOD BOY K Bailey 6 110	M Richards
28	3320	THE ARGONAUT (NZ)(BF) F Walwyn 7 110	S Shilton
31	000	YACARE (CHI) J Gifford 6 110	R Rowe
32	240P0	GLITTERING GEM G Thorne 5 109	P Barton
35	00	TAM'S LAST C Grant-Ives 6 109	Mr M Low (4)
37	P0	BAMIAT (NZ) S Cole 4 108	V McKevitt
38	OP0	GURUVAYOR J King 4 108	
41	00	SENT HOME H Gaselee 4 108	D Browne
44		NORTH GRANGE Mrs A Hewitt 4 103	M Williams
45	00	REMAINDER WYN K A Morgan 4 103	S Johnson

BLINKERS: 15, 16, 18, 35
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 The Argonaut, 5-1 Marsh Lane, 13-2 Sent Home and Yacare, 10-1 Glittering Gem, 12-1 Nashaab, 20-1 others.

2.30 STOKES BRUERE NOVICE CHASE £1,500

2	FB0-113	FREDDIE BEE R Parker 8 122	Mr T Grantham (7)
3	13-U221	CHASM (C-D) F Walwyn 6 118	R Pusey (4)
4	4443P1	GRATIFICATION F Winter 8 118	B de Haan
7	F0103F	AVANTIE R Perkins 9 110	Dai Williams
9	FF/0P00	BROOKLANDS (NZ) D Barons 8 110	H Davies
11		CALYCLUS A Turnell 10 110	Steve Knight
13	2F0P00	ERNIE'S KEEP G Ripley 10 110	Mrs N Ledger
14	000320	GOINGO RL Brown 6 110	J Brown (7)
15	FPP/	HARDNOTT S Harris 8 110	J Frost
17	OP/	JOHN HAMPTON J Honeyball 8 110	Peter Hobbs
19	FP-2004	MERCHANDISER G Ripley 7 110	M Hoad (7)
20	330-P04	NICK BARRY J Bosley 6 110	Mr M Bosley (7)
28	4F	JUST PAM N Gaselee 7 109	V McKevitt
29	0003F4	LITTLE GINGER B McMahon 6 109	T Wall
30	0/PP0-0F	RED LINE W Mann 8 109	S J O'Neill
31	402224	ROSTRA (BF) R Armytage 6 109	Mr M Armytage (7)

BLINKERS: 7, 17
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Chasm, 5-2 Gratification, 13-2 Freddie Bee, 8-1 Rostra, 10-1 Avantie, 14-1 Goingo, 20-1 others.

3.00 COLD HIGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE £1,500

3	10-1P30	ON THE WARP (C-D) D Oughton 6 118	P Double
4	110200	DUKE OF DOLLIS (D) R Armytage 6 118	Mr M Armytage (7)
5	222003	KELLY'S BOY (D) N Gaselee 5 116	V McKevitt
8	2-20P02	LIGHT SONG (C-D) F Walwyn 6 115	K Mooney
11	22-000P	ADAM CRAIG (D) W Kemp 7 111	S Shilton
12	000302	DICK'S FOLLY (D) R Hodges 6 111	S Earle (4)
13	000P0P	BRITISH CROWN (D) M Madgwick 9 111	A Madgwick (4)
14	0002P0	LOR MOSS (D) A Leighton 5 111	C Smith
16	F04340	GRANNIE'S PET (D) D Gandolfo 10 110	G McCourt
18	230000	FRANCISCUS C Miller 8 1012	P Scudamore
20	110-004	BLACK FALCON (USA)(D)(BF) J Glover 5 1010	
22	020000	OUI MONSIEUR (C-D) J Bosley 11 1010	Mr M Bosley (7)
23	0/0-4120	WARILY (C-D) A Price 7 107	G Enright
24	200000P	LILAC LADY R Thompson 9 106	
25	03P-403	BROBURY (D) T Brown 6 106	R Dunwoody
26	100000	MILORE (D) O Brennan 7 105	M Brennan
28	322-13	WHENEVER (D)(BF) D Barons 5 104	J Frost
29	102-00P	FULL OF LOVE (C-D) Mrs A Lee 6 103	J Barlow
30	0-14200	ROYAL REPRIEVE (D) B Morgan 7 100	T Wall

BLINKERS: 11, 13
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Light Song, 11-2 Kelly's Boy and Dick's Folly, 13-2 On The Warp, 8-1 Black Falcon and Whenever, 10-1 Brobury and Warily, 16-1 others.

