

March by hospital workers

A LIVELY demonstration of 250 health workers and community groups marched through London's east end yesterday to protest at plans to close the casualty unit at the Mile End branch of London Hospital.

Joining a lobby of the Tower Hamlets health authority meeting were representatives of the local Asian and Chinese communities, workers from Queen Mary College, local councillors, Tower Hamlets trades council as well as delegations from NUPE and NALGO.

Paul Gilbert, chairman of the district joint shop stewards committee and a NUPE nursing steward, told News Line that the Tower Hamlets area had the highest level of casualty attendances in the country due to poor GP and health centre services in the area.

Closure of Mile End would leave only one casualty unit in the borough.

Five other casualty units have already been closed in recent years, creating enormous pressure on existing facilities.

The health authority meeting was also due to discuss cuts of £2.3 million to be made by next February.

Hospital workers linked these attacks on services to the changes taking place within the management structure. The new district general manager due to take charge in 1986

is Brigadier General Alway, formerly of the Rhine Army.

A short rally was addressed by representatives from local schools, tenants associations, trades council and Tower Hamlets Health Campaign.

Christine Smith, who chairs the Community Health Council, warned that although the health authority had recommended that the casualty unit be kept open for the moment, 'the fight is not over'.



Hospital workers and community organisations lobbying against the threatened closure of the London Hospital casualty ward in Mile End

AFTER HANDSWORTH THATCHER'S RED SCARE

BY ALEX MITCHELL

THE THATCHER government yesterday expelled 25 Soviet officials in a major escalation of Cold War hostilities against the Soviet Union.

The expulsions were made after a counsellor at the Soviet Embassy, Oleg Gordievsky, defected and was granted political asylum by the Foreign Office.

Thatcher's propaganda machine, enthusiastically abetted by the Tory press, claimed Gordievsky, 46, was 'the top KGB man in Britain' and 'a Soviet spy-master'.

Midday editions of yesterday's London 'Standard' carried the front-page headline, 'TRIPLE TROUBLE FOR MAGGIE', referring to the Handsworth riots, the Tories' drastic drop in the opinion polls

and growing resentment of Thatcher's refusal to impose even partial sanctions on the Botha regime.

But by late afternoon the Thatcher story had been whipped off the front page and consigned to virtual oblivion inside. It was replaced by: 'KGB'S LONDON SPYMASTER DEFECTS'.

Accusations

Alexey Nikiforov, the Soviet Embassy's information officer, said the expulsions were 'an unwarranted action of an unfriendly character'.

'All accusations or insinuations as to the alleged illegal activities of the Soviet representatives have nothing to do with reality,' he said.

Nikiforov said the

government's action was 'a provocative measure'. It 'fully contradicts' official British statements about being interested in developing relations with the Soviet Union.

'The whole responsibility for the consequences of this provocative action fully and entirely rests with the British side.'

To show the utter hypocrisy of the 'Iron Lady's' red scare, the Foreign Office waited until early evening to announce that the Tory government intends increasing the number of Soviet diplomats from 39 to 46.

Normally when diplomats are expelled, the numbers in that embassy are reduced by that amount — in this case

six. But the six expelled Soviet diplomats will be replaced by 13 new ones.

Among those expelled are four Soviet journalists who have been involved in reporting the year-long miners' strike, the conflict in the north of Ireland and many anti-Tory protests and demonstrations.

Holiday

They include Tass correspondent Viktor Muzalev, who is on holiday with his family in the Soviet Union, Novosti correspondent, Aleksandr Kodintsev, and Radio Moscow reporter, Sergey Sayenko, and 'Pravda' correspondent Yuriy Kudimov.

Fourteen trade officials were also on the

list including personnel working at the International Wheat Council, the International Cocoa Organisation, the Aeroflot office in Piccadilly and the Moscow Narodny Bank.

Greville Wynne, the former British agent captured by the Soviet Union in the 1960s, said that Gordievsky 'would want for nothing for the rest of his life'.

'He will be really well looked after,' Wynne said.

He said British agents had probably been working on the Soviet diplomat for a number of years. 'It is probably the successful outcome of several years' work,' he added.

Amidst the 'red scare', Scottish Secretary George Younger will fly to Moscow on Sunday as head of a

trade mission of Scots industrialists.

The five-day visit, sponsored by the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, is to promote trading relations.

Yesterday expulsions were the largest carried out since the Heath government removed 105 Soviet officials in 1971.

Tensions

The Thatcher government's deliberate deepening of Cold War tensions comes on the eve of the November summit between Soviet party chief Mikhail Gorbachev and President Reagan in Geneva.

It also follows the lurid story leaked by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) two weeks ago about alleged cancer-causing 'spy dust' being used on American diplomats in Moscow.

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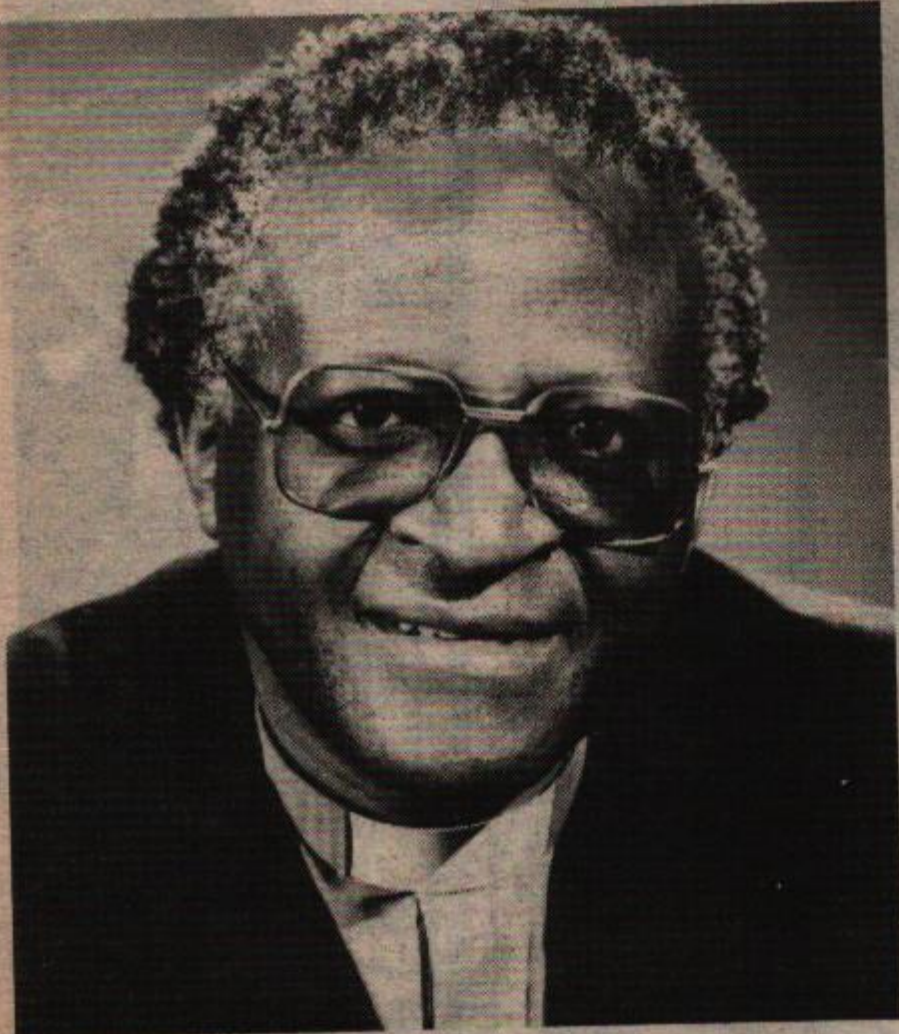
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TUTU STRIKE CALL GAINS SUPPORT



Bishop TUTU

CAPE TOWN — South African police yesterday shot dead seven more protesters as black resistance raged and anger boiled over in response to President P W Botha's fraudulent offer of 'citizenship' to Bantustan blacks.

The racist white minority regime's crisis deepened as church leaders backed a call by Bishop Desmond Tutu for a one-day general strike on October 9.

Anglo-American Corporation chairman Gavin Rely, meanwhile, reasserted that he would lead businessmen to a meeting in Lusaka, Zambia, today with African National Congress president Oliver Tambo.

The Cape Town troops killed three youths aged

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

about 18 by firing shotguns at a group of protesters stoning vehicles and setting up burning barricades in the black township of Guguletu.

Doctors at a clinic in the nearby Crossroads shantytown announced two more deaths later. Other reports said the police had shot dead a man in Langa township and a woman in Howick, Natal Province.

In Soweto, the Johannesburg dormitory suburb, troops surrounded a school and arrested more than 500 pupils who boycotted lessons.

Yesterday's arrests took to well over 1,000 the number of schoolchildren held under Botha's state of emergency laws for boycotting schools.

The racist white minority's troops are responsible for the overwhelming majority of the estimated 700 people killed in the past 20 months of unstoppable rebellion.

Yesterday, the fierce resistance to police and military repression spilled over into Uitenhage, near Port Elizabeth in the eastern Cape, and scene of the March 21 massacre of more than 40 unarmed mourners marching to a funeral.

In Pietermaritzburg, the majority of Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churchmen backed Tutu's call for a one-day national stoppage next month in all but essential services.

Only the Afrikaner Dutch Reformed Church said they needed more time to consider the situation before making a decision.

£100,000 Emergency Fund

THE new Tory Cabinet met for the first time yesterday to plan out new attacks on the working class — in a week where the crisis facing the government has intensified.

Environment Secretary Kenneth Baker moved into action immediately, surcharging Liverpool and Lambeth councillors for their defiant refusal to make cuts.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd was sent into Birmingham, where the major street clashes were the direct result of provocative policing, mass unemployment and poverty.

The government is ready to respond to those who took to the streets in Birmingham as they treated the miners for fighting for their jobs — 60 miners are still in jail.

Attacks on education, local services and the NHS continue unabated.

Figures in the London 'Evening Standard' reveal that the capital had 357 hospitals in 1968, 299 in 1977, 230 in 1984 and is expected to have 170 by 1991.

But the more the Tory government hits back at basic rights, the more the working class resists. Capitulation and com-

promise in the way Labour leader Neil Kinnock, TUC leader Norman Willis and now the NUR rail union leadership is proceeding cannot defeat this government.

The world economic crisis of capitalism dictates the necessity of building revolutionary leadership.

The raising of our Emergency Fund is a central part of equipping the Workers Revolutionary Party and the daily News Line for the challenge facing the whole working class — the organisation of the General Strike to bring down this hated Tory government and the establishment of a Workers Revolutionary Government.

