

Scottish teachers on the march

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Lanarkshire teachers' new banner pictured on a demonstration through Inverness a week ago. Today, teachers throughout Scotland are on strike again

Reaction to role in strike

Miners' Gala snub to Kinnock

DURHAM miners seem set to ban Labour leader Neil Kinnock from this year's annual gala.

Labour leaders are normally invited as a matter of course, but Kinnock's role during the 12-month strike has embittered many miners.

His constant attacks on 'miners' violence' and refusal to speak at NUM rallies produced a sharp reaction in Durham, an area which the Labour right-wing has viewed as its own.

All that has changed, however, and yesterday a motion to ban Kinnock from the gala went before the Durham area council with a recommendation from the executive to en-

dorse moves to snub the Labour leader.

After a long debate it is believed that the area council voted narrowly in favour of the motion, and to recommend its acceptance by a series of meetings of the 13 lodges in the area.

The lodges will meet over the next fortnight, and the votes will then be reported back to the executive for an announcement.

Yesterday's area council had before it a proposal from Herrington colliery lodge that Kinnock 'must not be invited to the 1985 gala' because of his 'unacceptable attitude and lack of conviction during the 1984-85 miners' strike'.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

A further proposal from Murton lodge that Kinnock should be banned from the gala for life was withdrawn in the light of the Herrington move.

The gala is the north-east's biggest trade union event of the year and it has always provided a major platform for Labour politicians.

Left Labour MP Tony Benn has already been invited, and there are some suggestions that if Kinnock is snubbed, then his place should be taken by miners' MP Dennis Skinner.

Calling for support for his lodge's resolution, Derek Carlin, NUM branch treasurer at Herrington, said last night:

'We are talking about a lot of Labour Party members who voted for that motion.'

'Other members of the Labour Party have been behind us 100 per cent, people like Dennis Skinner.'

Carlin added: 'It's not just Neil Kinnock we're angry with either. It's the whole TUC. I would be unhappy if Norman Willis turned up, because he's another one who sold us out.'

'I think the majority of miners in Durham will support our motion. I think that Kinnock has not done enough.'

'He was always condemning violence. But we didn't start the violence. Why didn't he come out

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Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists

MAY DAY MARCH
WEDNESDAY MAY 1



DEFEND ALL JOBS AND SERVICES!
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No 'answer' to Nazi-Royal line-up

PRINCESS Michael yesterday issued a ludicrous 'final answer' denying disclosures revealing her father was a Nazi and a senior officer in Hitler's SS.

The Press Association received what purported to be documents — in German and in an English translation — de-Nazifying her father, Baron Gunther von Reibnitz.

Curiously, the official seal is missing from the original document, signed by an appeal tribunal comprising a Dr Alfred Lochner (president), and two judges by the name of Joseph Gerkens and Martin Fischer.

Along with the alleged documents went an astounding claim by Colonel Michael Farmer, the princess's press secretary, who said: 'This effectively puts him in the lowest grade possible without actually taking up arms against Hitler.'

Reibnitz's appeal for 'exoneration' is purported to have been heard at the Moosburg Labour and Detention Camp on April 24, 1947.

The tribunal agreed he had served as 'a member of the (Nazi) party from 1931 to 1945, as a member of the Cavalry-SS from 1934 to 1944, Sturmabfuhrer from 1937, and Regional Chief Ranger from 1937 until 1944, but that these positions were "honorary".'

Reibnitz, a member of the Freikorps anti-

communist private army of murderers and thugs between 1921 and 1930, when he joined the Nazi Party, 'had merely the right to wear the uniform and hold the rank (of captain) ... It was thus a matter of pure honorary rank', according to the alleged documents.

Princess Michael's documents say the 'accused was

not a member of any organisation condemned as criminal in the Nuremberg judgement' and, therefore, should be regarded as 'equivalent to a non-accused person'.

It is with predictable insolence that the royal family and their social-climbing in-law expect the British



PRINCESS MICHAEL

working class to accept their word as given.

Every single known expert on the Third Reich has categorically asserted that there never was such a thing as an 'honorary' SS officer.

What is even worse for the Royals is that more evidence has emerged since the Reibnitz scandal was unearthed that Prince Charles' uncle was a general in Hitler's SS.

Bosses' pay rose by 10.6%

EARNINGS of top bosses rose by an average of 10.6 per cent last year, according to a survey from the British Institute of Management published yesterday.

The increase is more than twice the rise in inflation of 4.6 per cent over the same period, and well above the 7.5-per-cent rise in earnings in the economy overall.

The survey, of 19,203 executives in 340 companies showed directors' earnings rose by 11.6 per cent while managers' increased by 10.4 per cent.

At the end of the year the average manager's basic salary stood at £16,892 and the average director's £35,160.

Bonus payments added an average £1,486 per manager and £5,548 per director.

Bonuses to directors have increased by 63.4 per cent in the last two years, and there has been a 34.3 per cent increase for managers, the survey found.

After taking account of tax, national insurance and inflation, executives showed a 5.1 per cent rise

in their living standards, compared with a 2.8 per cent increase for the average worker.

There was evidence that the rise in bonuses was related to the increased company profitability.

Roy Close, director general of the BIM, said: 'For the first time in many years, managers' net real pay has improved at a better rate than did national earnings.'

'To a large extent this reflects the increase profitability of many companies.'

COUNCIL DEFIES AUDITOR

ISLINGTON Council was set to continue its defiance of the Rates Act last night, defying the threat of surcharge and a ban from office.

Although some members of the right wing were prepared to vote with the SDP opposition to set a rate, their defections would not be enough to carry the day.

The district auditor for London, Brian Skinner, has written to Islington and four other rate-capped London councils.

He has told them that failure to make a rate — which will involve cuts in jobs and services — would almost certainly result in councillors being held personally liable for losses.

If these amount to more than £2,000, which they will, then councillors face being barred from office immediately.

Their only recourse would be an appeal to the courts, and few Labour councillors expect judges to uphold their case.

Other rate-capped councils meeting this week include Hackney, which is under a court order to make a rate by the end of May.

Following the court action last week, leader Hilda Kean said Hackney still can not set a rate.

Before tonight's meeting there will be a rally of sup-

port for councillors who are standing firm to a budget which defends jobs, services and grants.

There will be a mini-festival outside the town hall to show the support of the local community.

Support for continued defiance has come from the London Bridge capital-wide

organisation of council shop stewards.

A statement said: 'Shop stewards of the London authorities fully support the stand taken by Labour councils in not complying with the Rates Act 1984, and applaud those authorities' decision not to make a rate under its provision.'

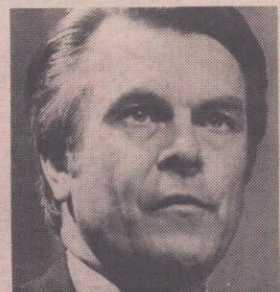
Owen's ballot bluff called

THE Commons was suspended yesterday after SDP leader David Owen tried to open a debate on trade union ballots from the opposition dispatch box.

Labour MPs had occupied the bench on which Owen normally sits, and instead of going towards the back of the chamber, where there were plenty of seats, he arrogantly moved over to the dispatch box.

Labour's employment spokesman John Prescott elbowed the SDP chief aside and when Owen tried again to get to the dispatch box, Labour front-benchers blocked his way with their feet.

There was a series of points of order from Labour MPs about Owen's conduct, and deputy Speaker Harold Walker was finally obliged



DAVID OWEN

to suspend the session for 12 minutes.

When MPs reassembled after this 'cooling-off' period Owen spoke from from his usual place below the gangway — but it was a speech so full of errors that it drew criticism from his Tory friends as well as from Labour MPs.

Owen wrongly asserted that mineworkers' president had relinquished his casting vote and that the GMBATU elects its officers by branch bloc vote; and he misstated the powers of the certification officer.

As Prescott pointed out in the debate, the SDP leader produced no evidence whatever of abuse of existing union ballots, beyond citing press reports about the T&GWU.

Even Employment Secretary Tom King was obliged to tell Owen: 'You owe it to this House to come to these debates better prepared and better equipped.'

Owen's speech fully justified the stance of those Labour MPs who had maintained he should make it from the government dispatch box. He berated the Tories for being too soft on the unions. They should have insisted on postal ballots in every union election, he claimed.

EDUCATION ROUND-UP BY PENNY BLOOR

End pay deadlock

TEACHER unions yesterday decided to call on management to reconvene as early as possible a full meeting of the Burnham negotiating committee in a bid to end the deadlock on the pay dispute.

As they met, in the Commons Tory Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph quashed any hopes of extra money from the government to settle the teachers' pay dispute.

The 2½-hour meeting of the teacher unions in London was split over tactics — but not objectives — between the National Union of Teachers and the other unions.

By using its powerful 16 votes the NUT carried the day on its own proposition.

This was that the unions should not take up the management offer of informal talks under an independent chairman to prepare the way for a full meeting of the two sides in Burnham, but instead demand an early recall of the full committee.

Helped by one vote from

the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, the NUT carried the day by a narrow 17-15, with all the other unions voting against.

The successful resolution urged management to recall Burnham 'without delay' for negotiations on an improved offer. The unions have rejected 4 per cent.

It was agreed that unions and employers should together seek the necessary finance to meet the increased cost of any award.

NUT general secretary Fred Jarvis said he hoped the Burnham meeting could be fixed for next week.

Education cash drops

SPENDING on education has dropped considerably in recent years, despite all government claims to the contrary, says a report out yesterday.

The report, 'Education: Impoverishment or Investment', was prepared by the Trade Union Research Unit at Ruskin College, Oxford, for the National Union of Teachers.

State education is under attack on four fronts, says the author John Hughes:

- FROM those who wish to cut educational resources as part of their drive to cut overall public expenditure.
- FROM those who want to encourage the private sec-

tor at the expense of state provision.

- BY those who want to restore selective education.
- BY those who claim schools do not educate teenagers for the jobs available.

Hughes says the education system has been 'hijacked' by a narrow market view of education which blames schools and teachers for the failings of government policy.

The reality is that there are not enough jobs for school leavers, highly qualified or not, due to the virtual collapse of the labour market for young people.

The study shows that despite government attempts to massage the presentation of expenditure, 'in any meaningful sense of the phrase, expenditure on education in real terms is being reduced'.

Between 1973-1974 and 1987-1988, expenditure on education as a proportion of total public spending will have fallen from 13 to 10 per cent.

School strike pardon

LIVERPOOL Labour council yesterday gave 'a free pardon' to school pupils taking part in a school strike on Thursday. Thousands of teenagers are expected to join the national walk-out, called by the Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign, in protest at Tory plans to make the cheap labour Youth Training Scheme compulsory. The city's education committee voted yesterday that there should be 'no victimisation' of those joining the half-day action.

Todd letter

THE T&GWU transport union executive meets in emergency session tomorrow to hear a letter from general secretary-elect Ron Todd. Yesterday, Kevin McNamara, secretary of the 28-strong group of T&GWU-sponsored MPs, said the evidence of ballot-rigging in the election which gave the post to Todd was 'very thin'.

But he gave further weight to the pressure on the union for a rebalancing by Labour leader Neil Kinnock, saying: 'We have already had indications from both candidates that they would be happy to see a re-election. An atmosphere has been built up that if there was not an election Ron Todd's position would be severely undermined.'

Ford women

MACHINISTS at the Ford car plant in Dagenham have been angered by reports that the AUEW engineering union opposed their strike action last year to demand skilled status.

They are planning to lobby a meeting of the joint union side on Thursday to express their fury over the fact that Communist Party member and AUEW executive member Jim Airlie did not support their demands.

AUEW president Terry Duffy revealed Airlie's position to the press on Monday. He said that if the tribunal inquiring into the machinists' demands found in their favour, then it would spell industrial 'anarchy'. He urged the tribunal to find against the machinists' claim.

Paper row

A TOTAL of 144 members of the NGA print union were sacked yesterday in a dispute involving new technology at the Kent-based South Eastern Newspapers group. The NGA men, who have been picketing offices in Canterbury and Larkfield, received their sacking through the post.

They are complaining that the management at the group installed a £400,000 integrated computer system prior to the completion of negotiations.

Union spokesman Roger McNickel said: 'This dispute is about a new computer system being brought in and rail-roaded through without any agreement with the NGA.'

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COHSE pinpoints privatisation dangers

HOSPITAL HORRORS

AN OPERATING theatre at Addenbrooke's teaching hospital in Cambridge had to be closed for the day after blood and bone was found on the uncleaned floor, the health service union COHSE claimed yesterday.

This was later confirmed by the Cambridge Health Authority. The chief administrator, Peter Chapple, said that OCS, a private cleaning company, was responsible.

The health unions have been in a seven-month dispute over the introduction of the private company.

Chapple said that blood but not bone had been found on the floor of one operating theatre and that OCS had been penalised under the terms of their contract.

The union cited the case as one of the 'horrors' that privatisation had brought to the health service, although the union said it did not know if private sector cleaners or health service workers were to blame for it.

The story was told in Glasgow where two COHSE representatives from Addenbrooke's addressed the union's Scottish regional council.

The union claims that standards have dropped and that cleaners' terms of employment have suffered since the firm won the contract to clean the hospital.

COHSE official Phil Gooden, who works in the hospital's central sterile supplies unit, said: 'One Saturday morning, three or four weeks ago, when the theatre was going to be used, blood and bone from

Blood and bone halt operation

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

the night before was found on the floor which had not been cleaned up, and the theatre had to be closed for the day.

In leaflets circulated at the Glasgow conference it was alleged that wards had become 'dangerously dirty' since OCS took over, and that doctors, nurses and patients had all complained.

had buffed them without actually cleaning them first,' she said.

Two other cleaners, Michelle Roberts and Helen Cunningham, said in another leaflet: 'We feel that the public should know just how unhygienic this hospital really is.

'It is no cleaner than the average house — in fact worse.'

Elections

One leaflet quoted a former OCS worker, named as Awena Ffowcs-Williams, who said one particular ward was filthy.

'I saw cobwebs in the corners, the mops were mouldy. The cloths were tattered. The cleaning cupboard stank.

'The floors looked as if they had not been properly cleaned for weeks. They

The leaflet continued: 'There are inches of dust under beds and on walls, overflowing bins and blocked sinks. Nurses are having to waste time giving out dinners and changing bags when they should be taking care of the patients.'

Another leaflet quoted Coral Philpott, of Haverhill, Suffolk, as saying she was 'appalled and disgusted' when she visited a friend at the hospital.

Sit-in

'The tables in the entrance hall were strewn with rubbish of all description waste bins were overflowing,' she said.

The union is citing the experience of privatisation of the health service in England as a warning to Scotland, where privatisation is less advanced.

George Blades, a member of COHSE's national executive, said: 'We see what is happening south of the border and we don't want it to happen up here.'

The cleaning firm said yesterday it was not prepared to comment on criticisms of cleaning standards as that was a matter for its clients, Cambridge Health Authority.

Speak

John Stagg, OCS industrial relations manager, said the firm had sought the help of the government's 'conciliation service' ACAS in an unsuccessful attempt to resolve the Addenbrooke's dispute.

'One of the reasons we have not settled the dispute is that it is fundamentally of a political nature — it is the hospital unions on the political path of anti-privatisation,' he said at the firm's London headquarters.

The joint health unions' campaign bus outside the Regional Health Authority in Paddington, London, yesterday. Helping it on the road were Julie Coleman (NALGO), Keith Hickson (COHSE national officer), Godfrey Eastwood (NUPE), Lidia Frazer (NUPE branch secretary, Hammersmith Hospital) and Ian Dodds (regional secretary of the joint health unions)



Health bus fights sell-off

A NATIONAL Health Service trade union bus is touring London during the TUC's Health Focus Week against privatisation. The bus has a bandage around it to symbolise the damage caused by selling off to private contractors.