3.30 BLAKESLEY NOVICE H'CAP CHASE £1,500

2	201100	GREENORE PRIDE P O'Connor 8 117	M Perrett
3	F0-12PP	VALE OF WALTON N Henderson 9 115	P Croucher (4)
4	031413	BACKSTREET GUY N Henderson 6 112	J White
6	001F1U	LE GRAN BRUN (USA)(BF) J King 7 1012	S Smith Eccles
7	12FPAF	UPHAM KELLY D Gandolfo 6 1012	G McCourt
10	2-1F00B	HY TAB Earl Jones 8 108	J D Doyle
12	P0P40P	SQUIRE TRELAWNY D Barons 8 107	H Davies
16	00UP4A	AYLE HERO J Webber 6 105	A Webb
18	P2-0FOF	GRAND REVIEW Mrs W Sykes 9 102	P Warner
19	UB4012	FLYING MISTRESS J Webber 7 102	J Burke
20	PF0010	FINNESKO (C) S Christian 7 101	K Mooney
21	3P4U00	DOUBLE PAST T Forster 8 101	R Dunwoody
22	324P00	GAZAAN W Kemp 7 100	Mr D Townsend (7)
24	FF4FOU	GAMBLING ABBOT Mrs M Rimell 7 100	S Morshead
25	0-0404F	ISANEMOS D Barons 7 100	P Scudamore
27	F44P3R	LAUREL HILL Dudgeon 8 100	M Richards

BLINKERS: 27
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Backstreet Guy, 3-1 Le Gran Brun, 5-1 Vale of Walton, 13-2 Greenore Pride and Flying Mistress, 12-1 others.

4.00 BRADDEN HANDICAP CHASE £2,500

3	OP0-040	SKEGBY O Brennan 11 117	M Brennan
4	2F111P	VELESO (C-D)(BF) J King 7 115	S Smith Eccles
5	014201	FREDWEL P Bailey 10 112	J Duggan
6	2003P2	PORT ASKAIG (C) T Forster 10 112	H Davies
7	402334	COTTAGE RHYTHM Earl Jones 9 112	J D Doyle
8	33-F010	LEADING ARTIST (C-D) N Gaselee 10 111	D Browne
10	1FP314	MEMBERSON P Dufosse 7 1010	R Dunwoody
11	P-34PF3	STAUNTON (BF) N Henderson 10 109	J White
12	04-31F0	WALKING CANE G Ripley 9 108	B de Haan
13	30012-P	MR DANKIE R Shaw 10 105	M Perrett
15	PPP033	SPARTAN MAJOR Mrs W Sykes 11 104	S Morshead
16	331B02	SELBORNE RAMBLER J Webber 7 104	A Webb
19	323433	ROCKIN BERRY (C) Mrs M Evans 10 100	J Bryan
20	P11RU0	GRANDOGAN (C-D) D Ancil 10 100	

BLINKERS: 3, 15, 15
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Fredwel, 9-2 Veleso, 11-2 Selborne Rambler, 6-1 Port Askaig, 15-2 Leading Artist, 10-1 Skegby and Spartan Major, 12-1 others.

