

A major setback on Central America

CONGRESS BLOW FOR REAGAN



REAGAN... \$14 million set-back

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE DEFEAT by Congress of President Reagan's plans to finance the overthrow of the revolutionary government of Nicaragua is a major blow to the White House and the plans of US imperialism.

Reagan had wanted a free hand to plot the destruction of the Sandinist administration in Managua and the rebuff will be felt in London, where Prime Minister Thatcher is his closest ally.

The defeat in Congress was an expression of the American people's widespread opposition to another counter-revolutionary war ten years after the imperialist debacle in Vietnam.

In the past few days TV viewers have been treated to programmes on the 10th anniversary of the retreat from Saigon and the liberation of Vietnam.

These scenes were clearly in the minds of members of Congress as they debated Reagan's plans, knowing that opinion polls show huge ma-

jorities against military intervention in Nicaragua.

It was Reagan's most serious blow since his re-election as president when the House of Representatives decisively rejected his moves to send more money to the CIA-backed 'Contras'.

Lost

The vote in the Democrat-dominated House of Representatives on the resolution was lost by 248 to 180.

The Republican-controlled Senate on Tuesday night approved

the funds 53 to 46 but approval by both chambers was needed for Reagan to spend the money in his bid to destroy the Sandinist government of President Ortega.

Democratic representative Edward Boland said Reagan's proposal 'offers only one alternative, armed conflict... a conflict which cannot succeed without the use of US forces'.

The House rejection of the Bill was a major repudiation of Reagan's four-year-old policy of arming the anti-Sandinist bandits, to whom he has referred as 'freedom fighters' and likened to

the founding fathers of the United States.

Reagan was able to carry the Senate only after assuring his fellow Republicans in writing that the money would be used only for food, clothing, medicine and other non-lethal purposes.

After the vote, State Department official Otto Reich admitted that the House vote was 'a bad foreign policy defeat for the United States', declaring that 'the government in Nicaragua — the communist government in Nicaragua — won a victory'.

Republicans launched a

desperate defence of Reagan's counter-revolutionary war on Central America in the wake of the House defeat.

Argued

House Minority Leader Robert Michel, an Illinois Republican, said it 'distorted' the president's wishes on this day'. He argued Reagan had since amended his request to seek what he termed humanitarian aid.

Michel said: 'It (the Democrats' rejection) is an artificial contrivance designed to put the president's position in the

worst possible light.'

Told for months he faced certain defeat in the House on the proposal, Reagan last week reluctantly abandoned his request for military aid and agreed to seek in 1985 only 'humanitarian' aid for the US-sponsored bandits.

But there were serious disagreements between Congress and the White House over who would receive even the so-called humanitarian funds and how they would be allocated.

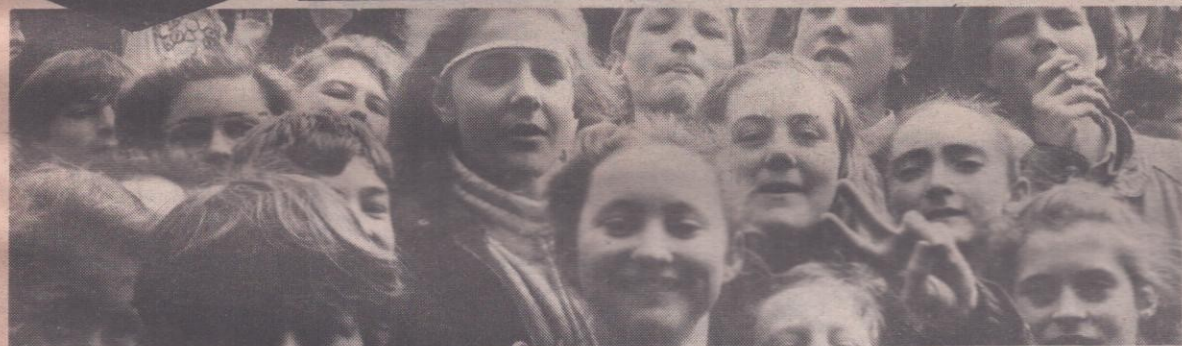
Schools strike on YTS

PRIME Minister Thatcher, Labour leader Neil Kinnock and TUC general secretary Norman Willis joined hands yesterday to attack today's strike by school students.

Thatcher condemned the action against cheap-labour YTS schemes as a 'clear political act of a totally negative nature'.

At Labour's NEC Kinnock slammed left MPs supporting the strike as 'a bunch of dafties'.

The NEC carried by 17 votes to 7 a motion condemning the strike. Those voting against were: Eric Heffer, Dennis Skinner, Tony Benn, Jo Richardson, Joan Maynard, Michael Meacher and Frances Curran.



School pupils who led a recent walk-out at Kirkby, Liverpool, where another strike is planned today as part of national action

20,000 Scottish teachers stop for day

FROM CHRIS CORRIGAN

STRIKE action was taken by nearly 90 per cent of teachers in Scottish secondary schools yesterday. The scale of the stoppage surprised union leaders and government ministers.

Unity with other public service struggles was the theme at several of the ten rallies held in towns and cities.

'More secondary schools teachers were on strike today than on any previous day of industrial action,' said Educational Institute of Scotland general secretary John Pollock.

Illusion

Nobody should be under any illusion that the long-running pay and conditions fight is crumbling, Pollock added.

When he was speaking, Pollock and other EIS leaders were estimating the response at around 80 per cent. But as more reports from districts came in later in the day, this figure climbed to almost

90 per cent — a massive proportion.

The ratio was nearly as high in remote Highland areas as in places like Clydeside. Members of both the EIS, the largest union, and the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association, took part.

A demonstration through Hamilton, Lanarkshire, by striking teachers was joined by other trade unionists. Marchers were urged to join a demonstration in Airdrie on Saturday, May 4, against Lanarkshire health board's privatisation plans for hospital services.

NUPE area officer Rachel Squire told a rally at the end of the Hamilton march that the fight for education was linked to the fight in the health service.

'Unions in both sectors are seeing cuts taking place when people em-

ployed both in education and the NHS have helped subsidise these services with their own low pay.'

'The health board in this area has announced its timetable for privatisation and similar moves are threatened in the education service,' she said.

John Leopold, Glasgow president of the Association of University Teachers, said workers in the NHS and other public services are in the same fight as the teachers.

He emphasised that his union at national and regional level had resisted attempts to get others to mark examination papers instead of teachers taking part in selective strikes.

In Aberdeen, there were about 400 people at a rally. Alex Stanley, of the Scottish Secondary Teachers Association, accused the government of

'pompous blustering' because they knew the teachers' case was unanswerable.

There had been a campaign of intimidation to provoke teachers into an all-out strike, he claimed.

James Martin, assistant general secretary of the EIS, said the government had been totally incompetent in its attempts to drive wedges between teachers. 'The more they do that the more we will resist.'

Fought

Teachers had fought for years for reforms. 'The government does not understand what it will reap from its action,' Martin stated.

Last night, EIS leader John Pollock accused Secretary of State George Younger and the Scottish Examinations Board of playing 'Russian roulette' with pupils' exam prospects.

The board had warned that examination certificates might be withheld if elements of practical work had not been completed due to industrial action.

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TUC CONFLICT OVER MINERS' TRUST FUND

THE TUC general council yesterday overturned a decision by the Finance and General Purposes Committee not to set up a trust fund to help the day-to-day running of the NUM.

In a narrow vote, the committee decision was referred back, although it was made clear that a trust fund method of financing the union is unlikely.

In the 18-17 vote, those supporting the reference

BY BEN RUDDER

back argued that the TUC should be seen to be giving financial assistance to the NUM.

But it is unlikely that a public trust fund will be set up following advice from TUC general secretary that the fund may be open to sequestration.

Earlier in the week, the TUC's finance and general purposes committee rejected by 8-2 an urgent

appeal by the NUM for a trust fund to help pay day-to-day costs of running the national union.

Willis told the general council that he had held discussions with the NUM about its present financial difficulties, but that he was not at liberty to make such information generally known.

All the NUM funds are presently under a High

Court sequestration order following court action by scabs during the 12-month struggle for jobs.

Willis claimed yesterday that the reference back was not a criticism of the Finance and General Purposes Committee decision. He said: 'The Finance and General Purposes Committee have always said they wanted to give support for the NUM financially in line with us not getting into legal difficulties.'

'Today's vote was concerned to speed up the process,' he added.

Willis is to meet West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl today prior to the summit meeting of Western countries next week.

Both he and David Bassett, retiring leader of the GMBATU general workers' union, are to appeal for policies to increase economic growth and reduce unemployment.

● AN injunction banning

the Yorkshire Area of the NUM from spending money on mass pickets was lifted by the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Scott, who made the order in February in favour of scabs, discharged the order by consent.

Richard Slow, counsel for the scab miners, told the judge that they had been given 'certain assurances' by the union and were now happy that the order be ended.

Money market turmoil

THE MONEY markets were in turmoil again yesterday, with the pound falling at one point to \$1.2150 after starting the week at \$1.30.

At its worst point it was down four cents on the day, before closing at \$1.2275. It also fell against the German mark, dropping suddenly three pfennigs in less than half an hour's trading.

Sterling's overall international value fell sharply in the day, from the previous night's close of 78.8 to a low of 77.0 according to the Bank of England index.

It was also hit by further falls in the price of free market oil, with a barrel falling from \$27.30 to \$27.06 in Rotterdam yesterday.

The dollar rose against other currencies, after remarks by the US central bank chief Paul Volcker.

He said that it would be difficult to get US interest rates lower as America depended on attracting finance from abroad to finance the huge government spending deficit.

The dollar has fallen recently following a number of banking failures and the poor performance of the US economy.

London wants abolition probe

MORE than three-quarters of Londoners are in favour of a public inquiry to examine the pros and cons of GLC abolition before a final decision is taken by parliament.

A poll commissioned for the GLC shows 77 per cent of people interviewed are in favour of an inquiry. Only 12 per cent are against.

A majority of Londoners continue to oppose the abolition of the Labour-controlled council.

The poll shows 63 per cent of Londoners against abolition, with only 17 per cent in favour.

On Londoners' voting intentions, the survey shows that of those naming a political party they would vote for at a general election, 49 per cent would vote Labour, 28 per cent Tory and 22

per cent SDP/Liberal Alliance.

GLC leader Ken Livingstone said yesterday: 'The latest poll clearly shows the continuing worries and fears that most Londoners have about abolishing the GLC.'

'They absolutely believe, like us, that the government owes it to London to at least allow an independent inquiry into the whole abolition issue before any final and irrevocable decision is taken.'

'People of all political parties now firmly believe London faces major problems if the GLC is dismantled and replaced by unaccountable boards and quangos.'

'They are genuinely worried about the loss of democracy and the sheer practical difficulties of running London's services.'



Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington city council, addressing last night's public meeting. Sitting next to her is the chairman of the London Bridge shop stewards' organisation, Jim O'Brien

CRUCIAL PHASE IN RATE-CAP FIGHT

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

THE FIGHT against rate-capping has reached a crucial phase, a London meeting in defence of public services heard last night.

The threat of rate-capping had brought councils and workers together in a unique and new relationship which was crucial in the struggle to defend jobs and services, Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington council, said.

'There are eight local authorities left. People think the battle is over but I don't believe it is and if we face Patrick

Jenkin united then he will only be faced with the option of negotiating with us.

Future

'Is he really going to surcharge and disqualify 400 councillors whose future is at risk? Is he really going to take the political consequences for the Tory Party of all that sort of martyrdom? I don't believe he can.'

If he did it would be a

death-knell for the Tories, Hodge said.

Fire Brigades Union general secretary Ken Cameron called for the unity of the political and trade union wings of the labour movement.

This meant looking at the mistakes of the trade union movement.

When the Tory anti-union laws had been used against the National Graphical Association, he had been a member of the TUC

General Council which voted by 26-22 that the TUC could no longer support the NGA and must act within the law.

'I don't think it was an accident that within two weeks of that decision we saw Geoffrey Howe talk about removing trade union rights at GCHQ. And following GCHQ we had the NUM.'

Speakers

It was a class war that could not be won by leaving the miners, the civil servants, the teachers and others isolated.

Other speakers included National Union of Teachers executive member Ken Jones, Jim O'Brien, chairman of the London Bridge local authority shop stewards' organisation, Society of Civil and Public Servants general secretary-designate Leslie Christie and Rita Donaghy, executive member of the NALGO local government union.

Nelson's facelift 'extravagant': Benn

THE £2 million the Tories are to spend refurbishing the wardroom of HMS Nelson at Portsmouth naval base has been denounced as 'extravagant' by Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield.

John Lee, Defence Procurement Minister, told him that the wardroom was a listed building dating from 1902, with facilities for officers serving at that time. Little major work had been done on it since then.

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No rate for Sheffield

SHEFFIELD City Council voted for the fifth time yesterday not to make a rate in defiance of Tory cuts policies.

Despite speculation in the press, the Labour Group stood absolutely firm.

There were no defections as the no-rate policy was carried by 55 votes to 26 after an hour-

long debate.

Leader David Blunkett told the meeting that it was in the best interests of the city that there should be no rate passed.

Four other rate-capped councils — Camden, Southwark, Greenwich and Hackney — were meeting last night and all were expected to

maintain resistance.

On Tuesday night, Islington Council shrugged off six Labour defections to hold to the no-rates policy.

All the London authorities have been warned that failure to make a rate could lead to personal financial losses and a ban from office.

Printers hope for NUJ backing

THE 144 sacked members of the NGA print union at Kent Messenger Group newspapers are hoping for backing from an NUJ journalists chapel meeting tomorrow.

The sacked printers have mounted pickets at the offices of the newspaper group, but are asking journalists not to work with the integrated computer system at the heart of the dispute.

The printers were delivered dismissal notices on Tuesday after the management refused negotiations over the new equipment.

They had mounted a sit-in last weekend in protest at the company's refusal to come to agreement on the installation of the computer, which they believe will lead to many redundancies.

Months

A spokesman for the union told News Line yesterday that the printers had attempted to get an agreement with management over the new technology for several months.

But when the management proceeded with the installation of the computer without coming to an agreement, NGA members decided to refuse normal work last Wednesday morning.

The following Friday, the group's managing director Edwin Boorman issued a statement saying their was 'no purpose' in further negotiations.

NGA vice-chairman Adrian Radcliffe said yesterday that the management's sackings and refusal to negotiate only proved how correct his members had been in taking action in the first place.

REPORT MISLEADS ON ASBESTOS DANGERS

ASBESTOS use in Britain should be phased out to a total ban in five years, the GMBATU general workers' union said yesterday after studying the latest official report on the deadly material.

The report, commissioned for the Health and Safety Executive, was attacked by anti-asbestos campaigner Nancy Tait, who said it gave a false picture of the dangers to public health, with one of its authors describing asbestosis as 'a disease of the past'.