Yesterday we received £161.59 from the following branches and supporters: Huddersfield £10, Morden £17.29, Finsbury £6.30, T.W. £20, Norwich West £5, BBC worker £2.50, Hammersmith £5, Clapham £12.50, Ferndale £10, Angell £20, Lavender Hill £20, Tulse Hill £18, Brixton £10, Rectory £5.

The grand total is now: £70,269.38.

Please send off your donations today to: WRP Emergency Fund, 21B Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 0JT.

Council call inquiry into Handsworth

BIRMINGHAM City Council is to hold its own inquiry into the unrest in Handsworth after the Thatcher government yesterday rejected requests for a judicial investigation.

The Tory Cabinet, meeting for the first time since the street clashes, instead called on West

Midlands Chief Constable Geoffrey Dear to stage an inquiry.

The decision drew an angry reaction from leaders of the Labour-controlled authority. 'If the government doesn't see fit to do it, then the city will do it,' said council leader Dick Knowles.

Shipping employers reject pay claim

SHIPPING employers yesterday turned down an 11 percent pay claim submitted by 25,000 merchant navy captains and officers.

John Newton, of the General Council of British Shipping, told union

negotiators: 'There can be no question of our conceding a pay increase in double figures against the economic background facing the industry.'

The two sides will meet again on October 25



Picket supports Maire O'Shea

MEMBERS of the Irish in Britain Representation Group (IBRG) picketed the Home Office last night to demand the dropping of charges against 65-year-old Birmingham psychiatrist Dr Maire O'Shea.

She was arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act on January 5 this year and was then charged with conspiracy to cause an explosion in the United Kingdom.

O'Shea was released on bail after spending a month in solitary

NALGO protest over 'Sun' race article

MEMBERS of the local government union NALGO and print workers will hold a picket outside the London headquarters of the 'Sun' newspaper today, in protest at an article in yesterday's edition about the Handsworth street clashes.

The story, headlined 'Why the West Indians hate Asians', was written by white author Roy Kerridge, described as 'an expert on black Britain'.

The organisers of to-

day's picket, from 12.00p.m. to 2.00p.m., say that the article amounts to an incitement of racial hatred.

The article is accompanied by a photograph of a black youth, captioned: 'VIOLENT BOMBER'. A black hooligan prepares to throw a petrol bomb.

Kerridge's article claims: 'The terrible events in Handsworth, murderous attacks on Indian shopkeepers and

full-scale arson must be seen against a background of anti-Asian murmurings among even the most respectable West Indians.'

Both Asian and West Indian community leaders in the Handsworth area have denounced claims of racial tension and placed the blame for the clashes squarely on the social deprivation and provocative policing that are a result of Tory policies.

Customs seize books

DUBLIN customs men yesterday seized 1,500 copies of a book written by two former nuns under the Irish Republic's draconian Censorship of Publications Act.

The book, 'Breaking Silence', by Americans Rosemary Curb and Nancy Manahan, both lesbians, will be examined by the government-

appointed Censorship Board.

According to the authorities in Dublin, the book will be examined to see if it merits a total ban.

The book, a bestseller in the United States, is made up of interviews the authors conducted with more than 400 nuns and ex-nuns about their lesbian experiences.

The two writers arrived in Dublin earlier this week to publicise their work and were scheduled to appear tonight on Irish television's top-rated 'Late Late Show' chat programme.

It is understood that several thousand copies of the book have already been distributed in Dublin and other parts of the republic.

Report probes content of personal files

ENTRIES in personal files kept by authorities can contain both serious errors and prejudiced judgements, a report out yesterday says.

Its findings are published only three weeks after the disclosure that errors in secret BBC personnel files led to some journalists being refused employment.

The Campaign for the Freedom of Information report is entitled 'I Want to Know What's in my File'.

It says: ● The very existence of records known to be secret breeds suspicion and mistrust; ● The files may contain errors or omissions that may lead to inappropriate treatment or injustice;

● Allowing people to see and question what is written about them creates a safeguard from unsubstantiated speculation and prejudiced comment; ● People can learn from their files, either about their present condition or past events, and are entitled to this knowledge;

● People are better able to take decisions if information is shared with them.

The campaigners who compiled the report are to introduce a Bill in parliament on October 29 under the 10-minute rule procedure.

The Bill would allow individuals to discover whether a particular authority holds records about them, to obtain the records, and to correct them if necessary.

£8,000 Monthly Fund September Fund still dragging its feet

TO RELAX now is to be disarmed in this political situation. Not a day goes by without Thatcher intensifying her attacks against the working class.

As a result, explosive situations will develop such as the scenes in Handsworth on Monday night. Frustration builds up as youth face years of unemployment, poor housing conditions and no social services.

The bankrupt capitalist system can find no answer except to intensify such problems. The only way forward today is for the mobilisation of the working class to bring an end to capitalism and establish in its place a socialist society.

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The News Line September Appeal Fund, 21B Old Town, London SW4 0JT.

Teachers reject new pay offer

TEACHERS yesterday angrily turned down a new pay offer of 5.85 per cent — saying it was a step back from previous offers.

The offer was made by employers in London after both sides involved in the long-running dispute had met for nearly an hour at a West End hotel.

It was part of a two-year package including a restructuring of teachers' pay and conditions. The bulk of the increase would be paid this year, with rises ranging from 9.8 per cent for the lowest paid to 6 per cent for the highest paid.

The teachers' unions, however, unanimously rejected the offer, saying it represented a move backwards from the previous offer, which they said averaged 6.06 per cent.

Doug McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: 'We are going to tell the employers to do their sums again. The level of increase in this new package is totally inadequate.'

Gambit

Teachers' officials said they regarded the offer as an opening gambit by the employers and they expected yesterday's talks to continue through the day and perhaps into the night.

The employers were meeting separately yesterday afternoon.

McAvoy insisted that the pay offer for 1985 must be an improvement on the July level of 6.06 per cent and be kept separate from other issues.

The NUT has up to now consistently refused to tie any pay deal to attacks on conditions and contracts.

'For the kind of new pay structure we would like to see, the amount of money needed would be more than £450 million,' McAvoy said.

But the 5.85 pay offer would cost this year in the region of £255 million.

Nigel De Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, described yesterday's offer as 'a big step backwards'.

Less

He said his union had been the strongest in support of reforming salary structures but what was now on offer under that heading was less than that offered in 1984.

'They are making things a hell of a lot worse,' he said.

Peter Smith, deputy general secretary of the third-largest teaching union, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, said the offer was inadequate, adding: 'The whole package is trying to rob Paul tomorrow to pay Peter today.'

'There is nothing in this package that would lead teachers to be stoical and feel they could accept it.'

'I believe Sir Keith Joseph's stubbornness lies behind all this.'

SACKED GUARDS LEFT IN LIMBO

BY SIMON VEVERS

LEADERS of the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) are to enter talks with British Rail on driver-only operation — without any guarantee that 251 sacked guards will be reinstated.

This follows a 66-11 vote yesterday by delegates at a special NUR conference at Congress House in London in favour of a recommendation from the union's national executive.

Announcing the conference vote, NUR general secretary Jimmy Knapp claimed that talks would

be restricted to DOO and that no agreement would be reached until victimised guards in Scotland and South Wales get their jobs back.

But British Rail management have made it clear that they want the NUR to yield to other job-cutting productivity measures in exchange for the reinstatement of sacked guards.

Yesterday's vote means that the union's 1984 conference policy opposing DOO is torn up — a fact which is bound to

encourage BR to step up its attacks on jobs and conditions.

The resolution passed by delegates makes no mention of the men sacked for upholding union policy in fighting the unilateral imposition of one-man trains.

Knapp told reporters afterwards: 'Delegate after delegate made it clear that we would not be able to endorse any agreement without the reinstatement of every dismissed guard.'

Claiming that BR was

not being handed 'a blank cheque', he added: 'The decision means that we will proceed to present our case on driver-only operation to the British Railways Board.'

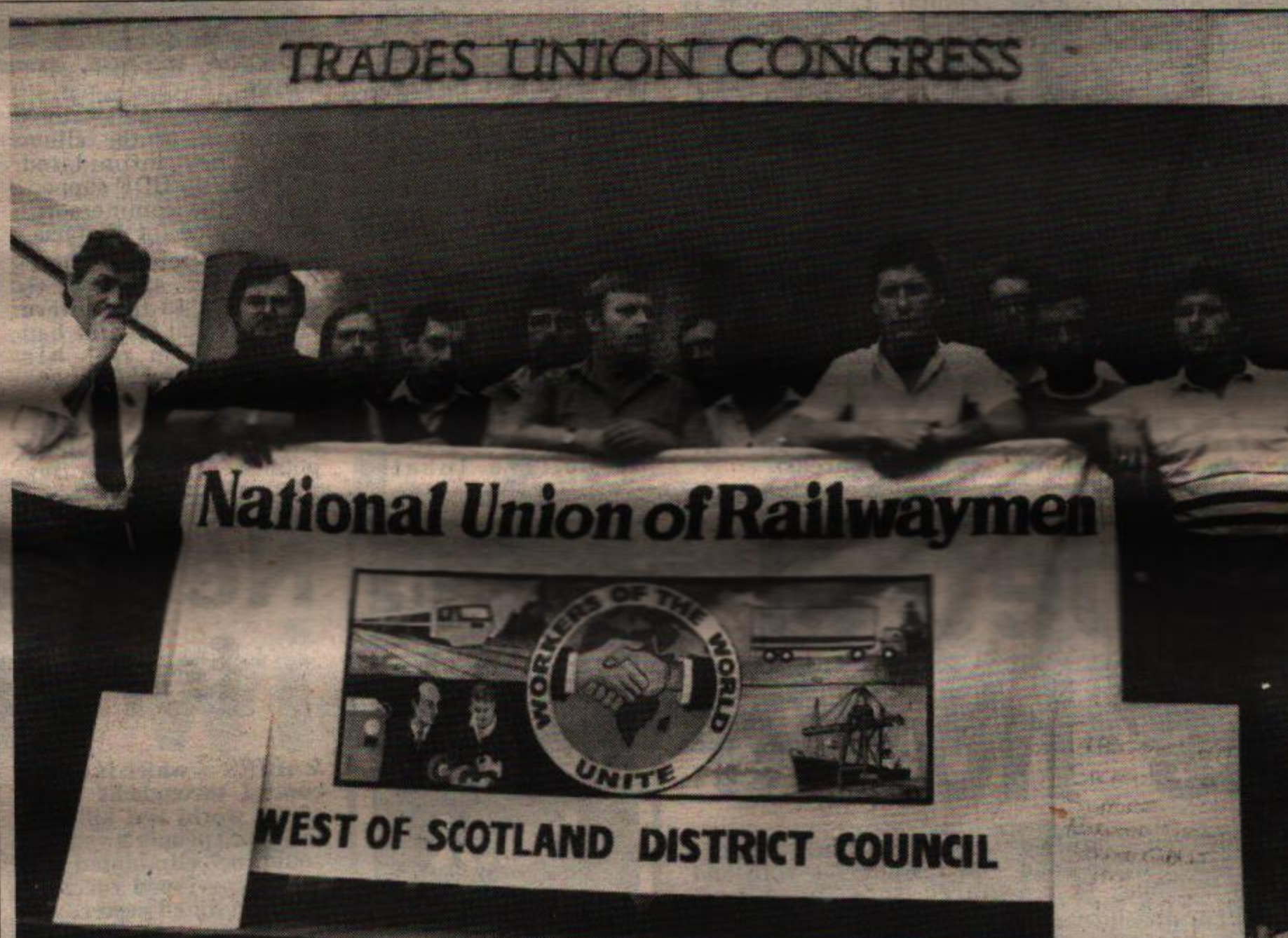
But the conference decision, reached after a four-hour debate, did not please sacked and striking guards lobbying outside who insisted that the union leaders should not enter talks until they are all back in work.