4.30 ABTHORPE NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £800

1	000000	DRUMMOND STREET (D) A Moore 6 1110	G McCourt
2	B00013	LORD LAURENCE (C-D)(BF) D Gandolfo 6 1110	K Mooney
3	00021	PREMIER SUSAN (C-D) S Christian 7 115	H Davies
10	0U00	BROUGHTON STAR T Forster 5 110	T Wall
13	P00	HOPWAS B McMahon 6 110	M Perrett
15	400	KOUROS Mrs N Kennedy 6 110	R Rowe
17	0FO	MAURIE-BUGG J Gifford 5 110	V McKevitt
18	000	MR MOUSE N Gaselee 6 110	D Browne
21	P00434	OLIVER ANTHONY N Gaselee 5 110	Peter Hobbs
27	00	THE BONDORIZER J Honeyball 5 110	B Reilly
29	FF	THE GREY GUNNER G Balding 5 110	Dai Williams
37	00	TOPOLINO SAURO 5 109	R Goldstein
38	04	BLUECHER D Grissell 4 108	A Gorman
39	3	CONNEX M Hincliffe 4 108	G Jones
40	POP2	DINADAN A James 4 108	S Smith Eccles
42	0	PUGET (USA) Mrs D Haine 4 108	J Nolan
44	4	LADY SEVILLE R Carter 4 103	
45		THIEVES HOLLOW J D-Home 4 103	

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Premier Susan, 7-2 Lord Laurence, 11-2 Oliver Anthony, 7-1 Puget, 10-1 Mr Mouse, 14-1 Kouros, 20-1 others.

Sports Line

Make example of Kiwis

All sports should be hit



SAM RAMSAMY... Total ban call



DAVID LANGE... His efforts too feeble?

ALL NEW ZEALAND sports men and women could be punished for the indiscretions of their national Rugby Union teams, Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SANROC), said yesterday.

Ramsamy, who had just returned from a European tour to organise the second International Sports Boycott Against South Africa, to be held in Paris from May 16-18, said: 'We are tired of people saying that certain sports are innocent. The time has come now to make an example of a country like New Zealand and then the rest of the world will know that we mean business.'

The All-Black rugby tour to the racist South African state will be the focus of the Paris conference and Ramsamy warned that other organisations in the vanguard of the fight to isolate South

Africa in the world of sport were ready to take action.

'The British government seem to think that the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh next year are safe because many of the Black African nations have not kicked up a fuss,' added Ramsamy. 'But they would be very foolish to adopt that attitude.'

The Paris conference is sure to call for the isolation of New Zealand because of their Rugby Union team's continual refusal to abide by the Gleneagles Agreement which bans all Commonwealth countries from having sporting contacts with South Africa.

And Ramsamy pointed to the Organisation of African Unity's (OAU) special conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in June as the venue where the Commonwealth Games will be thrown into jeopardy.

'The OAU is a very strong body,' said Ramsamy.

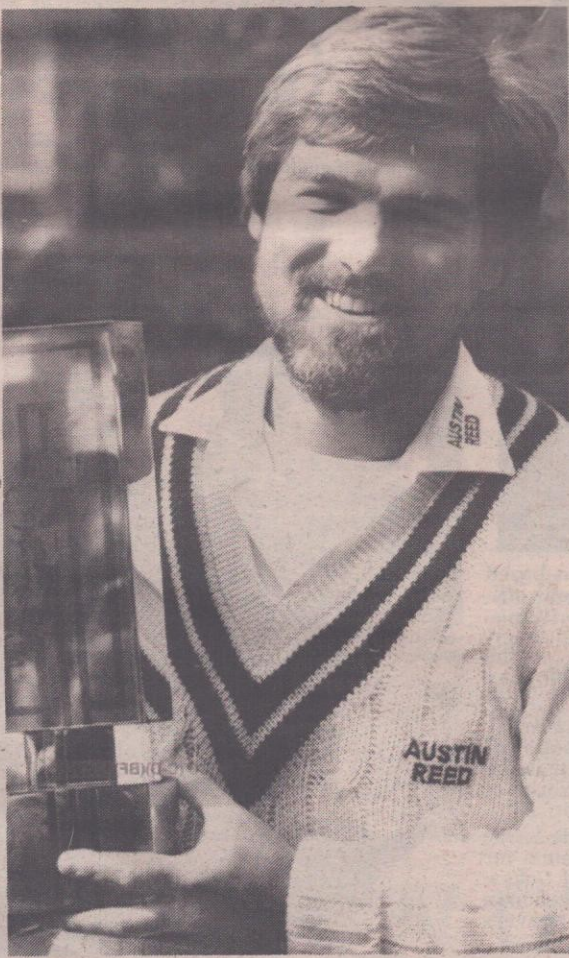
'They were the organisation that organised the African boycott of the 1976 Montreal Olympics over another New Zealand tour of South Africa, got Rhodesia banned from the 1972 Munich Games and had South Africa kicked out of the Olympic movement before the 1968 Games in Mexico.'