'This report will simply

BY A SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

encourage employers to find an excuse to limit the protection they give to these people in the course of their work,' she said yesterday.

David Gee, national health and safety officer of the GMBATU, said that the HSE had neglected the dangers to the public from asbestos pollution.

'The HSE report is about asbestos at work and doesn't give serious attention to the public risk from asbestos in buildings.

'The final throwaway remark about "tiny risks" to the public are dangerously misleading.

'If unnecessary asbestos removal is stopped as a result of the report that will be good. But if dusty asbestos in schools and houses is ignored now, then some people, particularly children, will die unnecessarily of asbestos cancer,' Gee said.

He added that the report merely confirmed what anti-asbestos campaigners had said for

many years, that there was no such thing as a 'safe level' of asbestos, and that four types of cancer were caused by fibres of the lethal substance.

He added that the report also made it clear that the science of estimating the number of deaths caused by low levels of exposure to asbestos dust was little more than inspired guesswork.

He called for a phased ban in the use of asbestos in Britain and called for government intervention

to ensure that individual companies were not tempted to avoid demands for an end to asbestos use and manufacture.

He also warned that special care should be taken to ensure that the mineral wool substitutes for asbestos currently being marketed do not pose similar health hazards as asbestos.

'Effects on Health of Exposure to Asbestos' by Richard Doll and Julian Peto is published by HMSO at £5.00

Owen accused of assault

CLARE SHORT, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, has formally accused the leader of the SDP, Dr David Owen, of assaulting her during an incident in the Commons on Tuesday.

She has lodged a complaint with the deputy Speaker, Harold Walker. She said: 'The SDP are accusing the Labour Party of thuggery. All Labour back-benchers did was sit in Dr Owen's seat — there were plenty of empty seats in the row behind.'

'When he came over to speak at the despatch box, he pushed my legs away — and hurt me. He physically assaulted me by behaving in a thuggish way.'

'He used physical force with his whole body to push my legs away. What he did was an assault in law.'

Short added: 'What is more for him to stand in front of me and block my view would be considered aggressive behaviour by any normal standards of courtesy.'

Defence

Two right-wing Tory MPs have come to Owen's defence demanding that Labour's employment spokesman John Prescott be dismissed from the Shadow Cabinet for his 'bully boy tactics' during the incident.

Richard Hickmet and Michael Brown said Prescott's conduct in 'elbowing away' Owen was disgraceful. A third Tory right-winger, John Townend, later joined the call for Prescott to resign.

New moves to muzzle media

THE government plans to set up an organisation to 'advise' journalists on what they should report during a war or in the period leading up to one.

The move comes in a White Paper setting out the government's response to a 1983 study group set up by the Ministry of Defence to consider censorship in wartime, particularly in the light of the 'Falklands conflict'.

Circumstances could arise where additional powers — more censorship — would need to be taken for the control of information or special arrangements needed for the live reporting of parliament, according to the plan.

The report says 'the government has a duty to provide authoritative advice in the expectation that most journalists would welcome it'.

It is apparent that the government believes it does not need compulsion to censor the news following the servility of Fleet Street during the Malvinas (Falklands) war of 1982.

Thatcher's press managers clearly are of the

opinion that they can count on agreement with the media men.

The White Paper says 'the government must create the greatest possible degree of trust between itself and the media and intensive briefings have a part to play in this'.

According to the Paper accurate reporting of war 'can lead to distress among servicemen and their families' so that journalists should refrain from showing close-up pictures of untreated casualties.

Field censorship in war theatres should be based on striking bargains under which journalists are accredited in return for their 'co-operation'.

The government says work is in hand on the best possible arrangements.

Ministers also agree with the White Paper's call to 'regulate' international telephone and telex calls.



HEALTH workers from St Bartholemew's Hospital in the City of London yesterday held a lively open-air meeting to draw attention to the damaging impact of privatisation in the National Health Service. The rally was part of a series of events taking place during the TUC's 'NHS Focus Week'.

Speakers warned that the threat of private tendering was now facing a whole number of London hospitals. The first major targets were likely to be the domestics at St Bartholemew's and St Mark's, whose services are being put out to tender by the District Health Authority this coming November.

4.5% for yard workers

LEADERS of 40,000 shipyard workers in Britain have accepted a 4.5 per cent pay rise after seven hours of talks with management.

The new deal follows the rejection two weeks ago by the unions of a 3.2 per cent offer.

The increase will mean a rise of £6.25 for skilled workers and £5 for unskilled workers. Bonus schemes are to be discussed at local level.

Ballot

● IT is understood that the ballot of 25,000 manual workers in the water industry is likely to produce acceptance of a 5.6 per cent pay offer.

The deal will mean an increase of £5.24 in basic pay, and some small improvements on allowances.

The final result of all ballots is expected early next week, but early returns in the majority GMBATU general workers' union, and the NUPE public workers' union indicate a definite acceptance of the offer.

GREENHAM WOMEN APPEAL ON POLL

THE legal row over the right of women at the Greenham Common peace camp to vote in next week's local elections in the area, reached the appeal court in London yesterday.

Overtake

A local residents' group known as RAGE — Ratepayers Against the Greenham Encampment — asked the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, and two other appeal judges, to overturn an earlier test case decision that the women could vote.

A county court judge

had ruled that the names of seven women peace campers should be added to the electoral register for Newbury district, which covers the cruise missile base.

Newbury's electoral registration officer had originally decided that the names of 13 women from the peace camp should be on the register.

But RAGE chairman George Meyer objected and all 13 names were removed.

Six were taken from the list because they did not fall within the scope of the 1983 Representation of the People Act.

The other seven women, who are at the centre of the appeal court case, had their names removed because 'their re-

sidence was unlawful', counsel for RAGE, George Newman, QC, told the court.

Last month, Newbury county court allowed an appeal by the seven and reinstated their names.

Issue

Newman said the main issue raised by the case was the meaning of references to 'residency' in the 1983 Act, and on 'the quality and character of residence required by the Act for a person to be placed on the electoral register'.

RAGE's appeal to Sir John Donaldson, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Justice Glidewell is expected to last three days.

Peace vote defeat for AUEW leaders

THE right-wing leadership of the AUEW engineering union suffered a second defeat at the hands of national committee delegates yesterday who voted to affiliate to the CND peace campaign.

Earlier in the week, the right-wing leaders failed to win enough support to challenge TUC policy by accepting Tory cash to run future union ballots.

Although the union delegates would not support unilateral disarmament, and are committed to accepting Tory cash for ballots already held, the two decisions underline a growing weakness of the union's right-wing leaders.

The delegates voted by

65-57 to affiliate to the CND, against the wishes of the executive. The executive were called on to mount a campaign opposing neutron bombs and cruise missiles based in Britain.

Resolution

The successful resolution also called for opposition to the Trident nuclear missile system and against 'attempts to fool the public into believing that a nuclear war can be survived'.

But in an amendment, approved by 65 votes to 56, the committee then tied the union's affiliation to CND to demands for a multilateral disarmament campaign.

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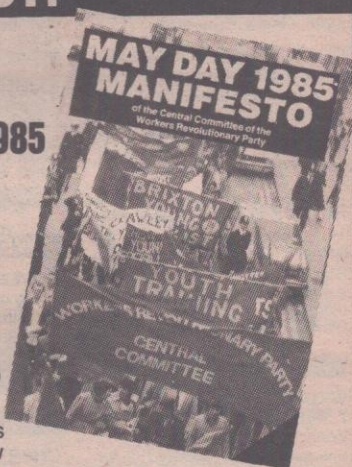
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SCOTLAND

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 Althison** (Bilston Glen NUM branch secretary)

SPRINGBURN: Wednesday May 1, 7.30p.m. Sighthill Primary School, Sighthill.
Speakers: **Colin Carberry** (Springburn YS); **David Hamilton** (Springburn WRP); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee); **Eddie Broom** (ASLEF Eastfield branch chairman, in personal capacity)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTH WEST

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

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

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS: Tuesday May 7, 7.30p.m. The Railway.
Speakers: **John Lappin** (Warrington YS); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

HYDE: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Crown Hotel, Market Street.
Speakers: **Chris McBride** (YS Regional Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee)

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

DINGLE: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. Great Eastern Public House, Mill Street, Liverpool 8.
Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee)

LIVERPOOL: Tuesday May 14, 7.30p.m. The Jawbone, Litherland Road, Liverpool 20.
Speakers: **Keith Mullin** (Walton YS); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Roger Mullin** (UCATT Sefton Trades Council, in personal capacity)

KIRKBY: Wednesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Kirkby Unemployed Centre, Leeside Avenue.
Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **John Simons** (WRP North West District Committee)

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

STOCKPORT: Wednesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Purple Room, Trade Union Centre, High Street.
Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Waring** (WRP Central Committee)

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

YORKSHIRE

HALIFAX: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. AUEW Club, St James Street.
Speakers: **Warren Stewart** (Bradford YS); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **In personal capacity: Jeff Ferguson** (Emley Moor NUM); **Keith Jennings** (Bradford NUPE)

KEIGHLEY: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. Albert Hotel, Bridge Street.
Speakers: **Warren Stewart** (YS Regional Committee); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **Keith Jennings** (NUPE Bradford Waterworks, in personal capacity)

WEST MIDLANDS

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

EAST MIDLANDS

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

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

EASTERN

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

THETFORD: Thursday May 2, 7.30p.m. The Guildhall, Market Place.
Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Fiona Cairns** (WRP District Committee)

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

WESTERN

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 Midx 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)

LONDON

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)

ANOTHER successful end-of-term benefit for Brixton Young Socialists Training Centre was held yesterday evening at Surrey Halls, in Stockwell, south London. The entertaining evening was opened and compered by Rudolph Walker, well-known for the series 'Love Thy Neighbour'. Walker is established in south London for his involvement with young people.

With soundtrack from the 'Rocky' film in the background, there were some basic demonstrations of the weight training including bench pressing. The drama group performed a play based on Gary Tyler, the young black American who was framed and imprisoned for a murder he did not commit. He is serving his 11th year of a life sentence.

Co-star of the film 'Babylon', Karl Howman, compered the second half of the benefit. One of the main highlights of the evening was the group who came on skat singing with professional instructor at the Brixton centre, Maggie Nicholls. One of their numbers included 'The Harder They Come'.

Everyone was taken in by the spectacular breakdance and popping. The youth showed that they were real professionals with creditable routines.



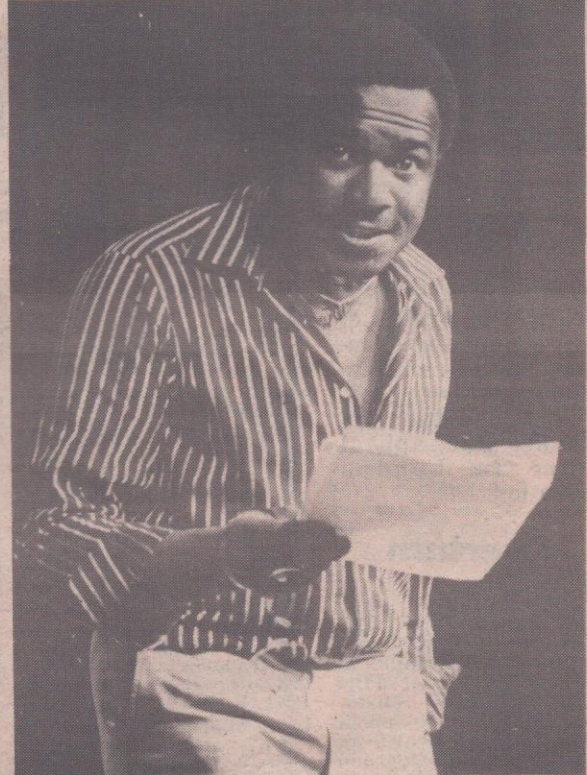
A shot from the spectacular breakdance and body popping



Maggie Nicholls with singers — one of the main highlights of the evening. INSET: A demonstration of the weight training



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School students strike against cheap labour

THOUSANDS of school students from all over the country will come out on a half-day strike today in opposition to the Tory plans to make the cheap labour Youth Training Scheme compulsory.

There will be demonstrations and rallies in several big cities, including London, Liverpool, Manchester, Southampton, Cardiff and Manchester.

The action has been called by the Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign, which was set up by the Labour Party Young Socialists.

In Liverpool, the Labour council has given a 'free pardon' to school pupils joining in the strike action in their area.

The city's education committee voted on Tuesday that there should be 'no victimisation' of those taking part.

Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock yesterday made a bitter attack on the action, denouncing as 'a bunch of dafties' those Labour MPs and others who are backing the half-day national school students' strike.

Kinnock was speaking at yesterday's meeting of the National Executive Committee in the wake of a Commons motion signed by 16 left Labour MPs to support the strike.

The executive voted 17-7 to condemn the call for strike action.

Kinnock said: 'Listening to the majority of people and their concerns they will tell you, as they told me, that they think the kids are being exploited by a bunch of dafties.'

Problems

'They are right. The people who say they can help youngsters and their terrible problems with strikes are more interested in their own delusions than in kids' realities.'

The Commons motion was sponsored by Dave Nellist, MP for Coventry South East. At least two members of the NEC, Dennis Skinner (Bolsover) and Joan Maynard (Sheffield Brightside) signed it.

The motion speaks of 'the widespread and growing opposition, particularly among young

BY PENNY BLOOR

people, to the use by the Tory government of the Youth Training Scheme as a blatant attempt to reduce the dole figures and generally cheapen young people's wages.'

The motion then makes an appeal to the Tory government to establish trade union rights and rates of pay for trainees on YTS courses.

It adds: 'We welcome the call by the Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign for a half-day national school students' strike in support of these demands as an excellent vehicle for drawing school students towards the labour movement and the Labour Party, as the only bodies capable of providing a decent future for young people.'

Statement

The TUC also issued a statement attacking the schools strike.

It 'deplored the activities of the Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign in calling for a strike of schoolchildren on Thursday April 25'.

The statement described the action as 'improper, and exploiting people for political purposes'.

The TUC said that there was no way of protecting schoolchildren involved in strike action.

The Young Socialists, youth movement of the Workers Revolutionary Party, has declared its full support for today's school strike against compulsory cheap labour.

They say: 'The Tories aim to impoverish youth and turn them into state slaves, working for a pathetic £26.25 on these schemes.'

'If they refuse they can be thrown on to the streets without any money. The time to fight



SCHOOL students who came out on strike in Kirkby, Liverpool, last week

back is now! What is the point in studying hard for exams for a dead end future at the end of it?

'It is not just a question of a few more pounds on the YTS — they must be got rid of altogether. The main aim of the YTS is to use youth as cheap labour against the organised trade unions — by taking their jobs for less pay — with no proper health and safety or trade union rights.'

'Already 23 youth have been killed on YOPs and YTS. Youth must unite with older workers in the fight to defend jobs, like the teachers, the council workers and the miners.'