Health workers in five unions, NUPE, COHSE, NALGO, the general union GMBATU and the Trans-

port and General Workers' Union will be inside the bus, which is visiting different hospitals every day to campaign for and be present at a series of public meetings.

The bus will carry publicity material, including a slideshow of the strike of the Barking Hospital domestics against the pri-

rate contractors Crothalls. Yesterday it visited the Royal Marsden Hospital in Fulham, Eastbourne Terrace in Paddington where three district health authority headquarters are situated, St Mary's Hospital and a public meeting in Enfield.

This morning it will be in Croydon, at midday at St

James's Hospital in Balham, at 2.00-2.30p.m. at Springfield Hospital, Wandsworth, and between 3.30 and 4.00p.m. at Guy's Hospital.

On Thursday the bus will go to Barking, Whittington Hospital in Highgate and Islington's Royal Northern, and on Friday lunchtime it will visit Hillingdon and Friern Barnet.

WEATHER: NORTHERN areas will start rather cloudy with outbreaks of rain. A few bright or sunny intervals will develop, but most places will have further showers, heavy in places. Snow over hills. Central areas will start bright and dry, but will become cloudy with some rain spreading from the north. Southern areas will be mainly dry with sunny periods. Becoming cold and windy in the north.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Rain at first in the south, otherwise wintry showers and sunny intervals. Cold with widespread night frost.

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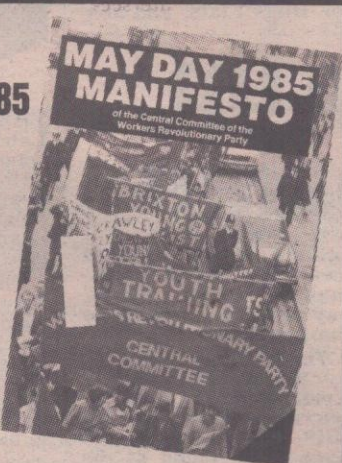
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EXPULSIONS 'COMMIE BASHING'

BY JOHN SPENCER

THE TORY government publicised the expulsion of two Soviet diplomats because it wanted to do 'a bit of Commie-bashing,' Labour MP Dale Campbell-Savours charged yesterday.

And Labour's foreign affairs spokesman Dennis Healey said the Tories had mishandled the affair by withholding news of three other expulsions in the hope that Moscow would not retaliate.

The second wave of expulsions — involving Capt Victor Zaikin, an assistant naval attaché, Lt-Col Vadim Cherkasov an assistant military attaché, and Oleg Belaventsev, a third secretary — was announced yesterday.

It followed the expulsion by the Soviet authorities of three British diplomats from the Moscow embassy.

Healey implied that the two original expulsions, of Captain Oleg Los, and assistant naval attaché, and Vyacheslav Grigorov, an Aeroflot official, were leaked to the press from within the government.

But Foreign Secretary



Labour's Denis Healey and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who argued yesterday over the treatment of Soviet diplomats expelled from Britain



Sir Geoffrey Howe claimed to have 'irrefutable proof' that the Soviet diplomats were involved in spying. He refused to give any details, even when one back-bench Tory MP mentioned that the allegations involved laser technology.

Former Labour Prime Minister James Callaghan demanded to know why any publicity had been given to the expulsions, 'if your intention was to safeguard the security of the country, to minimise damage to our relations with the Soviet

Union, and to protect the British community in Moscow.'

And he called out: 'We've done it before,' when Howe replied: 'Because if one is securing withdrawals in this way ... that inevitably leads to speculation about why that happened.'

A prominent Whitehall source dismissed the notion of a spy ring, saying prosecutions of British nationals or people from other western countries were not expected.

The source invited journalists to 'use your fertile imaginations' about the activities for which the Soviet diplomats were asked to leave.

There was speculation last night that American intelligence might have indirect involvement in the affair. The US was thought to have an interest in torpedoing the development of any bilateral relations between London and Moscow.

A statement from the Soviet embassy in London said the expulsions were 'an act of purely political nature and unfriendly towards the Soviet Union.'

It added: 'All accusations against the five Soviet officials are absolutely groundless and the embassy strongly rejects these allegations.'

'The actions of the British authorities are hardly compatible with their declared intention to improve Soviet-British relations.'

The latest expulsions bring the number of Soviet diplomats in London down to 39, the lowest-ever figure according to the Foreign Office. In addition the ceiling on Soviet nationals in ancillary organisations in London is reduced from 105 to 104.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Defend all jobs and services!
- Reinstate sacked miners and release those in jail! • Out with YTS — No cheap labour schemes! • Call the General Strike now!

SCOTLAND

WHITBURN: Wednesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Whitburn Community Centre, Manse Road. Speakers: John Ritchie (YS Regional Committee); Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee); Duncan Fogg (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 Fogg (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. 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)

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)

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 Muncney (Silverdale Wives Committee)

NORTH WEST

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 Salford 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 Borrowes (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 Works, in personal capacity)

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

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

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 Secretary); Keith Scotcher (WRP London District Committee)

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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)



Arrested Belfast tenants leaders (right to left) Frank Gillan, Fra McCann, Terry Harkin, pictured in Glasgow on Saturday displaying asbestos danger photographs. On the left is Jim McGuinness, who took the photographs. Not in the picture is Paul Little, the fourth man arrested

Anti-asbestos group held under terror law

BY A SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

A STORM broke yesterday over the arrest under the Prevention of Terrorism Act of four Belfast tenants leaders returning from a Glasgow conference on asbestos.

They were picked out by police as they were about to board the ferry at Cairnryan Port, south-west Scotland.

The four are all from the Divis Flats residents' association in the Falls Road — Frank Gillan (chairman), Fra McCann (secretary), and committee members Terry Harkin and Paul Little.

British soldiers breaking asbestos panels with their rifle butts when raiding homes in Divis Flats was the kind of first-hand account they had been able to take to the conference.

'When we arrived at Cairnryan to get the ferry home, the four were divided off and taken away,' said Quintin Oliver, a welfare rights worker who organised a 14-strong delegation from Belfast who attended the People's Asbestos Action Campaign conference in Glasgow.

The arrests took place on Monday afternoon. They were detained under a 48-hour holding order. This can be extended for a further five days.

Senior officials of the National Union of Public Employees in Belfast, who had helped sponsor the trip to Glasgow, were extremely angry over the arrests.

Arrest

Later on Monday, a fifth arrest under the same act took place when Breege Ann McGaughy, of Belfast, was held by police. It is believed she had been in Glasgow at the weekend speaking on-strip searches of Armagh women.

Marie Mulholland, an official of the Divis Flats joint development committee, had telephoned the conference organisers after hearing the news.

Frances Carter, a London-based officer of the People's Asbestos Action Campaign, then contacted the National Council for Civil Liberties, who

put a lawyer onto the case.

Mulholland told News Line yesterday: 'Everything is being done to stop the tenants of Divis Flats from changing their environment. They are constantly under pressure from the authorities — not least the 24-hour occupation and surveillance of the area from the British army and by the security forces.'

A photographic display of indiscriminate demolition of two blocks of Divis flats was part of the contribution that Frank Gillan and his fellow residents association members made to the conference.

The photographs show asbestos-ridden housing blocks being torn down by cranes, sending clouds of dust over the surrounding, highly-populated area.

Mulholland said: 'During the army raids, the soldiers are breaking asbestos panels with rifle butts, putting the people at risk from the fibres.'

Residents have been demanding demolition of all the Divis Flats, and new

houses built in their place. But the authorities have refused, demolishing only two blocks and insisting the rest remain, despite them being uninhabitable.

About 200 people attended the two-day conference at Glasgow at the weekend. Tenants organisations from all over Britain had sent delegations to discuss the threat from the 'killer dust'.

At 6 p.m. last night police at Cairnryan said the four were still being held.

Quintin Oliver said last night: 'We are obviously very concerned. We are calling for them to be either charged or released.'

Dunnes case for labour court

THE IRISH Republic's Labour Minister Ruairi Quinn has referred the nine-month anti-apartheid dispute at Dunne's Stores supermarket chain to Ireland's labour court conciliators.

The strike began last July when a shop girl was suspended for refusing to touch South African produce sold by Dunne's. The affair has won international support because of its links with the campaign against South Africa's apartheid policy.

On Saturday, the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) claimed responsibility for planting two incendiary devices in the store at the centre of the row in Dublin's Henry Street.

One of the small bombs went off, but the shop had been evacuated after a warning and nobody was hurt.

RCN to step up campaign

NURSES' leaders are to step up their campaign to make sure the Tories honour the findings of an independent review of their pay.

Royal College of Nursing general secretary Trevor Clay said: 'We are almost a quarter of a million strong and we are going to go on fighting.'

A protest letter was delivered yesterday warning the government to stop using 'moral blackmail' over nurses' pay.

He urged RCN representatives at the union's annual congress in Bournemouth to support the pay campaign by writing to MPs and lobbying health authorities and councils.

Clay said the RCN's stance against taking in-

dustrial action should not be mistaken for weakness. 'It is our strength,' he said.

'We warn the government that although we don't have industrial power, we do have democratic power.'

The congress unanimously passed an emergency resolution

calling on the Tories to 'cease its moral blackmail of setting nurses' pay against the needs of the patients'.

This follows remarks by the Health Minister Kenneth Clarke that extra money for paying NHS pay awards would have to be found at the expense of services to patients.

Republican questioned

A REPUBLICAN candidate in next month's local government elections in northern Ireland was one of four men being questioned by police yesterday. Cahal Quinn of Sinn Fein was detained along with three other men, including his election agent, Seamus Donnelly, during security force raids in the Dromore area of Co. Tyrone.

EXPLOITED TEACHERS HAVE 'WOKEN UP'

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

'IT'S become something I've not seen in my lifetime. An issue, for once, has been so decisively brought before the ordinary people of the country, as to gain almost total support.

'The dispute and the support it's received have become an expression of something quite new, in my opinion, of an all-embracing people's movement for justice to be done to the teachers' cause.

'It is a unique phenomenon. The teachers' dispute is supported by almost every responsible organisation in Scotland. It is a unique phenomenon, though there will always be a few who think otherwise.

'It may be that in the course of the teachers' struggle, we are finding exactly the kind of weapon to beat the total intransigence of this authoritarian government.'

'We have now received the strong support of the delegates at the Scottish TUC, and I would say that if the

says Scots union president

KENNETH McLachlan, a leader of the Scottish teachers, recently visited the small Hebridean island of Tiree. What he found there confirmed a strongly held belief...

McLachlan spoke to a 'mass'

rally of the island's 14 teachers — and found they back their union's struggle with the same depth of determination to be seen on the Scottish mainland.

With teachers taking strike

action in schools north of the border today, News Line asked McLachlan — president of the 45,000-member Education Institute of Scotland — how he viewed the significance of the teachers' fight...

trade union movement cannot find the means to support the teachers' struggle to the highest possible degree, especially in consideration of our extremely moderate demands, the trade union movement will no longer have any credence in the eyes of the people.'

Key

As president, McLachlan has played a key role in the dispute —

most memorably when the EIS leadership was split down the middle on the question of whether to fight on... or seek an unpopular deal.

McLachlan's casting vote was to fight on — and much of the applause when he rises to speak at membership rallies (where support for continuing the action is far from split) is in tribute to that stand he took.

In turn, McLachlan is more than proud of

teacher trade unionists.

'The achievement of the teachers to date have been enormous. A degree of unity has emerged which never existed before.

Case

'I have travelled huge distances to speak to our members on our case, explaining to them, to entice them, to encourage them, and whether it is Tiree or Glasgow, the response

is the same. The 85 per cent vote of the membership to fight on proves that.

'Teachers have woken up to the fact that if there is to be an education service, it must be well resourced and that teachers must have the type of professional salaries related to such a service.'

He went on: 'As well as that, we have been successful in easing the crushing work-load which was on teachers. Many teachers are realising their sense of decency, their job dedication, has been exploited to an unscrupulous degree.'

Set-up

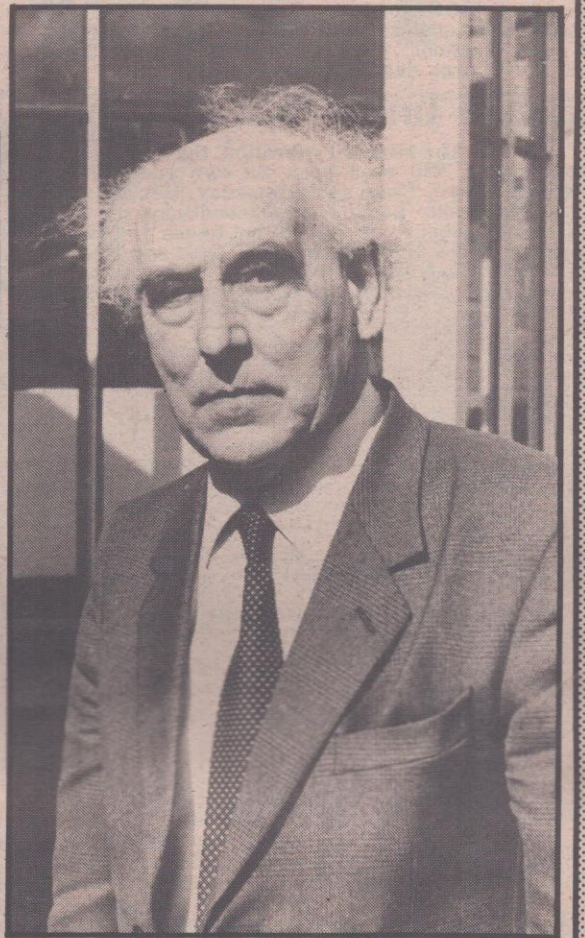
'They will never again be returned to that manipulative set-up by either local, regional or national government.'

He went on: 'It has already been said, and it is worth repeating, that we will carry on this campaign, if necessary, until the general election.'

Victory

'It may be that our final victory will be realised, as an indirect by-product, with the finish of one of the most repressive governments this century has seen. If that is our only victory, our struggle will have been worthwhile.'

Ex-war-time para-trooper McLachlan, a teacher in a Glasgow school, said that the EIS prepared the ground



EIS president Kenneth McLachlan

well for the organisation of the dispute. Tactics are at present based on 'targeting' — that is, concentrating a rolling programme of strike action in the parliamentary constituencies of Tory ministers.

'Our tactics have moved so fast and have been so varied that the government have not found it easy to line up its forces against us. After all, if Ridley thought he had his "think-tank", we have developed a better one.'

McLachlan was scathing towards the threats by Scottish Secretary of State George Younger and other Tory ministers to suspend and dismiss striking teachers, and to bring in scab labour to perform their duties.

'I see it as a panic move on their part,' he said. 'Without realising what they were talking about, they spoke about suspending teachers, not understanding that when you suspend teachers in Scotland this is done on full pay. I would welcome that development because it would mean we could have a national strike on full pay!'

Vote

'As for dismissing teachers, this requires two-thirds of the vote of the respective education committee. Since most regions in Scotland are Labour-controlled, I cannot see them willingly supporting Mr Younger.'



Striking teachers on the march through Glasgow two months ago

Snub for teachers march offer

TEACHERS in Scotland have been disturbed by reports of that a top union leader failed to take an opportunity to unite their fight with other trade union struggles against the government.

The evidence has emerged in the aftermath of last week's Scottish TUC congress in Inverness. On the Wednesday, hundreds of teachers marched through the Highlands town.

It has now been disclosed that an approach was made a day before by leaders of at least two main trade union delegations offering to organise an adjournment of congress to enable all STUC delegates to join in the march.