Their case was put forcefully to the conference by a delegate from Glasgow who said that the recent guards' ballot was 'nothing to do with demo-

cracy'. Stressing that the future of the union was at stake, he added: 'Our members were individualised by that ballot.'

This was in sharp contrast to Knapp's enthusiasm for state-imposed ballots. He said he had 'no regrets' about complying with voting procedures laid down under Tory anti-union legislation.

THE NUR was balloting between 5,500 and 6,000 signal and telecommunications technicians yesterday on industrial action. They were voting on BR productivity proposals which could mean the destruction of 400 jobs



Sacked guards from Glasgow were joined by striking colleagues from Norwood Junction when they lobbied yesterday's NUR conference at Congress House

Norwood strikers on lobby

SACKED guards from Glasgow stood shoulder to shoulder with striking colleagues from Norwood Junction yesterday when they lobbied the NUR conference at Congress House.

Seven men from the South London depot came out on strike for a day following the dismissal of Scottish and Welsh guards last month — and have refused to go back until they are reinstated.

Tommy Wason, who has been a guard at Glasgow Central for 11 years, said that British Rail was holding them as hostages to try and force the union to back down on productivity.

He said he had no regrets about his stand and urged leaders of the union to oppose the diktats from British Rail management.

'We came out for a principle and now we are looking for support to get our jobs back.'

Wason said that the introduction of driver-only operation could be 'the

beginning of the end. There is going to be a large loss of jobs'.

Rab Finnie paid tribute to the Norwood strikers and warned that any climbdown by the NUR could be fatal. He added bitterly: 'We are just pawns in a big chess game.'

Crash

Sam Coleman said that the train crash in Portugal had highlighted the need for guards on safety grounds.

'From what I've heard a guard, or his equivalent over there, pulled three people from the wreckage. That underlines the importance of keeping guards on trains. Besides, the public want us there for safety reasons.'

Percy Fowler, national president of the NUR guards' section, said that he was certain that majority of his members were firmly opposed to DOO now that BR has 'shown its hand'.

Syrian tank crews shell Palestinians

From Wafa, Palestine News Agency

ARTILLERY attacks on Beirut's Palestinian refugee camps continued for the 10th consecutive day yesterday, with random shelling particularly of Bourj al-Barajneh.

Bourj al-Barajneh was hit by an assortment of shells from dawn, including from T54 and T55 Syrian tanks crewed by Syrian personnel.

Six people were wounded and extensive damage was wreaked on the camp despite a ceasefire agreed on Tuesday.

Israeli naval authorities have tightened their naval blockade on Lebanese waters and are stopping all boats carrying medical equipment and foodstuffs for Palestinian camps or carrying Palestinian passengers.

In the occupied territories, all political prisoners exchanged earlier this year have been ordered to report to the military authorities with their passports and personal effects.

According to reports from the occupied West Bank, the Israeli authorities planned to deport these people within the next 24 hours.

The Palestinians were all called up on allegations that they were illegal residents in the West Bank. The order was issued by Colonel Shahak.

The names of the people to be deported are: Juma'a Awad Salem Hamed, of Qalqilia;

Adnan Mohammad Bleidi, of Tulkarem; Ahd Abdel Hamid Radad, of Tulkarem; Mohammad Hamdan Abou Asabeh, Abdel Ghafer Ahmad Awadallah and Abdel Kader Rajeh Allaria, all of the Rafat area on the occupied West Bank.

Another exchange prisoner, Jamal Bassem Sadran, of Tulkarem, was arrested yesterday, along with three other Palestinians from the same area and one from the Balata refugee camp.

In addition to the deportations, a campaign of mass arrests was launched on Wednesday night and early yesterday.

In the Nablus area, seven citizens were arrested and placed under 'administrative detention', raising the number of such detainees to 75.

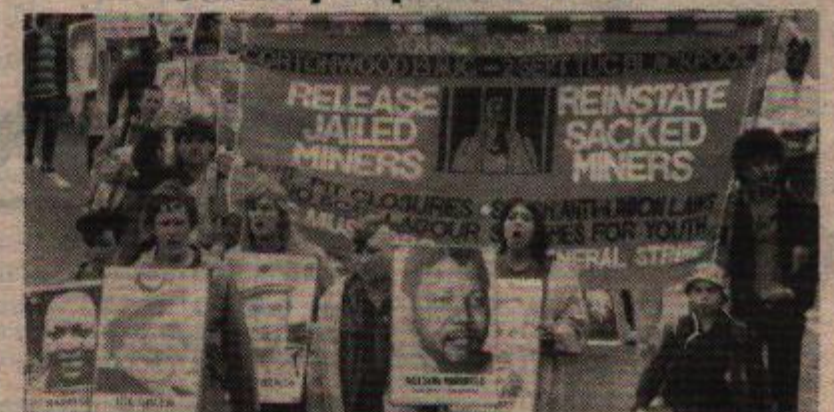
The Beir Zeit University in the occupied West Bank yesterday issued a press statement saying that a number of students had been arrested by the Israeli military authorities.

All have been placed under 'administrative detention'. The students are Marwan Barghouti, secretary of the Union of Students; Suheir Sbeihat, ex-student union secretary; Mahmoud Jaber, Jebrael Jamchan, Seif el-Din el-Dik, all fourth-year students.

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in the Durban area of South Africa at the end of August showed a new feature — attacks on Indian shops and families. Some observers suspected the reactionary Zulu Inkatha organisation may have instigated these inter-racial attacks.

Inkatha's leader Chief Gatsha Buthelezi has been conspicuous since the declaration of the State of Emergency for his international visits opposing sanctions against the apartheid regime.

But he is not a classical stooge like the leaders of the 'independent' homelands such as the Transkei.

NEWS LINE asked a visiting black South African from Natal, himself a Zulu, to explain the origins and policies of Buthelezi's Inkatha movement.

THE African National Congress was formed in 1912. They tried everything — talking, representations to London until the Republic was declared, defiance campaigns.

When the ANC was banned in 1961 and forced into exile, they decided the only way was armed struggle. Only the Soviets were willing to give arms.

The CIA strategy became to assist splits in the ANC and establish as many other opposition organisations as possible since the Soviets had won the ANC.

The CIA encouraged the formation of Black Consciousness, the Black People's Convention, the black students' organisation SASO which split from the multiracial NUSAS.

In 1977 Black Consciousness was banned along with 16 other organisations and the papers 'The World' and 'Weekend World'. Azapo was subsequently formed to replace Black Consciousness.

Against this back-

ground Inkatha was formed in 1975. It was the revival of the organisation formed by the Zulu King Solomon in 1928 when the British administration made it illegal for the Zulus to carry arms — spears and shields.

The Zulus were the last to fight — right up to the 1906 Bampatha rebellion against passes.

King Solomon felt Zulu manhood could be destroyed by the ban and formed Inkatha for ceremonies, so that in a subtle way they could carry sticks.

But the movement fizzled out because there was no rallying point and King Solomon had been neutralised. He was the first king with a non-Zulu name.

Heckled

Before 1975 Buthelezi visited other African countries. In Tanzania he was heckled by students for being a 'bantustan' leader. When he protested to President Nyerere he was told: 'You come as a representative of Pretoria — you don't have a people's organisation behind you.'

On his return he started touting for opinions and contacting the Zulu intelligentsia. As a former ANC Youth League leader, he was asked by some of them to lead the KwaZulu territorial authority because they feared a stooge would take over. He was to block 'independence'.

The Zulu people had no political home and welcomed this new political organisation which carried ANC colours. They thought this was the banned ANC in disguise.

Buthelezi used to fraternise outside the country with ANC leaders, who initially accepted his strategy. The only escape route out of South Africa was through Swaziland and later Mozambique when FRELIMO was making big strides. They needed to cross Zululand to reach the borders.

In the late 1970s Buthelezi quarrelled with the ANC. The gap widened and came into the open in 1980.

Because of their Soviet connections, the ANC wanted no links with the CIA. Buthelezi, with his US links, had to move

away from the ANC.

Inkatha was being used by the CIA to thwart and frustrate the upsurge of the masses, just as the UNITA movement was in Angola. They needed an alternative pro-West 'opposition' organisation.

Inkatha now has the support of perhaps 1 million of the 6 million Zulus — mainly civil servants in the self-governing KwaZulu homeland. There are 80 Inkatha chiefs and 50 elected MPs from the townships in the legislative assembly.

The chiefs get their pay cheques from KwaZulu's capital, Lundi. So it is safer not to oppose Inkatha. Only three chiefs do.

Debating

Buthelezi IS the organisation. Most of the chiefs are illiterate and can't match his brilliant debating.

All those under the chief's authority are subject to him. He tells them to join Inkatha if they want his assistance to get Section 10 rights (to live and work in South Africa's white areas).

Schoolboys petrol bomb Asians' home

AN Old Bailey judge yesterday condemned racism and violence in Britain as 'an absolute disgrace to our own community'.

Judge Jack Abdela made his remarks as he sentenced two teenage schoolboys to three years youth custody for petrol-bombing a destitute Asian family's south London flat. The family escaped unharmed after

the father managed to put out the blaze.

The judge ruled that the boys' names could be published, despite their age, because they had put themselves in 'the category of wicked villains who don't act like children, but like criminals.'

'We have seen in this country far too much of the violence and racism

that goes on,' he told Jason Mitchell, 16, and Darren Hutchins, 14.

'It's an absolute disgrace to our own community that these people, who are destitute, should have to suffer these indignities and criminalities at the hands of callous youths such as yourselves.'