The Young Socialists statement warns about the capitalist state, declaring: 'The same state attacking youth now was used against the miners and their families — on strike for a year to defend their jobs.'

Sacked

'Now 700 miners have been sacked and 200 thrown in prison. It is the same treatment that the Tories have prepared for young people.'

School students are urged to form Young Socialist School Societies to carry forward the fight against compulsory cheap labour.

Marches and rallies today

THIS is a list of the events in six main areas for today's national schools half-day strike:

LONDON: 2p.m. Lincolns Inn Field, Holborn, then walk to Manpower Services Commission headquarters at Selkirk House, 166 High Holborn, for a lobby 2.30p.m.-3p.m., followed by a rally at Lincolns Inn Fields at 3p.m..

LONDON Feeder March: 12.30p.m. from 24 High Street North (Labour Party headquarters), East Ham, London E12.

LIVERPOOL: 1.30p.m. March from St George's Plateau, followed by rally at Pier Head.

NEWCASTLE: Rally at 1.30p.m. at Newcastle Polytechnic.

CARDIFF: Rally on steps of Welsh Office at 2p.m.

SOUTHAMPTON: Rally at 2p.m. at Hoglands Park.

MANCHESTER: Rally at 2p.m. at Albert Square by the Town Hall.

Peace Council 'not a Soviet front'

LABOUR MP James Lamond yesterday firmly denied claims that the World Peace Council, of which he is vice-president, is 'a Soviet front organisation'.

He said he would 'never accept' that allegation, and claimed that the council reflects the views of the vast majority of the countries of the world, not the Soviet Union.

In a Lords debate on Tuesday, Lord Orr-Ewing

said the World Peace Council was one of several front organisations for the Soviet Union, dedicated to subversion.

Lamond told Radio 4's 'Today' programme that his post with the council was well known.

'There is absolutely nothing new in the so-called revelations that I am vice-president of the Peace Council,' he said. 'I have always made it absolutely clear.'

LOW PAY HITS CIVIL SERVICE

LOW PAY is to blame for declining standards in the civil service, according to an official report released yesterday.

The five Civil Service Commissioners responsible for recruitment say in their annual report that their ability to recruit well-qualified staff is most seriously hampered by poor pay.

The report coincides with the current civil service pay dispute following the

government's 'final' offer of 4.9 per cent.

The unions have demanded increases of up to 15 per cent, and are pressing for their claim to go to arbitration.

Affects

The report says that low pay particularly affects the recruitment of scientists, mathematical accountants, statisticians, lawyers and engineers.

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Briefly ...**Japanese miners killed**

TOKYO — Eleven workers were killed, six injured and an unknown number trapped in a coal mine on Japan's southern Kyushu Island after a fire broke out yesterday. Police said 501 workers were in the mine when the fire caused an explosion in the colliery owned by the Mitsubishi Coal Mining Company in the early morning.

Farm talks fail — again

BRUSSELS — Common Market farm ministers have failed in a fifth attempt to fix prices for the 1985-86 farm year but have decided to try again at a special meeting in a week's time. The deadlock came on Tuesday, after two days of discussions on apparently doomed plans to contain the group's growing cereals surpluses by severe price cuts.

Rabat-Madrid war games

RABAT — Spanish and Moroccan warships are carrying out naval manoeuvres in the western Mediterranean this week. Five warships each from the Spanish and Moroccan navies are involved in the exercises based on the 'Atlas-84' naval and air manoeuvres of last October.

Chile victim freed

SANTIAGO — The daughter of a former Chilean minister, Andrea Hales, a 27-year-old psychiatrist active in opposition politics, has revealed she was abducted and questioned for 24 hours by armed men early this week. She was questioned about the activities of her brothers and her father, Alejandro Hales, Mining and Agriculture Minister in the Christian Democratic government that preceded the late Salvador Allende's 1970-73 left-wing administration. The family are active opponents of General Augusto Pinochet's military junta.

US-Australia talks

CANBERRA — Australia and the United States will hold talks on disarmament and arms control next week, according to Foreign Minister Bill Hayden. A nine-member US delegation would be led by the American Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Kenneth Adelman, Hayden said yesterday. Similar discussions were held in Canberra last March with Vladimir Petrovsky, a senior Soviet Foreign Ministry bureaucrat.

New Saudi-US projects

WASHINGTON — The United States and Saudi Arabian Joint Commission on Economic Co-operation has announced four new projects after its ninth annual meeting this week. US Treasury Secretary James Baker and Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed Abalkhail chaired the session.

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Renault carworkers during a recent protest against job cuts

RENAULT DISCLOSES LOSSES BOMBSHELL

PARIS — Renault, the state-owned carmaker, has announced a net loss of 12.55 billion francs (\$1.35 billion) for 1984.

Until recently West Europe's largest seller of cars, the losses exceeded the French government's worst fears.

The result is eight times the 1983 loss of 1.58 billion francs (\$170 million) and nearly four times the first half of 1984 loss of 3.6 billion francs (\$390 million).

Finance Minister Pierre Bergevoy said on television the state would 'do its duty' as the only shareholder in Renault.

Bergevoy said: 'It is up to the firm itself to take the measures necessary for a turnaround in its accounts.'

'Not everything must

be always sought of the state, either in the public sector or private sector.'

It was an order to Renault to resolve its crisis by either going private or seeking assistance from French capitalists.

French carworkers have fought for the past year and a half against the reactionary strategy of the Socialist Party regime of President Mitterrand's.

Renault, which used to be the proud flagship of

the French state sector, said the main cause of its deficit was a 9.87-billion franc (\$1.07-billion) loss turned in by its previously profitable car division.

The highest earlier estimate of its overall 1984 losses was no more than 12 billion francs (\$1.3 billion), issued in February by a trade union official.

Georges Besse replaced Bernard Hanon as chairman of Renault last January as the com-

pany's performance deteriorated sharply.

Renault's share of the French car market shrank dramatically last year to less than a third of new car sales, compared with nearly two-fifths two years earlier.

Moreover, the firm was overtaken as market leader by its arch rival, the privately-owned Peugeot group.

The rapid acceleration of the losses in the second half of 1984 coincided with the launch of Renault's 'Superfive' small car at

the Paris Motor Show in October.

Renault introduced the new supermini as a look-alike of the 12-year-old 'Five' it was due to replace in the hope it would regain the 'Five's' pre-eminent place on the Western European small car market.

But even in France the 'Superfive' has been slow to make inroads against the public's new favourite, Peugeot's 205.

Renault also continued to suffer heavy losses in the commercial vehicle sector.

Its operations worldwide contributed 2.73 billion francs (\$295 million) to group losses, an increase from 2.21 billion francs (\$240 million) in 1983.

GM profits nosedive

DETROIT — General Motors profits for the first three months of 1985 have declined to \$1.07 billion, a 33.6 per cent drop from a record \$1.61 billion in the first 1984 quarter.

GM, which has introduced savage austerities by cutting wage contracts, has blamed modernising operations for the sharp drop.

The company is making its plants technology-intensive to compete with similar plants being set up by Japanese firms in the United States.

Its losses are largely the result of depressed car sales and uncompetitive design and performance in an increasingly cost-conscious consumer market.

For all of 1984 GM had record profits of \$4.5 billion, compared with \$2.9 billion for Ford, \$2.4 billion for Chrysler and \$15.5 million for American Motors.

According to analysts the profits of the big three Detroit-based giants could decline by as much as \$2 billion from the record 1984 levels.

Chrysler plans to announce first-quarter profits today and Ford is expected to release its figures tomorrow.

American Motors said last Friday it lost \$29 million in that period.

PanAm's wings clipped

NEW YORK — Pan American World Airways has clipped its world service in half and has bowed out of nearly 50 years of trans-Pacific domination that was beginning to look increasingly hollow.

Pan Am's Pacific service is to be sold in a \$750-million deal to Chicago-based United Airlines, the largest American carrier.

The 'Clipper Service' carrier, once nicknamed the 'American flag airline' is going the way of many of its other beleaguered competitors in the United States and is in a deep debt crisis.

It shocked the industry this week by announcing plans to sell its Pacific business.

The announcement

was a far cry from the pre-war days when Pan Am exhibited newsreels of dashing pilots flying the famous 'China Clipper' seaplane into Manila Bay in the 1930s.

Pan Am chairman Edward Acker said: 'Sometimes, in the interests of shareholders, you have to sacrifice sentiment and nostalgia.'

The carrier lost nearly \$207 million last year and investments analysts say Pacific competition has 'become too much for the airline'.

Scott and Stringfellow analyst David Campbell said: 'They made a profit in the Pacific but over the years they haven't done well there.'

Pan Am's decision

was influenced also by the fact that Washington and Tokyo are negotiating an agreement that will allow more Asian flights by more airlines.

Campbell said the company would have had to spend a lot of money to stay competitive, and invest in expensive, long-range, wide-bodied aircraft to fly the world's longest routes.

Pan Am started its trans-Pacific service in 1935 with a gruelling 59-hour flight from San Francisco to Manila, with refuelling and rest stops in Honolulu, Midway, Wake Island and Guam.

But it had only 14 per cent of the passenger traffic in the Pacific region last year.

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ARMY MOVES INTO SRI LANKA'S EAST

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka's Eastern Province was placed under military control yesterday after two weeks of communal clashes inspired by the Junius Jayewardene regime.

The Batticaloa region, south of the naval base of Trincomalee, has been racked by clashes between Tamil Muslims and non-Muslims for the past two weeks.

Information Minister Anandatissa de Alwis said an emergency Cabinet meeting had decided to deploy the troops.

He said: 'Action will be taken to send sufficient forces to keep the contending parties apart and to use political leaders to bring about peace.'

At least 50 people have been killed and more than 1,000 injured, according to the authorities.

More than 1,000 houses and shops have been burned down or damaged and about 25,000 people have been forced to seek refuge in schools that are being used as temporary shelters.

De Alwis quoted National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali as telling the Cabinet that Tamil guerrillas had tried to intimidate Muslims to support their demand for a separate state of Tamil Eelam (Nation).

This is the official pretext. The Jayewardene regime has been alarmed by growing Tamil liberation guerrilla activity in the Eastern Province, once a preserve of Sinhala domination.

The worst-affected districts, Batticaloa and Ampara, have concentrations of Tamil Muslims, largely traders and moneylenders mainly in the urban coastal areas.

The region had been regular patrolled by regular

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police and assisted by the British Special Air Services-trained paramilitary force.

The communal clashes began when three Muslims at prayer in a mosque at nearby Akaraipattu were gunned down two weeks ago.

Their killing had the hallmarks of a racist provocation by the Sinhala bourgeois regime.

Clashes broke out as Muslims, apparently with the state's connivance, took to arms to defend themselves against alleged guerrilla attacks.

Pogrom

Similar incidents preceded the anti-Tamil pogrom in July 1983, which fanned out from Colombo and through to several areas in south-central Sri Lanka.

According to Tamil organisations in London, at least 2,000 innocent and unarmed Tamil labourers were victims of a brutal hunt by Sinhala thugs.

Bystanders were doused with petrol and set on fire as the state-backed thugs ran riot in the capital and surrounding regions.

Last year Tamil guerrilla units attacked two 'farms' in the north, set up under a so-called rehabilitation programme.

The 'farms', in fact, housed pro-Jayewardene Sinhala ex-criminals and prisoners on parole.

The Eastern Province upheavals are the creation of the racist Jayewardene regime in a ploy aimed at discrediting the Tamil armed struggle.

It is designed to provoke anti-liberation hatreds among the mainly Muslim Tamil traders and petty-bourgeois of the region.

The shooting in the mosque was characteristic of the dirty tricks the Sri Lankan paramilitary has been taught by Israeli intelligence and former British SAS officers supplied by Prime Minister Thatcher.

De Alwis yesterday bitterly criticised the foreign media for publishing allegations by Eastern Province residents that police commandos were partly responsible for the clashes.

He said: 'The government has noted that international publicity contractors were poised and ready to take advantage of the situation and to drag in the security forces.'

'The security forces have not been involved in any of these skirmishes.' He declined to say what news agencies he was criticising.



Sandinist troops in training to defend coffee harvesters from 'Contra' terrorist raids

Ortega goes to Moscow

MOSCOW — Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega will visit the Soviet Union later this month, according to Tass, the official Soviet news agency, yesterday.

The Sandinist president and other officials have made a number of trips to Moscow this year for talks with Soviet leaders.

The visits are believed to have been aimed at pressing a reluctant Kremlin, preoccupied

with its secret diplomacy with Washington, to increase urgently-needed supplies.

Ortega visited Moscow last month to attend President Konstantin Chernenko's funeral.

Chernenko's successor Mikhail Gorbachev told Ortega after the funeral that Soviet support for the Sandinist government was assured.

But privately the

Kremlin Stalinists have cut back badly-needed supplies, especially heavy arms and equipment to counter the murderous rampages of the US-sponsored 'Contras'.

The Sandinist regime is in serious difficulties despite the fact that last year's coffee harvest was seen through with extensive deployment of the Nicaraguan army and volunteer forces to pro-

tect coffee pickers from 'Contra' murder and arson squads.

Prices have begun to soar in Managua and in the provinces because of a trade embargo imposed by President Reagan.

The Kremlin's refusal to show any sign of solidarity in the face of Reagan's naval deployments in the Gulf of Fonseca have soured Havana's relations with Moscow.

Portugal marks fascist overthrow

LISBON — Portugal commemorates the 11th anniversary today of the overthrow of fascist rule in 1974.

For the undefeated Portuguese working class and peasantry who warmly embraced the April 25 revolution that ended more than four decades of fascist rule, the fight is far from over.

They have resolutely opposed the harsh economic austerities of the International Monetary Fund and have continued a bitter opposition to the Socialist Party government of Prime Minister Mario Soares.

A recent spate of strikes and protests has posted warning to Portugal's bourgeois, social democratic and Stalinist leaders that hatred of continuing capitalist exploitation and runaway joblessness is undiminished.

Soares' decision to drag the country into the Common Market at the price of more savage cuts on subsidies to impoverished farmers has earned the

socialist government their undying hatred.

While Soares and Spain's Felipe Gonzalez toasted EEC approval last month for the Iberian peninsula's entry into the bankrupt trading bloc, Portuguese farmers marched and protested.

A presidential election is due at the end of the year and Soares and incumbent president of ten years, Antonio Ramalho Eanes, are locked in a

bitter feud over the issue.

The Stalinist leader Alvaro Cunhal, 72, has demanded that Eanes dismiss the government over its EEC decision, which he has described as threatening 'the conquests of the revolution'.

After the next election the president will be chief executive of government and Soares hopes to take that post. Eanes and his supporters are determined to wrest that post from the Socialist Party and have formed their own party for that purpose.

Eanes was an obscure colonel during the April 25 revolution, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho.

Otelo has been incarcerated in the infamous Caxias military prison outside Lisbon since late last year, accused of being a leader of the FP-25 (whose name means Popular Forces of April 25). He has denied any link to the group.