Local EIS activists have now heard that the informal approach was made direct to John Pollock, EIS general secretary. Pollock declined the offer, according to these sources.

Those who made the approach to him offered to move suspension of standing orders. The march, a short one, assembled only 10 minutes walk away from the conference centre, and moved off just 10 minutes before 12.30 p.m. — the time when the congress broke up for lunch until 2 p.m.

As it was, the march passed the bridge over the River Ness only

200 yards away from the conference centre. A few dozen delegates — including lorry drivers, university teachers and railwaymen — did join the march.

But it could have been a very large, united demonstration behind the teachers — and a powerful blow against Secretary of State Younger's persistent bid to isolate the teachers from other workers and from parents.

Sectionalism falls directly into Younger's trap. One of the delegations behind the join-the-march plan was the T&GWU — meaning that if the proposal to suspend standing orders been put, it was certain to have been carried.

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De Gaulle link in trial

PARIS — Six defendants who all belonged to the Service d'Action Civique, a shady right-wing group that had formerly acted as an unofficial security force for the late President Charles de Gaulle, are on trial for murder in Aix-en-Provence. The trial opened on Monday with a gruesome account of how a police inspector, a member of the group, his eight-year-old son and four other victims were suffocated, stabbed or beaten with pokers.

June 2 poll for Greece

ATHENS — President Christos Sartzetakis has agreed to national elections on June 2, four months before the term of Prime Minister Andreas Papan-dreou's PASOK government expires. Sartzetakis cited two national issues as reasons for his approval of early elections: the revision of the constitution and the Cyprus deadlock with Turkey.

Aussie union opens mine

SYDNEY — The Miners Federation, the Australian trade union, will soon open its own coal mine, secretary Barry Swan said yesterday. He said the union leadership had accepted conditions by the NSW state Labour government not to use profits to improve wages and working conditions out of line with a corporatist accord between the Australian Labour Party and the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Polisario calls for talks

BRUSSELS — A top official of the Polisario Front liberation organisation of Western Sahara has called for concerted pressure on Morocco from its Western and Arab allies to bring it to the negotiating table. Bachir Moustapha Sayed, second-in-command to Polisario leader Mohammed Abdelaziz, said talks with Moroccan representatives early this year had led nowhere.

Global population booms

NEW YORK — The world's population by the end of this century will be close to 6.1 billion, of which almost 80 per cent will be living in debt-stricken semi-colonial countries, according to a United Nations report. With the global population estimated at 4.8 billion, it said the growth rate was expected to decline more slowly than in the past 15 years. The annual gain was expected to increase from 79 million to 89 million by 1995-2000.

50 hurt in Bangladesh

DACCA — At least 50 people were injured in bomb attacks across Bangladesh yesterday as candidates filed nomination papers for military dictator Hos-sain Mohammad Ershad's bogus sub-district elections. Twenty people were wounded in Chittagong and the rest in 30 other towns. The elections are widely opposed by Bangladeshi opposition politicians, many of whom have gone into hiding.

Karachi death roll rises

KARACHI — At least 67 people are believed to have died in violent clashes since last Thursday between the minority Bihari and Pashtun communities in Pakistan's second-largest city. No incident was reported yesterday and curfew was relaxed for two hours while army helicopters surveyed the city.

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U.S. MUST LEARN LESSON OF SAIGON

HANOI — US imperialism had not learnt from its crushing defeat in the Vietnamese revolution ten years ago, the veteran leader Le Duc Tho said yesterday.

Vietnam was prepared to normalise relations with Washington but was ready also to fight any counter-revolutionary manoeuvre against the revolution, he said.

Tho said that despite the US defeat in the Vietnam war, 'the actions of the United States in many parts of the world indicate it has not learned any lesson'.

He said: 'I hope that American mothers will never let their husbands or sons take part in another Vietnam-type war anywhere in the world because such a war would bring about only mourning and suffering for the American people.'

He made the remarks in an exclusive interview with Reuter news agency on the eve of the tenth anniversary of the fall of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) on April 30, 1975.

Hanoi's views on Washington's international bellicosity had been attested by US imperialist aggression elsewhere in the world in the past decade, he said.

Tho, Vietnam's chief peace negotiator at the 1973 Paris peace talks, rejected Washington's demands that the Vietnamese government release re-education camp inmates as a condition for normalisation of relations.

Crimes

He said: 'We cannot turn them over to the American side for one simple reason: these people were guilty of war crimes.'

According to the authorities in Hanoi, there are about 7,000 civilians and military personnel associated with the former US-backed puppet regime of Nguyen Van Thieu.

Washington provocatively maintains that the figure is closer to 15,000 and has cynically asserted the issue is an obstacle to negotiations on so-called normalisation.

Tho said that as far as he knew, the detainees' release was not an American condition for normalisation of relations.

He said it was consistent Vietnamese policy not to release re-education camp inmates to the US and said Washington may have misunderstood the position.

'The misunderstanding was perhaps a result of a technical problem but our policy has remained consistent,' he said.

It was 'high time' the United States ended its policy of confrontation against Vietnam and entered into negotiations on establishing relations.

Vietnam imposed no condition on normalisa-

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

tion of ties with the United States as a gesture of goodwill. 'Whether it can happen or not depends on the United States,' Tho said.

The question of US servicemen missing in action (MIAs) from the war was not a major obstacle, he said.

Part of Washington's anti-communist barrage against Hanoi has been its repeated insistence that the government step up efforts to locate the remains of 2,477 MIAs allegedly still in Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea.

Issue

Tho said Vietnam was trying to resolve the issue. 'What good is it for Vietnam to continue to hold these remains, these bones?' he asked.

Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach has said a US team will be allowed to visit Vietnam in June to inspect a B-52 crash site.

But he has made it clear the visit is a special case, ruling out further visits unless ties are normalised.

Tho said: 'I think that what Mr Thach meant is that a normal process is going on for a solution of this issue.'

'But the normalisation of relations will facilitate the search for the remains of MIAs.'

Reuter said Tho, 74, was in 'good spirits and health' during the 90-minute interview at the Vietnamese Communist Party Central Committee headquarters.

The ranking Politburo member tipped to succeed ailing party leader Le Duan was dressed in a simple olive green tunic buttoned to the neck, matching trousers and brown sandals.



North Vietnam's special negotiator Le Duc Tho and US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during the Paris 1973 talks on the war in Vietnam

'I am one of the leaders of Vietnam, just one. I don't have any unique power,' he said, overruling any likelihood of his interview remarks being taken for his personal views.

Tho's 1973 peace talks led to a partial withdrawal by the then demoralised and effectively defeated US imperialist troops but Washington continued its barbarous war over Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea.

Tho dismissed as 'pure fiction' the views of some bourgeois historians that Vietnam got less than it wanted in the Paris peace agreement.

'In its 200 years history,

the United States had never signed an agreement in such a losing position,' he said.

Flight

April 30, 1975 was the decisive day on which the Vietnamese liberation forces stormed Saigon, triggering the chaotic and humiliating flight by US army and intelligence troops from Saigon.

The Vietnamese revolution dealt the US imperialist military its first devastating defeat this century.

Tho said Vietnam had encountered enormous problems after the war. Mistakes had been made because of lack of experi-

ence but there was no doubt 'tremendous achievements' had been made.

He turned down the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize jointly awarded to him and the then US Secretary of State (the butcher of Indochina) Henry Kissinger, for their Paris negotiations.

● MOSCOW — A Vietnamese delegation led by Vice-President Nguyen Huu Tho is visiting the Soviet Union at the invitation of the Politburo. The two countries have a friendship treaty dating from 1978. Vietnam is almost totally dependent on Soviet bloc aid and trade in rebuilding its war-torn economy.

Suharto's Bandung jamboree

BANDUNG — Leaders of 80 semi-colonial countries and their allies arrived in the west Java city yesterday for the 30th anniversary of the Non-Aligned Nations.

Indonesian military dictator President Suharto will open the two-day meeting today with a keynote address that is expected to urge renewed backing for the anti-communist Association of South-East Asian Nations.

Suharto is expected to make ASEAN's counter-revolutionary diplomacy against Vietnamese milit-

ary presence in Kampuchea a key issue.

The gathering includes foreign ministers from 23 countries and will consider for adoption an Indonesian resolution on the worsening debt crisis and other economic imbalances between the semi-colonial and imperialist countries.

The resolution calls for a curb in the arms race and condemns South Africa for its apartheid policies and occupation of Namibia.

A normalisation of relations between Jakarta and Peking, severed

18 years ago, is also on the agenda.

Peking severed ties after the Suharto regime slaughtered at least 1 million members of the Partai Komunis Indonesia in an anti-communist pogrom in 1965.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xue-qian, the first Peking minister to visit in 18 years, pledged on arrival to make 'positive efforts to carry forward the Bandung spirit'.

About 3,000 armed personnel have been deployed in and around Bandung to maintain tight security.

World News Line

Sihanouk
wants
to quit

PEKING — Prince Norodom Sihanouk has asked to resign as president of the tripartite 'Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea', the US and Peking-backed counter-revolutionary alliance.

Foreign diplomats announced the decision of Sihanouk, the leader of the Nationalist Sihanoukian Army (ANS), a component of the CGDK.

They said Sihanouk had written to Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader and Pol Pot's lieutenant, saying he was resigning for health reasons.

Peking
finds
no deal

PEKING — Chinese special envoy Qian Qichen arrive home yesterday after more talks in Moscow on Sino-Soviet normalisation but without an apparent agreement.

The Chinese government's demands for withdrawal of Kremlin support for Vietnam in Kampuchea have become a major hurdle to a settlement of the issue of formal diplomatic ties, severed two decades ago.

Qian said on arrival: 'Significant progress has not been achieved.'

Troops

The Peking Stalinists have accused their Kremlin counterparts of hindering normalisation by their military intervention in Afghanistan, backing Vietnam's military presence in Kampuchea and amassing Soviet troops on China's border.

More recently Peking has narrowed down its demands to a cessation of Soviet support for Vietnam.

Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping said last week the Kremlin could 'most sensibly' show a gesture of goodwill by encouraging a Vietnamese pullout from Kampuchea.

He said: 'In any case, a first step towards removal should be taken.'

Sri Lanka clashes

COLOMBO — At least 30 homes were burned in renewed fighting between Muslims and Tamils in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province district of Batticaloa, according to the government.

Home Minister Bill Devanayagam said clashes between the island's two minority communities erupted at Kattankudi, 10 miles from Batticaloa on Monday.

Devanayagam, a Tamil who led a so-called peace mission on behalf of President Junius Jayewardene last week, did not give details of casualties.

The racist regime is believed to be fuelling anti-

POLICE RAMPAGE
IN INDIAN CITY

NEW DELHI — At least 15 people were killed and 80 wounded in day-long street battles involving rampaging policemen and goon squads who joined them in Ahmedabad yesterday.

The clashes, with student protesters, were the worst since Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi gave the army full jurisdiction over the 'maintenance of law and order' in the Gujarat capital on Monday.

Home (Interior) Minister S.B. Chavan told the Lok Sabha (Lower House) in New Delhi that the rioting policemen had committed arson and damaged private property in the city.

He described the rampage as 'unbecoming of a uniformed service and confirmed that many allegedly unarmed police had deserted their posts.

The upheavals began in February over the Congress (I) Party federal government's refusal to abolish a widely-abused federal law under which government jobs and university and college enrolments are reserved for the underprivileged castes.

Several people were shot dead by troops in Ahmedabad yesterday, while others were reported to have been stabbed, burned to death or stoned by police agents.

At least 35 people have been killed since the federal government decreed police-military measures to quell the students.

Troops took over most of the Gujarati state capital on Monday after police went on the rampage following the death of a colleague.

The policemen attacked journalists and offices of newspapers which have criticised the handling of the unrest.

From sunrise, the rampage grew in intensity and spread through the city of 2.5 million people as students and supporters ignored curfew and defended themselves against the rioting police.

Ramesh Menon, an Ahmedabad journalist,

BY A FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT

said the streets were littered with dozens of burnt-out cars and bicycles as hundreds of small shops and houses smouldered from arson attacks.

He said the worst violence yesterday was in outlying suburbs and slum areas, strongholds of poorer residents who purportedly should benefit from Congress (I)'s reservations system but do not.

Pedestrians were beaten up and most shops and offices were shut. Menon said: 'It's become a free-for-all.'

Some police forces were back on duty after an appeal from Gujarat's Chief Minister Madhavi-sinh Solanki but journalists said their rampages were continuing and reporters were being attacked in an attempt to keep them out of the scenes of atrocities.

Targets

PTI said the police had become one of the main targets of protesters as rumours persisted of increasing police atrocities.

Gandhi resorted to the armed confrontation after rejecting student demands for the immediate repeal of the hated law.

In Punjab he has rejected Sikh demands for the lifting of martial law in Punjab and has aggravated tensions in Jammu and Kashmir, where his late mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi, unseated the elected opposition government last July.



HAMBURG firemen marching to oppose their town council's cuts in the fire service. They say the cuts will worsen working conditions and endanger the city's safety. They also opposed plans to place the ambulance service into the hands of private voluntary organisations.

Debt pleas to Paris Club

PARIS — The Paris Club, a grouping of major West European creditors has been landed with new requests for postponement of government debt repayments.

The requests from four countries, including Poland, are the main item on the agenda of a meeting of the Paris Club representatives this week.

Other debtors wanting postponements of debt repayments are Costa Rica, Ecuador and Mauritania.

Paris Club creditors have met the Ecuadorian and Costa Rican representatives and were scheduled to meet the Polish and Mauritanian delegates yesterday and today.

The talks are the first government-to-government debt negotiations since last week's call by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank semi-annual meetings for a tightening on debt repayments.

Debt-rescheduling has become an infuriating exercise for American and Western imperialist bankers who accumulated colossal credits in the semi-colonial countries during the petrodollar boom of the late 1960s and 70s.

The debts have triggered a crisis in the US banking system and have crashed several dozen American securities companies and trust banks, including Continental Illinois.

The recent dollar surge and a burgeoning US federal deficit have put insurmountable pressures on the smaller West European banks represented by the Paris Club.

Most of their members have not been receiving repayments for up to two years running, as is the case with the Polish government.

Costa Rica, for example, has asked for the rescheduling of 95 per cent of principal and interest due over three years ending in 1986.

The amount involved would be about \$110 million, rising to \$275 million if loans from Mexico and Venezuela are included, according to Paris Club officials.

Some Paris Club members were hoping that the Polish government would finally complete a marathon rescheduling operation for \$12 billion of arrears on payments due between 1982 and 1984 —

none of which has so far been paid.

A provisional agreement was initiated earlier this year by the Polish government and 17 commercial banks but in March Warsaw refused to sign a multi-lateral agreement, saying it first wanted to negotiate new bilateral credits.



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This morning... **WEDNESDAY April 24, 1985**

'Social contract' aids Thatcher

LABOUR'S deputy leader Roy Hattersley has offered the trade unions a new economic 'compact' — an updated version of the discredited social contract which the Wilson and Callaghan administrations sought to impose between 1974 and 1979. The previous social contract collapsed in the winter of discontent as low-paid workers all over the country rebelled against the pay controls imposed by the Lib-Lab-IMF coalition regime.

The consequence of this reactionary anti-working class policy was the election of Thatcher at the 1979 general election. The Kinnock leadership in the Labour Party dreams of taking up where Callaghan left off.

Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor, made his new policy declaration at the annual meeting in Eastbourne of the national committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. He said both the party and the unions should enter into immediate talks to thrash out the details.

He went on: 'We have learned in adversity the price we pay for pretending we can succeed without each other's help. All our problems will be more easily solved if the Labour Party in government as well as in opposition sustains a close, consistent and comprehensive relationship with the trade union movement.'