The youth, who both admitted arson while being reckless as to endangering life, set out to

intimidate chef Mohamed Miah, his wife and three sons, aged two, eight and 12, said Barbara Mills prosecuting.

The family, who came from Bangladesh, were homeless and squatting in a council flat in Bedwall House on the Stockwell Park Estate when the violence began on May 17.

It started when four youths, including Mitchell, barged into the flat, asking for money.

WEATHER

SCOTLAND, Northern Ireland and north-west England will have sunny intervals and showers, locally heavy. Thickening cloud will spread across these areas during the day bringing outbreaks of rain during the evening. The rest of England and Wales will have sunny intervals and although scattered showers may develop during the afternoon, many places will remain dry. Any showers will die out in the evening. Winds will be strong at first in the north. Temperatures will be near normal in most places, but it will feel cooler in southern areas after the warmth of recent days.

Outlook: Northern parts will have windy weather with rain or showers. The south will start dry but rain will spread from the north during Saturday followed by clearer drier weather on Sunday.

Coach firm goes bust

ONE of the west of England's biggest private coach operators has gone bankrupt.

The Trathens Company based in Plymouth defaulted on Monday and the receiver was called in. At the same time it is understood that a police fraud squad investigation had started into the company's affairs.

Trathens was one of the main partners in the independent Coach Ways consortium which came into being after the Tory 1980 Road Transport Act opened the way for competition and privatisation of inter-city express services.

The initial experiment was run by the firm down the so called 'western corridor' using an expensive fleet of luxurious double decker coaches equipped with videos and hostesses.

Dubbed by some 'The Laker Airways of the coach industry', Trathens was an important component of the Tory strategy to destroy the state owned National Bus Company.

New vaccine for rabies

RABIES — which is out of control throughout most of the world and kills up to 100,000 people a year — could be eliminated by newly developed vaccine, it was claimed yesterday.

A vaccine pioneered in Switzerland and given to wild foxes in baited food had succeeded in protecting large areas of the country and was now being used with equal success in West Germany, said Tony Crowley, formerly Britain's government vet in charge of the rabies policy.

He told the British Veterinary Association's annual congress in Exe-

ter the vaccine was now being used on an experimental basis in Italy, the US and Canada.

At present it was only possible to feed foxes, the main rabies carrier, with live vaccine.

'But if the technique can be made safe by using killed vaccine, we will have in our hands a powerful and effective tool for the control, and perhaps the elimination, of wildlife rabies in the years to come.'

In the last ten years, rabies has continued its advance throughout the world. In India alone, it kills 20,000 people a year



VICTORIA MXENGE, assassinated black civil rights lawyer

agents provocateurs took advantage of the situation. They intimidated and beat up UDF supporters at the commemorative service for Victoria.

When Victoria's husband was stabbed to death in 1983 there were rumours that Inkatha had killed him — his assailants were never found.

Buthelezi was compelled to deny complicity publicly at a Tshaka Day

celebration. Now there are suspicions that Inkatha was involved in the killing of Victoria.

There is clear interaction between the South African police, the Nationalist government and the Inkatha government of KwaZulu.

Inkatha's role is rejected by many other Zulus who support the UDF, Azapo and the student movement COSAS.

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Strikers face demo by blacklegs

SCABS were paraded in front of Glasgow city chambers this week as an employer organised a counter-demonstration against workers who have been on strike for three months.

Up to 100 of the scabs assembled in front of the chambers, carrying anti-strike placards, as trade unionists arrived at the end of a march from the Morris's factory, Glasgow, led by the 27 strikers who have been sacked.

Their crime? Having worked extra hours to 'help the company out' for a year, they went on strike when the firm extended the extra-hours scheme without negotiation.

Management not only refused to go to the ACAS arbitration service or meet Glasgow Provost Robert Gray, who had

BY SIMON PIRANI

offered to mediate.

When the Morris's workers turned up at the city chambers for an official civic reception following their march, they were disgusted to see that former employer had mobilised the scabs in a provocative counter-demonstration.

'This shows the kind of man we are dealing with,' Furniture Timber and Allied Trades Union Scottish organiser John McCallum told News Line.

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'The provost gave him the opportunity to mediate. You can see his attitude to conciliation.'

Glasgow city councillors who hosted the reception strongly suspect that the scab workers were paid to take part in the afternoon demonstration.

As well as local trades union banners and Young Socialists members, sacked furniture workers from the Lancashire-

based Silentnight firm were on the march.

Silentnight, Britain's biggest bedding manufacturer, dismissed more than 500 trades unionists from its Barnoldswick and Sutton-in-Craven factories for 'daring' to carry out a go-slow.

The Silentnight men, like those at Morris's, 'helped the company out' - by foregoing a wage rise in order to prevent redundancies.

The firm axed 57 jobs, and when workers opted out of a piece-work system in protest, they were all sacked.

'It's not only in the furniture industry, we saw it in the railways, and in the mines last year,' FTAT assistant general secretary Jim Kooyman told the Glasgow demonstrators.

He said that, as well as Silentnight, another Lancashire furniture firm had presented its workers with a new contract and the message 'accept it or get out'.



Sacked strikers from the Morris's factory marching towards the City Chambers. They were met by a counter-demonstration of scabs

Scottish teachers seek wider backing

GLASGOW — Joint action with other trade unionists is being urged as a follow up to the enormous 40,000 turn out for Wednesday's one-day strike by Scottish teachers.

Demonstrations at seven different venues in Scotland drew attendances well above expectations — proving it was not being treated as a 'day off', speakers pointed out.

The largest was in Glasgow, with teachers packing George Square at the end of a march through the city centre.

Commenting on newspaper headlines referring to the teachers' dispute as a 'class war', Strathclyde EIS teachers' union convenor Norman Bissell said there was more truth to this than at first appeared.

'This government is using psychological warfare on teachers — using emotional blackmail which trades on our professional commitment and dedication to children's education, just as they used on the nurses and health workers,' said Bissell.

'They are waging a propaganda war trying to turn parents against teachers. But isn't it obvious that this government's expressed concern for children, for



A section of the highly successful march through Glasgow by Scottish teachers during Tuesday's one-day national stoppage

education and the family, reeks of the cant, hypocrisy and humbug of the Victorian mill-owners they seem to admire so much.'

Bissell went on: 'If teachers are to win the 'class war' then they need to step up their own action and to enlist the support of our natural allies.'

'I am confident that if we reject outright any trade-off on our hard-won conditions of service, if we go out to seek parental

support and joint action with other trade unionists, and if we step up our own action from the present level, then not only will we win a famous victory over this most repressive of governments, but we will be serving the best interests of teachers, of children and of the education service.'

● IN FALKIRK, up to 1,000 joined in a march through the town. The marchers, many with their children, carried

placards demanding 'Pay Review Now'.

Demonstrators travelled considerable distances, including from Tayside, as well as Alva, Alloa, Fallin, and Stirling.

● IN DUNFERMLINE, Comrie NUM branch banner was prominent in a demonstration of five teachers. Comrie branch secretary and victimised miner Bob Young told News Line his members were there because: 'A

miner's son and daughter have the same right to a decent education as the prime minister's son or daughter.'

Jim Martin, EIS assistant general secretary, told a rally of 500 that the strike had been the most successful ever organised by the union.

● IN EDINBURGH, 1,000 EIS members turned out for a march followed by a rally in a city centre hall.

Benefit computer

A PLAN to computerise Britain's welfare payments system by 1989 has been given the go-ahead by Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler.

The total cost of the programme, including computers, buildings and manpower, will be £140 million, he said yesterday as computer giant ICL was awarded a £60 million order for advance technology by the Department of Health and Social Security.

ICL — now part of the communications conglomerate STC — will supply between 10 and 12 computers for the DHSS's 500 social security offices nationwide.

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GLASGOW: Tuesday September 24, 7.30p.m. Young Socialists Training Centre, 71-77 Tobago Street, nr Bridgeton Cross.

Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: John Barrie (NUR guards committee secretary); Norman Bissell (EIS teachers, national executive)

DUNDEE: Thursday September 26, 7.30p.m. Wellgate Centre, Wellgate.

Speakers: Alan MacKie (YS National Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

SURREY

CROYDON: Tuesday September 17, 7.30p.m. Railway Bell Pub, Tamworth Road, West Croydon.

Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS Regional Committee); Peter Gibson (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH WALES

FLINT: Wednesday September 25, 7.30p.m. The Swan, Chester Road.

Speakers: Andy Potter (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Lynne Cheetham (Chair, Point of Ayr women's support group)

SOUTH WALES

NEWPORT: Thursday September 19, 7.30p.m. Open Hearth Pub, Ringland Estate. Speakers: Gary Devenish (Cardiff YS); Jan Knoene (Cardiff WRP)

ESSEX

ILFORD: Wednesday September 25, 7.30p.m. Mildmay House, 69 Albert Road. Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Keith Scotcher (WRP London District Committee)

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TULSE HILL: Wednesday September 18, 7.30p.m. St Martins Tenants Hall, St Martins Estate, Brixton Hill, SW2. Speakers: Gary Eason (YS Regional Committee); Ben Rudder (WRP Central Committee); Bronwen Handyside (Lambeth NALGO, in personal capacity)

FINSBURY: Thursday September 19, 7.30p.m. Finsbury Library, St John Street, EC1. Speakers: Jason Allen (YS Regional Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

CHARLTON: Thursday October 2, 7.30p.m. New Charlton Community Centre, SE7. Speakers: Gary Hughes (YS National Committee); Jean Kerrigan (WRP London District Committee); Alan Clarke (Charlton WRP)

Briefly . . .

Strikes stops West Bengal

NEW DELHI — A 24-hour strike by trade unionists yesterday disrupted West Bengal and led to the suspension of transport services and the closure of factories, affecting all jute mills, two giant steel works and the coalmines. Tea planters in the north-west of the state walked off their jobs also. Calcutta, India's most populous city of 12 million people, was at a standstill and there was no trading in the shops, commercial houses and marketplaces. Striking workers staged sit-ins on railways lines in Calcutta's busy central railway station. The strike was called in support of a demand on the New Delhi government to ban factory lockouts by bosses carrying out a sharp programme of wages and jobs cuts.

Duarte's daughter kidnapped

SAN SALVADOR — Kidnappers who seized the eldest daughter of President Jose Napoleon Duarte have not issued any demand or statement since the abduction on Tuesday. Deputy Security Minister Colonel Reynaldo Lopez Nuila, who is heading a task force trying to trace the kidnappers, said there was no clue to indicate who was responsible. Ines Guadalupe, 35, eldest of Duarte's six children, and her friend Ana Cecilia Villeda, 23, were seized by armed men when they arrived for classes at a private university in the capital.