Return land to Palestinians

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — Jordan's Queen Noor al Hussein has declared that the return of territory to Palestinians in Israel is the only answer to peace in the Middle East.

Speaking at Harvard University's John F. Ken-

edy School of Government late on Tuesday, the American-born wife of King Hussein of Jordan called for negotiations towards a settlement.

Queen Noor urged recognition by Israel and the United States of Palesti-

nian rights to self-determination.

While the Arab countries had moved closer to agreement on peace in the Middle East, 'the United States and Israel have moved away from a peaceful settlement', she said.

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Once again: The basic struggle for workers' democratic rights

THE RIGHT to strike is a basic democratic right won in struggle by the working class. This right exists even if parliament and the courts decide that the union is acting unlawfully, as they did during the miners' dispute.

The Thatcher government used the might of the capitalist state to try and break the miners' strike. One of its most important weapons was the use of scabs, backed by a nationally mobilised police force.

The destruction of basic democratic rights — the right to work, the right to organise, the right to strike — is at the core of Bonapartist rule. The ruling class can no longer tolerate basic democratic rights in any form.

Its politicians, and its courts seek to elevate 'individual rights' into an absolute principle, in just the same way as the capitalist legal system equates the 'free speech' of the individual worker with that of the press baron.

The emergence of Bonapartist rule has thrown into crisis the established organisations of the labour movement including the Labour Party and the Communist Party. For similar reasons the National Council of Civil Liberties is also in turmoil.

This will be reflected in the annual meeting of the NCCL this weekend, where the campaign is in full swing to ditch defence of basic democratic rights in favour of a policy of upholding individual liberties.

This is the policy favoured by the NCCL's general secretary, US lawyer Larry Gostin. He believes that despite its commitment to opposing racism, the NCCL should give aid and advice to the National Front.

Gostin's supporters stand by last December's NCCL report 'Civil Liberties and the Miners' Dispute'. It says 'freedom not to take part in a strike is as much a fundamental right as the right to strike'. It also condemned all 'violence and intimidation' whether by the police or the strikers.

This is where the do-gooding liberals, reformists and Stalinists of the NCCL meet up with the High Court judges, police chiefs and army top brass of the Thatcher regime. So-called civil liberties are used to beat down the basic democratic rights of the working class.

It is no coincidence that these are precisely the rights the ruling class is most desperate to destroy. Gostin's position leads directly to support for Thatcherite 'rule of law'.

Perhaps the most pernicious and unprincipled role is being played by the Stalinists, whether they support the Communist Party executive or the 'Morning Star'.

An article by Tess Gill in yesterday's 'Morning Star' carefully avoided any criticism of Gostin and tried to belittle the divisions within the NCCL. She maintained that the NCCL's central concern is 'protecting the individual from abuse of power', but that 'the vast majority of people can only assert their rights through collective action'.

She concludes: 'Pure civil liberty principles are not enough in our complex world. But neither should individual liberties be downgraded. To achieve a satisfactory civil liberty framework which can campaign vigorously for our rights now and be education for the future, NCCL must have a broader approach than trade unions alone can achieve.'

In other words, the basic democratic rights of the working class must be subordinated to the pursuit of a 'satisfactory civil liberties framework' within capitalist society (a.k.a. 'our complex world').

The Workers Revolutionary Party stands unequivocally for the defence of the basic democratic rights won in struggle by the working class. The defence of these rights is inseparable from the struggle to overthrow the capitalist state and establish a Workers Revolutionary Government.

It is the direct opposite of Gill's search for an ideal 'civil liberties framework' within the crisis-ridden and disintegrating capitalist system.

TUC MUST CALL FOR FIGHT FOR SACKED IS EVERYBODY'S F

THE FIGHT to win the reinstatement of victimised miners must be linked to the struggle of the whole working class for jobs, sacked Durham NUM member Geoff Hartnell said yesterday.

'We can't win this as a separate issue. It's got to be united with the struggles of other workers in the organisation of a General Strike,' he told News Line yesterday.

The manner in which he was dismissed by NCB management at the Tursdale workshops has convinced Hartnell that the Board's policy is to 'get shot of everybody that's prepared to stand up to them so that they can attempt a wave of pit closures'.

Incident

He was sacked five weeks after the March 6 return to work for an incident that allegedly took place on November 5 last year!

The manager called him in, accused him of hitting a scab and claimed that he had state-

BY SIMON VEVERS

ments to back up the allegation.

When Hartnell's branch secretary demanded to see this 'evidence' the management refused to reveal its contents.

As a result Hartnell was sacked, automatically losing 12 years' service at Tursdale.

Warning that other sections of the working class would face similar attacks, Hartnell yesterday urged the trade union and labour movement to give full support to the Young Socialists' march for jobs.

'It is of tremendous importance to keep the issue of the sacked miners and those in jail at the forefront of the struggle. All trade unionists should see that this march gets maximum support.

'The fight for reinstatement and the release of the lads in jail is linked to the struggle facing youth. We are both fighting for jobs.'

Hartnell welcomed the thorough exposure during the miners' strike of the Labour and TUC leaders and the Stalinists.

'Now George Bolton in Scotland is saying there

should have been a ballot. He's siding with Jimmy Reid. The Stalinists were the first to put forward the idea of a return to work without an agreement, which meant that those lads who'd been sacked stayed sacked.'

Hartnell said the recent two-day strike at Westoe colliery over the blatant victimisation of a miner had reinforced his view that the NUM has not been defeated.

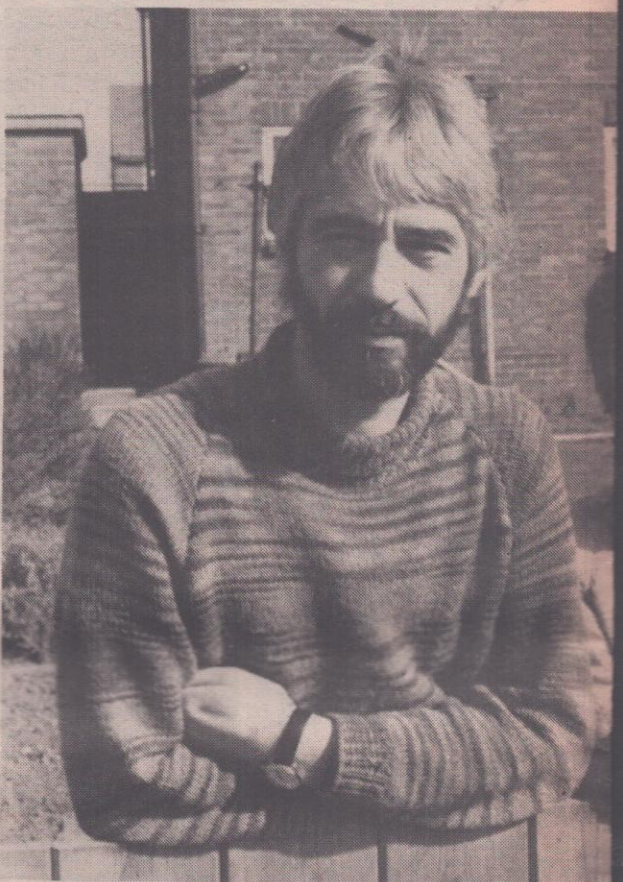
Experience

But he warned: 'The experience of the miners' strike showed that no section of the working class can win on their own.

'The struggle of those who've been sacked or put in jail is all bound up with the fight against pit closures.

'It's linked to the struggle of the teachers over pay, the busmen over privatisation and the council workers over rate-capping.

'During our strike people said the "miners' united will never be defeated", but that wasn't the question. We didn't have a General Strike and that was the only way that we could win.'



Geoff Hartnell and his wife Joan

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 25 Kilmarnock to Cumnock
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- MAY 28 Blythe to Newcastle
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44 Newbury to Reading
45 Reading to Maidenhead
46 Maidenhead to Slough
47 Slough to Southall
JOINS MAIN MARCH



Ashington NUM secretary John Smith (seated, centre) with branch chairman John Devon (right) and Whittle NUM member Arnold Thomas

Unanimous backing for sacked secretary

ASHINGTON secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, John Smith, received a unanimous vote of confidence from his members after the Coal Board sacked him on the first day back at the Northumberland pit.

'There were about 500 at the special meeting and they agreed that I should continue to represent them,' Smith told News Line yesterday.

He works from the Ashington NUM branch office in the town dealing

with the everyday problems of his membership. The NUM branch chairman and financial secretary handle negotiations inside the pit.

'The trade union movement now has a chance to redeem itself. It must support the men who have been sacked.'

Unions

'There were of course unions that did back us, who you can't fault. But I'm referring to those that didn't.'

'Thatcher's recent speech attacking the unions should be an indication

to the trade union movement that there is no relenting as far as she is concerned.'

'The post workers have felt this in the last few weeks and the government's not relenting in its attacks on the steel industry.'

Smith said the NCB had called for 'reconciliation', but was continuing a hard-line strategy which could not lead to co-operation with the NUM.

Ways of supporting the Young Socialists' march (see advert this page) are

already being discussed in preparation for its arrival in the town next month.

Smith said that Ashington, like the Durham steel town of Consett, was totally dependent on one industry.

'Take that principal industry away, and what have you got? A ghost-town,' he said, emphasising that youth unemployment in the region is running at 27 per cent.

He said that so-called 'replacement' industries had proved a cruel fraud

as firms had taken advantage of grants to make a quick killing before deserting the area, leaving thousands languishing on the dole.

Fight

Thatcher may think that she has beaten the NUM, but Smith said that as far as the miners are concerned the fight to defend pits, jobs and their communities continues.

'When we went back, we weren't defeated. We went back with pride and dignity. If the occasion arises again that we have to fight, then we'll re-

spond, although maybe some of the tactics may be different.'

In the meantime everything possible must be done to back those who have been victimised by the NCB, he added.

'We need now the kind of support that the trade union movement promised us at the TUC Congress. There must be a campaign to win reinstatement.'

'If the men don't win their jobs back then the trade union movement must ensure that their families are supported financially. They have a responsibility towards these men.'

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Riot charge is dropped

A CHARGE of riotous assembly against seven miners alleged to have been involved in taking over Newport transport bridge during the pit strike has been dropped by the prosecution at Newport Crown Court.

The seven and one other still face a charge of unlawful assembly which they all deny.

The decision came on Tuesday, the sixth day of the trial after the jury had watched a BBC video of

incidents at the bridge last August 30.

Aubrey Myerson, QC, prosecuting, said if the film had been shown to the police in the first instance, the charge of riotous assembly would not have been brought.

Earlier in the trial, Myerson said the miners had taken over the bridge, which has a travelling platform, to try to prevent coal ships travelling up the river Usk to the Orb steelworks.

THREE miners accused of threatening to kill a scab leader last October have been committed for trial at Nottingham Crown Court by Mansfield magistrates. John Potts, 35, his brother David, 31, and Christopher Cheedham, 36, had their conditional bail and legal aid extended.

They were charged with issuing threats to Bob Taylor, a scab at Manton colliery near Worksop, his wife and two children. Taylor and another strike-breaker took legal action against the NUM during the strike. David Potts, formerly the NUM branch secretary at Manton, was further accused of reckless driving in Worksop.

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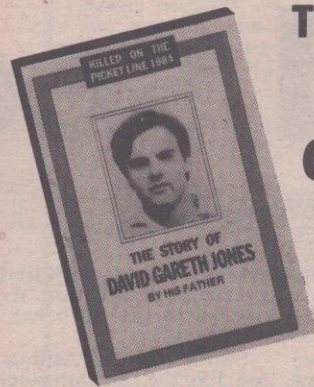
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DAVE SCHOFIELD: Prince of Wales — Three-month sentence from March 1985. Armley Prison, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

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

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NORTH DERBYSHIRE

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

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

BRIAN MARTIN: Three-month sentence from March 1985.

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

KEITH MILLWARD: 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.

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KENT

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

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A double-edged farce

Viva! by Andy de la Tour, Theatre Royal, Stratford East. With Julian Curry, Alfred Molina, Joanne Pearce, Tom Wilkinson; directed by Roger Smith

**REVIEW
BY PENNY BLOOR**

STAND-UP comic
Andy De La Tour has written his first play.

Showing at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, 'Viva!' is a hilarious farce about the last few hours of a military dictatorship in a Central American country.

It involves a two-faced CIA agent, a corrupt and degenerate president, a shady arch-bishop with a dubious past and an incompetent, arrogant, general.

'Viva' tells how the president plots to escape to Miami and how the CIA tries to cook up a deal to crush the liberation forces.

Credits

It is directed by Roger Smith, whose other recent credits include Nell Dunn's 'Steaming' at Stratford East and the West End and more recently Dario Fo's 'Trumpets and Raspberries' currently playing at the Phoenix Theatre.

The plush emerald velvet and gold lobby of a top hotel is the setting. A spacious lift with sliding doors at the back of the stage provides a perfect exit and entry point for the action.

Holed up in the Intercontinental Hotel, Puerto De Oro, a fictitious Central American state (the programme makes clear the references to Nicaragua), are

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the president, the army general, a CIA agent, the arch-bishop, a journalist, a waiter and hotel manager.

Outside millions of people have taken to the streets. Through radio and television newsflashes the power of what they have done filters through.

Agent

Two-faced CIA agent Bill Thackeray (Tom Wilkinson) brings President Monaca (nicknamed Chuchito) to the Hotel Intercontinental.

The pathetic president (Anthony O'Donnell) has with him a coffin containing, he claims, the body of his dead father.

Thackeray cannot get either the president or the general, for their own different reasons, to co-operate with his plan.

He wants them to appear to sign a deal with the revolutionaries in order to later stab them in the back.

But the president and the general are too stupid to understand the intricacy.

Thackeray has the same problem with his own superiors in the United States.

Phone

On the phone to the US, he cannot seem to get across to them what he is trying to do.

Eventually in sheer frustration he yells: 'It's not too complicated, for Christ's sake — tell the President Jesse James is going to get caught but the rest of the gang will get away!'

Stranded journalist San-

dra Dean (Joanne Pearce), whose only previous journalistic experience at Radio Portsmouth consists of gymkhanas and weddings, provides another major obstacle for Thackeray.

She is full of questions, and — he discovers — was standing behind him with a tape recorder when he was ringing the US.

Thackeray's plan has to be implemented before morning. The revolutionaries have announced on radio that if the president and his army do not surrender by then, a bomb will explode in the hotel. Is there a bomb? Is it a hoax?

Thug

Thackeray does not get much co-operation from General Alvarez (John Forgeham). The president's right-hand man is a lunatic fascist thug who accuses Thackeray of being a Communist because he wants to sign a deal with the liberation forces.

Hotel manager Umberto Pinada (Alfred Molina) appears to be a most co-operative person, proud that his hotel is being used as the president's hide-out — but don't be fooled by appearances.