Ydnerkatchev Tesseme, president of the Union of African Sports Confederations (UASC), also made it clear at the weekend that his organisation was not 'completely happy' with New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange's efforts to stop the tour.

Ramsamy added: 'The black African nations, along with the rest of the third world countries eligible to take part in the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games are sick and tired with the cosmetic sanctions taken against countries like New Zealand who continually flaunt the ban against sports contacts with South Africa.'

'While it might seem unfair on other sporting bodies in New Zealand who maintain a rigid ban on sporting contacts with South Africa, many of those opposed to apartheid now believe that action which would isolate a country like New Zealand totally is now the only answer.'

'There is still time for Cez Blazey (chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Union) to call off this ill-fated tour for the betterment of sport in his own country.'



Gatting hopes for more glory

MIDDLESEX captain Mike Gatting, holding aloft the Nat West Bank Trophy, hopes for even greater success for his team this season.

Middlesex are certainly one of the favourites for the Britannic Assurance County Championship and will be in with a good chance of retaining their one-day trophy.

Gatting also hopes to help England to regain the Ashes from Australia — with the same form he produced on the successful winter tour of India which brought him his highest Test match score of 208.

But the honour still to be grasped by Middlesex is the John Player League. Gatting's team has the right combination of accurate bowlers and attacking batsmen to win the 40 overs per side Sunday league.

AUSSIE PLEDGE DEADLINE

AUSTRALIAN cricketers chosen to tour England on April 30 are given until today to sign a declaration severing links with South Africa, including a tour of the apartheid state in November.

Failure to sign the Australian Cricket Board document today will mean exclusion from the tour. The position of several players was unclear on the eve of today's reckoning.

It was reported last week that seven members of the 17-man party had signed to go on a tour of the racist

republic sponsored by the all-white South African Cricket Union.

But four of them — Wood, Wellham, Phillips and Bennett — had withdrawn.

Yesterday nine of the players selected for the England tour were thought to have signed the Cricket Board document.

They are Allan Border (captain), Andrew Hilditch (vice-captain), Geoff Lawson, Kepler Wessels, Craig McDermott, Simon O'Donnell, Greg Ritchie, David Boon and Bob Holland.

Of the others, Wayne

Phillips, Steve Rixon, Murray Bennett and Dirk Wellham are reported to be seeking clarification over the document and the position is unclear regarding Graeme Wood, Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy and Greg Matthews.

After today's declaration deadline, Australian cricket officials expect to announce tomorrow whether they will have to make wholesale changes to the party to tour England.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive David Richards said

yesterday: 'The Board will announce the outcome of the South African situation at the Cricketers' Club of New South Wales at 10.30 that (tomorrow) morning.'

The Australian Cricket Board action against players prepared to go on a tour of South Africa puts the onus on the English Test and County Cricket Board.

Their three-year ban on 13 English cricketers who toured South Africa in 1982 expired last week. Their selection now for England this season would spark uproar.