Ministers meet in Panama

PANAMA CITY — Nine foreign ministers gathered yesterday to try to renew a flagging peace process for Central America. Panamanian Foreign Minister Jorge Abadia Arias said the government would have to resolve their differences at two days of talks for the so-called Contadora peace initiative to stay alive. Abadia's statement was echoed by other officials from countries in the Contadora group; Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia.

Peking's troops repelled

BANGKOK — Vietnam yesterday said its forces had killed or wounded about 50 marauding Chinese troops who intruded into the northern province of Ha Tuyen this week. The Vietnam News Agency, monitored in the Thai capital, said the Chinese had launched a battalion-sized attack in an attempt to seize some hills in Thanh Thuy village on Monday and Tuesday. Hanoi also accused Peking of firing more than 50,000 artillery shells on the Vi Xuyen district of Ha Tuyen province in the past week.

Nixon goes to Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR — Ex-US President Richard Nixon arrived from Singapore in the West Malaysian capital yesterday on a 24-hour private visit that has so far taken him to China and Hong Kong. Nixon was scheduled to meet Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Musa Hitam and later to be briefed on Malaysia's development plans before going north to Bangkok, the Thai capital.

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MITTERRAND VISIT IS 'PROVOCATION'

WELLINGTON — French President Mitterrand's trip to the South Pacific was 'nothing less than provocative', an angry New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange said yesterday.

Lange's deputy, Geoffrey Palmer, attacked French aggression in the region, warning that the government could not take it 'lying down'.

Palmer said the sinking of the Greenpeace ship 'Rainbow Warrior' in Auckland harbour by French secret service (DGSE) agents on July 10 was 'the most frightful incursion on New Zealand sovereignty in the history of the country'.

'We can't take that lying down,' he said. He would take a 'very blunt' message to Paris when he visited there from October 4 to 7.

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden summoned the French ambassador in Canberra, Bernard Follin, and issued him with a note protesting against the visit.

Hayden denounced the trip as 'provocative and contemptuous' and was designed 'to highlight the determination of France to continue nuclear testing in the face of universal and total condemna-

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

tion of South Pacific governments'.

Mitterrand is visiting the region to confer with French ambassadors and senior military and nuclear-testing experts on the eve of a scheduled new round of tests.

He said before leaving Paris that his visit would show critics the Socialist government was resolved to continue its testing programme.

The programme would go ahead despite the unanimous opposition of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific's independent island states.

'This is a strategy that will maintain France's position in the world,' he told his Cabinet before his departure.

Warned

The Socialist government in Paris has warned Greenpeace that a flotilla of protest ships heading for Mururoa Atoll would be intercepted by the French navy and evicted from the area, by force if necessary.

Lange said Mitterrand's trip to Mururoa Atoll, the French colonial holding that has witnessed more than 100 tests, could do nothing but harden opposition in the region.

He said the visit 'could be aimed at promoting an even more vigorous and reckless campaign to counter the growing opposition to nuclear testing in the Pacific'.

The only benefit of Mitterrand's visit could be if the French ambassadors in the region emphasised to their President the depth of anti-nuclear feeling among regional governments.

'It would be welcome, indeed, if out of this meeting emerged some sense of balance, some greater appreciation of France's longer term interests in the region and, above all, some respect for the rights of the inhabitants of the South Pacific,' Lange said.

Ex-junta leaders in court

BUENOS AIRES — A court appearance by nine former Argentine military junta leaders was greeted with cries of 'Murderers!' in the Argentine capital on Wednesday.

The nine appeared in court to be charged with the disappearance of more than 9,000 people under military rule from 1976 to 1983.

Police assault trucks escorted the cars bringing the nine, who include three ex-presidents, to their first appearance in open court since the trial began in April.

Hundreds of police, many carrying sub-machine-guns, stood guard around the court and electronic screening devices were set up at the entrance.

NEW DELHI — Indian police are arresting a number of civil rights activists and confiscating their reports, under orders from the federal government.

Some of the reports name Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party officials in last November's anti-Sikh pogroms in New Delhi.

On Wednesday, police arrested a civil rights

official and the printer of a report critical of the presence of more than 100,000 army troops in the Punjab.

A spokesman for the group, Citizens for Democracy, said its general secretary, N.D. Pancholi, was arrested on Wednesday on charges of 'sedition and intent to cause riots'.

The spokesman said the owner of a printing press



Some of the 7,000 Tamil refugees who marched in Bonn calling for support for their liberation struggle

Tension simmers in Trincomalee

COLOMBO — A so-called precautionary curfew in Eastern Province was lifted yesterday but tension simmered in Trincomalee, the north-eastern city.

The predominantly Tamil population, brutalised by more than two weeks of rampages by the army and hired government goon squads, remained hostile to government statements that the

curfew was being reviewed.

According to 'The Island' newspaper, quoting official sources, 26,000 people have fled their homes in Trincomalee and were housed in 47 camps.

Some of them have been in the camps for several months, according to the paper.

Tamil spokesmen in

Eastern Province have, however, asserted that the number of refugees from the military terror is at least three times the official statistics.

A Sri Lankan government delegation left for New Delhi yesterday for discussions with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's officials on a draft plan on the civil war.

Tamil exile groups in India have urged Indian or United Nations intervention to stop military atrocities against Sri Lanka's 2.5 million Tamils.

In strongly-worded statements the groups said the attacks were concentrated in Trincomalee and accused the Sri Lankan security forces and Sinhala ruling class of widescale killing and looting.

The atrocities ruled out hopes of a resumption of peace talks, they told Gandhi.

Civil rights officials arrested

used to publish the CFD report, Om Prakash Gupta, was arrested.

On Monday, the CFD released a report that said the Indian government's bid to stamp out so-called Sikh extremism in Punjab had resulted in the wrongful arrest and detention of many innocent people.

The arrests follow the publication of two other civil rights reports on

Punjab and the anti-Sikh massacre in the wake of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination on October 31.

The reports by the People's Union for Civil Liberties and the People's Union for Democratic Rights — India's two main civil rights groups — linked several members of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party to the riots.

World News Line

Moscow
hosts
secret
talks

MOSCOW — In the run-up to the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in November, US and Soviet officials are conducting detailed discussions on so-called 'world troublespots'.

Yesterday they met in Moscow to discuss the Far East. Washington's delegation was led by Paul Wolfowitz, US assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific affairs.

The Soviet side was headed by Soviet deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Kapitsa who has made official visits to China and Indonesia.

Already US-Soviet delegations have conducted negotiations on the Middle East, Afghanistan and southern Africa.

Secret communiques covering these regional questions will be high on the agenda when President Reagan meets Soviet chief Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva on November 19 and 20.

Wolfowitz and Kapitsa are to discuss the Korean peninsula, Kampuchea and the Philippines.

Reuters news agency said: 'A US Embassy spokesman said no statement on the talks would be issued, confirming the current talks would retain the confidential nature of previous rounds.'

'Diplomats say both countries prefer to keep silent on the talks to avoid giving the impression they are dividing any region into spheres of influence as happened in Europe.'



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BLACK COMMUNITIES
WIN LAND REPRIEVE

LAST week the apartheid South African regime was compelled to make a deal allowing blacks in two communities to stay on rural land in the heart of a 'white' area.

This anomalous ruling, to stop the forced removal of blacks from Driefontein and KwaNgema in the eastern Transvaal, underlines the full harshness and complexity of apartheid's land policies.

Now the people in these two 'black spots' (black-owned land in 'white' South Africa), who have fought a long and bitter battle against forced removal, have won a reprieve. They will not be removed to a 'homeland'.

Instead, when the rising new Heyshope dam covers part of their land, they will be compensated in cash and given adjacent land that was previously white-owned.

This is the first time in 72 years the government has officially allowed blacks land in a white-owned area.

The 1913 Land Act designated black 'reserves', constituting about 13 per cent of the country, and forbade blacks to own land outside these areas.

Since then, black landowners have been expropriated and forcibly removed to the 'homelands', as the reserves became known under post-war apartheid legislation.

The 'homelands' and government-determined black townships adjacent to urban areas are the only places where blacks are allowed to live and own land in South Africa.

Both Driefontein and KwaNgema are pertinent examples of why forced removals have caused so much horror. These vast, bountiful farms have been successfully cultivated for many decades.

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Driefontein was bought in 1912 by Pixley ka I Seme, a founder of the ANC, just before the introduction of the Land Act. The land is owned by 250 families and occupied by more than 10,000 people.

In the 1960s the government told the landowners they would be moved because they constituted a 'black spot'.

This sparked fierce resistance, culminating in the killing of community leader Saul Mkhize in 1982.

The issue was brought to a head by the completion of the Heyshope dam, which will permanently flood a good deal of Driefontein as it fills in the coming rainy season.

Also affected by the dam is KwaNgema, a farm given over 80 years ago to Stuurman Ngema for his services to the Boer Republic.

He had acted for many years as a go-between with the Zulu King Mpanza. Three Boer presidents had given written undertakings that he and his heirs could keep the land in perpetuity.

Today the land is occupied by the extended Ngema family and their tenants.

The occupants faced removal to resettlement camps in KaNgwane or KwaZulu 'homelands'. Both camps offered were



The coffin of a child, draped with the colours of the United Democratic Front, is carried by a mourner in Duncan Village

desolate, overcrowded, with few facilities and little hope of sustaining a community.

Community leaders turned down a government offer of a straight financial settlement, because the money was useless while they could not buy land in the area.

Finally, the apartheid regime has accepted the communities' proposal to

keep the land not covered by the dam and to be given adjacent land to compensate for the amount they will lose.

This decision is an unprecedented reversal of the removals policy and is the outcome of a long struggle.

Torture
used
widely

CAPE TOWN — Prisoners detained without trial are frequently subjected to physical and psychological torture, declares a report just issued by the Institute of Criminology at Cape Town University.

'All cases reported were subjected to some form of psychological coercion while 83 per cent claimed subjection to some form of physical abuse,' the report said.

It was conducted over two and a half years and surveyed a sample of 176 men and women detained under the Botha regime's security laws.

Torture included beating, maintaining abnormal body positions, electric shock, genital abuse, stangulation and hitting the soles of the feet.

'The range of different forms of torture, both physical and psychological, was found to be very extensive indeed,' the report said.

The Detainees' Parents Support Committee said yesterday there was 'an avalanche' of security detentions taking place outside areas where the State of Emergency was declared.

The group said that 12 people have died in detention without charge since Steve Biko was beaten to death by police eight years ago — on September 12, 1977.

Paratroops on West Bank

TEL AVIV — Israeli paratroopers, normally held in reserve for special missions, have been drafted into the occupied West Bank to conduct patrols of Palestinian cities and towns.

For the first time since the West Bank was seized in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, paratroopers are on the streets in force armed with Galil assault rifles.