Given the Labour leadership's year-long struggle to uphold the Thatcherite Bonapartist state against the miners' strike, this is a particularly cynical statement, even by Hattersley's standards. It is an indication that the Labour leaders stand ready to operate the full weight of the state machine against the working class in the unlikely event that they regain office at the next election. They will act in government as they have acted in opposition.

Hattersley's talk of a close, consistent and comprehensive relationship is Kinnock-speak for state control of the trade unions.

The shadow Chancellor has just signed up with the coalitionist Charter for Jobs and Employment Institute, which was even given a snooty welcome by Thatcher herself in the Commons yesterday. Hattersley sits alongside Wilson, Callaghan, former Tory premier Edward Heath, the SDP's Shirley Williams, and former Thatcher ministers Francis Pym, James Prior and Sir Ian Gilmour.

The TUC is also represented on the council of the Charter for Jobs. The presence on this body of assistant general secretary David Lea was specifically defended at Monday's TUC-Labour Party liaison committee by general secretary Norman Willis.

The council is unashamedly in favour of pay controls, though Hattersley told the AUEW national committee that he had 'no intention of advocating, even less of introducing, either a statutory incomes policy or one which, although theoretically voluntary, depends on coercion'.

Contrast this with the Charter for Jobs document to which Hattersley and Labour's social services spokesman Michael Meacher have put their names. This document argues that unemployment is now so high that there is no likelihood of a pay explosion even if the government encourages job-creation.

But the possibility that workers will begin to fight for higher living standards under these conditions cannot be ruled out. So the document states baldly that:

'If it proves impossible to reduce unemployment below present levels without inflation increasing, we would all consider some comprehensive approach including incomes and prices policy to be better than doing nothing to reduce unemployment. This would only succeed if undertaken after appropriate consultation and negotiation.'

Kinnock and Hattersley apparently can't wait to get the consultation and negotiation under way. The miners' self-sacrificing struggle has exposed the Labour leaders' close, consistent and comprehensive relationship with the capitalist state.

As the Bonapartist regime moves in the direction of military-police dictatorship, Kinnock, Hattersley, Meacher and the rest move more and more sharply to the right against the developing resistance of the working class.

TUC MUST CALL GI

Art sale to support miners

ARTISTS supporting the miners have donated their work to a sale in Brixton, South London, aimed at raising finance for sacked and jailed miners. Organiser Sally Mould told News Line: 'There has been quite a big response from artists considering we have only had three weeks to organise the sale.'

'Even though the strike has ended there are still plenty of people who were prepared to give their work, and we are still accepting material and hope to move to another venue. 'We have called ourselves simply 'Artists in Solidarity with the Miners', and we brought it together because it is vital to keep up support for the sacked miners and those in jail.'

The sale is to continue until May 11 at the gallery on Atlantic Road, Brixton, and no exhibit exceeds £50 with the majority a great deal less.



SALLY MOULD organiser of the art sale in the Brixton gallery yesterday

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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MAY 18	Bilston Glen to Westerhailes, Edinburgh	JUNE 3	
MAY 19	Edinburgh to Dunfermline	JUNE 4	
MAY 20	Dunfermline, Oakley, Kincardine	JUNE 5	
MAY 21	Kincardine, Fallin, Stirling	JUNE 6	
MAY 22	Stirling to Cumbernauld	JUNE 7	
MAY 23	Cumbernauld to Glasgow	JUNE 8	
MAY 24	Glasgow to Kilmarnock	JUNE 9	
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JUNE 25	Luton to Stevenage		
JUNE 26	Stevenage to Welwyn Garden City		
JUNE 27	Welwyn to London		
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JUNE 1	Liverpool, Pier Head		
JUNE 2	Liverpool		

GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS

All trade union rights in danger

Sacked miners warn

BY BEN RUDDER

SACKED Kent miners based in London are planning to campaign throughout the trade union movement to warn of the threat their dismissals pose to every trade union right.

The sacked men are still addressing support groups and local Labour Party meetings, but now believe it is time that trade unionists were told directly of the dangers facing trade unionism.

Les Sweeting, one of the sacked men, told News Line yesterday: 'The most important issue is the question of trade union recognition.'

At Betteshanger colliery in Kent, both the president John Moyle and the secretary Terry Harrison have been re-elected. But because they are sacked men, the Board will not recognise them.

'I myself have been elected as craftsmen's representative at the pit, and another sacked man has also been elected as a representative.'

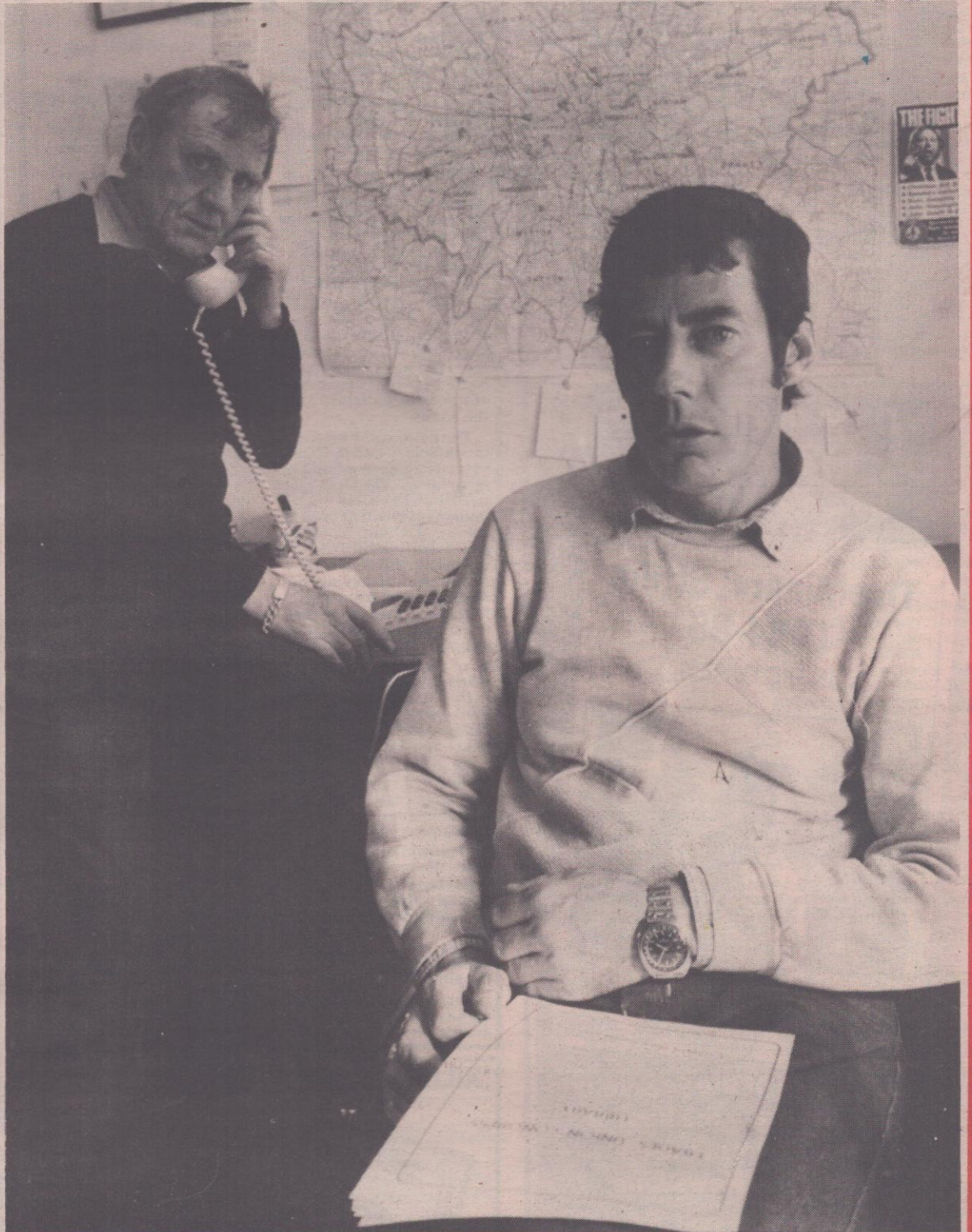
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'A further four sacked men have put up for elections to the committee, and one of those has been nominated for election to the position of delegate from the Kent Area to the national executive — his name is Jack Young.'

'I believe miners will support such a candidate because we need a representative for those sacked men throughout the country on the national executive committee.'

Sweeting has already started a series of meetings with shop stewards' committees and other trade union organisations.

'We have got to explain to trade unionists that their rights are under attack. We are envoys for the trade union movement as a whole, not just the miners, and we have a responsibility to warn people that they must stand up and fight if they



Les Sweeting (left) and Brian Foy in the Trade Union Support Group offices yesterday

want to defend their trade unions.

'We need to go from the shop floor to national conference. Every national conference of every union should have a sacked miner to speak, and explain how their elected representatives are not recognised, and that custom and practice established over many years has been thrown out of the window.'

Brian Foy, vice-chairman of the Betteshanger NUM branch explained the new precedents against trade unions being set by the Coal

Board. 'The majority of those sacked in Kent were sacked because they occupied the pithead.'

Rubbish

'There were never even any allegations of violence or damage, but the Coal Board described the sit-in as gross industrial misconduct and sacked all involved. But when there was a sit-in at the pit in the 1960s, no-one was sacked.'

'So, we have a situation where people can be sacked out of hand for fighting

for their jobs, families and communities.'

'In addition, although these people might be the elected representatives of a union, the employer can refuse to recognise them.'

'And finally, we have a situation in Kent where the Coal Board are telling the Department of Social Security that we are still in dispute. That means that we have been sacked, refused recognition and then disbarred from any state benefits.'

'We have been told that we cannot go on the dole until there is "normal working" in the industry,

and there is even mention of 1983 production levels as a measure of that! We can't find a single precedent for this kind of action by the DHSS and we are trying to find out what the CPSA union can do for us.'

Firm

Both men appealed for invitations to speak at meetings of trade unionists. All invitations and messages should be sent to: The Trade Union Support Unit, 42 Braganza Street, London SE17 3RJ.

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Wigan, Leigh, Salford
Manchester
Manchester to Winsford
Winsford to Crewe
Crewe to Stoke-on-Trent
Stoke-on-Trent
Stoke-on-Trent to Stafford
Stafford to Cannock
Cannock to Wolverhampton
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Birmingham
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Abertillery to Newport
Newport to Chepstow
Chepstow to Bristol
Bristol
Bristol to Bath
Bath to Chippenham
Chippenham to Swindon
Swindon
Swindon to Hungerford
Hungerford to Newbury
Newbury to Reading
Reading to Maidenhead
Maidenhead to Slough
Slough to Southall
JOINS MAIN MARCH

No cash aid from the TUC

REPORTS emerged yesterday that the TUC has refused to assist the National Union of Mineworkers financially by setting up a trust fund.

Instead, Norman Willis is to discuss with NUM president Arthur Scargill the 'position of NUM funds abroad'.

This decision by the TUC finance and general purposes committee is understood to involve further pressure on the NUM leaders to purge their contempt of the High Court made during the 12-month struggle for jobs.

Although the NUM delegates have decided to bring their funds back into Britain — where they will be seized by the sequestrators appointed by the High Court — this is unlikely to result in the freeing of the funds.

It is also understood that the High Court is unwilling to release any monies to the union unless it undertakes to waive any legal action against the European banks which surrendered the NUM cash to the British courts.

It seems likely that Willis' planned discussions with the union over the 'position of NUM funds abroad' relates to this matter.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Right wing try to block poll

THE RIGHT-WING leadership of the North Wales NUM is trying to block any challenge to the position on the national executive committee of area agent Ted McKay.

Elwyn Williams, from the Point of Ayr colliery, has been nominated for the NEC, giving McKay his first opponent since he became both agent and NEC representative over ten years ago.

McKay consistently opposed the miners' strike and Scargill's leadership while Williams was one of a minority of miners in North Wales who remained staunchly on strike for the entire 12 months.

Declared

Now area president Raymond Ellis has declared that Williams' nomination is out of order. 'As far as the North Wales area executive of the union

is concerned, there is no vacancy for the post of NEC member,' he says.

Claiming

The majority of the executive are claiming that the NEC position is a life-long appointment, as is the agent's job.

Miners who supported the strike are accusing the area leadership of interpreting the rules to suit themselves.

Williams has written to the Point of Ayr lodge which nominated him, the area executive and the NEC challenging Ellis's statement, and the Point of Ayr lodge committee meeting yesterday afternoon was expected to endorse Williams' stand.

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.'

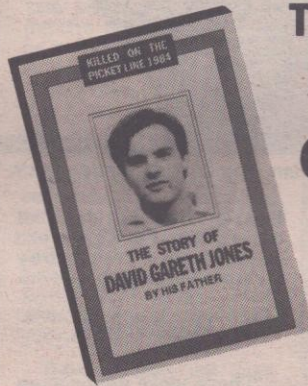
'To this end, the Trustees of the Miners' Solidarity Fund have confirmed their willingness to continue in office in order to assist with hardship, victimisation and welfare benefits to members and their families in line with the constitution of the Trust.'

'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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WEST MIDLANDS

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

NORTHUMBERLAND

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

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

DURHAM

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

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

JOHN LITTLE: Dawdon — Two-year sentence from March 1985.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

YORKSHIRE

ALAN BRIDGICK: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott Prison, Liverpool.

MICHAEL BRIDGICK: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott Prison, Liverpool.

CLIVE THOMPSON: Frickley — 679348, Armley Prison, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

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

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

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

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

STAFFORDSHIRE

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

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

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE

STEVEN HARDMAN: Parkside — Six-month sentence from April 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE

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

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

PAUL BROTHWELL: 12-month sentence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BRIAN MARTIN: Three-month sentence from March 1985.

DAVID MASON: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E711033, F Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Duddington Road, Wellingborough.

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

MICHAEL PARTINGTON: Three-month sentence from March 1985.

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

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

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

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

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

KENT

MARK BEST: Three-year sentence from April 1985. B74749, Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

EMLYN DAVIES: Three-year sentence from April 1985. B74746, Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

BRIAN DAY: Three-year sentence from April 1985. B74748, Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

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

GARRY NEWELL: Three-year sentence from April 1985. B74745, Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

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

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

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

PETER GATES: UCATT member. One-year sentence from March 1985. L33574, Wormwood Scrubs, PO Box 757.

SOUTH WALES

DEAN HANCOCK: 899410. Cardiff Prison.

RUSSELL SHANKLAND: A83752. Hospital Wing, Cardiff Prison.

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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.
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Robeson honoured at GLC exhibition

THE life of black actor Paul Robeson — famous not only for his baritone voice but for his off-stage roles as freedom fighter, civil rights campaigner and sportsman — is the subject of an exhibition at the Royal Festival Hall opening to the public tomorrow.

The exhibition, organised by the GLC's Arts and Recreation Department's Race Equality Unit will document aspects of Robeson's life, from his early educational achievements, singing, films and stage career to his political activities through hundreds of newspaper articles, photographs, books and memorials.

Robeson was born on April 4, 1898. He studied at the Rutgers University in 1917 and graduated with a law degree from Columbia University.

One of the most prized exhibits will be a rare document — Robeson's law thesis on the 14th Amendment — being shown for the first time in Britain.

Written in 1919, it examines the full meaning of the amendment which states 'that all men are created equal'.

From his college days Robeson was recognised as one of America's best football players, and used his name to push for the right of black Americans to participate in sports. He fought (and won) the rights of blacks to play in organised baseball.