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	34	12	3	2	49	17	11	3	3	28	19	75
Man Utd	36	12	4	2	43	11	7	4	7	25	28	65
Tottenham	36	8	3	6	38	24	11	4	4	28	17	64
Liverpool	34	9	4	5	26	12	8	5	3	26	14	60
Southampton	36	11	3	4	23	16	6	6	6	26	26	60
Sheff Wed	36	10	7	1	34	18	5	7	6	18	19	59
Arsenal	38	12	5	2	35	14	5	3	11	21	30	59
Nottm For	36	12	3	4	33	17	5	3	9	19	25	57
Chelsea	36	11	2	4	32	16	4	9	6	21	24	56
Aston Villa	37	9	6	3	28	16	4	4	11	21	38	49
Q.P.R.	37	10	6	3	36	24	2	5	11	9	32	47
Leicester	37	8	4	7	36	25	5	2	11	23	38	45
W.B.A.	37	9	3	6	28	20	4	3	12	19	37	45
Newcastle	38	10	4	5	29	22	1	8	10	21	44	45
Watford	35	8	5	5	21	27	3	6	8	23	34	44
Norwich	36	9	5	5	28	23	2	4	11	13	33	42
Luton	34	9	5	3	30	19	2	3	12	16	36	41
West Ham	34	5	7	5	21	19	5	4	8	21	35	41
Ipswich	35	6	5	5	20	18	4	4	11	17	33	39
Sunderland	37	7	6	6	19	20	3	3	12	18	31	39
Coventry	34	8	3	6	22	18	3	1	13	14	36	37
Stoke	35	3	3	11	16	35	0	5	13	4	38	17

DIVISION II												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	37	16	1	1	56	14	7	6	6	19	17	76
Birmingham	38	10	6	3	27	15	12	0	7	28	18	72
Blackburn	37	13	3	2	35	13	6	7	6	25	24	67
Man City	38	13	3	3	37	15	6	7	6	20	20	67
Portsmouth	38	10	6	3	35	22	7	8	4	27	25	65
Brighton	38	11	6	2	25	10	6	6	7	18	19	63
Leeds Utd	38	10	7	2	35	11	7	4	8	27	29	62
Shrewsbury	37	11	6	2	41	19	5	5	8	20	29	59
Fulham	38	12	2	5	33	25	5	5	9	28	36	58
Grimsby	37	12	1	6	43	27	4	6	8	22	28	55
Barnsley	36	11	5	2	27	11	3	8	7	14	22	55
Wimbledon	37	8	7	3	36	25	5	1	11	30	44	53
Huddersfld	37	9	4	6	26	25	5	5	8	22	30	51
Carlisle	38	8	4	7	24	17	5	3	11	22	38	46
Sheff Utd	38	7	6	6	30	24	3	7	9	21	35	43
Oldham	38	8	4	7	24	22	4	3	12	17	42	43
Charlton	38	7	6	6	30	27	3	4	12	15	27	40
Crystal Pal	37	7	5	2	24	25	2	5	11	17	37	39
Middlesbrough	38	5	7	7	20	25	3	2	14	17	30	33
Notts City	38	4	5	10	19	30	4	1	14	19	39	30
Wolves	38	4	4	11	16	27	3	5	11	18	39	30
Cardiff	37	3	3	12	18	39	4	5	10	22	33	29