The decision was taken by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his nine-party coalition following a spate of assassinations and student unrest.

But the additional security measures are also connected with the rapidly deteriorating economic situation and the

feared backlash when Washington and Tel Aviv sink the current Jordanian-Palestinian 'peace initiative'.

Peres said this week he could not tolerate a two-sided Palestinian policy of 'talk peace in Jordan, kill people in Israel'.

Wafa, the Palestinian news agency, said this week six military operations were carried out in the occupied territories on September 8 and 9.

They included an attack on military vehicles in Nablus and bomb attacks on the Gilo settlement and at Mount Zion.

Meanwhile the Israeli army has strengthened its forces in the occupied Golan Heights as Defence

Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned the Syrian regime not to commit any mistakes.

The troop reinforcements followed a report by General Ori Orr, Israel's northern regional commander, that Syria had strengthened its forces in the Golan area.

Annexed

Israel seized the strategic mountainous terrain from Syria during the 1967 war and arbitrarily annexed the territory in December 1981.

General Orr told residents living near the Golan Heights the Syrian troops had been moved from Lebanon to within a

few miles of the Israeli lines.

'We have strengthened our forces in the Golan in order to obtain a better ratio between the (opposing) sides,' he said.

Defence Minister Rabin, a former general in the 1967 war, has issued two warnings to Damascus in 24 hours.

Asked why, Rabin replied: 'Sometimes it is better to prevent mistakes on the other side than to deal with the result of the mistakes.'

'If Syria makes a fatal mistake and embarks on an ill-considered course of action, the result will be clear — a crushing Israeli victory.'

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Time to smash Botha

WHAT has rapidly surfaced in the gathering South African revolution is the necessity to call a national all-out strike to smash the Botha regime. This would act as the spearhead for the mobilisation of millions of oppressed blacks who do not belong to trade unions.

The massive unrest in the working class covers a fury of issues: jobs, training, education, housing and land. Now, all these demands are being turned into life-or-death questions by the police-military violence unleashed under the State of Emergency.

None of them can be won within the framework of the racist capitalist state. The black masses cannot be liberated from their savage oppression and leave the apartheid regime intact. One side must prevail.

Even Bishop Desmond Tutu has called for national action. He said that unless the regime lifts the emergency, releases the detainees and withdraws troops from the townships, black workers, women and students should stay at home for a week.

This is not a General Strike, it is a national stay-at-home. And certainly Tutu is not advancing a week-long mass stoppage as a revolutionary mobilisation to overthrow the racist dictatorship.

But the demand is present. It is in the objective situation. It must be developed beyond the likes of Tutu, who only a few weeks ago was threatening to leave the country if the black community didn't stop committing acts of 'violence'.

Since then, Botha's troops have killed a further 150 black people. One white has been killed.

Botha's announcement of citizenship for homelands blacks is not a 'reform', nor it is a 'concession'. Indeed, the measure will fuel the black upsurge because of its master-to-slave conceit.

The whole issue of citizenship for the blacks is a fraud. How can citizenship be granted, yet the right of suffrage withheld? How can a person be a 'citizen' of a country, yet denied the right to vote?

Indeed, the blacks are not members of the settler Afrikaaner 'nation'. They are a nation in their own right. Azania (South Africa) belongs to them.

The Boers have no right to confer citizenship on anybody. They are living on stolen land, stolen wealth, and stolen privileges.

As for Botha's pious statements about South African citizenship being a precious gain for the blacks, it is so 'precious' that thousands of whites are cramming foreign embassies trying to get visas so they can escape!

They are deluging the British, Australian, American, Canadian, Israeli and Paraguayan consulates in an attempt to join the escape route known as the 'chicken run'.

The British labour and trade union movement have immense political responsibilities to the African working class in its struggle for self-determination. It cannot be shirked or delayed.

Apart from one commendable action by Southampton dockers, the rest of the trade union movement is busily servicing the racist regime every day of the week.

Ron Todd and the leadership of the Transport and General Workers Union shoulder a key responsibility. T&GWU members man the docks and the airports. They are in a clearly defined position to stop all trade to and from South Africa.

This is what the black working class is crying out for. International class action will combine with their self-sacrificing struggle to smash the Botha regime and create the conditions for the establishment of the Socialist Republic of Azania.

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Abolition will make conditions much worse



IVAN HENRY

ABOLITION of the West Midlands County Council will send unemployment in the slump-hit areas of Birmingham rocketing to unprecedented levels.

That is the warning from Ivan Henry, co-ordinator of the Handsworth Employment Scheme in the wake of the clashes in the Birmingham suburb this week.

He said: 'With the demise of the county council a tremendous number of schemes will be threatened and many will just disappear, leaving more people unemployed.'

The main casualty of Tory abolition plans will be the inner-city partnership schemes which are funded by the county council.

'I doubt whether the Birmingham District Council, or whoever takes over, will provide enough money to keep them all going.'

He stressed: 'What happened this week didn't just emerge yesterday. It's been building up for years. We've been monitoring rising levels of unemployment and the appalling conditions in

BY SIMON VEVERS

which young people have to live in this area.

'So the conditions for rioting and civil disobedience are ever present in Handsworth. Now they will become considerably worse,' said Henry.

He has no doubt that the harrowing pictures of police violence against the black masses in South Africa were one of the sparks which ignited the Handsworth revolt.

Henry explained: 'People are seeing five and six-year-old children being beaten and shot under the apartheid regime and have reacted to that.'

'These scenes have had a traumatic effect. Of course people here make a close analogy with what's happening in

South Africa because they too happen to be unemployed, badly housed and deprived of decent education.'

Henry said that a sign of the growing desperation and frustration among Handsworth youth must be lengthening queues to join community enterprise projects.

'This is despite the fact that they are characterised by low wages, insecurity and poor conditions.'

'This government and the media thrives on the principle that the less said about the problem, the more likely it is to go away.'

'After the riots we expect the government to throw in a few thousand pounds, probably the

Clashes 'no surprise'

THE STREET clashes in Handsworth should not have come as a surprise, a race relations organisation said yesterday.

'Britain's ethnic minorities face an increasing level of racist attacks, continued discrimination in employment, increasing problems with immigration controls,' said the National Association of the Community Relations Councils (NACRC).

'They live in a society which shows little

public awareness of them,' it added.

'In such a society, Handsworth should not be a surprise.'



A line of riot police seal off a street in Handsworth earlier this week watched by local residents

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police will have custody of most of this money and may use it to open up a snooker hall or something.

'But that will solve nothing.

'If any ministers decide to visit the area no doubt that will come in tanks in future. But basically things will be swept under the carpet.'

He rejected claims that anger in the West Indian community was aimed largely at the Asian population.

'This strategy of divide and conquer does not reflect the facts of the situation.

'If you look at the looting that took place it was mainly of shops stocking consumer goods which black unemployed people just don't have. There's no doubt that what happened was fuelled by poverty and deprivation.'

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Clearing up operations underway in Lozells Road

A cop who is no Robin Hood

BY SUE LAIRD

PROFILE OF WEST MIDLANDS CHIEF CONSTABLE GEOFFREY DEAR

WEST Midlands chief constable Geoffrey Dear played a key role in training the Metropolitan police as a para-military force before taking up his present post.

He came to public attention when he conducted the police inquiry into the July 1981 police raids on Raiton Road when 600 police, armed with sledge hammers and crow bars, smashed their way into 11 houses in the early hours of the morning in the aftermath of the Brixton riots.

Terror

Not a single policeman involved in this massive revenge and terror raid was prosecuted and several of the shopkeepers whose property was smashed have still not received compensation from the police over four years later.

Dear's report on the raid concluded that the

decision to mount the police operation was justified, although it had 'a number of defects'.

The main defect, as far as Dear was concerned, was the failure to maintain the element of secrecy, therefore 'allowing time for evidence to be removed'.

He acknowledged that the quality of the briefing of officers taking part in the operation was 'variable in quality, resulting in some confusion in the conduct of the operation' and that the police caused damage to the premises.

But 'for the most part this damage was unavoidable', according to Dear.

The result of the subsequent inquiry by the Police Complaints Board was shuffled quietly on to the shelves of the House of Commons Library and only came to light in April 1983 as a result of a written question from Norwood MP John Fraser.

In correspondence with P Kavanagh, Deputy

Commissioner at Scotland Yard, the Police Complaints Board said the evidence showed that senior officers were responsible for the briefing which 'caused the wider searches to be conducted'.

Warrant

'The Board understand that for a search to be lawful, the warrant should be in the hands of the officer conducting the search and it is difficult not to come to the conclusions that every senior officer in possession of a warrant regarded it as a licence to enter the premises and, once having gained entry, to search for evidence of any crime.'

Responding to the letter Kavanagh after 'discussing with my senior colleagues', one of whom was Dear, said the decision to go ahead with the raid was 'courageous' despite the 'undoubted shortcomings'.

'I particularly welcome the likelihood of the Board making reference in their second triennial report to the need for proper powers for the police to do what the public expect them to do.'

'The Robin Hood philosophy is for fairy stories and not for reality and, as the Royal Commission recognised, the police must not be left to try and achieve justice by subterfuge. This is a highly dangerous road to travel.'

The entire correspondence between the Police Complaints Board, Scotland Yard and the Home Secretary all effectively acknowledge the illegality of the police actions, but call for the law to be changed to make such actions legal.

While the Tories were drawing up the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, Dear, who came to the Met after Christmas 1979, was reorganising training for the capital's police to prepare a fully equipped para-military force.

'Sir David McNee, the then commissioner, in a far-sighted move that was recognised by Lord Scarman in his inquiry into the Brixton riots, had decided to "scrap everything and start afresh",' Dear said in an interview in 'Police Review' (April 5, 1985).

'Mr Dear and his team were given the job of identifying the qualities required of the Met officer of the future,' the article states.

Conscious

Dear told the magazine: 'We had got everything worked out ready to go but were conscious of the fact it was revolutionary and going to cost a great deal of money, when along came the Brixton riots.'

'We were able virtually to take a prepared package off the shelf and it went through fast and without alteration.'

Dear has played a

pivotal part in creating the organisational and administrative basis for the new type of police force seen in operation during the year-long miners' strike.

It is a police force which stands ready to collaborate with the armed forces in carrying out so-called 'counter-insurgency' measures.

Sir Kenneth Newman steered the course, drawing on his experiences as chief of the RUC, where the army and police have developed one of the most advanced computerised intelligence operations in the world.

Military forms of operational control are now used by the police force with the widespread introduction of Command and Control systems, which were developed for military use to enable central command to have instant information regarding the deployment of its forces.

During the miners'

strike this information was coordinated between police forces through the National Reporting Centre.