Another character who is not what he seems is Bishop Ramirez (Julian Curry). He is hanging around to try and get a fast plane-ride out of Puerto De Oro with as many US dollars as he can get his hands on.

Andy De La Tour's play is funny, but the humour is always double-edged as it deals with the disintegration of a brutal but finished ruling class.

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Reading: Engels 'The British Labour Movement'; Lenin 'Imperialism, the Highest State of Capitalism'; Lenin 'The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky'; Trotsky 'Writings on Britain' Volume 2, 'Marxism and the Trade Unions'; Mike Banda 'Open Letter to Trade Unionists'. Political letters of the WRP Political Committee.

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Reading: Trotsky 'Revolution Betrayed', 'The Class Nature of the Soviet State', 'Germany 1931-1932', 'Whither France?'; Alex Mitchell 'Behind the Crisis in British Stalinism'; Robert Shaw — Fighter for Trotskyism by Mickie Shaw.

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Reading: Lenin 'Left Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder'; Trotsky 'Transitional Programme'; Programme for a Workers Revolutionary Government; Letter of the WRP Political Committee No.7.

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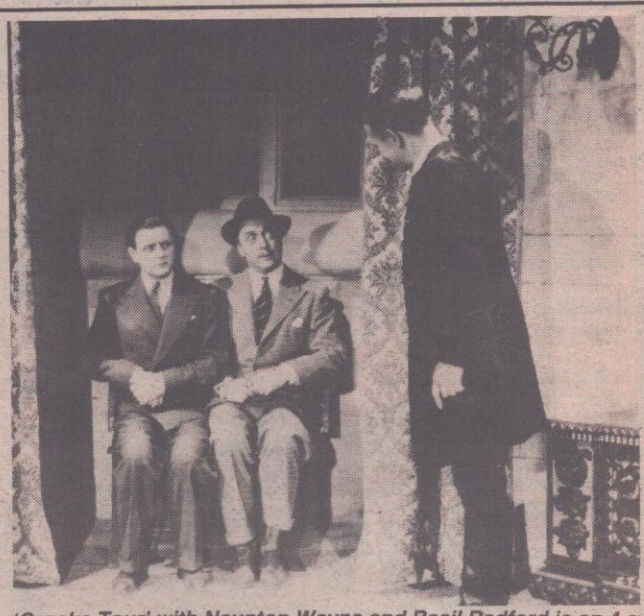
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6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS Weather News

6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINE

7.00 EASTENDERS

7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD A weekly review of the latest ideas from the world of science and technology

7.30 TOP OF THE POPS With Mike Read and Gary Davies

8.30 THE LENNY HENRY SHOW A re-run of Lenny's first TV series featuring another chance to see the Thicke Family

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 I WOKE UP ONE MORNING By Carla Lane. The final part of this story of four drinking men starring Michael Angelis, Peter Caffrey, Robert Gillespie, Frederick Jaeger

9.55 QUESTION TIME Sue Lawley takes the chair at the Greenwood Theatre, with panellists Donald Dewar, Teresa Gorman and Cecil Parkinson

10.55 THE LEARNING MACHINE Tim O'Shea investigates the micro's increasing role in teaching in the first of six programmes

11.20 TAXI Jim's Inheritance

11.45 Weather; Closedown

WALES: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 8.30-9.00 Week In Week Out.

BBC2

6.30-7.20 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Maths. 6.55 Steel, Stars and Spectra. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.25 World Snooker. 1.00 Pages from Ceefax. 2.50 World Snooker. 5.25 News Summary. 5.30 Lifegames.

6.00 THE INVADERS In his battle to expose the aliens, David Vincent has assembled some support, but the aliens are one step ahead. Roy Thinnes stars in another story from the classic sci-fi series: *The Believers*

6.50 PHIL SILVERS as Sergeant Bilko in *The Rest Cure*. In order to get a vacation during a heat wave, Bilko arranges for the whole post to go bananas from mental fatigue

7.15 WORLD SNOOKER Frames 15-22 of the first semi-final get under way at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

8.00 AROUND WITH ALLISS Jimmy Tarbuck play golf with Peter Alliss

8.30 TOPOL'S ISRAEL

9.00 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage of the first semi-final introduced by David Vine

9.30 FORTY MINUTES *Sex, Drugs and the Vicar* One week in the life of the 'News of the World'. A look at how the gutter press obtains its stories

10.10 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage

10.45 NEWSNIGHT

11.30 WEATHERVIEW

11.35 WORLD SNOOKER Late-night coverage of this evening's matches

12.10 Weekend Outlook. 12.15-1.10 Open University: 12.15 Engineering — Mechanical Properties. 12.40 Sexual Identity.

CHANNEL 4

2.35 MIRACLE IN THE RAIN (1956) Jane Wyman in a sentimental drama about a New York typist who falls for a soldier on leave (Van Johnson), finally to be reunited with him in death

4.30 ISaura THE SLAVE GIRL Followed by *Fantastico*

5.30 CROOKS' TOUR (1940) Charters and Caldicott, two Englishmen abroad

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS Presented by Peter Sissons

7.50 COMMENT by Dr David Goode, senior ecologist at the GLC, gives his view on a current topic. Followed by *Weather*

8.00 MIRROR IMAGE *Heavy Pettin'* Scottish 5-piece rock band in concert this week with Hot Gossip dancers in attendance

9.00 POOKIESNACKENBURGER in SCHOOL FOR COOL Doodly Squat comes face to face with reality and the fantasies of pop culture

9.30 RHINO 15-year-old Angie is referred to by the school authorities as RHINO (Really Here In Name Only), a name applied to children who make a habit of truancy. The third of David Leland's repeated plays

11.00 ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE Lesley Keen's short highly-imaginative animated re-telling of the classical myth is shown before and after a special documentary about the Orpheus myth through the ages

11.45 DESIGN MATTERS *What Bike Do You Like?* Tonight's programme in this series looks at the criteria people use when they buy a motorbike

12.15 Closedown

S4C

1.00 Isaura The Slave Girl; *Fantastico*. 2.00-2.15 Ffalabalam. 2.30 Rat Trap. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Deri Deg. 5.05 Scwbi-Dw. 5.30 Bewitched. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Be Nesa? 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Am Y Corau. 8.05 Coleg. 8.35 Awyr Iach; News Headlines. 9.05 Llygad Y Geiniog. 9.35 Sniwcer. 10.15 End of Empire. 11.15 Dance on 4. 12.15 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

1.00 News; Calendar Headlines; Weather. 1.30 The Love Boat. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 Sounds Good. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Street Hawk. 8.30 Minder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Calendar Headlines. 10.30 Return to Vietnam. 11.15 Parents and Teenagers. 11.45 Jazz Special. 12.15 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Hotel. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens for All. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Street Hawk. 8.30 Minder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Return to Vietnam. 11.15 Parents and Teenagers. 11.45 The Yellow Rose. 12.40 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Home Cookery Club. 1.35 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.27 TVS News; The Parlour Game. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00

Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Street Hawk. 8.30 Minder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Putting on the South. 11.00 Parents and Teenagers. 11.30 Return to Vietnam. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Street Hawk. 8.30 Minder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Weekend Outlook. 10.35 You're The Boss. 11.05 Parents and Teenagers. 11.30 Return to Vietnam. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.05 Wales This Week.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 The Champions. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 The Adventurer. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Anything Goes. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Minder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Return to Vietnam. 11.15 Parents and Teenagers. 11.45 The Yellow Rose. 12.45 Enlodge; Closedown.

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 11.55 Rub A Dub Dub. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 Thames Sport with Steve Rider. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 KNIGHT RIDER *The Nineteenth Hole*

8.30 MINDER Dennis Waterman and George Cole in *Caught in the Act*. Fact Arthur is up to something particularly fishy. Terry helps his old friend Des and is in real danger of being run in by the law — twice

9.30 TV EYE The views of some of the increasing number of people being asked to take pay cuts

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by Thames News Headlines

10.30 RETURN TO VIETNAM News-caster Michael Nicholson returns to Vietnam in a special documentary marking the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam revolution. An ITN crew has just spent a month touring the country, including Hanoi, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City

11.15 PARENTS AND TEENAGERS *A Life of My Own*

11.45 PAUL SIMON: HEARTS AND BONES Paul Simon talks about his music, his career and performs four songs including 'Think Too Much' and 'Hearts and Bones'

12.15 Night Thoughts and Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 11.55 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Mr and Mrs. 2.00 Mr Smith. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 The Beverly Hillbillies. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS Bringing the latest news and reports from around the north west

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 STREET HAWK *The Unsinkable 453* Another case for motorcycle cop Jesse Mach

8.30 MINDER *Caught in the Act*, Fact Arthur is up to something particularly fishy. Terry helps his old friend Des and is in danger of being run in by the law — twice

9.30 TV EYE How do people feel about being made to take pay cuts?

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 RETURN TO VIETNAM A special documentary to mark the 10th anniversary of the victory of the Vietnamese revolution including footage of the war never shown before. Michael Nicholson and a TV crew revisit Vietnam as it is today

11.15 PARENTS AND TEENAGERS *A Life of My Own* New eight-part series where young people speak frankly, separate from, their parents

11.45 GREAT FIGHTS OF THE SEVENTIES *All v Spinks* 1978 and history is made

12.45 Closedown

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Into the Music (S).

2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 a.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 Wally Whyton (S) introduces Country Club. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition (S). 3.45-4.00 Harold Rich (S) at the piano.

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Gabrieli, C.P.E. Bach, Vaughan Williams, Dvorak (8.00-8.05 News) Schumann, Stravinsky.

Debussy arr. Emerson. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S) English Madrigalists — Ward. 9.45 From the Kalevala (S) Sibelius. 10.25 Finzi and Warlock (S) Song recital. 10.50 Concert from Sheffield (S) Schubert, Beethoven Violin Concerto (11.50-12.10 Six Continents) News. 1.05 Czech Chamber Music (S) Smetana and Dvorak. 2.15 Berlioz: Romeo and Juliet (S) San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. 4.05 Janina Fialkowska (S) Piano recital: Bach transcr Liszt, Mozart, Chopin. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Bandstand (S) James J. Gayler, T. Ritter George, Rimsky-Korsakov, R.G. Bogisch. 7.00 Bach on Record. 7.30 Amadeus String Quartet (S) Mozart, Britten (8.25-8.55 The Torrent of Life) Schubert. 9.40 Star Child. 10.00 Music in Our Time (S) Gilberto Cappelli, Jose-Luis Campana, Jean-Claude Risset, Hans-Jurgen von Bose. 10.55 Cimarosa, Martinu and Haydn (S). 11.57-12.00 News.

VHF: 6.35-6.55 Open University.

5.55 Shipping Forecast.

4 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Business News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather;

7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Checkpoint. 9.30 The Living World. 10.00 News; Medicine Now. 10.30 Morning Story; *Mutatis Mutandis*. 10.45 An Act of Worship (S). 11.00 News; Travel; God In Christ. 11.48 A Dorset Childhood. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 After Henry (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) *Uncertain Ground*. 4.00 News; Enquire Within. 4.10 Bookshelf. 4.40 Story Time: *A Night to Remember*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Brain of Britain 1985 (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Any Answers? 7.40 Screen for Help. 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 John Ebdon. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *A Moveable Feast*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4. 11.30, 12.00 Open University.

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivan. 1.00 News; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 The Irish R.M. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 Dreams. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Street Hawk. 8.30 Minder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 The Works. 11.10 Parents and Teenagers. 11.40 Return to Vietnam. 12.10 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.25 European Folk Tales. 12.40 Contact. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 The Irish R.M. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Foxtales. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. 4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Street Hawk. 8.30 Minder. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Return to Vietnam. 11.15 Parents and Teenagers. 11.45 The Protectors. 12.15 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Foxtales. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 Calendar Lunchtime Live.

Winning Post

Hi-Hunsley fit for Pontefract victory

HI-HUNSLEY (3.45), beaten by lack of fitness at Beverley early this month, looks the best bet on the eight-race card at **PONTEFRACT** today.

Charles Booth's filly showed plenty of speed on that seasonal debut, drawing clear a quarter of a mile and only surrendering the lead when running out of steam in the last 100 yards. At the line she was a length and a half behind Illiney Girl.

Last season she ran twice, the second time winning a maiden race at Edinburgh in November.

She is likely to be much fitter after that seasonal debut, and the trainer is supremely confident of going one better in the Hey Group Sprint Handicap, especially as she has the advantage of the number one draw.

At **FONTWELL**, Bob Champion's promising young stayer **Three Chances** (3.30) should return to win-

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ning form in the Monaveen Handicap Chase.

The six-year-old won at Folkestone and Nottingham in December, and was up in the leading group when falling in the Kim Muir Memorial Handicap Chase at the Cheltenham Festival.

The gelding has to carry a big weight here but the form of his rivals amounts to little.

SELECTIONS

PONTEFRACT: 2.45 Kimble Blue, 3.15 Jarsula, 3.45 Hi-Hunsley (nap), 4.15 Bourbon Boy, 4.45 Ridgefield, 5.15 Zanata, 5.45 Tara Dancer, 6.15 Leap Year.

FONTWELL: 2.00 Shangoseer, 2.30 Tricky Business, 3.00 Jayess, 3.30 Three Chances (n.b.), 4.00 Anois Is Aris, 4.30 Hope Gap, 5.00 Celtic Hamlet.

TAUNTON: 2.30 Beltane The Smith, 3.00 My Aisling, 3.30 Hill Express, 4.00 Stans Pride, 4.30 Peggy, 5.00 Expeditious.

Shangoseer (2.00), pulled up after the first flight at Stratford on Saturday when he was struck into, can make amends in the Kybo Novice Hurdle. Previously, Shangoseer had won in good style at Newbury and he is likely

to prove too strong for Forewarn who is not the easiest of rides.

Stans Pride (4.00), third in two champion hurdles — the English and Welsh — on her last two appearances, cannot be opposed in the Melody

Man Cup at **TAUNTON**.

The mare staged a storming finish to get within ten lengths of See You Then at Cheltenham last month, before failing by a length and a half and three to catch Browne's Gazette and Ra Nova in the Welsh equivalent at Chepstow.

Chance

That form gives her a favourite's chance of beating the handicappers Rhythmic Pastimes and Dalbury.

Beltane The Smith (2.30) did not set off unfancied when scoring at 33-1 on his Ludlow debut last month. John Thorne's gelding had been working well at home and it was no surprise to connections when he beat Monmouth six lengths.



In the First Division of the Yarcombe Novice Hurdle, Beltane The Smith looks to have an easier task, with only Noble Mount looking a possible threat.