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford.....	41	15	5	1	42	18	11	4	5	26	18	87
Hull.....	41	15	4	2	43	17	7	8	5	26	26	78
Millwall.....	40	15	5	0	35	9	7	5	8	25	27	76
Gillingham.....	40	12	5	3	44	25	9	2	9	22	30	70
Bristol City.....	39	15	2	3	40	15	6	4	9	24	25	69
Bristol R.....	40	14	4	1	33	9	6	5	10	26	31	69
Rotherham.....	41	11	6	4	38	22	7	5	8	18	23	65
Bournemouth.....	41	14	3	3	34	13	7	7	11	15	28	61
Walsall.....	40	9	7	5	31	18	8	3	8	23	29	61
York.....	41	12	5	4	39	21	5	3	12	23	33	59
Derby Cnty.....	41	13	6	2	38	19	3	5	12	19	31	59
Reading.....	38	8	4	6	28	23	9	4	7	28	28	59
Plymouth.....	41	10	7	4	31	21	4	5	11	27	38	54
Doncaster.....	40	10	4	7	38	30	5	3	11	24	32	52
Newport.....	40	9	5	7	28	26	4	7	8	22	28	51
Bolton.....	42	12	4	5	37	19	3	1	7	26	46	50
Brentford.....	40	10	4	5	33	24	3	7	11	19	36	50
Lincoln.....	40	8	9	3	31	17	2	6	12	14	28	45
Wigan.....	38	9	4	5	24	16	2	8	10	17	32	45
Preston.....	40	9	4	7	30	32	3	1	16	16	56	41
Burnley.....	41	6	7	7	29	21	3	5	13	26	47	39
Orient.....	41	7	4	9	28	34	3	5	13	19	39	39
Swansea.....	40	6	4	10	28	36	4	5	11	19	37	39
Cambridge.....	40	2	2	15	14	38	1	6	14	19	46	17

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfld	41	15	5	1	37	12	8	6	6	22	22	80
Darlington	39	14	3	2	36	16	8	8	4	22	22	77
Blackpool	40	15	5	1	39	12	7	5	7	23	22	76
Bury	40	13	5	1	37	14	8	6	7	26	27	74
Hereford	40	15	1	4	33	16	5	9	6	24	22	70
Colchester	41	12	6	3	44	27	6	7	7	35	32	67
Swindon	42	15	3	3	37	17	5	4	12	18	34	67
Scunthorpe	41	14	4	3	36	28	4	7	9	17	24	65
Crewe	41	10	5	6	30	26	8	5	7	29	31	64
Tranmere	41	14	1	5	42	19	6	2	13	30	42	63
Peterboro	42	11	5	4	29	20	5	6	11	24	31	59
Mansfield	40	9	7	4	23	13	3	9	8	13	18	52
Port Vale	41	9	7	4	32	20	3	8	10	18	31	51
Aldershot	39	8	6	5	24	17	6	2	12	22	39	50
Hartlepool	42	9	6	3	33	27	4	4	13	17	33	48
Exeter	42	9	7	6	30	26	3	5	12	25	51	48
Southend	41	7	8	5	29	31	5	3	13	28	46	47
Stockport	39	11	5	5	40	22	2	2	14	15	43	46
Wrexham	41	7	6	7	34	26	4	2	15	25	41	41
Rochdale	37	6	5	7	23	21	4	6	9	20	32	41
Chester	40	8	3	9	30	28	3	5	12	18	33	41
Torquay	41	5	11	5	18	20	4	2	14	17	34	40
Halifax	41	6	3	11	20	29	5	2	14	12	34	38
Northampton	42	8	1	12	29	31	3	3	15	18	41	37

SCOTTISH PREMIER												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen.....	33	13	3	1	48	12	1	3	35	12	54	
Celtic.....	32	11	2	2	40	10	10	4	3	33	17	48
Dundee Utd.....	33	12	2	3	45	17	6	5	5	18	14	43
Rangers.....	32	6	6	5	18	13	6	5	4	24	20	35
Dundee.....	33	8	2	6	24	19	5	8	22	31	32	
St Mirren.....	33	3	2	28	23	22	2	9	18	32	32	
Hearts.....	33	6	3	8	21	23	7	2	7	10	30	
Hibernian.....	33	4	4	8	22	26	4	2	13	30	32	
Dumbarton.....	33	4	4	4	19	27	2	3	11	12	32	19
Morton.....	33	3	3	1	12	16	20	2	0	15	11	56



MIKE ENGLAND

GLC pull plug on Chelsea barrier

CHELSEA Football Club was served warning yesterday that its ground may be closed if it uses electric fencing without permission from the GLC. The GLC warned it would take out a court injunction closing Stamford Bridge if the 12-foot high fence with barbed wire running along the top is used.