Dear joined the police in 1953 in Peterborough and went to the first special course at Bramshill in 1962. In 1968 he went to Cambridge as an inspector: 'I saw the beginnings of what we have lived with for almost 20 years since: public disorder.'

Students

In 1970 Dear was superintendant in charge of Cambridge. In February of that year students took part in demonstrations against the Greek junta at the Garden House Hotel in Cambridge.

Students arrested during the demonstrations were handed out brutal prison and Borstal sentences.

Not long after came the sinister affair of Rudi Dutschke, who was studying at Cambridge. He was deported because his politics were objectionable to the Tory government.

RELEASE THE JAILED MINERS

NORTHUMBERLAND

WILLIAM SMITH: Whittle - 2½-year sentence from February 1985. E44975, Durham Prison, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HU.

DURHAM

GLEN BLACK: Dawdon - Two-year sentence from March 1985. E46964, Dorm 20, North Unit, HMYCC York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

PETER GILES: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. R56516, North Unit, HMYCC York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

KEVIN HUGHES: Dawdon - Two-year sentence from March 1985. E46968, Durham Prison, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HU.

BARRY KENNEY: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. R56519, East Unit, HMYCC York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

JOHN LITTLE: Dawdon - Two-year sentence from March 1985. E46965, South Unit, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

JOHN TONY PARKIN: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. N07271, South Unit, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

RAYMOND PATTISON: Dawdon - Two-year sentence from March 1985. R56515, East Unit, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

MARK ROBSON: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. E46751, Durham Prison, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HU.

MARK ROCHESTER: Dawdon - Two-year sentence from March 1985. E46961, Haverigg Prison, nr Millom, Cumbria.

DENNIS SCOTT: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. R56514, South Unit, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

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

STANLEY GREGORY: Dawdon - Unemployed. Two-year sentence from March 1985. E46970, South Unit, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

GARY KRISTONSON: Dawdon - Warehouseman. Two-year sentence from March 1985. South Unit, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

BRIAN LITTLE: Dawdon - Engineer. Two-year sentence from March 1985. E46963, South Unit, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

IAN STEPHENSON: Dawdon - Unemployed. Two-year youth custody sentence from March 1985. E46969, HMYCC, Deebolt, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

YORKSHIRE

JULIAN TALBOT: Denby Grange - Nine-month sentence from July 15. 640, Hull Prison, Hedon Road, Hull HU9 5LS.

TERRY CAPSTICK: Frickley - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. G79350, Kirkham Prison, Freckleton Road, Preston, Lancs. PR4 2RA.

CLIVE THOMPSON: Frickley - Three-year sentence from April 1985. G79348, Acklington Prison, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9XF.

PAUL WRIGHT: Saville - 18-month sentence. G76424, Kirkham Prison, Freckleton Road, Preston, Lancs. PR4 2RA.

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

ROBERT LATHAM: South Kirby - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. HMYCC Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6EL.

DAVID TEASDALE: Student. Nine-month sentence from April 1985. HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

STAFFORDSHIRE

WILLIAM BANNISTER: Hem Heath - Two-year sentence from January 1985. H21046, HMP Haverigg, Millom, Cumbria.

MICHAEL JONES: Hem Heath - Two-year sentence from January 1985. H21048, HMP Walton, Liverpool.

STEVEN LOWE: Hem Heath - Two-year sentence from January 1985. H21045, HMP Haverigg, Millom, Cumbria.

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

RAYMOND PATTON: Hem Heath - Two-year sentence from January 1985. H21047, HMP Haverigg, Millom, Cumbria.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE

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

PAUL BROTHWELL: 12-month sentence.

DAVID GAUNT: Shirebrook - 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71037, A Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Duddington Road, Wellingborough.

STEVEN GREGORY: Warsop - 18-month sentence. Due for release September 27, 1985. Block B, Ashwell Prison, nr Oakham, Leicestershire.

VICTOR GREGORY: Markham - 18-month sentence. Due for release September 27, 1985. No. 839, Block B, Ashwell Prison, nr Oakham, Leicestershire.

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

PAUL JONES: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence from December 1984. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Duddington Road, Wellingborough.

IAN KESTLE: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence from December 1984. E032, Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

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

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

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

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

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

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

KENT

MARK BEST: Two-year sentence from April 1985. B74749, Spring Hill Prison, Aylesbury, Bucks.

EMLYN DAVIES: Two-year sentence from April 1985. B74746, Spring Hill Prison, Aylesbury, Bucks.

BRIAN DAY: Two-year sentence from April 1985. B74748, Spring Hill Prison, Aylesbury, Bucks.

TERRY FRENCH: Betteshanger - Four-year sentence from January 1985. B73383, Weald Wing, Maidstone Prison, Kent.

GARRY NEWELL: Two-year sentence from April 1985. B574745, Eastchurch Prison, Stamford Hill, Sheerness.

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

JAMES WADDELL: Two-year sentence from April 1985. B574747, Eastchurch Prison, Stamford Hill, Sheerness.

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

PETER GATES: UCATT. One-year sentence from March 1985. L33574, Wayland Prison, Griston, Thetford.

SOUTH WALES

DEAN HANCOCK: Oakdale - Life sentence. Gartree maximum security prison, nr Market Harborough, Leicester.

RUSSELL SHANKLAND: Taff Merthyr - Life sentence. Gartree maximum security prison, nr Market Harborough, Leicester.

Sexual attack on Greenham woman

ON SUNDAY, September 8, one of your reporters came to the Women's Peace Camp, Greenham, to cover the fourth anniversary of the setting up of the camp.

He asked if we would give him some information about current conditions and we were happy to do so, especially given the lack of interest of most of the press. We were heartened to hear that he was supportive of our action.

The 'article' that appeared in the following day's edition of News Line hardly did justice to our efforts.

We gave a detailed

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

account of the nature of the daily evictions but the extent of the harassment was not made clear in the article. We specifically mentioned the theft of personal property.

We stressed that our protest outside Newbury police station (September 8) was a response to a particular case in which a woman in custody was subjected, without apparent cause, to an intimate body search, and in the presence of male police officers.

This took place after all the other peace women detainees had been released, having served the

one day's sentence imposed on all of them.

This sexual attack, which occurred in a toilet area near the cells, was described by your paper as 'the alleged mistreatment of one of their number'.

We can only speculate as to why a full account of this abuse of power was not given.

We were surprised that there was no mention of the particular illness frequently suffered by women at the camp, and the fact that investigating scientists from SANA suspect that microwaves are responsible. Radioactive

emissions have been recorded at the main camps.

We appreciate that your paper is largely concerned with trade union activity and we recognise its importance in reporting workers' struggles.

We feel strongly, however, that these facts should be conveyed to your readers.

Surely the photograph of the banner on the perimeter fence (page 3) could have been sacrificed for the sake of a proper report, and one which highlights a crucial area of power politics?

Lynne Gottowik,
Jacqui Rouge
London SE 19



Bradford teachers rally during their half-day strike earlier this week

Growing response to teachers' strike

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

THE response to the strikes of teachers is getting stronger and support is growing in their fight over pay and conditions.

This is the view of Ian Murch, branch secretary of the Bradford and district National Union of Teachers.

Following Tuesday's successful half-day NUT strike in Bradford and Kirklees area, Murch spoke to News Line.

'The half-day strike has involved all schools and about 4,000 teachers,' he said. 'We have had an enormous response. This has got stronger, the longer the dispute has gone on.'

'Although they haven't been on strike every day, teachers have been taking other actions, for ex-

ample not doing lunchtime supervision and not covering for people who are absent.'

Murch commented on the way that the NUT leadership wanted to develop the campaign.

They are calling for teachers to withdraw from non-teaching duties and support further half-day strikes, also longer strikes, perhaps indefinite in certain areas.

Strategy

'Personally I disagree with this strategy because it is not on a scale sufficient to budge the government. There needs to be more strike action in all areas,' he believes.

'Many teachers are now prepared to take strike action without pay. We have to look at ways of widening the struggle. Immediately this means looking at working with other unions in the public

sector who face the same sort of pay limit.'

'You can't launch a national campaign over pay from a local level. You have to change the union leadership to one which doesn't take an insular attitude.'

At Carlton Bolling School, sixth-formers are being employed to supervise school dinners.

What has been the response of NUT members to this?

'You have to look at why it's happened. Teachers have refused to do the job because of the pay dispute. We think the authority should employ

properly paid and adequately trained lunchtime supervisors.

Session

'In this case they did advertise for lunchtime supervisors, but since they were only offering £2 a session it's not surprising they could only find a couple interested.'

'The sixth-formers are being used as cheap labour in an attempt to undermine the NUT action. It is also an attack on NUPE, which is attempting to prevent the erosion of part-time wages in schools.'

News Line welcomes any additional information on these or other prisoners. Please write to: News Line, 21b Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 0JT.

If any jailed miners wish to receive a free postal subscription to News Line, friends or relatives should write to our Circulation Department or phone 01 720 2000.

SOUTH East Essex AUEW shop stewards quarterly meeting has voted unanimously to demand recall of the AUEW National Committee to discuss the threat of expulsion from the TUC and the question of acceptance of state funds for ballots after hearing a report of the TUC from delegation member Kevin Halpin.

News from the USA

33 million living below poverty line

WASHINGTON — More than 33.7 million Americans are living below the official poverty line, according to a report released by the US Census Bureau.

The slight decline in the US poverty rate from 1983 to 1984 was seized upon by the administration to claim that the so-called 'Reagan recovery' was raising living standards.

But the figures showed that the official poverty rate remains higher than when Reagan took office in 1981 and most economic analysts are predicting a further increase this year.

The Census Bureau said that the number of people living below the poverty line had declined in 1984 to 14.4 per cent of the population from 15.3 per cent in 1983, less than one percentage point.

The poverty rate had climbed steadily from 11.4 per cent in 1978.

White House communications director Patrick Buchanan said that the slight decrease in the poverty rate was 'a triumph for the Reagan philosophy'. He and other administration spokesmen claimed that the figures justified their position that federal social programmes could be gutted without cutting the living standards of the working class and poor.

In Washington, the Centre on Budget and Policy Priorities, a research organisation which has criticised the administration's social policies, said that at 14.4 per cent the 1984 figure is still nearly three points higher than the rate in 1976-77 when the jobless rate was about the same as it is today.

It added that the poverty level remained higher than at the end of Reagan's first year in office when it stood at 14 per cent.

The centre said the decline in the poverty rate was far less than had

been predicted by administration officials because increases in income have 'not been evenly shared.'

The census data show that the gap between rich and poor is now wider than at any time in the past 40 years.

The 1984 figures show that the two-fifths of American families at the bottom of the income scale got 15.7 per cent of all income, while the highest two-fifths got 67.3 per cent.