An accomplished actor and academic, Robeson was particularly remembered for his London stage performance as Haitian liberator Toussaint L'Ouverture, acclaimed by the leading critics of the time, although it was his captivating interpretation of Othello in 1930 for which he is most remembered on stage.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

He was renowned for his films like 'The Proud Valley', 'Song of Freedom', 'The Emperor Jones', 'Jericho' and 'Big Fella' and he spoke out against the injustices of civil life in America — from refusing to perform in front of segregated audiences to urging black Americans not to fight in Vietnam.

Miners

It was during one of Robeson's visits to London that he became involved with the struggle of the coal miners, whose march from Wales to London so moved him that he went to Wales to see their conditions for himself.

He stayed there, singing to raise money for the miners' families and built a strong relationship with the closely-knit community. Later Robeson returned to make the film 'Proud Valley', which was shot in the Rhonda Valley in 1938-39.

It was during the McCarthy era in America that Robeson fought his hardest battle. From 1950 to 1958, the American State Department refused to grant him a passport because of his outspoken stand on civil rights in America, Vietnam and his association with the Soviet Union.

This led to an international 'Let Paul Robeson Sing Committee' with over 50



Paul Robeson plays Othello, opposite actress Uta Hagen, in the mid-1940's

MPs in the House of Commons organising their own committee to put pressure on the American government.

The campaign gained momentum, while Robeson made numerous appearances before the committee on Un-American Activities. As a result of the public outcry his passport was finally restored.

A catalogue will accompany the exhibition, with an introduction written by Paul Robeson Junior.

Paul Robeson Junior will officially open the exhibition at 6p.m. today together with GLC chairman Ilyd Harrington and Labour leader Neil Kinnock.

Film

Accompanying the exhibition will be a film tribute at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on May 5.

On May 6, again at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, a

musical tribute will be paid in 'The Paul Robeson Memorial Concert.' Taking part will be two former colleagues, Elizabeth Welch, who often played the female lead to Robeson and Dame Peggy Ashcroft, who appeared with him in Othello. Opera singer Willard White and a Welsh choir will sing some of Robeson's favourite songs, with African Dawn performing a selection of their own work, contributing to Robeson's belief in the liberation of Africa and its people.

Pulling a few strings

PRINCE Charles visited Covent Garden yesterday to pull a few strings for a new puppet centre.

The prince — at least it was his spitting image — inspected what could be Britain's new puppet centre if the Greater London Council agrees plans today.

'It would be marvellous as a puppet centre, I would bring my boys here every day,' the prince said as he stood on the steps of the former Royal Victoria Club at Covent Garden.

Centre

The 10-year-old puppet centre which has three rooms in Battersea South London, has set its sights on three floors of the empty building owned by the GLC.

The centre's chairman, David Currell, said 'This building is the ideal site,' and added that Covent Garden was a mecca for English puppeteers.

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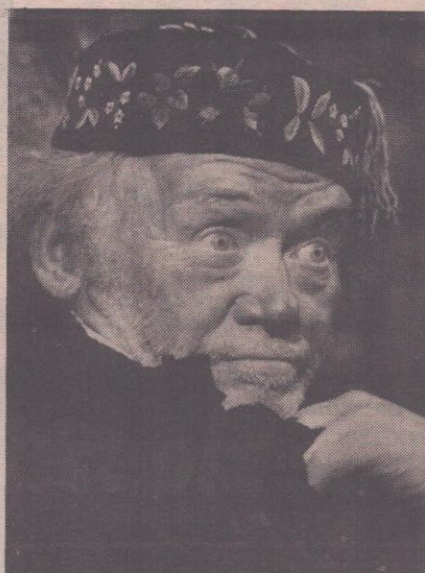
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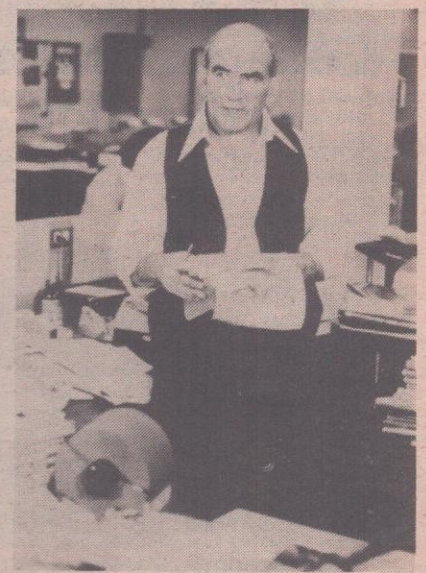
TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Charlie Drake as Smallweed in 'Bleak House' on 2 at 9



'Natalia Makarova' is 'In A Class of Her Own' on 4 at 9



Edward Asner stars as 'Lou Grant' in a repeat of the series starting on Channel 4 at 10 pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather News. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Mr Benn. 2.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.53 Regional News (except London). 3.55 Lay on Five. 4.10 The Wombles. 4.15 The Biskits. 4.35 Take Two. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Duncan Dares. 5.35 Gloria.

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

7.00 WOGAN Terry Wogan and his guests

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

8.10 DALLAS

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weather News

9.25 Q.E.D. *Operation Otter* Otters born in captivity are released into the wild in an attempt to save one of the countryside's most intelligent and beautiful animals

9.55 SPORTSNIGHT With Harry Carpenter. The snooker semi-finals get underway at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield; John Motson reports on England's World Cup chances and Pat Murphy examines Graham Gooch's prospects of returning to Test cricket this summer

12.10 Weather; Closedown

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

BBC2

6.30-7.20: OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Combined Heat and Power. 6.55 Contrasts in Musical Language.

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 2.15 World Snooker: Live from Sheffield.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; weather

5.30 THE WEDNESDAY WESTERN *Carson City* (1952) Jeff Kincaid is hired to build a railroad over mountains to protect gold and silver shipments from the mines to Carson City. Gold robber 'Big Jack' Davies has other ideas. With Randolph Scott and Raymond Massey

6.55 WORLD SNOOKER Highlights from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, of this afternoon's first semi-final and news of the second which begins this evening

7.40 EBONY A report on the official inquiry following the inquest of Michael Martin who died while detained in Broadmoor; Liverpool schoolteacher Ray Costello traces his Bermudan ancestry; Plus music from jazz saxophonist Gail Thompson

8.10 WORLD SNOOKER David Vine introduces coverage of the second semi-final

9.00 BLEAK HOUSE Third part of this dramatisation of the Dickens' novel by Arthur Hopcraft. Diana Rigg and Denholm Elliott head the cast

9.55 OPEN SPACE *Ungentlemanly Conduct?* featuring Magor Ladies' Rugby Team

10.25 NEWSNIGHT

11.20-11.25 Weatherview

11.30-12.25a.m. OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.30 Health and Disease. 11.55 Biology.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 CHANNEL 4 RACING FROM EPSOM (2.35, 3.05, 3.35, 4.10 races)

4.30 ISaura THE SLAVE GIRL Neighbour Tobias, who loves Isaura but still does not know her identity, warns Leoncio that he will be fined for his cruel treatment of his slaves; followed by

FANTASTICO More colourful music and dance from modern Brazil

5.30 FARMING ON FOUR Barry Wilson talks to four young farmers in West Wales about the advantages of organic farming

6.00 EVER THOUGHT OF SPORT? *Diving* Featuring underwater diving

6.30 THE MAKING OF A CLIMBING SERIES — LAKELAND ROCK An attempt to climb the Sca Fell in the Lake District

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by a Liberal MP; followed by Weather

8.00 HOW WARS END *The First World War: Armistice*

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS Plans for changes in the way the City of London operates with Christopher Hird reporting

9.00 DANCE ON 4 *Natalia Makarova: In A Class of Her Own* Prima ballerina Natalia Makarova, who defected from the Kirov Ballet, attends two starkly contrasting ballet classes

10.00 LOU GRANT *Cophouse* Lou Grant's first task is to sort out an alleged misconduct scandal in the police department which could involve the paper's own police-beat reporter

11.00 VISIONS Examining the plight of the British cinema

11.55 BOOK FOUR A review of some of the latest hardback and paperback releases

12.25 Closedown

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; School Programmes. 11.55 Rub A Dub Dub. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Raw Energy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 MORECAMBE AND WISE with Cherry Gillespie, Anita Graham

9.00 WIDOWS Ann Mitchell, Fiona Hendley and Debby Bishop in episode 4. The women have to get Harry off their trail. Trying to get him to agree to a pay-off has not worked — he wants all the money

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL Introduced by Brian Moore with Steve Rider. Highlights from one of the top European football games. Plus, boxing as Jimmy Price fights Herrol Graham for the British Middleweight title

12.00 SUPERSTAR PROFILE *John Houston*

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown

S4C

1.00 Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 2.00-2.15 Ffalabalam. 2.30-4.30 Racing from Epsom (2.35, 3.05, 3.35, 4.10 races). 4.40 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Bwyta'n Dda. 6.50 Dafganfod Y Byd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Goreuon Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.00 Mentrol! Mentrol! 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.00 Snewcer. 9.45 Film: *The Other Woman*. 11.30 Diverse Reports. 12.00 Black On Black. 1.00 Close.

RADIO

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

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).

VHF: As Radio 2 except: 8.00 String Sound. 8.30 Syd Lawrence in Concert. 9.10 Listen to the Band. 10.00-12.00 As Radio 1.

2 News on the hour (except 9p.m.). 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 European Soccer Special. 9.30 Listen to the Band (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers. 10.15 Tom Mennard Tells Local Tales. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00 Niall Murray Sings (S). 3.30-4.00 Non-Stop Stutz (S).

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Walter Leigh, Rimsky-Korsakov, Sibelius, Tchaikovsky. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S) English Madrigalists — Gibbons. 9.45 Medea (S) Simon Mayr and Barber. 1.20 Clarinet and Piano (S) Felix Draeseke. Loewe. 11.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Haydn, John Tavener, Schumann. 12.15 Concert Hall (S) The Brodsky Quartet plays Mendelssohn. 1.00 News. 1.05 Bill Evans (S). 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Rossini, Moeran, Mozart, Finzi, Liszt, Arnold. 2.25 Bax Violin Sonatas (S) Sonata No.3. 2.50 Pizzetti and Respighi (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Choral Voices (S) Lutoslawski, Faure, arr. Paavo Kiski. Erkki, Stravinsky. 7.00 International Young Artists (S) Baciewicz and Poulenc. 7.30 Opium Eater (S). 8.30 Northern Sinfonia (S) Mozart, Mendelssohn, Honegger, Haydn. 9.40 Six Continents. 10.00 Mona Lisa (S) Opera by Max von Schillings. 11.57-12.00 News. VHF: 6.35-6.55 Open University. 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. 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; 8.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather, Travel). 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek; Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *Isabella's Eyes*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Three Hundred Years a Soldier. 11.48 English Now. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 The Meistersinger (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 (S) *Relics*. 3.47 Time for Verse. 4.00 News; File on 4. 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 Review. 6.30 After Henry. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 Groundswell. 8.15 In Business. 8.45 Between Earth and Sky. 9.30 Where Death Delights. 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 (continued). 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 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Bygones. 1.00 News; North East News; Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Whose Baby? 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Midweek Sports Special. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Something To Treasure. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Simon and Simon. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Newsround. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Calendar Lunchtime

Live. 1.00 News; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 The Game. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 News at Ten; Calendar Headlines. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Keep it in the Family. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Scene South West. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Midweek Sports Special. 12.00 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 11.55 Cartoon. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Whose Baby? 2.00 Look Who's Talking. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.12 TVS News Headlines;

Starkids. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.00 Jazz Special. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 It's A Vet's Life. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Hart to Hart. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Three Little Words. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.00 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Vintage Quiz. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Ace Crawford, Private Eye. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Midweek Sports Special. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Khozaam is Mercer's chance

LIKE SIR Gordon Richards before him, Joe Mercer is finding a Derby victory an elusive quarry.

It was at his 28th attempt that Richards finally added his name to Epsom's roll of honour when Pinza won in 1953, and Mercer has already had two more unsuccessful tries than that.

His losing total stands at 30 — it would probably have been 31 had he not missed last year's Classic through suspension — but he must feel he has a real chance to break his duck this year on Khozaam (3.05), who reappears in the Rascal-Vodafone Blue Riband Trial stakes at Epsom today.

The colt won three of his four races last season, suffering his only defeat when going down by a head to

SELECTIONS

EPSOM: Cronk's Quality, 2.35 Janus (n.b.), 3.05 Khozaam (Nap), 3.35 Music Machine, 4.10 English Spring, 4.40 Silent Treat, 5.10 The Ketchak.

PONTEFRAC: 2.45 Foundry Artist, 3.15 Lady Cara, 3.45 Meadowbrook, 4.15 Cherry Hill, 4.45 Donnysnookercentre, 5.15 Elegant Port, 5.45 Njiwa.

WORCESTER: 2.15 Rueful Lady, 2.45 Ragafan, 3.15 Mister Pitt, 3.45 City Boy, 4.15 Sally Blue, 4.45 Comedian, 5.15 Alice's Boy, 5.45 Hasty Gamble.

reach in a driving finish to the group two Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot.

His pedigree — he is by the hugely successful Seattle Slew — suggests he will be suited by longer distances than this eight and a half furlongs, but his is a good opportunity for him to make

a winning seasonal debut.

Presidium may prove the better of Henry Cecil's two representatives and looks the danger.

The Great Metropolitan Handicap, run over two and a quarter miles, across the Downs since its inception in 1846, has been reduced to a

mile and a half because the Downs are no longer considered safe enough to race over.

The answer to a new look 'Great Met' could be course and distance winner Janus (2.35), who is preferred to stablemate Royal Craftsman.

Janus enjoyed a successful spell over hurdles this winter and didn't run too badly when fourth at Folkestone on his flat debut. He won four flat races in 1983, has been only lightly raced since, and looks reasonably treated with 8st 2lb.

Best bet at PONTEFRAC could be Njiwa (5.45) in the second division of the Wakefield Maiden Stakes.

She finished a good second to the subsequent winner Abba on her racecourse debut at Nottingham and has less to do in this company.

EPSOM Channel 4 2.35, 3.05, 3.35, 4.10

DRAW: Low numbers best up to 1m

2.00 E B F HYDE PARK MAIDEN STAKES £2,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (8 runners)

1 (5)	BE POSITIVE	J Berry 90	W Carson
2 (8)	BLUE GROUND	A Ingham 90	G Starkey
3 (3)	CRONK'S QUALITY	Mrs S Swift 90	J Reid
5 (1)	FORMIDABLE GEORGE	K Ivory 90	M Wigham
6 (7)	HARRY SCOTT	K Brassey 90	K Radcliffe (7)
7 (2)	SANDRON	B Stevens 90	D McKay
8 (6)	SITZCARALDO (BF)	R Hannon 90	Pat Eddery
11 (4)	POSITIVE APPROACH	R Smyth 811	B Rouse

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Cronk's Quality, 7-2 Be Positive, 4-1 Sitzcaraldo, 6-1 Blue Ground and Harry Scott, 14-1 others.