PONTEFRACT

2.45 ROPERGATE MDN AUCTION STAKES (DIV I)

£1,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (15 runners)

4 (11)	SPINKHILL M Camacho 87	T Meek (7)
5 (9)	SUPER MELODY G Hunter 87	P Cook
6 (12)	HUNTING SCARLET E Weymes 86	E Guest (5)
15 (5)	KIMBLE BLUE W Musson 83	Pat Eddery
18 (10)	CASEY KEY M W Easterby 82	K Hodgson
19 (15)	CROWN COLONY D J Moorhead 82	Tives
20 (6)	GARDA'S GOLD M Brittain 82	B Coogan
26 (2)	HAVERHILL GIRL G Blum 713	B Crossley
27 (13)	JERSEY MAID C Tinkler 713	M Wood
28 (3)	LITTLE ARMIE K Stone 713	J Lowe
30 (14)	NEVER THE TWIN J Glover 713	D McKeown
31 (4)	PRINCESS PAMELA P Felgate 713	A Mackay
32 (7)	RATTEN ROW M W Easterby 713	J Bleasdale
33 (11)	SHARMEENA R Hollinshead 713	P Hill (7)
36 (8)	WEN YOU'RE SMILING T Barrow 713	S Webster

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Kimble Blue, 11-4 Super Melody, 4-1 Haverhill Girl, 6-1 Ratten Row, 8-1 Garda's Gold, 10-1 Casey Key, 14-1 others.

3.15 CORN MARKET SELLING HANDICAP £700

1m 2f (19 runners)

1 (9)	402200- TIPO STYLE G Huffer 49 12	G Carter (5)
4 (1)	0000- APACHE TOUS W Musson 49 7	R Sidebottom
5 (5)	43-0100 KIEV (BEL) R Hollinshead 49 7	S Perks
6 (6)	00000-3 SOIXANTE QUINZE W Musson 49 7	B Uniacke (7)
7 (15)	000130- NIGEL'S ANGEL (D) A Bailey 49 5	E Guest (5)
8 (11)	000002- HIGHVIEW P Bevan 49 5	D Dineley
11 (10)	00000-0 MANGALA'S PRIDE P Rohan 48 13	M Wood
12 (19)	04000-0 WOODPECKER BOY J FitzGerald 48 12	P Brette (7)
13 (12)	000420- GOOSEBERRY A Hide 48 12	P Robinson
14 (4)	0034-00 HOME AND TRADE B Morgan 48 11	G King (7)
15 (14)	0430-00 VAL'S PRIDE A Madwar 48 8	A Mackay
16 (18)	00000-0 SURPRISE ATTACK E Eldin 48 8	C Coates (5)
18 (8)	0000-0-0 RIBBLE STAR W C Watts 48 7	
19 (17)	00/300-0 MILL HOUSE LADY R Thompson 48 7	
20 (7)	30000-4 WASHBURN FLYER J P Smith 48 7	N Carlisle
22 (2)	00-00 GREY CORAL T Fairhurst 37 13	R P Elliott
23 (3)	0400-23 JARSULA W Wharton 37 11	R Fox
24 (13)	000-0 PAR SEVYV M Tompkins 37 10	W Woods (5)
25 (16)	000000- SOONER C Gray 37 9	E Johnson

BLINKERS: 1, 7, 23
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Jarsula, 7-2 Kiev, 9-2 Soixante Quinze, 6-1 Highview, 8-1 Tipo Style and Gooseberry, 10-1 Washburn Flyer, 12-1 others.

3.45 HEY GROUP SPRINT HANDICAP £3,000

(3-Y-O) 6f (17 runners)

1 (15)	21300-0 KAMARESS M Brittain 97	B Coogan
2 (11)	310200- COLONIAL CARESS (D) M Camacho 90	N Connorton
4 (12)	341000- WORKADAY (D) C Gray 813	M Birch
5 (16)	21- HO MI CHINH M H Easterby 812	S Cauthen
6 (6)	413320- BRAMPTON GRACE W Wharton 812	R Fox
8 (1)	21-2 HI-HUNSLEY C Booth 85	R Hills
9 (2)	32300-0 HENRY'S VENTURE (USA) F Durr 88	G Starkey
10 (3)	200-000 HOBBOURNES ROSE R Hollinshead 86	W Ryan (3)
13 (10)	04300-2 ORCHID DANCER (USA) S Norton 80	J Lowe
14 (13)	100-130 FOOLISH TOUCH (D) K Stone 80	L Charnock
15 (9)	0130-32 STEVEJAN B Morgan 713	P Robinson
16 (8)	2020-40 ABSONANT Mrs G Reveley 713	
17 (7)	21330-0 BOARDMANS GLORY J Berry 711	K Darley
18 (4)	130-041 ILLINEY GIRL (D) M Lambert 711 (7 ex)	P Burke (7)
19 (5)	00000-0 DOPPIO G Blum 710	A Mackay
20 (17)	000000- FARMER JOCK J Ciechanowski 77	R Street

FONTWELL (NH)

2.00 (2m 2f hurdle) £800

01P	Shangoseer 11 8	J O'Neill
02D0	Forewarn 11 2	Dunwoody
300	Atletis 10 10	
000	Batu 10 10	Goldstein
00	Burns Lad 10 10	Burke
003	Coldharbour Lad 10 10	Guest
POP	Deret's Dudley 10 10	J Davies
00	Die In The Sky 10 10	Hughes
00P	Hautes Terres 10 10	Moore
4	Man O' Magic 10 10	M Richards
0	Mariner's Whistle 10 10	H Davies
0	Mister Feathers 10 10	
0P	Mylecone 10 10	Double
	Risbygate 10 10	Fearn
00	Trout Angler 10 10	Warren
00	Better Judgement 10 5	
000	Bright Cecilia 10 5	
000	Golden Bunting 10 5	Akehurst
F	Straight Gin 10 5	A Taylor

Prob sp: 13-8 Forewarn, 7-4 Shangoseer, 6-1 Man O' Magic, 10-1 Batu, 12-1 Atletis, 16-1 others.

2.30 (2m 2f chase) £1,500

P-0	Come Play With Me 11 5	Fogerty
F03	Demaree 11 5	Stronge
20F	Ride High 11 5	Dunwoody
30P	Shooting Butts 11 5	Goldstein
04F	Simark 11 5	Rowe
23P	Tricky Business 11 5	Moore
00U	Estralia 11 0	Earle
0PP	Neoteric 11 0	Rowell
0-P	Pickled Tink 11 0	D Williams
P-F	Sweet Enchantment 11 0	J Davies

Prob sp: 3-1 Simark, 7-2 Demaree, 5-1 Ride High, 13-2 Tricky Business, 8-1 Shooting Butts, 9-1 Estralia, 10-1 Come Play With Me and Pickled tink, 16-1 others.

3.00 (2m 2f chase) £1,500

P00	Senor Romana 11 9	Webb
430	Flash Fred 11 5	Lovejoy
00P	Celtic Story 11 0	
203	Jayess 10 13	Pitman
023	Meziara 10 11	Arnott
10-P	Zircon's Sun 10 10	Nolan
034	End of Era 10 8	Murphy
P00	Unequal Halves 10 8	Rowell
000	Ballyseedy Hero 10 6	Warren

4.15 PONTEFRACT MDN MILE CH'SHIP (Q'FIER)

(DIV I) £2,000 (3-Y-O) 1m (24 runners)

1 (11)	20- AVEBURY (USA) F Durr 90	G Starkey
4 (2)	00- BOURBON BOY M Stoute 90	Mark Giles (7)
5 (12)	00- BRASOV M Hinchliffe 90	S Cauthen
6 (14)	032-0 CHANGANOOR R Hollinshead 90	S Perks
10 (18)	0- DIKLO A Hide 90	B Raymond
11 (8)	00400- DONAVAN'S CHOICE M Ryan 90	P Robinson
13 (6)	0- FIELD OF GOLD L Lightbrown 90	P Bloomfield
14 (10)	0- FORTUNE FINDER C Thornton 90	J Bleasdale
16 (17)	0- HAPPY HOUSE G Wragg 90	Pat Eddery
17 (9)	020-00 HEAD UP P Brookshaw 90	W Ryan (3)
21 (20)	0- KARAMANAD H Collingridge 90	G Sexton
22 (22)	000- KNIGHT HOSPITALIER C Nelson 90	I Johnson
28 (16)	00032-0 OWEN'S PRIDE M Brittain 90	B Coogan
36 (4)	32- TRY SCORER Denys Smith 90	M Fry
38 (19)	00200- WAPPY SPRINGS (USA) S Norton 90	J Lowe
42 (1)	0- ANANAS O Douieb 811	A Lequeux
45 (7)	0- CORONEA E Weymes 811	E Guest (5)
46 (13)	0- CRIMSON COVE P Felgate 811	M Miller
47 (21)	0- CROISSANT DE LUNE (USA) Thomson Jones 811	A Murray
51 (23)	0-0 JELLO P Rohan 811	R Fahey (7)
54 (24)	0034-0 MAIRS GIRL A W Jones 811	C Dwyer
56 (5)	0- ONE LAST GLIMPSE J W Watts 811	Tives
57 (3)	400- PETIT BOT W Musson 811	R Sidebottom
58 (15)	04- QUEEN'S EYOT B Hobbs 811	G Baxter

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Bourbon Boy, 4-1 Ananas, 9-2 Happy House, 6-1 Try Scorer, 8-1 Croissant de Lune and Avebury, 10-1 Owen's Pride, 14-1 Queen's Eyot, 16-1 others.

4.45 BARBICAN HANDICAP £2,250

1m 4f (18 runners)

1 (15)	001-12 RIDGEFIELD (D) D Thom 79 10	G Starkey
2 (2)	21333-0 STATE BUDGET W Musson 49 7	P John (7)
3 (11)	00430-0 CLEARLY BUST (D) D Morley 59 7	G Duffield
7 (4)	001002- MEGIDDO (D) R Boss 49 0	M Miller
8 (16)	32100-2 BALLYDURROW R Fisher 89 0	M Birch
9 (15)	000- OCEANUS Denys Smith 48 13	M Fry
10 (17)	0030-0 YARBOROUGH W Pearce 48 13	G Baxter
11 (6)	00000-0 TRUE HERITAGE (D) A Hide 68 13	A Murray
13 (7)	000000- PRICEOFFLOVE B Wilkinson 58 12	J H Brown (5)
14 (18)	0030-03 KING OF NAPLES G Wragg 48 12	Pat Eddery
16 (1)	0042-41 DICK KNIGHT A Bailey 48 11	D Fowler-Wright (7)
17 (5)	00040- PAPAENO R Hollinshead 48 11	M Lambert
18 (12)	40100-0 JUBILANT LADY D Chapman 48 10	D Nicholls
19 (8)	00000-0 ARIBIAN Mrs S Davenport 48 10	S Perks
20 (9)	1302-00 NYPUS (C-D) C Spares 58 10	N Day
22 (10)	000- LOST ALBERT M Camacho 48 10	C Dwyer
23 (3)	110-302 WILDRUSH W C Watts 68 9	C Coates (5)
24 (14)	020-132 RIBBONS OF BLUE J W Watts 58 6	N Connorton

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Ridgefield, 4-1 Dick Knight, 9-2 King of Naples, 6-1 Ballydurrow, 8-1 Ribbons of Blue, 10-1 State Budget, 12-1 Clearly Bust, 14-1 Megiddo, 16-1 others.

5.15 SPRING 3-Y-O MAIDEN STAKES £700

5f (15 runners)

1 (5)	00304-0 ABLE MAYBOB G Gaines 90	D Nicholls
2 (14)	000- LOCH LADDIE R Hollinshead 90	S Perks
3 (7)	33032- YETI SONG G Hunter 90	A Barclay
4 (13)	00- AFRICAN FLIGHT P Kelleway 811	Gay Kelleway (5)
8 (15)	03230-0 IN THE FAMILY W Guest 811	E Guest (5)

OFF	Henry Ford 10 11	Vincent
P00	First Glimpse 10 11	Burke
34P	Cloneen King 10 6	Tuck
3U2	Bronwyn 10 10	Scudamore
33P	Playfields 10 0	C Jones
0P0	Carbury's Kit 10 0	
04F	Buck Royale 10 0	C Brown

Prob sp: 11-4 Three Chances, 4-1 Bronwyn, 5-1 Bold Dealer, 13-2 Sharpshod, 8-1 The Soma, 9-1 Revolver, 10-1 Cloneen King, 12-1 Playfields, 16-1 others.

4.00 (2m 2f hurdle) £800

400	Dancer's Emulation 11 8	Goldstein
21P	Anois Is Aris 11 2	Pitman
000	Boyne Salmon 11 2	Rowell
023	Captain Webster 10 10	Dunwoody
0PP	Card Magic 10 10	Murphy
P	Corston Lad 10 10	Rowe
034	Hopeful Kybo 10 10	Nicholls
P4	Jubilee Bill 10 10	Double
PPF	Magic Mouse 10 10	Caswell
P	Mister Hammy 10 10	Furlong
PP	Moses Sampson 10 10	Robinson
002	Mr Dalesa 10 10	Webb

000	Nelots Boy 10 10	Rowell
0-0	Nirmal Hriday 10 10	
0PP	Texas Turkey 10 10	H Davies
000	Western Counties 10 10	Newman
00	Poliburo 10 12	Goldstein
0	Lilly Leaf 10 5	Akehurst

Prob sp: 4-1 Mr Dalesa, 9-2 Anois Is Aris, 5-1 Captain Webster, 7-1 Dancer's Emulation, 8-1 Hopeful Kybo, 9-1 Corston Lad, 10-1 Jubilee Bill, 12-1 Nirmal Hriday, 16-1 others.

4.30 (2m 2f chase) £1,500

OPB	Armistice 11 5	Wheeler
F00	Black Earl 11 5	Newman
0PP	Dickensian 11 5	Scudamore
40P	Forestdale 11 5	Furlong
2FF	Hope Gap 11 5	Rowell
0P0	Krakus 11 5	Palmer
P04	Retsel 11 5	Dunwoody
040	Scale The Heights 11 5	Coleman
000	Snitterfield 11 5	Webb
4F0	Zaccio 11 5	Sherwood
0F	Gain The Day 11 0	Blakeney

4P0	Milanesa 11 0	Armytage
0-0	Purston Baigella 11 0	
0PP	Sportswords 11 0	
000	My Cullen 10 12	Murphy
F33	Poliburo 10 12	Goldstein

Prob sp: 3-1 Hope Gap, 100-30 Zaccio, 5-1 My Cullen, 7-1 Poliburo, 8-1 Retsel, 10-1 Milanesa and Armistice, 12-1 Forestdale, 14-1 Dickensian, 16-1 others.

5.00 (2m 2f chase) £1,500

002	Celtic Hamlet 11 5	Webb
200	Italian Affair 11 5	
030	Middleton Lottery 11 5	Murphy
FP	Moascar 11 5	Rowe
400	Solerof 11 5	Dever
400	Specto Solis 11 5	Dunwoody
0PP	Stretch Out 11 5	Moore
404	Upper Note 11 5	Harrington
4P0	Bic Roller 11 0	Goldstein
224	Rostra 11 0	Armytage

Prob sp: 11-4 Celtic Hamlet, 7-2 Rostra, 4-1 Solerof, 7-1 Middleton Lottery, 8-1 Moascar, 14-1 Specto Solis, 16-1 Upper Note, 20-1 others.