Chelsea was told to respond 'positively' by Wednesday, the day the fence is due to be officially unveiled.

It has already been installed, but Chelsea chairman Ken Bates who is responsible for it would not say if it will be switched on when Chelsea play Spurs on Saturday until his lawyers gave the go-ahead.

'Chelsea have not even applied for permission, which they must do,' said a GLC spokesman.

Bates said: 'If it is illegal to put the electric fence into operation for Saturday it will not go ahead. If we are told it is legal it will be working on Saturday.'

Simon Turney, chairman of the GLC's public services committee, which issues safety certificates to London's big soccer stadiums, went to Stamford Bridge yesterday to deliver a letter outlining the club's legal obligations over the fencing.

He said Chelsea's answer to pitch invasions was 'unsavoury' and said the scheme was 'ill thought-out'.

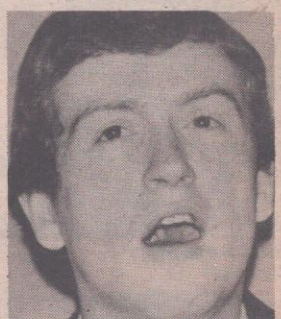
Labour shadow Sports Minister Denis Howell ridiculed Chelsea's action. He said that if a stand caught fire, a barrier collapsed or in the event of a terrorist attack fans would have to be evacuated onto the pitch quickly and an electric fence would make this impossible.

Davis's fighting comeback

STEVE DAVIS launched a fighting comeback to recover from four frames down and level his World Snooker Championship quarter-final against Terry Griffiths as the match entered the evening session yesterday.

The World Championship crown was resting uneasily on Davis's head as he slid 0-4 behind to Griffiths, at the start of their 25-frame quarter final in Sheffield.

Davis returned grimaced from the mid-session interval and ended Griffiths' charge when he won the fifth frame 60-39 in 18 minutes, adding the sixth 75-14 in only a minute longer.



STEVE DAVIS

Griffiths watched in growing alarm as Davis fought back from 1-41 down in the seventh frame to lead 44-41, and the Welshman then left the last red over a middle pocket for Davis to clear to the pink and trail 4-3.

The World Champion then completed his fight-back by taking the next frame 80-20 to level at four frames all.

ENGLAND'S WELSH COUP A BELGIAN!

WALES manager Mike England was yesterday celebrating an international coup, after Everton full-back Pat Van Den Hauwe had pledged himself to the Welsh World Cup cause.

Belgian-born Van Den Hauwe took the advice of Goodison colleagues Kevin Ratcliffe and Neville Southall — and resisted late overtures from England manager Bobby Robson.

Robson had spoken to Everton manager Howard Kendall about the 'available' Van Den Hauwe at the start of the year. But he only contacted the player when he realised the Welsh planned to snatch him for the World Cup qualifier against Spain.

Van Den Hauwe now looks certain to play in the match at Wrexham on April 30 after he was included him in the Wales squad yesterday.

After naming his squad, England accused Bobby Robson of an 'unsporting' attempt to make Van Den Hauwe reconsider his decision.

BY OUR SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

'I had already talked to the player and then Bobby Robson stepped in and tried to persuade him to play for England,' fumed the Welsh manager.

'There is no doubt that he has decided to play for Wales. I spoke to him on Saturday and he assured me he has no intention of accepting the offer from Robson.'

'I thought it was very unsporting, if not unethical, for Robson to approach him when he must have known that I had made the first move.'

Robson responded: 'I do not want to get into a public slanging match with an international manager colleague of mine.'

'I just wish Mike had rung me before saying these things and established the true situation.'

'I spoke to Van Den Hauwe on Friday and I have as much right to speak to him as anyone else.'

Van Den Hauwe, who joined Everton from Birmingham for £100,000 last September, had originally hoped to help Belgium reach the Mexico finals.