2.35 GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP £5,000 1m 4f (14 runners)

1 (11)	4110-0	CORINTH (FR)	I Balding 4100	Pat Eddery
2 (12)	2312-	RUSSIAN NOBLE (USA)	M Stoute 499	W R Swinburn
3 (10)	32120-0	LIBRATE (C-D)	J Bradley 496	P Waldron
4 (4)	14000-0	TRAPEZE ARTIST	N Vigors 495	J Reid
6 (1)	311023-	ROSTOVA	C Brittain 492	S Cauthen
7 (5)	03040-0	MOON JESTER (D)	M Usher 5813	D McKay
8 (14)	014-113	PERCASE (D)	P Cundell 6813	N Adams (5)
10 (6)	40231-	IN THE SHADE (D)	D Elsworth 489	B Rouse
11 (9)	202024-	QUICKSTEP	M Pipe 487	L Piggett
12 (7)	23000-0	SUGAR PALM	R Hannon 484	L Jones (7)
14 (8)	30-030	WIDD (D)	D Mills 882	E Johnson
15 (13)	21400-0	JANUS (C-D)(BF)	Mrs N Smith 782	T Williams (3)
17 (2)	32300-1	ROYAL CRAFTSMAN (D)	Mrs N Smith 78 (5 ex)	D Brown (7)
18 (3)	000004-	SPARKLER SPIRIT	A Pitt 477	R Fox

BLINKERS: 8, 12
PROBABLE SP: 5-1 Quickstep, 6-1 Percase, 7-1 Russian Noble and Rostova, 8-1 Moon Jester and Royal Craftsman, 10-1 Corinth and Janus, 12-1 Sugar Palm, 14-1 In The Shade and Trapeze Artist, 16-1 others.

3.05 RACAL-VODAPHONE BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES £20,000 1m (8 runners)

1 (2)	11-	CONCORDE AFFAIR (USA)	H Cecil 89	Paul Eddery
2 (5)	23010-0	KENTUCKY QUEST (USA)(C)	R Hannon 89	G Starkey
3 (8)	1112-	KHOZAAAM (USA)	P Walwyn 89	J Mercer
5 (4)	3221-	LIGHTNING DEALER	P Kelleway 89	Pat Eddery
6 (1)	01-	LORD GRUNDY	M Stoute 89	W R Swinburn
8 (6)	3134-	MIDDLESEX (USA)	B Hills 89	M Hills
9 (7)	12-	PRESIDIUM	H Cecil 89	S Cauthen
12 (3)	00113-0	TICKLY BENDER (USA)	R Armstrong 89	L Piggett

Visor: 2
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Presidium, 9-4 Khozaam, 7-2 Lord Grundy, 6-1 Concorde Affair, 10-1 Tickly Bender, 14-1 Middlesex, 16-1 Lightning Dealer, 25-1 Kentucky Quest.

3.35 MINORU HANDICAP £4,000 5f (13 runners)

1 (1)	3140-34	AMIGO LOCO (D)	K Brassey 4100	S Whitworth (3)
4 (3)	0000-00	SINGING SAILOR (D)	R Hannon 699	L Piggett
5 (8)	03000-0	CLANTIME (C-D)	J Berry 497	Pat Eddery
6 (5)	210000-	LITTLE STARCHY (C-D)	G Gracey 795	R Fox
7 (11)	010000-	MY LOUIE (D)	A Ingham 492	G Starkey
8 (9)	000230-	BRI-EDEN (C-D)	J Berry 1192	W Carson
9 (4)	34000-0	DARING DISPLAY (D)	R Smyth 4812	S Cauthen
10 (12)	204100-	BARNET HEIR (C-D)	Mrs S Swift 787	J Adams (7)
11 (2)	0000-00	SCHULA (D)	H O'Neill 581	S Dawson (3)
12 (10)	12004-0	RAPID MISS (D)	Mrs N Macaulay 580	A McKay
13 (7)	403-304	CAMPS HEATH	F Durr 470	T Williams (3)
14 (13)	3100-31	MUSIC MACHINE	P Haslam 4710	C Rutter (5)
15 (6)	00000-4	WINDY LAD	D Wilson 677	

BLINKERS: 1

RESULTS

EPSOM

2.30 (1m 4f): NO-U-TURN Elain Mellor (11-2 jt fav)1; Petit Pain (20-12); Arabian Sea (12-13); Against The Grain (11-14). 16 ran. 3/4, 3/4, (S Mellor) T: £7.60; £2.70, £14.90, £5.80. CSF: £102.90.

3.05 (1m): TAMERTOWN LAD G Landau (12-11); Open All Hours (8-12); Fair Country (33-13); Swift Palm (11-2 fav)4. 23 ran. 6, 3, (J R Jenkins) T: £22.80; £3.20, £1.40, £12.60, £1.50. CSF: £104.32.

3.35 (1m): STELLA GRANDE R Cochrane (33-11); Dubian (12-12); Jolly Saint (16-13); Mary Davies (12-14). 10 ran. hd, 1/2, (R Sheather) T: £127.50; £17.30, £2.90, £3.50. CSF: £329.54.

4.10 (1m 2f): REDDEN C Rutter (25-11); Mailman (8-12); Adiyamann (20-13); Duelling (10-14). 15 ran. 1/2, 2, (A J Pitt) T: £37.60; £5.30, £2, £5.80. CSF: £185.80.

4.40 (5f): HYMN OF HARLECH G Duffield (7-11); King Denzil (7-4 fav)2; Menites (8-13); Nations Fandango (9-14). 18 ran. 1/2, sh hd, (G P Gordon) T: £11.90; £3.20, £2.80, £3.80. CSF: £22.03. NR: Abba Song.

5.10 (1m 4f): KING LUTHER J Mercer (5-11); Almushmir (9-42); Intrepid Lad (16-13); Fire Of Life (7-4 fav)4. 7 ran. 5, 5.

(G Lewis) T: £4.80; £1.90, £1.80. CSF: £15.87.
5.40 (6f): DORAME G Carter (20-11); Fighting Jimmy (11-12); Shades of Blue (10-13); Mango Man (4-1 jt fav)4. 14 ran. nk, 2, (G Gaines) T: £50.50; £6.70, £3.20. CSF: £204.08. NR: Ta Morgan and Aboudi.

SEDGEFIELD

2.15 (3m): EDWARDS CORNER B Storey (11-21); Mosquito River (10-12); Courting Boy (6-13); Pete And Dud (33-14). 15 ran. 15, 2 1/2, (T Barnes) T: £7.30; £2.20, £3.10, £2.90. CSF: £61.45.

2.45 (2m): FRENCH NEPHEW C Grant (11-10 fav)1; Soldby (5-12); Amantiss (9-23); Kindred (14-14). 14 ran. 6, 3/4, (Denys Smith) T: £2.20; £1.40, £3.20, £2.60. CSF: £9.93.

3.15 (3m): PURPLE BEAM C Grant (5-11); Shirlstar Buyabox (4-1 jt fav)2; Mend It (4-1 jt fav)3; Rubesco (9-24). 9 ran. 1 1/2, 4, (T Barnes) T: 5.90; £1.80, £1.50, £1.80. CSF: £26.84.

3.45 (3m): UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE C Grant (9-11); Welfare (15-22); Succeeded (4-1 fav)3; Book Of Kells (9-24). 8 ran. 3,

hd, (W A Stephenson) T: 18.00; £3.50, £2.40, £1.40. CSF: £64.91.

4.15 (2m): CASTLE OFFICIAL C Pimlott (11-4 fav)1; Jeffrey Graham (8-12); Whistling Stellar (8-12); Captain Curtain (4-14). 18 ran. 4, 1 1/2, (J Hanson) T: £5.10; £1.90, £4.50, £2.60. CSF: £25.66.

4.45 (2m): TAELOS P A Charlton (11-8 on fav)1; Squires Gold (10-12); Harley (33-14); Cimarron (11-24). 15 ran. 15, 1 1/2, (A Scott) T: £1.90; £1.10, £2.10, £2.50. CSF: £12.95. NR: Pass Ashore.

TOWCESTER

2.00 (2m): THE ARGONAUT S Shilston (6-4 on fav)1; Indian (12-12); Charlie Dan (50-13); Yacare (12-14). 18 ran. 3, 2 1/2, (F Walwyn) T: £1.70; £1.40, £2.50, £23.80. DF: £6.50; £13.92.

2.30 (2m): CHASM R Pusey (11-10 on fav)1; Brooklands (50-12); Brooklands (50-12); Freddie Bee (9-23); Gratification (100-30)4. 14 ran. 1 1/2, 1 1/2, (F Walwyn) T: £1.80; £1.30, £4.30, £1.70. CSF: £49.03. NR: Hardnott & Rostra.

3.00 (2m): LIGHT SONG K Mooney (5-2 fav)1; Brobury (10-12); Lor Moss (14-13); Grannie's Pet (12-14). T: £3.80; £1.90,

£1.60, £13.50, £1.70. CSF: £29.60. NR: Dick's Folly & Warily.

3.30 (2m 5f): BACKSTREET GUY J White (5-11); Le Gran Brun (4-1 fav)2; Gambling Abbot (33-13); Laurel Hill (33-14). 15 ran. 2, 6, (N Henderson) T: £5.10; £1.90, £3.10, £8.60. CSF: £26.33. NR: Vale of Walton.

4.00 (3m): STAUNTON J White (9-11); Veleso (9-2 fav)2; Skegby (9-13); Selborne Rambler (5-14). 14 ran. 2 1/2, 7, (N Henderson) T: £9.10; £2.10, £3.50, 3.20. CSF: £49.88.

4.30 (2m): CONNEX A Gorman (9-11); Lord Laurence (9-12); Oliver Anthony (20-13); Bluecher (14-14). 18 ran. 1 1/2, 4, (M Hinchliffe) T: £10.80; £3.10, £1.80, £11.80. CSF: £86.60.

PONTEFRAC

DRAW: Low numbers best over 5 & 6f

2.45 BEAST FAIR STAKES £2,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (10 runners)

2 (7)	11	RUSSELLS TOY (D)	N Tinkler 93	L Charnock
3 (2)	41	FOUNDRY ARTIST (D)	C Nelson 93	I Johnson
6 (8)	1	SI-LA-GAY (D)	J Berry 90	K Darley
7 (5)	0	EASTERN OASIS	E Alston 811	B Crossley
8 (10)	0	HI-COSMO	A W Jones 811	C Dwyer
9 (4)	0	REGAL SAM	T Fairhurst 811	C Coates (5)
10 (9)	0	SHARP LANE (USA)	W O'Gorman 811	T Ives
11 (3)	0	WEBSTERS FEAST	M McCormack 811	R Cochrane
13 (6)	0	GUNNER GO	Ron Thompson 88	D Nicholls
14 (1)	3	MISS NATALIE	N Callaghan 88	A Roper (7)

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Foundry Artist, 3-1 Si-La-Gay, 9-2 Websters Feast, 5-1 Sharp Lane, 7-1 Russells Roy, 10-1 Miss Natalie, 14-1 others.

3.15 BENTLEY MEMORIAL SELLING HANDICAP £700 6f (18 runners)

1 (12)	000-010	LADY CARA (C)	J Berry 5912 (7 ex)	S Horsfall (5)
2 (15)	14040-0	CUDGEL (D)	P Rohan 12910	R Fahey (7)
5 (3)	0000-00	FLEET BAY (D)	K Ivory 590	Gay Kelleway (5)
6 (16)	10000-0	PALLETINE	D H Jones 4813	R Cochrane
7 (11)	30000-0	WALTER-KOHRING	M Ryan 4813	P Barnard (7)
8 (4)	4030-0	SISTER RACINE	T Fairhurst 3813	M Beecroft
9 (18)	13000-0	MAGIC MUSHROOM (D)	Denys Smith 4812	D Leadbitter (5)
11 (6)	400000-0	MING VILLAGE (C-D)	J Parkes 589	N Day
12 (7)	3300-00	TRADE HIGH (D)	I Vickers 688	D Nicholls
13 (3)	40140-0	MICKS BABY (D)	B Richmond 586	
14 (1)	200-000	BALKAN J Harris	585	A Proud
16 (9)	00000-4	DECRETO	D Morley 484	G Duffield
17 (10)	004000-	OFF YOUR MARK (C-D)	G Calvert 584	L Charnock
19 (13)	000000-	OCONOMOWOC (USA)	W Guest 382	
20 (8)	0203-00	FIRES PARK (D)	M Camacho 681	J Lowe
21 (2)	00-0000	WITH A LOT	M Chapman 481	D Dineley
22 (12)	0000-30	LAURA'S CHOICE	T Craig 481	N Connorton
23 (14)	0/0000-0	STEVULA	D Garraton 480	N Carlisle

BLINKERS: 5, 6, 19, 20, 21
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Lady Cara, 9-2 Cudgel, 11-2 Trade High, 6-1 Walter-Kohring, 8-1 Palletine and Fleet Bay, 10-1 Magic Mushroom, 12-1 Laura's Choice, 16-1 others.

4.15 FRYSTON STAKES £2,000 1m 4f (18 runners)

1 (8)	121-030	ROYAL CRACKER (D)	P Brookshaw 497	W Ryan (3)
3 (9)	0132-0	ART EDICT (D)	R Stubbs 494	D Nicholls
4 (13)	14100-0	NONSENSE	S Norton 494	J Lowe
6 (15)	10	LO BROADWAY	D Moffatt 791	R Elliott
8 (5)	002134-	STRATHCONON	Miss S Hall 490	K Hodgson
9 (18)	00	BALKASH	R Stubbs 487	M Beecroft
11 (4)	0/00030-	CAREEN	I Balding 487	M Matthias
13 (3)	3/4222-	CHERRY HILL	J Dunlop 487	T Ives
14 (1)	00	CRUSHED ICE	D Dale 587	J Scally (7)
15 (16)	00/	NUMERATE	R Fisher 687	M Birch
16 (11)	0400-00	OTREBOR (USA)	M Jarvis 487	B Raymond
18 (17)	0	PRINCE OF DAWN (USA)	D Chapman 487	S P Griffiths (5)
19 (14)	0	ROSEMAN	J Leigh 487	N Connorton
22 (2)	00-0	THE CLOWN (FR)	M Naughton 487	P Cook
23 (6)	0	BATEASE	K Stone 484	C Dwyer
24 (10)	0	CELTIC PRINCESS	Mrs M Rimell 584	R Cochrane
25 (12)	2420-03	FISHPOND	R Holder 484	G Duffield
26 (7)	0	LOVELY BUTTERFLY	M Lambert 484	D Oldham

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Cherry Hill, 7-2 Art Edict, 9-2 Royal Cracker, 6-1 Nonsense, 8-1 L.O. Broadway, 9-1 Careen, 10-1 Strathearn, 14-1 others.

4.45 HARDWICK HANDICAP £2,250 1m (25 runners)

1 (15)	10300-0	SINGING BOY (D)	A Hide 4910	R Sidebottom
2 (25)	00000-0	RAPID LAD (D)	J Spearing 7910	D Nicholls
4 (10)	44200-0	SIDAB	W Musson 598	P Gunn
6 (3)	0100-00	COUTURE LEG AFFAIR	R Woodhouse 498	K Darley
7 (17)	0110-04	ELARIM (D)	T Fairhurst 697	C Coates (5)
8 (4)	2/2030-2	HELLO GYPSY	C Tinkler 497	M Wood
9 (8)	1120-04	SKYBOOT (D)	E Carter 697	Wendy Carter (7)
11 (22)	302400-	TOP O'TH'LANE	N Bycroft 893	S Perks
12 (20)	040000-	KNIGHTS SECRET	M H Easterby 492	M Birch
13 (6)	30103-0	DONNYSNOOKERCENTRE	E Wymes 492	E Guest (5)
15 (23)	002200-	PUBBY	J Toller 491	R Cochrane
16 (14)	202030-	BARGOUZINE	M Hinchliffe 491	R Lines (5)
17 (19)	00/00-32	CRADLE OF JAZZ (USA)	J Old 590	P Cook
18 (1)	013304-	WARPLANE	C Thornton 590	J Bleasdale
20 (21)	0000-01	STAR EVENT (D)	J Etherington 4812 (7 ex)	G Duffield
22 (11)	003-013	BAMDORO (D)(BF)	J Mulhall 6810	A Proud
23 (2)	232400-	BOY SANDFORD (D)	J Mackie 6810	N Carlisle
24 (7)	204020-	SMART MART	M Camacho 689	N Connorton
25 (9)	000-000	CAROL'S MUSIC	M Brittain 489	B Coogan
27 (5)	22003-0	LEMELASOR	D H Jones 588	D J Williams (7)
29 (8)	040-0	HAWAIIAN LOVE (USA)	J Ciechanowski 486	R Street
31 (12)	000-00	LATE HOUR	R Hollinshead 684	W Ryan (3)
32 (13)	30/021-0	FERRERO ROCHER	T Craig 483	NON-RUNNER
34 (24)	000000-	COLEY (D)	Denys Smith 680	M Fry
36 (16)	002030-	ROYAL EXPORT	W C Watts 5713	S P Griffiths

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Star Event, 5-1 Elarim, 11-2 Skyboot, 6-1 Donnysnookercentre, 8-1 Hello Gypsy and Cradle of Jazz, 10-1 Bamdoro, 12-1 Sidab, 14-1 Couture Leg Affair, 16-1 others.