APARTHEID AND SPORT

RACE STATE WON'T TEMPT ME

MARK ELLA, the most outstanding Australian Rugby Union player in recent years, has just revealed that the South African Rugby Union tried to tempt him to tour the racist state.

All-Blacks lose more cash

THE state-owned Apple and Pear Marketing Board yesterday withdrew its sponsorship from the New Zealand Rugby Union, putting the body into deeper financial crisis.

The board is the fourth sponsor to pull out since last week's decision to tour racist South Africa.

The board said the divisions in the community caused by the controversy over the tour made sponsorship no longer desirable.

Board chairman Ken Kiddle said it had withdrawn from the undisclosed deal with the Canterbury Rugby Union and stopped talks with the New Zealand Rugby Union on sponsorship of the 1985 National Provincial Championships.

Thorn-EMI, Cable Price, Toyota and MacDonald's fast-food chain earlier pulled out of sponsorship agreements after rugby chiefs announced they would defy the government and

send a team to South Africa.

Meanwhile, anti-apartheid groups in South Africa have vowed to go ahead with massive demonstrations against the planned rugby tour.

Mohammed Valli, the group's general secretary in the Transvaal, said yesterday that the United Democratic Front considered the New Zealand Rugby Union was an 'accomplice' in the detentions. He said Pretoria wanted to remove obstacles to the tour, due to start in July.

Two UDF leaders, general secretary Popo Molefe and spokesman Terror Lekota, have recently been detained by South African security police.

The UDF repeated its charge that an attempt to stifle protest during the All Blacks tour was one motive for the arrests.

Ella, in an article in 'The Australian' daily newspaper, said that the South Africans offered him and his two brothers, Glen and Gary, contracts to play in the apartheid state three years ago.

'The offer came for my brothers and myself to play on a rebel tour of South Africa. It came in the form of a letter from a New Zealand intermediary,' Ella says in the article.

Figure.

'No exact figure was mentioned, but we were assured of being "well looked after", and I have no doubt that all three Ella brothers could have earned a lot of money very quickly.'

But Ella made it quite clear that neither he or his brothers would ever make the trip to South Africa while the majority of the country's population were enslaved under apartheid.

'The offer was never entertained,' Ella says. 'For personal reasons and for practical ones, too, there's no way that I

would ever play in South Africa.

'Gary, an employee of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, feels very strongly on this point as well, and I know Glen would not go either.'

'As Aborigines and internationals, we were ideal targets for South African rands. But it was made very clear we weren't the slightest bit interested.'

Ella was in no doubt at

the time that what was behind the South African approach. 'We would just have been used as a propaganda tool, I'm sure,' the former Australian international said.

An integral part of Australia's historic team that defeated all the Home Countries on their recent tour, Ella believes that the Kiwis delayed their decision to tour South Africa this year until their compatriots on

the cricket tour of the West Indies had left for the Caribbean.

But making his case as clear as possible, Ella added in his article: 'It's a fact of life that sport and politics do mix. And in this case, it's more like sport and morality.'

'Rugby has always been the most important thing in my life. But there are times when international politics and basic human morality are more

important than a game of football.

'But sport in South Africa can never be fully integrated until facilities and living areas and schooling are open to all. In short, until the apartheid system is dismantled.'

Although he retired last month, Ella also revealed in his article that the South Africans have approached him again.

'They still see me as an important part of their plans; their "token" coloured player in a rebel touring side. But there is no way I will ever go to South Africa until basic rights are granted to the country's black citizens.'

'If I was to go there now I would be betraying them, playing right into the hands of the South African establishment. There is no way I could ever do that.'

MARK ELLA . . . rejected lucrative South African tour offer

says Mark
Ella in statement against S. Africa



Francome v. Piggott

THE racecourse 'match of the century' is just three weeks away.

Champion jump jockey John Francome and former flat champion Lester Piggott represent the best of both worlds and the pair are set to do battle at Warwick on May 18 in a 1 mile 6 furlongs race.

Francome, who retired from race riding

earlier this month, said yesterday: 'I've admired Lester for many years and if I can beat him it would be a marvellous climax to my career.'

Piggott admits: 'John is an outstanding horseman and the fact that he is coming out of retirement to take me on shows how much he wants to win.'

TAUNTON (NH)

2.30 (2m 1f hurdle) £400

000 Aboushabun 12.0	Jenkins
1 Belfane The Smith 12.0	Dunn
0 Cuddly Bear 11.4	Frost
00 Garden Route 11.4	Barton
0 Northern Talk 11.4	Bradley
P-3 Celtic Saga 10.13	Powell
0 Coinridge 10.13	Shilton
P Easter Rose 10.13	Cox
004 Maygon 10.13	P Richards
0 Rudansa 10.13	Hurst
0P Jests Fripon 10.12	Hoare
0 Master Pepper 10.12	Croucher
02 Noble Mount 10.12	Leach
0 Non-Smoker 10.12	May
0B Obligated 10.12	MacKay
F Full Price 10.7	Moore
4UP Steel The Show 10.7	Moore

Prob sp: 11-8 Belfane The Smith, 15-8 Noble Mount, 13-2 Celtic Saga, 8-1 Non-Smoker, 12-1 Garden Route and Aboushabun, 14-1 others.

3.00 (2m 1f hurdle) £400

0P0 Town Special 11.7	Carroll
020 Pampered Gipsy 11.3	Frost
300 My Aisling 10.13	Leach
F00 It's For You 10.12	Hobbs
400 Clever Angle 10.11	Croucher
P0F I Wonder When(D) 10.9	Linley
000 Inca Thief 10.8	May
P00 Lord Charles 10.8	D Williams
000 Ridgeway Girl 10.5	Pusey
000 Millers Way 10.5	Knight
P0F Conor's Rock 10.3	McNeill
000 Some Kathy 10.2	C Smith
-B3 Strass Chandlerier 10.2	A Jones
P0P Piara Singh 10.0	Campbell
444 Drum Maker 10.0	Duggan
O-P Magus 10.0	Powell
P0F No Sale 10.0	Powell
-P0 Roman A Cief 10.0	S Davies

3-P Fort Lamy 10.0	Turner
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Prob sp: 7-2 My Aisling, 9-2 Pampered Gipsy, 6-1 Town Special, 15-2 Clever Angle and Strass Chandlerier, 8-1 Lord Charles and I Wonder When, 14-1 others.

3.30 (3m 1f chase) £800

00- Prosper You Can(C-D) 12.7	Pocock
402 Culm Port(D) 12.2	Down
P0P Tandys Tonic 12.2	Seear
2 Hill Express 12.0	Vickery
F-0 Mustard 12.0	Hankins
OFF Rowden Ruler 12.0	Dunn
U-0 Royal Richard 12.0	UO
00/ Thomascourt 12.0	V Williams

Prob sp: 13-8 Hill Express, 3-1 Culm Port, 9-2 Prosper You Can, 8-1 Tandys Tonic, 10-1 Royal Richard, 14-1 others.

4.00 (2m 1f hurdle) £2,500

00P Carfax(C) 11.12	Lovejoy
400 Dalbury 11.12	Corrigan
000 Morality Stone 12.12	Linley
012 Rhythmic Pastimes(D) 11.12	J O'Neill
-0P Shallot Boy 11.12	Powell
000 Statesmanship 11.12	S-Eccles
0P0 Plaza Toroi(C) 11.9	Turner
333 Stans Pride 11.7	Morhead
314 Wild Corn 11.7	Mooney
P0P Gypsy Lea 11.4	MacKay
P00 Only A Fool 11.4	Millman
400 Anything Else 11.3	Moore

Prob sp: 13-8 on Stans Pride, 11-2 Rhythmic Pastimes, 8-1 Statesmanship, 10-1 Dalbury, 16-1 Anything Else, 25-1 others.

4.30 (2m 3f chase) £2,000

3PF Cilerna Jet 11.7	Whettam
0P0 Lucky George(C-D) 11.5	Linley
000 Romany Count 11.4	Grantham

/01 Thornton 10.13	May
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100 Archers Prince(C) 10.12	J O'Neill
400 Dundrum Bay 10.11	Hoare
340 Deep Mopet 10.7	Barton
4PF Pomposity 10.7	Warner
103 Chrysippos 10.5	M Price
001 Peggy(C-D) 10.4	P Richards
32F Autoway(BF) 10.4	McNeill
030 Royal Potom 10.2	Ayliffe
F43 Bolt The Gate 10.0	Powell

RESULTS

WORCESTER

2.15 (2m 4f): LISLARY LAD S Morhead (5-1); Taylorstown (11-8 fav); Davidstown (25-1); Bolt Hole (50-1); 21 ran. 5, 6. (Mrs M Rimell) T: £6.30; £2, £1.40, £8. CSF: £11.26. NR: Tophatter, Bit of Space, Crusty Pie, Board The Train.
2.45 (2m): NORTH YARD Philip Hobbs (6-1); Bickleigh Bridge (6-1); Tudor Road (4-1) fav; Beau Vite (25-1); 12 ran. 2, sh hd. (R House) T: £6.80; £1.80, £2.50, £1.40. CSF: £39.68.
3.15 (2m): GAMBLING PRINCE J Burke (16-1); Sausage (16-1); Mountain Man (12-1); Cawarra Lad (6-1); 20 ran. 1, 1 1/2. (Mrs G Jones) T: £32.40; £5, £1.60, £2.70, £2.10. CSF: £258.13. NR: Ray Prosser, Celtic Story. Withdrawn: Hoorah Henry.
3.45 (3m): CITY BOY Mr T Thomson Jones (5-4 on fav); Good Memories (33-1); Campello Boy (25-1); Cuckoo Mill (25-1); 19 ran. 5, 4. (Mrs J Mann) T: £2, £1.50, £10.40, £3.80. CSF: £28.35. NR: San's Drake.
4.15 (2 1/2m): SHOULD NEVER BE J J O'Neill (9-2); Paulatin (6-4 fav); Penneit Lad (25-1); Kalkus (50-1); 21 ran. 10, 5. (R Jenkins) T: £4.40; £1.50, £1.40, £6.40. CSF: £11.58. NR: Troop The Colour, Sally Blue. Withdrawn: Courtiers Wag and Hopeful Chimes.

PPP Bold Deception 10.0	Turner
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P3P Farranastig(C-D) 10.0	Powell
0P0 Indado 10.0	Hoare
000 Maggie Dee 10.0	Frost
/P0 Tularowena 10.0	Hobbs

Prob sp: 100-30 Peggy, 5-1 Thornton, 13-2 Deep Mopet and Lucky George, 8-1 Chrysippos, Romany Count and Cilerna Jet, 14-1 others.

4.45 (2 1/2m): GLEN-LOOK Peter Hobbs (11-1); Weston Favell (14-1); Vincici (33-1); Sir Badsworth (12-1); 15 ran. 4, 1. (J Honeyball) T: £10.10; £3, £4.60, £26. CSF: £137.62. NR: Blazing Wind, Johns Present, Clonene King, Postdyne and Stan's Pet.
5.15 (2m): PRIVATE VIEWS A Adams (9-2) fav; Deep And Even (5-1); Holemoor Patrol (20-1); Miss Topem (7-1); 26 ran. 1, 10. (N Gaselee) T: £7.50; £2.60, £2.80, £15.70. CSF: £30.07.
5.45 (2m): HASTY GAMBLE Mr C Brooks (evens fav); Again Kathleen (14-1); Running Arrow (4-1); Siberian Dancer (20-1); 25 ran. 3, 3. (F Winter) T: £1.70, £1.20, £1.10, £8.60. CSF: £13.50. NR: Deep Dash.

PONTEFRAC

2.45 (5f): WEBSTERS FEAST R Cochrane (13-8 fav); Si-la-Gay (7-1); Miss Natalie (12-1); Regal Sam (16-1); 14 ran. Sh hd, 1. (M McCormack) T: £3; £1.10, £2.60, £2. CSF: £13.07.
3.15 (6f): TRADE HIGH D Nicholls (8-1); Ming Village (11-1); Laura's Choice (8-1); With a Lot (20-1); 18 ran. 5, sh hd. (I Vickers) T: £6.50; £1.50, £3.30, £2.50, £11.60. CSF: £102.08.
3.45 (2m 1f): MEADOWBROOK J Matthias

5.00 (2m 1f hurdle) £400

031 Imperial Champagne(C-D) 12.0	Hurst
000 Tinkersfield(C-D) 11.8	Bradley
00 Diana's Pet 11.4	S-Eccles
022 Expeditious 11.4	Campbell
0 My Hobby 11.4	Moore
0 Vanishing Tanner 11.4	Knight
30 Western Warrior 11.4	Wright
002 Ribobelle 11.3	Leach
Calverleigh 10.13	Millman

RESULTS

(11-4 on fav); Shepherd's Hymn (25-1); Appeal to Me (8-1); Beaker (25-1); 9 ran. 12, 1 1/2. (I Balding) T: £1.40; £1.10, £4.80, £1.40. CSF: £10.68.
4.15 (1m 4f): ART EDICT D Nicholls (8-1); Cherry Hill (11-10 fav); The Clown (20-1); Carreen (12-1); 18 ran. 1/2, 3. (R Stubbs) T: £12.60; £2.30, £1.10, £3.90. CSF: £18.98.
4.45 (1m): KNIGHTS SECRET M Birch (16-1); Hawaiian Love (25-1); Hello Gypsy (12-1); Donnysnookecentre (7-1); 24 ran. 3/4, nk. (M H Easterby) T: £27; £4.80, £6.80, £3.70, £1.40. CSF: £362.05. NR: Ferro Rocher.
5.15 (6f): SIALOR'S SONG P Cook (100-30 fav); Dragoness (4-1); Saint Luce (10-1); Summer Fayre (4-1); 17 ran. 2, 1/2. (N Vigors) T: £4.80; £1.80, £1.60, £8.60. CSF: £18.83.
5.45 (6f): LYRIC WAY R Hills (3-1); Cabanax (33-1); Njiwa (6-4 fav); Run in Hand (13-2); 17 ran. Sh hd, nk. (B W Hills) T: £4; £1.40, £9, £1.20. CSF: £103.65.

EPSOM

2.00 (5f): CRONK'S QUALITY J Reid (9-4 on fav); Harry Scott (33-1); Sandron (25-1); Be Positive (7-1); 7 ran. 3, hd. (Mrs S Swift) T: £1.40; £1.20, £4.60. CSF: £98.30.

340 Cervante Sovereign 10.13	Croucher
042 Lille(C) 10.13	Powell
PO Air Flight 10.12	Dunster
00 Cornish Flight 10.12	A Jones
00 Tom's What'sname 10.12	G Davies
P Minnie Fuller 10.7	Vincent
00 Penny Bay 10.7	Sudden Impulse 10.7

Prob sp: 5-2 Expeditious, 3-1 Imperial Champagne, 7-2 Ribobelle, 13-2 Tinkersfield and Lille, 12-1 others.