He was selected as an over-age player for an under-21 game — but then came the dramatic news that 24-year-old Van Den Hauwe had 'relinquished' his Belgian nationality when he signed a form guaranteeing he would not be called up for national service.

Manager England explained why the player opted for Wales — back in World Cup final contention after their win.

'I think Van Den Hauwe realised that he might have been treated the way Brian Stein was used by England — brought into the squad for a game and then going off the scene,' he said.

WALES SQUAD: Southall (Everton), Niedzwiecki (Chelsea), Slatter (Bristol Rovers), Ratcliffe (Everton), Van Den Hauwe (Everton), Jackett (Walsley), James (QPR), Phillips (Manchester City), Thomas (Chelsea), Nicholas (Luton), Curtis (Southampton), Rush (Liverpool), Hughes (Man Utd), Lovell (Millwall), Bowen (Tottenham), Hopkins (Fulham).

BANJO PLAYS TOP STRING

FUNSO BANJO — the London based Nigerian born heavyweight who is official contender for the British title — will meet his second high ranked American opponent in succession, at the Alexandra Pavilion, London, on May 28.

Banjo, outpointed by Marvis Frazier in the same ring last December, will fight Randy Cobb of Philadelphia, highly experienced in the hard world of top-class heavyweight competition.

His previous opponents include Larry Holmes to whom he lost on points for the world title in 1982, Michael Dokes, to whom he lost a technical decision in his last fight in March, Ernie Shavers and Ken Norton.

At 31, he is probably past his best but in asking to meet him Banjo is taking a considerable risk.

Banjo, in fact, wanted to pit his unconventional style against 'Bonecrusher' Smith, the man who beat Frank Bruno, but Smith was not available.

Banjo claims he is not motivated by ordinary fights and this one is not likely to be ordinary. For a start the giant Cobb is the man who earned half a million dollars for fighting Holmes and is reputed to have spent it in six months.

'I went to Australia and drank a little cold beer,' is his cheerful excuse.

It is gambling time, too, for Commonwealth welterweight champion, Sylvester Mittee who is so anxious

Vilella is a capable but



NIGERIAN-born heavyweight Funso Banjo held aloft firefighter and British light welterweight champion Terry Marsh (right) on the one hand and Commonwealth welterweight champion Sylvester Mittee on the other as the trio went in for some 'light-hearted' training in London yesterday

not a fearsome opponent. His last fight was a 12 rounds points defeat for the world title by Milton McCrory in March and nobody else has beaten him, but his stoppage record is thin.

His last seven fights have all lasted the distance and it is two years since he last beat an opponent inside the distance.

Terry Marsh, British light welterweight champion, unbeaten in 18 fights and due to fight for the European title in the near future, meets Charles

Arnold Wells of Detroit over ten rounds.

Marsh, a 27-year-old fireman, makes no secret of his ambitions — to earn quick money and get out.

Hope

'If I win the European title I hope to meet Gene Hatcher for the world championship before the end of the year. The future will depend on if this works out but I don't intend to be around much more than another year,' he said.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

DIVISION I	
(7.30 kick-off)	
Ipswich v Leicester	Northampton v Darlington
Sheff Wed v QPR	Southend v Chesterfield
DIVISION II	
Blackburn v C Palace	Wrexham v Rochdale
Cardiff v Barnsley (7.45)	
DIVISION III	
Brentford v Rotherham (7.45)	
Bristol R v Walsall (7.45)	
Burnley v Derby	
Cambridge v Bradford	
Preston v Hull	
Wigan v Bristol C	
DIVISION IV	
Aldershot v Colchester	
Bury v Chester	
Halifax v Stockport	

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY (Quarter Final)

Orient v Millwall

WELSH CUP (Semi-Final, 2nd Leg)

Newport v Bangor

RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER CH'SHIP

Barrow v Wigan
Bradford N v Hull
Hull KR v Widnes
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