Sports Line



DAVID LANGAN . . . played a major role in promotion success

IN FROM THE COLD

DAVE LANGAN and Gerry Daly have come in from the international cold for the Republic of Ireland's crucial World Cup qualifying game against Norway in Dublin on May 1.

Oxford United full-back Langan and Birmingham midfielder Daly are included in the 18-strong squad announced by manager Eoin Hand yesterday.

Langan last played for the Republic in 1983 against France when he damaged his knee. Since then he has had a back operation.

Daly's last outing for the Republic was in the drawn friendly against Mexico last August.

Hand said yesterday: 'I am delighted to be able to pick Dave again. He has been playing marvellously well for his club.'

Oxford manager Jim Smith said: 'Dave is the best full back I've seen in our division this season. He has played a major role in our bid for promotion to Division One.'

Hand, heavily criticised for Ireland's form in the World Cup, said yesterday: 'I am confident we will be at the top of our group by June 2. I

believe we can beat Norway and beat them well.

'Having watched Switzerland play the Soviet Union, I also feel we will beat the Swiss on June 2.'

Goals

Of the Norwegians, Hand said: 'I expect them to play defensively, but it's imperative that we beat them by a number of goals. I believe qualification for Mexico can hinge on goal difference.'

One player certain of playing against the Norwegians is Pat Bonner, the Celtic goalkeeper. 'He passed a serious test against England at Wembley and deserves the chance,' said Hand.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND squad: McDonagh (Gillingham), Bonner (Celtic), McCarthy (Man City), O'Leary (Arsenal), Lawrenson (Liverpool), McGrath (Man Utd), Langan (Oxford), Beglin (Liverpool), Shedy (Everton), Grealish (West Brom), Whelan (Liverpool), Waddock (QPR), Brady (Inter Milan), Daly (Birmingham), Stapleton (Man Utd), Byrne (QPR), Walsh (Porto FC), Galvin (Tottenham).

Oxford success wins Dave Langan a place



PAT BONNER . . . deserves a chance

Bruno fight postponed

FRANK BRUNO'S European heavyweight title fight against Sweden's Anders Ecklund was postponed yesterday from May 14 to June 25.

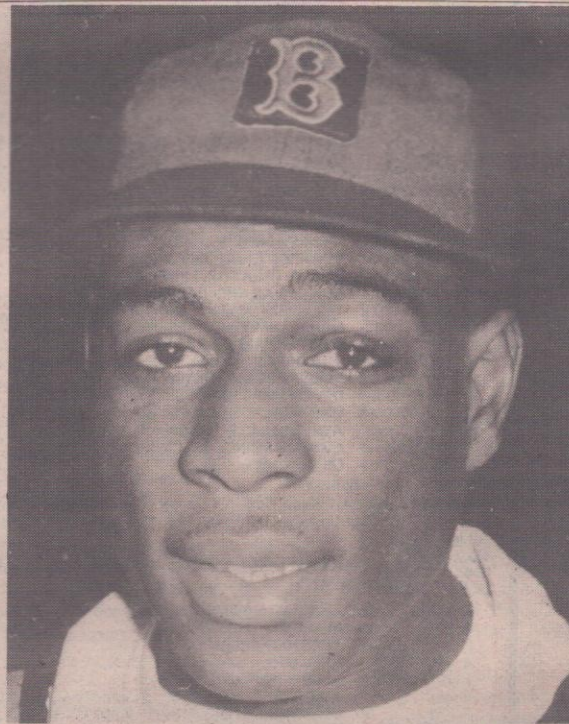
The European Boxing Union have allowed Ecklund an extension because of a hand injury but at the request of promoter Mike Barrett they have asked their executive committee to nominate an alternative opponent.

Then, if Ecklund withdraws from the new date at Wembley Arena, the EBU will strip him of the title and Bruno will fight whoever is nominated for the vacant title. The winner would then defend it against Ecklund if and when he is fit.

Meanwhile, Bruno has declined an offer to meet Larry Holmes for the International Boxing Federation heavyweight title — preferring to establish himself by fighting for the European championship instead.

'Provided he wins, he could well be fighting Holmes before the end of the year in a multi-million dollar promotion,' Barrett said yesterday.

'And if he is European champion, it will give him massive confidence. Holmes wants three wins for his 50 undefeated and we hope Bruno will be number 50 and will wreck Holmes' unbeaten record.'



FRANK BRUNO . . . another six weeks to wait for a title bid

Oxford to clinch title

OXFORD UNITED go for promotion tonight when they take on Shrewsbury at the Manor Ground. Shrewsbury, unbeaten in five games without conceding a goal, hope to postpone Oxford's promotion party, but the Oxford charge to the top flight has proved unstoppable so far.

Oxford have a magnificent home record. They have won 16 matches, drawn one, and lost only one. They have scored an incredible 56 goals and conceded only 14. It would take a monumental performance from Shrewsbury or a woeful performance by Oxford to stop them celebrating tonight in style.

But Shrewsbury's manager Chic Bates, believes his team are in the mood to cause an upset. Bates, who has named an unchanged side, said: 'We are not going there just to help Jim Smith drink champagne. The way we are playing at the moment, we could cause Oxford problems.'

WORCESTER (NH)

2.15 (2m 4f hurdle) £800

100 Brollin 11.9.....de Haan
000 King Burg (C-D) 11.9.....Knox
31P Maranzini (D) 11.4.....Hayes
104 Ruelaf Lady (D) 11.4.....Nolan
000 Silent Surrender 11.4.....S-Eccles
P00 Barney 11.2.....Frost
00P Davidstown 11.2.....Scudamore
Glenholme 11.2.....Hulburd
000 Gold Warbler 11.2.....Morshead
00P Prince Vidar 11.2.....Hoare
00 Rectory Park 11.2.....Duggan
00P Tarville 11.2.....Barton
221 Taylorstown 11.2.....J O'Neill
400 The Shiner 11.2.....C Smith
U00 Tophatter 11.2.....C Gray
Blt of Space 10.11.....B Wright
00P Bolt Hole 10.11.....B Wright
000 Celtic Burn 10.11.....Dunwoody
000 Clair Soleil 10.11.....Dickin
0-0 Maybe Maisey 10.11.....Dever
00P Mo Storen 10.11.....Bloomfield
P00 Thistle Blue 10.11.....Warner
00 Board the Train 10.9.....Warner
Prob sp: 15-8 Taylorstown, 7-2 Brollin, 5-1 Lisary Lad, 6-1 The Shiner, 8-1 Gold Warbler, 10-1 King Burg, 12-1 others.

2.45 (2m chase) £1,600

313 Grey Dolphin (C-D) (BF) 11.1G Davies
040 Ragafan (D) 11.11.....J O'Neill
202 Fire Drill (C-D) 11.5.....P Richards
10F Lucyfar (D) 11.4.....S-Eccles
412 Bickleigh Bridge (D) (BF) 10.7.....Knox
22F North Yard (C-D) 10.4.....Hobbs

3.15 (2m 4f hurdle) £2,500

PP0 Stowell Grove (D) 10.1.....Scudamore
302 Tudor Road (C-D) 10.0.....Powell
00P Vale Challenge (D) 10.0.....Dever
004 Beau Vite (C-D) 10.0.....Burke
FP0 Colonel Curtis 10.0.....Powell
PPF Kamachow 10.0.....Bridgett
Prob sp: 3-1 Tudor Road, 7-2 Bickleigh Bridge, 4-1 Ragafan, 6-1 Grey Dolphin, 8-1 Lucyfar, 10-1 Fire Drill, 12-1 North Yard, 14-1 others.
434 Infielder 11.10.....Duggan
210 Star Charter (C-D) 11.4.....J O'Neill
000 Sausage (D) 11.3.....Powell
000 Gambling Prince (D) 11.0.....Burke
000 Mister Pitt (C) (D) 10.11.....Corrigan
0F1 Klairave 10.11.....Wall
043 Brave Jack 10.8.....Morshead
034 Hoorah Henry 10.8.....Scudamore
1-0 Light Traveller 10.7.....Stringer
302 Cawarra Lad 10.4.....Farrell
00P Fortune Cookie 10.1.....Hunter
311 Maujendor (C-D) 10.1.....Beggan
023 Morvern 10.0.....Leavy
023 Mountain Man (D) (BF) 10.0.....C Jones
000 Bleathwood 10.0.....Finch
00P City Link Express (C) 10.0.....Arnott
04P Party Miss 10.0.....Dunwoody
P00 Republican 10.0.....Mooney
040 Ray Prosser 10.0.....Wallace
000 Beau Wynk (C) (D) 10.0.....Key
RP- Luxuriate 10.0.....B Wright
000 Jagatek 10.0.....O'Hagen
Prob sp: 7-2 Star Charter, 4-1 Infielder, 9-2 Sausage, 6-1 Maujendor, 8-1 Mountain Man and Klairave, 10-1 Brave Jack, 12-1 Hoorah Henry, 14-1 others.

3.45 (3m chase) £1,500

211 City Boy (D) 12.7.....T-Jones
Flash Deal 12.7.....Beaumont
F0 Adonis Blue 12.0.....A Hill
0-3 Bachelor Lad 12.0.....M Price
004 Broiler Boy 12.0.....M Price
33- Campello Boy 12.0.....Brotherston
00P Charley Cheek 12.0.....Brotherston
P0- Cuckoo Mill 12.0.....Brotherston
Demi Cheval 12.0.....A Wilson
02 Duke of Saragay 12.0.....Crawley
Good Memories 12.0.....Crawley
/P2 Handy Mark 12.0.....Eckley
P-F Just a Ghost 12.0.....S French
P40 Polrone 12.0.....Shinton
F-P Severn Mint 12.0.....Bosley
-P Swanly 12.0.....Ilseley
0- Tat 12.0.....Sheddy
P0F Willing's Mides 12.0.....Sheddy
00F Trident Missile 11.9.....Hacking
Prob sp: 6-4 City Boy, 11-4 Flash Deal, 9-2 Trident Missile, 7-1 Duke of Saragay, 12-1 Campello Boy, 16-1 others.

4.15 (2m 4f hurdle) £800

013 Cudar (C) 11.9.....Croucher
413 Paulatin 11.9.....S-Eccles
320 Rachel's Delight 11.4.....G Williams
P00 Courtiers Wag 11.2.....M Price
004 Fuego Boy 11.2.....H Davies
000 Jon Piper 11.2.....Wall
P00 Karannau 11.2.....Knight
032 Midnight Madness 11.2.....Bloomfield

4.45 (2m 4f chase) £2,000

313 Nickle Moppett (C) (D) 11.12 Memagh
1-P Weston Favell 11.12.....Browne
20U Blazing Wind (D) 11.9.....Morshead
D01 Johns Present 11.6.....P Richards
P2 Meladon 10.12.....Carcary
233 Comedian (BF) 10.11.....Scudamore
430 Manston Marauder 10.9.....Moore
34P Clonene King (BF) 10.2.....J O'Neill
3-P Vincel 10.1.....M Price
F33 Sir Badsword 10.0.....Brisbourne
000 Loriot 10.0.....Kingston
422 Postdyne 10.0.....S O'Neill
084 Fortstar (D) 10.0.....Mooney
040 Little Trouble (C) 10.0.....Hyett
Cherry Opal 10.0.....Sharpe
320 Gie-Look 10.0.....Hobs

5.15 (2m flat race) £500

Abershaw 11.6.....Finch
Carramore Outlaw 11.6.....Pinfield
Deep and Even 11.6.....Gibson
Drumbhreach 11.6.....T Edwards
Flying Branch 11.6.....A Jones
4-0 Freshman 11.6.....Plummer
0 Get Going Fred 11.6.....Charlton
0 Holmwood Patrol 11.6.....Mustow
Nearbridge 11.6.....Maudrell
Sam's Neighbour 11.6.....Muggeridge
Trentside Fella 11.6.....Woolley
Amber Marsh 11.1.....Caswell
Blt of Space 11.1.....Eckley
0 Mighty Member 11.1.....Leonard
0 Pamela Would 11.1.....Radband
0P Rosezooky Light 11.1.....Haynes
2 Alice's Boy 11.0.....Cowley
Celtic Spring 11.0.....Simpson
Digby Drive 11.0.....Tsakarisianios
0 Le Plat d'Or 11.0.....Whitaker
0 Our Endeavour 11.0.....Cox
Private Views 11.0.....Adams
Space Kate 11.0.....Jenkins
Light as Day 10.9.....Ranger
Melodic Spirit 10.9.....A Taylor

5.45 (2m flat race) £500

Miss Topem 10.9.....A Wilson
Prob sp: 11-4 Private Views, 100-30 Deep and Even, 4-1 Alice's Boy, 6-1 Holmwood Patrol, 8-1 Abershaw, 10-1 Our Endeavour, 12-1 Mighty Member, 14-1 others.
12 Hasty Gamble (D) 11.13.....Brooks
Co Chance 11.6.....Oliver
Collinsbury Lad 11.6.....Mann
Hounstout 11.6.....T Edwards
Monte Waller 11.6.....Mann
4-0 Siberian Dancer 11.6.....Woolley
Tory Hill Lad 11.6.....C Davies
Baltic Call 11.1.....Bathe
Golden Grain 11.1.....Bailey
0 Kobey Bay 11.1.....Oliver
Miss Floral Centre 11.1.....J Hill
Sailors Pride 11.1.....J Hill
Scaldino 11.1.....V Williams
000 Trick Answer 11.1.....Armytage
Contel Lad 11.0.....A Jones
0 Great Dash 11.0.....Henderson
Deep Testwood 11.0.....Cowley
Parky Pete 11.0.....Cambridge
00 Quick Fencer 11.0.....Jenkins
0 Running Arrow 11.0.....Jenkins
0 Again Kathleen 10.9.....Dare
Celtic Cloud 10.9.....Dare
0 Ollys-Fiddle 10.9.....Knox
Only Trouble 10.9.....Houlbrooke
Ruths Love 10.9.....G Evans
Turn Mill 10.9.....Low
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Euro-soccer preview

KEEP YOUR COOL

LIVERPOOL manager Joe Fagan has given his players special orders for tonight's European Cup semi-final, second leg, clash against Panathinaikos in Athens.

Fagan advises his players

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

'The boss was quite clear, he told us to look after ourselves, watch our backs, no retaliation no matter how bad the fouls are, and definitely no dissent towards the referee,' said central defender Mark Lawrenson before flying out to Greece.

Fagan's warning comes after the reports he received from his scout who watched the Greek club in action at the weekend.

'The manager wasn't as much worried about Panathinaikos' performance at the weekend as the off-the-field preparations being conjured up in Athens,' Lawrenson added.