£13.37. NR: Sitzcarallo.
2.35 (1m 4f): ROSTOVA S Cauthen (4-1 fav); Quickstep (7-1); Corinth (8-1); Trapeze Artist (20-1); 14 ran. 2, hd. (C Brittain) T: £5.90; £2.30, £2.60, £2.40. CSF: £28.89.
3.05 (1m): LIGHTNING DEALER Pat Eddery (16-1); Ticky Bender (10-1); Middlesex (33-1); Concorde Affair (6-1); 8 ran. 1 1/2, 1 1/2. (P Kelleway) T: £22.60; £2.90, £1.10, £5.50. CSF: £134.24. Lord Grundy fshd 2nd but disqualified.
3.35 (5f): BARNET HEIR J Adams (10-1); Music Machine (7-2 fav); Rapid Miss (12-1); Clantime (7-1); 13 ran. 1 1/2, 4. (Mrs S Swift) T: £7.90; £1.70, £2.50, £3.70. CSF: £42.86.
4.10 (1m): ENGLISH SPRING Pat Eddery (6-1); Domynga (10-1); Miss Monroe (16-1); Axiom (8-1); 12 ran. 2, 1. (I Balding) T: £5.20; £1.40, £3.10, £5.10. CSF: £58.47.
4.40 (7f): GILDERDALE S Dawson (12-1); Star Formation (9-1); Indian Hal (12-1); Eddie Zip (5-2 fav); 17 ran. 1 1/2, 1. (N Vigors) T: £16.30; £2.30, £2.60, £3.50, £1.30. CSF: £112.01.
5.10 (7f): UNMISTAKABLE B Thomson (16-1); Al-Abir (5-1); Lyphard Chimes (11-8 on fav); Schlemmer (14-1); 18 ran. 2, nk. (B W Hills) T: £15.30; £4.40, £2.40, £1.30. CSF: £98.30.

Sports Line

Chelsea
gets GLC
order

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

THE GLC has ordered Chelsea football club to pull down its new electrified fence which was unveiled yesterday.

And it wants the 12-foot high wire removed before Saturday's First Division derby match with Chelsea's London neighbours Spurs.

The GLC which believes any use of the 12-volt fence would be illegal — also threatened legal action if the club refused to give assurances by 11a.m. today that it would not be operated without permission.

However, Chelsea's chairman Ken Bates has refused to say whether the wire would be switched on for Saturday's match.

He said the electric wire would give anyone coming into contact with it an 'uncomfortable' experience.

Breach

However, the GLC's leisure committee, which issues safety certificates for London's football stadiums, believes the club will be in breach of the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975.

Lawyers acting for the GLC say that under the act, the wiring is classed as a 'major structural alteration' requiring planning permission.

Bates, who called a press to Stamford Bridge to show off the fence, said: 'We have made it clear to the GLC that if they do go ahead in the High Court we will oppose them.'

'Furthermore, we have stated that we will request the judge to hold the matter in open court.'

'The GLC has indicated that it would like the hearing to be heard in chambers, but we think this is a matter of public interest and we have nothing to hide.'

The council has responded to Bates's position by declining to say what court action it has in mind.

Alternatives include an injunction to stop the use of the wire, or a request for the ground to be closed.

David Chambers, head of the GLC's entertainments licensing, wrote to the club setting out their ultimatum.

His letter said: '... in view of the match on Saturday I must ask for an immediate and unconditional assurance that the unauthorised altera-

TEAR DOWN FENCE

Court threat over electric barrier

tions will not be continued until such time as necessary authority has first been obtained, and any electrified wiring already installed on the perimeter fence will be removed before Saturday's match.

'In the absence of such assurances by 11a.m. tomorrow, the council will have no alternative but to consider legal action.'

Chelsea were not available to comment at the latest development.

Bates claimed earlier: 'No matter what fence you put up, you can't stop the determined troublemaker, as the Ministry of Defence has found out at Greenham Common,' he said.

Police

He said his aim was to eliminate 95 per cent of the 'hard-core' troublemakers, leaving 5 per cent for the police and safety authorities to cope with.

The Football Association ordered Chelsea to make £40,000 worth of improvement to Stamford Bridge following crowd trouble at the Chelsea-

Sunderland Milk Cup semi-final on March 4.

Seats and wooden planks were ripped up, and Chelsea says it has now removed slatted seats in the members' enclosure and replaced them with concrete seating.

Pitch

The FA commission never suggested that Chelsea should electrify their fence around the pitch, which has also been heightened by four feet and had barbed wire placed on top.

● A GROUP of Tory MPs have backed the electrified fence. In a Commons motion they hoped that this 'deterrent to hooliganism' and other measures at football grounds would be given full consideration by the government.

John Carlisle, MP for Luton North and principal sponsor of the motion, claimed: 'Chelsea's action is a cry for help and a desperate plea to ministers to propose something positive and not to knock down every suggestion put forward.'

Windies whitewash Kiwis

WEST INDIES go forward to the third Test tomorrow against New Zealand with a 5-0 whitewash of the Kiwis in the one-day cricket series under their belt.

They crushed New Zealand by 112 runs in the final one-day international at the Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados.

Man-of-the-match De-

mond Haynes helped the home side to victory with 116 while Larry Gomes added an aggressive 78 to carry their side to 265 for three off 49 overs.

The visitors lost quick wickets and laboured to 153 for eight to the disappointment of the 10,000-strong crowd which turned out for the first one-day

international ever held there.

Haynes and Gomes scored virtually at will to put on a second wicket stand of 184 in 138 minutes.

The result must have cost some sleep for visiting captain Geoff Howarth as he leads his side into the third Test in Bridge-

town. The previous two Tests in the four-match series were drawn.

West Indies have named fast bowler Winston Davis in a squad of 12 for the Test. He replaces off-spinner Clyde Butts, who failed to take a wicket on his debut in the high-scoring second Test.

Davis played in all the one-day internationals and has a good chance of playing in the third Test because the Kensington Oval is arguably the quickest pitch in the Caribbean.

WEST INDIES 12: Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Viv Richards (captain), Larry Gomes, Gus Logie, Jeff Dujon, Roger Harper, Malcolm Marshall, Michael Holding, Joel Garner, Winston Davis.

DESMOND HAYNES



Chelsea's chairman Ken Bates showing off the 12-foot high electrified fence at Stamford Bridge yesterday. The GLC have told him to pull it down

Mortimer (nearly) makes history off the field

BARNSELY striker Rodger Wylde was cleared by an FA disciplinary commission in London yesterday of a charge that would have made soccer history.

Former Aston Villa captain Dennis Mortimer, the first player ever to lodge a complaint against a fellow player, claimed Wylde hit him in the face in an off-the-ball incident.

He said it happened while he was on loan to Sheffield United in a game with Barnsley at Bramall Lane on February 23.

Mortimer had to be taken off the field and received six stitches in his lip.

Wylde was charged with 'insulting or improper behaviour, or acting in a manner likely to bring the game into disrepute'.

Yesterday's three-man commission of Les MacKay, Harold Smith and Chris

Wilcox agreed Mortimer had received a serious facial injury but said there was not sufficient evidence to positively determine how that injury had occurred.

The commission agreed, however, that Mortimer's claim was 'not unreasonable' and the £25 fee he had to lodge as a deposit was returned to him. He was not asked to pay any costs.

Wylde, who brought one witness with him, had nothing to say at the end of the case. But Mortimer said: 'As far as I am concerned he came up to me and struck me deliberately in the face.'

'But I always felt the case would end like this because the witnesses would contradict each other. I shall not take it to a civil court — I wanted to keep this within the realms of our profession. But I was determined

to bring the charge on a matter of principle.

'I don't blame the referee in the match because it is very difficult for them to see everything that happens off the ball... this was a case of one player taking another out of the game well away from the referee.'

Mortimer, who had played over 500 League games is unhappy about the current game.

'There is a certain element coming into the game. Players are more determined and more ruthless and there are now more cynical tackles than there used to be,' he said.

'It seems that too often it is a case of teams wanting to win at all costs and not caring how they do it.'

● Earlier, Chelsea striker David Speedie, who had



DENNIS MORTIMER

reached 41 points, was fined £200 and suspended for two matches to take effect immediately. It was his fourth suspension of the season and means that at the end of the present suspension he will have missed eight games



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Sam looks for No.1 spot

SCOTSMAN Sam Torrance will be eyeing the No.1 money winning spot for the season when he makes his 1985 European debut in the £100,000 Madrid Open Golf Championships at Puerta de Hierro.

The genial 31-year-old Scot won three tournaments last year and finished second on the money list to West German Bernhard Langer, and his hopes of going one better are improved by Langer's decision to play much more golf on the US tour this year.

Torrance won the 1984 York Festival, Tunisian and Barcelona Opens and earned £112,000 in official winnings. He finished 11 shots back of Langer when

the West German won the US Masters title at Augusta, Georgia, earlier this month.

Langer went on to add the Heritage Classic title last Sunday and is playing in Houston this week. His rivals will be seeking to take advantage of his absence here.

Howard Clark, bidding like Torrance to retain his place on the European Ryder Cup team to meet the Americans in September is here to defend the title he won last year on the hilly, wooded 7,006-yard course just outside the Spanish capital.

Shreeves told to buy . . . and sell

SPEND SPEND SPEND SPURS

TOTTENHAM manager Peter Shreeves has been given the go-ahead by the club's dynamic young chairman, Irving Scholar, to spend, spend, spend, this summer.

But Shreeves has also been told by his chairman that he must sell several players to bring down the club's massive wage bill.

The Tottenham board met in secret on Monday after Saturday's defeat by lowly Ipswich.

It was the latest in a string of home disasters that has brought to an end the club's hopes of catching Everton at the top of the First Division.

Hope

'The club have given up hope of lifting the League Championship this season and Monday's board meeting dealt specifically with the club's challenge for the title in 1985/86,' a source close to the club told News Line.

'Mr Scholar is determined to win the Championship. He has given Peter Shreeves approval to go out and buy three established, first class players.'

'The board of directors, Mr Scholar and the manager have been bitterly dis-

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appointed with recent results. They feel the squad needs strengthening, but Peter Shreeves must also be prepared to make a big clear-out at the club as well.'

It is believed that Tottenham are so desperate to lift the League Championship next season that the board have given approval for Shreeves to spend up to £1 million — as well as any cash raised from the imminent departure of up to NINE players!

Future

The future of defenders Paul Miller, Danny Thomas and Mark Bowen, midfielders Mick Hazard, Garry Brooke and Ian Crooks, and strikers Garth Crooks and Ally Dick are in doubt.

Shreeves believes that the loss of midfielder, England international Gary Stevens, was the turning point of the Championship challenge.

Other players who have missed crucial games this season through lengthy injuries include Glenn Hoddle, Gary Mabbutt, Chris Hughton, Hazard and Osvaldo Ardiles.

Strength

Tottenham's theory that they had the strength in depth to supplement their regular first teamers was blown out the window in recent matches. They have been beaten in their last four home League matches.

Shreeves was bitterly critical of several of his players after last weekend's 3-2 defeat at home to struggling Ipswich, claiming that several players had given up the fight and had lost interest in the League Championship.

Among the defenders Spurs have run the rule over are Ipswich's England international Terry Butcher who is unhappy at Portman Road, and Manchester United's Kevin Moran, who may find it hard to get back into the Old Trafford line-up.

Shopping

It is believed that Luton's unsettled midfielder Ricky Hill leads Shreeves shopping list for player to link up with Mabbutt, Hoddle and Ardiles next season.

He has also asked for reports on United's England man Mike Duxbury, West Ham's Paul Allen whose contract runs out shortly, and Liverpool's transfer-listed Craig Johnston.

Chris Waddle, for whom Shreeves had a £550,000 offer turned down by Newcastle recently, still tops the Tottenham striker list.

Others who might also be considered are Luton's Brian Stein, Nottingham Forest's Peter Davenport and United's Frank Stapleton.

Cowans steals show

NORMAN COWANS stole the show on the official opening day of the cricket season at Lord's. He took six wickets for 68 runs for the MCC as he tore into the defending County Champions Essex with his fast bowling.

Cowans made dramatic inroads into the Essex batting in his first over after lunch. He dismissed Essex captain Keith Fletcher to a catch by Emburey in the slips and, two balls later, bowled Keith Pont, the ball just clipping the off-stump.

Both wickets fell at 102 and Cowans, with these two wickets and that of Hardie, had figures of three for nought in a 15 ball spell.

The England pace bowler is pictured here with Essex top-scorer Derek Pringle, who is hoping to regain his place in the England team against Australia this summer. Essex were eventually dismissed for 162 with Pringle scoring 47. In reply MCC were 98 for 1 at the close.



Thommo is back in touring side

JEFF THOMSON who had England's batsmen quaking at the crease throughout the 1970s yesterday crept into the Australia's touring team to defend the Ashes this summer.

As a string of fast bowlers opted to join the rebel tour of racist South Africa in the autumn, the Australian selectors handed Thomson a plane ticket for England — as their eighth choice.

Thomson, who took the last of his 197 Test wickets against England two years

ago, almost quit cricket a month ago. He was reduced to tears and desperation watching his state side Queensland lose the Sheffield Shield final to New South Wales.

Now the 34-year-old with the streaky blonde hair and bouncy bowling has been given the chance to join the immortals.

Only five other Australians, led by his old partner Dennis Lillee, have passed the 200-wicket mark since Australia began playing Tests in 1876.

The news that 'Thommo' is back as a possible partner for fiery Geoff Lawson will hardly be welcomed in the English camp.

As former captain Bob Willis said yesterday 'if Jeff is fit he could improve the strength of the original Australian squad.'

Thomson's selection came after 24 hours of turmoil at the headquarters of the Australian Cricket Board in Melbourne.

A deadline for members of the original 17 squad —

which included five fast bowlers — to sign a pledge not to go to racist South Africa passed with pace men Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy and second-choice wicket-keeper Steve Rixon withdrawing from the tour.

With only a week to go before the team lands at Heathrow, the selectors urgently called up Queenslanders Carl Rackemann, John Maguire and Ray Phillips as replacements.

At the time the board were not too sure whether

Rackemann and Maguire were already in the clutches of the South African recruiter, Bruce Francis.

Within hours their fears were confirmed and they turned to Thomson, along with young New South Wales bowler Dave Gilbert, who is uncapped but possesses genuine raw pace.

Rixon's replacement was Queensland wicket-keeper Ray Phillips who quickly accepted the invitation to join the Ashes tour.

'I'm over the moon —

there won't be any trouble about me signing a statutory declaration,' he said.

At a press conference, ACB Chairman Fred Bennett was highly critical of the South African Cricket Union and their agent for their raids on Australian cricket, and he hinted at possible legal action.

'Australia is a member of the International Cricket Conference and has a commitment to the Test playing nations.'