'Their manager has everybody believing out there that Panathinaikos were robbed by Liverpool, our fans and the referee in the first leg.'

'He has made it quite

clear to everyone that he will exact revenge on Wednesday. It's bound to be very tense out there,' added Lawrenson.

It's evident that Liverpool are treating this match as one of their most potentially violent in over two decades of European football.

Team

After the first leg at Anfield a fortnight ago, which Liverpool won comfortably 4-0, Panathinaikos' Polish manager (!!!) said that his team would gain revenge — and more — in Athens.

Indeed, those reporters gathered outside the visitors' dressing room after Liverpool's victory, swear that they have never heard such vitriol as that poured out by the Panathinaikos boss.

He refused to take back the remarks he made the

day after as the Greeks prepared to depart from Manchester airport for home.

His remarks, including those about gaining 'physical revenge,' the referee being bought off by the home team and the hostility of the home fans have not, surprisingly, been reported to UEFA.

Much will depend on the authority of tonight's man-in-the-middle, East German Herr Prokop.

An experienced referee at this level of football, Prokop has received no special advice on the tie from UEFA but by now he will know that tonight's tie could be the most volatile he has ever been in charge of.

But in typical Liverpool tradition, Lawrenson said before departing for Athens: 'We're not worried about the referee. I'm sure UEFA have appointed the right man for the tie. And I think Panathinaikos will be a little more worried about us than we will be about them.'

Panathinaikos have not made the footballing headlines because of the fluency of their football or the talent of their players on the way to the semi-finals of this season's European Champions' Cup.

Dubious

Their already tarnished reputation back home was brought to the attention of the rest of Europe through the dubious penalty decisions in their favour in the competition this season.

In the last round, the quarter finals, they were the recipients of two controversial penalty decisions, one in each leg, which helped them advance at the expense of Sweden's Gothenburg.

The same incidents occurred in the second round with a penalty in each leg against the part-timers of Linfield from Belfast seeing them



MARK LAWRENSON . . . expects a tense second leg clash in Athens

scrape through.

Those decisions, the second with the Irishmen leading 2-0 in Belfast, are still talked about in Ireland and both Linfield and Gothenburg have made official complaints to UEFA.

Despite what is bound to be a very torrid match, Liverpool must feel confident of reaching their fifth European Cup final, with Italy's Juventus, the most likely opponents in the Brussels final next month.

Cricket prize winner welcomed

TOM STANCOMBE, 19, a first-year geography student at Plymouth Polytechnic, yesterday signed a three-year contract with Warwickshire and received a £500 cheque as winner of a nationwide cricket search for a bowling talent.

Webster's Yorkshire Bitter launched the scheme eight months ago and Stancombe, whose home is in St Albans, emerged as the top prospect from 3,559 entries.

Captains

Three England captains — Bob Willis, Ted Dexter, who organised the competition, and David Gower — welcomed Stancombe at Edgbaston yesterday morning.

Willis said: 'A scheme that was ridiculed and sneered at when it was launched has proved to be a very worthwhile exercise and I would like to see it repeated.'

'The final six received specialist coaching from Fred Truman, John Snow and Alec Bedser. I only wish I had been given the opportunity to listen and learn when I was their age.'

Scheme

Stancombe, who was also wanted by Hampshire and Surrey, entered the scheme only when two of his friends picked up a leaflet in a pub. But he had already played cricket for Hertfordshire under-19s.

Stancombe said yesterday: 'It was a difficult choice between Warwickshire and Surrey but I plumped for Warwickshire because of their facilities and the fast bowling knowledge they have in Bob Willis and David Brown.'

TODAY'S GAMES

EUROPEAN CUP

(Semi-Final, 2nd Leg)

(7.30 kick-off)

Panathinaikos v Liverpool

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP

(Semi-Final, 2nd Leg)

Everton v Bayern Munich.....

DIVISION I

Aston Villa v Watford

Luton v Nottm For (7.45).....

Man Utd v Southampton

Stoke v Norwich.....

West Brom v Sunderland.....

DIVISION II

Oxford v Shrewsbury

DIVISION III

Lincoln v Doncaster

Reading v Plymouth

DIVISION IV

Hereford v Crewe

Mansfield v Scunthorpe

RUGBY LEAGUE

DIVISION II

Carlisle v Salford

Runcorn v Rochdale (7.45).....

Everton on their mettle

EVERTON know that it will take only one small slip to deprive them of a place in their first European final.

They have yet to concede a goal to continental opposition this season, but they need to maintain that impeccable record in tonight's Cup Winners' Cup semi-final second leg against Bayern Munich at Goodison Park.

A magnificent defensive display earned them a goalless draw in the first leg, a fortnight ago, and made them clear

favourites to reach the final in Rotterdam on May 15.

But they are well aware that a scoring draw will be enough to send Bayern through on the away goals rule.

Draw

The West Germans themselves have not forgotten that they held Liverpool to a goalless draw at Anfield in a European Cup semi-final four years ago, but went out of

the competition after a 1-1 draw in the return.

'It is entirely in our hands now,' said Everton manager Howard Kendall. 'This is a one-off match and we have got to go out there and win. We must take the game to Bayern without doing anything silly at the back.'

Bayern will try and take the sting out of Everton's attack, although they have not yet experienced the forceful presence of Andy Gray, who missed the first leg and is

sure to make life as uncomfortable as possible for their defenders.

Speed

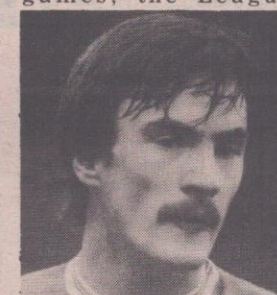
Knowing that they will have to rely on counter-attacks, Bayern are expected to give their forward line greater speed and mobility by dropping Michael Rummenigge and Dieter Hoeness, and bringing in Roland Wohlfarth and Reinhold Mathy.

Central defender Derek

Mountfield's recovery from the knee injury which has kept him out of action for the last two matches enabled Kendall to name his strongest possible team yesterday.

Everton could hardly be in a better frame of mind as they take another step towards the historic treble, which is looking a stronger possibility with every match they play.

They are unbeaten in 23 games, the League



DEREK MOUNTFIELD

Championship is as good as won and they are already in the FA Cup final at Wembley.

Kendall said: 'The players are tremendously proud of their record and they want to keep it going. They don't want to be beaten and they don't want to concede a goal.'

'This is the biggest European game in Everton's history, but we don't feel under any pressure. There is much more tension if things aren't going well. At the moment we have no need to worry about anything.'

Team: Southall, Stevens, Van Den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Sharp, Gray, Bracewell, Sheedy.



ANDY GRAY

Confidence in the Graham camp

BY A BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE BACKERS of Sheffield's Herol Graham are so sure that he will win the vacant British middleweight title tonight at the Britannia Leisure Centre, Hackney, that they are planning to announce ambitious plans for him on Thursday morning.

Such confidence is not complimentary to Graham's opponent, Jimmy Price of Liverpool in whose hands lies the remedy. All he has to do to spoil these presumptuous plans is beat Graham.

If he does it will be a unique achievement, for nobody has managed it yet in Graham's six and a half year career.

Graham, in fact, is an outstanding favourite to

win the title vacated by Tony Sibson who won it from Mark Kaylor, and Price's best chance will be to take a leaf out of the book of world champion Marvin Hagler.

Test

When Hagler fought Thomas Hearns in Las Vegas last week he walked out to make the first round a test of strength, courage, and everything else a boxer needs to win.

Price, too, has got to let his opponent know he is there in the most violent possible way.

Despite his remarkable 100 percent record and catalogue of titles as a light-middleweight Graham has never been involved in a really explosive fight.

He may well be able to handle himself in any circumstances, but it is up to Price to put it to the test.

As a light-middleweight Graham was British, European and Commonwealth champion, and reached the top six of the world ratings.

He also gave some thoroughly unenterprising displays and his public appeal was largely confined to the Sheffield area.

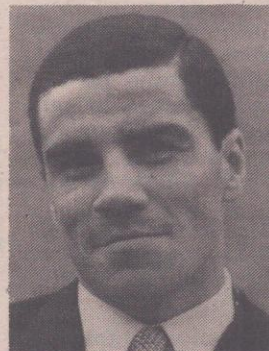
But when he moved up to middleweight he changed his spots, began to take chances and doubled his entertainment value.

His greatest assets are still his speed and agile boxing brain, but he also throws a few punches as well these days. To beat him, Price first has to catch him and then outpunch him and a lot of capable men have tried and failed.

Price has lost one professional fight after an amateur career which included two national titles and a Commonwealth Games gold medal.

Round

He lost to ex-world champion, Ayub Kalule in one round last year and that must raise slight doubts ab-



JIMMY PRICE

out the durability of his chin.

But it is Graham's general efficiency that makes him favourite. If Price fails to get him early the fight is likely to go all the way, but it is hard to see how Graham can lose it.



ZOLA BUDD . . . not invited to top class road races

Budd demo fear prompts ban

THE FEAR of demonstrations against Zola Budd have prompted the International Athletics' Club not to invite her to compete in a series of lucrative road races over the next two months in Britain.

Budd has not been considered for the newly-launched Gaymers Old English Cider series of races which will give athletics another massive sponsorship boost with a £700,000 cash injection.

In a three-year deal announced in London, the firm will back three city-centre road races for both men and women during May and June.

But Budd has not been considered for the races over 10km for men and 3km for women organised by the IAC.

They will be run in Glasgow on May 5, Cardiff (May 12) and Westminster (June 2), with top athletes from both Britain and the USA invited to compete for around £45,000 in prize money. All three races will be televised on Channel 4.

The IAC do not want a repeat of the anti-apartheid demonstrations against the South African girl which took place at last February's women's Cross Country championships at Birkenhead.

The demonstrators succeeded in forcing her to run off the course.

The three road races will be run over tight city centre courses. IAC chairman David Bedford admitted: 'We were not sure we could police a city centre course against this sort of thing, and we did not want to run the risk of demonstrations.'

Bedford added: 'We've

been following the idea of these races for some time, and are delighted to have got them off the ground.'

And Britain's Olympic 5,000 metres runner Tim Hutchings who will compete in two of the races said: 'A series of this kind has been long overdue. So many athletes have had to go to the USA to find this sort of competition, I'd much rather be coming to London for a road race.'

Leading athletes like Hutchings, Julian Goater, Eamonn Martin, Charlie Spedding, Mike Gratton, Roger Hackney and Allister Hutton will compete in the men's races, while the USA challenge will be led by former world cross country champion Craig Virgin.

Events

Among the women competitors will be Wendy Sly, Olympic 3,000 metres silver medallist, and British Cross Country champion Angela Tooby.

Both men's and women's events will incorporate team events, and Britain's leading clubs have the chance to pick up additional team prizes.

As well as awards for individual and team races, there will be overall prizes for the leading six athletes and teams at the end of the series.

Double Olympic champion Sebastian Coe is still pondering whether to run in the Cardiff race.

OLYMPIC MANIA

Three bids for 1992 Games

BY A SPORTS LINE REPORTER

THREE of the biggest cities in Britain yesterday staked their claims to stage the 1992 Olympics.

London, Birmingham and Manchester authorities simultaneously announced they were bidding for the Games. Their detailed proposals will be considered by the British Olympic Committee in July.

Whichever plan gets the backing of the BOA, it will have to be considered by the International Olympic Committee before a final decision for the 1992 venue is made by October 1986.

Six other international candidates have already put themselves forward for consideration: Barcelona, Paris, Amsterdam, Belgrade, Brisbane and New Delhi. Some are said to have been preparing their bids for the last two years.

● The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alan Traill, has written to the BOA submitting the preliminary bid for London.

He wrote on behalf of the City of London Corporation which has applied for the capital as a whole, because the abolition of the GLC — due in April 1986 — will leave London without any other general authority.

But the Lord Mayor's staff pointed out yesterday that it was a previous occupant of Mansion House who had made London's successful bid for the 1948 Olympics. London also staged the event in 1908.



Fanny Blankers-Koen (right) wins a gold medal at Wembley in the 1948 Olympics.

The announcement of the Corporations' bid contained no details of financing, although it is estimated the cost of staging the Games would be between £700 million and £1 billion.

For London, Wembley stadium would be the natural home for the athletics events and Wembley arena could house sports such as boxing, table tennis, volleyball, handball and wrestling. Crystal Palace could be used for other competitions, though a new swimming pool

might be required.

● BIRMINGHAM will spend £110,000 on a feasibility study before making a firm bid by mid-June.

The city hopes it can overcome some acknowledged difficulties in facilities by partially involving the neighbouring towns of Leicester and Nottingham.

In Los Angeles, facilities were required for 23 different sports as well as accommodation for more than 7,500 competitors.

Bryan Bird, chairman of Birmingham's leisure

committee insisted that the city's bid would meet all possible objections.

'I really do believe that Birmingham can make this dream come true. Our bid will be the best in Britain,' he said.

● MANCHESTER believes it can make a 'credible and powerful' bid to host the Olympics.

The Manchester Olympic Bid Committee, a business consortium which has been on a fact-finding trip to Los Angeles, called on the BOA to repudiate the suggestion that it would back

London in its bid for the games.

A spokesman said: 'The Manchester bid will again gain strength and we are confident Manchester's application to the BOA, at the end of June, will be both credible and powerful.'

'With all due respect, the scheme they have announced has already been under way in Manchester for nearly 12 weeks, and we are already deep into these sort of things they are starting to do now,' he feverishly claimed.

Rixon ruled out of Ashes

WICKET-KEEPER Steve Rixon ruled himself out of Australia's defence of the Ashes in England when he refused yesterday to sign a document barring cricketers from going to racist South Africa.

Rixon, who made his debut for Australia in 1977, said he had told the Australian Cricket Board he could not sign the document.

'I've made my position clear — I can't legally sign the statutory declaration in its current form,' said Rixon who is the first player to make his intention to tour South Africa clear.

The 17 players chosen to tour England on April 30 had until midnight last night to sign the document.

It was drawn up after plans for a tour of South Africa later this year — sponsored by the all-white South African Cricket Union — became public.

Result

The ACB will announce the result of their stand against South Africa today. They have made it plain that any player who did not promise to sever links with the racist republic would not go on the tour.

As the midnight deadline approached the position of Dirk Wellham,

Murray Bennett, Graeme Wood, Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy and the other wicket-keeper Wayne Phillips was unclear.

But Dirk Wellham and said yesterday: 'I'll be on the UK trip. I want to go to England — not South Africa.'

● John Emburey and Graham Gooch — two players banned by the MCC cricket authorities for touring South Africa — are playing against each other today at MCC headquarters.

Gooch plays for county champions Essex while Emburey becomes the first of 15 players linked

to the racist state to play for the MCC after their three year ban expired last week.

Gooch is reckoned to be certain to walk back into the England Test team now the ban has ended after scoring 2,559 runs last season for Essex.

The ball will be firmly in the MCC and Test and County Cricket Board's court if Australian players linked with apartheid are barred from the England tour.

The Test selectors could infuriate teams like the West Indies if they bring back players who went on the 1982 tour also sponsored by the South African Cricket Union.

Luton look for sponsor

LUTON are looking for a sponsor to cover the £250,000 cost of laying a plastic pitch at their Kenilworth Road stadium in the summer.

They will be the second League club to do so, following in QPR's omnifur footstep.

The First Division club already has Football League permission to use an artificial surface. That was given two years ago when the club also asked permission to relocate to Milton Keynes.

The Milton Keynes plan failed but Luton club secretary Graham Mackrell said yesterday: 'Those permissions are still in force. We still want a new stadium because ours is inadequate. But at the moment there is no site on the near horizon and we can't sit here while the place falls around our ears.'