Census

The centre also notes that according to the Census figures, 51.5 per cent of all black children under six were living below the poverty line in 1984, the highest percentage recorded since these figures were first researched in 1970.

In a joint statement, two House Democrats, Charles Rangel (New

York) and Robert Matsui (California), said the median income for the lowest paid 40 per cent of the population dropped from \$12,966 in 1980 to \$12,489 in 1984, at the same time as the median for the top 40 per cent rose from \$43,531 to \$45,300.

The official poverty level in 1984 was set at \$10,609 for a family of four.

The census figures showed that poverty continued to fall with particular impact on youth and minorities.

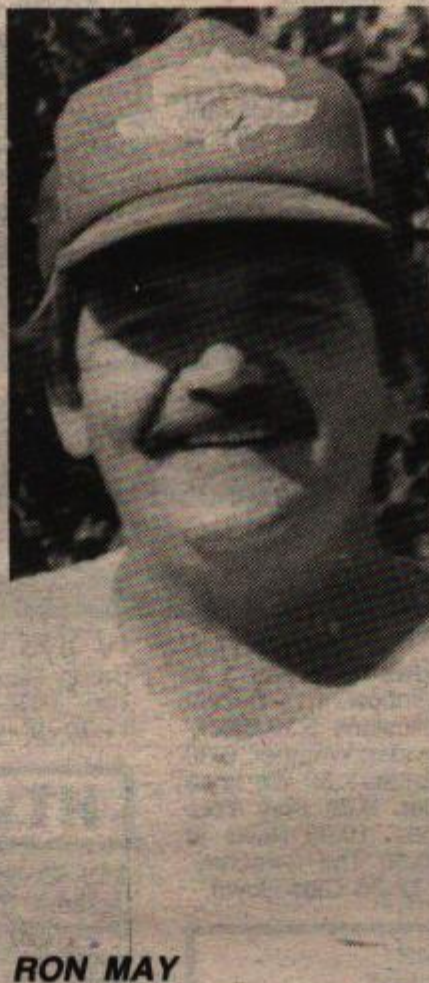
For blacks, the rate stood at 33.8 per cent, nearly triple that for whites, while for Hispanics the rate actually rose from 28.1 to 28.4 per cent.

For youth under 18, the rate stood at 21.3 per cent, a slight decrease from 22.2 per cent last year. But for black youth, it remained unchanged at 46.5 per cent and for Hispanic youth it rose over a point to 39 per cent.



Hundreds queue for free cheese handouts in Washington D.C.

Delta blames traffic controllers



RON MAY

DALLAS — The crash of Delta Airlines flight 191 at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport which claimed the lives of 135 passengers last month was caused by 'the negligence of... air traffic control personnel', the airlines charged in a court case.

Delta named the Federal Aviation Administration as a third party in a lawsuit filed against the airline by the wife of a passenger killed in the August 2 crash.

The airline is demanding 'contribution from the FAA for any liability' determined by the court.

In its court papers filed on August 29, Delta said that the crash was 'caused by the negligence of the one or more air traffic control personnel' employed by the aviation agency.

Initial reports have indicated that the pilot of the Delta jumbo jet had not been advised of a late weather report indicating the presence of cumulonimbus cloud formations near the airport. Such formations are associated with thunderstorms.

Crash

Government investigators have raised the possibility that the crash was the result of a wind shear inside a thunderstorm, causing a sudden downdraft which brought the airliner to the ground as it approached the runway.

The plane hit an automobile on an adjacent freeway and then struck two watertanks on the airport before skidding to a halt, breaking in half and bursting into flames.

Air traffic control officials at Dallas-Fort Worth have maintained since the crash that nothing could have been done to avoid the crash.

But the real issue raised in the Delta suit is not the negligence of just 'one or more' air traffic controllers, but the crisis of the entire air traffic control system which has continued since the Reagan Administrations mass firings of 12,000 striking air traffic controllers and the destruction of their union PATCO, in August of 1981.

In an interview last month with 'Bulletin', (twice weekly paper of the Workers League), Ron May, the former president of PATCO Local 402 at Dallas-Fort Worth, who was jailed for three months for his role as a local leader in the 1981 strike, spelled out some of the factors behind the crash.

'First of all, it's apparent from what little information has been put out that the tower was very busy at the time,' May said.

'They had very heavy traffic and the government and the airlines, for economic reasons, obviously, pack as many aircraft as they can into as small a space as they can to save money. That's not the safest way to run an operation.'

'Had the Delta flight occurred before the PATCO strike there is a good likelihood that this accident may never have happened.'

Crocker bank fined

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department's decision to fine the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco a total of \$2.25 million throws interesting light on the bank's financial operations.

Crocker, the 11th largest US bank, was found guilty of laundering up to \$4 billion worth of drug money in unreported transactions over the past four years.

The fines mark the strongest action yet taken by the Treasury against the growing incidence of bank involvement with

the profits from drug trafficking.

Crocker is the much-troubled subsidiary of Britain's Midland Bank, though there is no suggestion that the UK parent knew about the drug-money transactions taking place in California.

Most of the charges stem from the transfer of about \$3.4 billion in US currency from six Hong Kong banks to Crocker's central vault. Treasury officials said that the transfers represented large-scale money laundering by international heroin traffickers.

Despite the fact that Crocker failed to report the transactions, Treasury officials claimed that there was no evidence that Crocker was a knowing participant in the money laundering scheme, claiming only that the bank had deprived the government of 'potentially important law enforcement leads'.

Crocker's general counsel, Harold Reichwald, made the incredible claim that the failure to report the billion dollar transfers represented an 'honest mistake' by bank managers.

Crocker is the sixth major US bank this year to plead guilty to violations of the Bank Secrecy Act requiring banks to report all currency transactions greater than \$10,000.

Four major Wall Street banks — Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co and Irving Trust Co — all pleaded guilty to violations and agreed to pay fines ranging from \$210,000 to \$360,000.

Fifty-five other banks are under investigation by Treasury Department officials.

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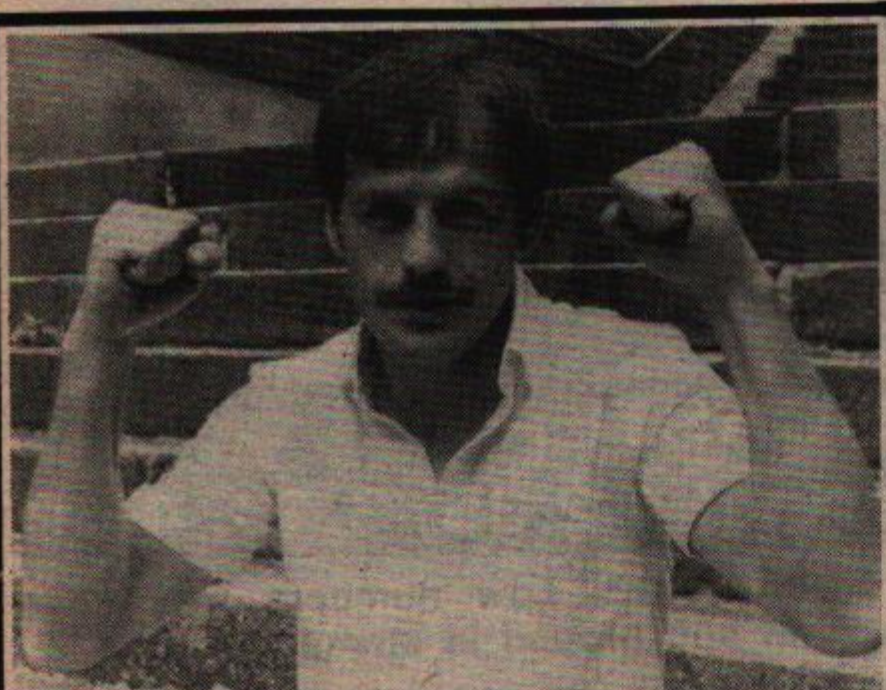
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PAT COWDELL . . . Biggest purse from television

Cowdell keeps telly

AMERICAN television has been persuaded to continue to cover Pat Cowdell's world featherweight title fight in Birmingham next month.

NBC network officials were thinking of pulling out because of the Handsworth events, but London promoter Frank Warren, who was in the US earlier this week, persuaded them to beam their coast-to-coast coverage from the National Exhibition Centre on October 12.

Warren's efforts mean that Cowdell, who challenges Nelson Azuhma for the crown, will earn his biggest pay day and double his money on original estimates.

The Americans were impressed with the Ghanaian Azuhma when he made his first defence of the world championship in Miami last Friday.

Brand Jnr in big money team

GORDON BRAND Junior, disappointed to miss a place in the Ryder Cup team, will complete Scotland's three-man line-up in next month's Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, where prize money will be the highest ever offered in Britain.

The team of Brand, Open champion Sandy Lyle and Sam Torrance will be one of the favourites for the top prize of \$100,000 per man. The Bristol-based player, seventh in the world series recently, has been chosen ahead of Ken Brown, who was one of Tony Jacklin's three choices for the Ryder Cup.

England's cup trio of Nick Faldo, Paul Way and Howard Clark will also appear at St Andrews, while Ireland will be represented by Christy O'Connor Jr, David Feherty and Des Smyth, which will leave John O'Leary bitterly disappointed after his second place finish in the European Open a fortnight ago.

Apart from Brown, the only Ryder Cup player not called upon is Jose Maria Canizares. Spain's team will be Sevy Ballesteros, Manuel Pinero and Jose Rivero.

The Welsh line-up is Ian Woosnam, Philip Parkin and David Llewellyn, but the organisers still have to name the third member of the American team to join Curtis Strange and Ray Floyd.

THE SOUTH African Grand Prix due next month is likely to be called off because of mounting pressure on drivers, motor racing's world body said yesterday.

The French government yesterday joined Austrian world champion Niki Lauda in appealing for the race to be stopped.

French driver Jacques Lafitte, was a little more specific. 'One can't race in a country that is in a state of war,' he said this week.

BY OUR MOTOR RACING CORRESPONDENT

Brazil, Sweden and Finland have also called on the International Motor Sports Federation (FISA) to cancel the race, scheduled for Kyalami on October 19, because of the unrest in the apartheid state. Added to that is this week's decision by nine European Community countries to reinforce a boycott of sports links with the Botha regime.

Those decisions could lead to at least a third of the expected 26 drivers, including former world champions Nelson Piquet of Brazil and Keke Rosberg of Finland, staying away.

FISA officials arriving in Belgium yesterday for Sunday's Grand Prix at Francorchamps said the Kyalami race looked increasingly doubtful. They said FISA president Jean-Marie Balestre, who received a personal call from Lauda earlier this week, was consulting the main teams and a decision is expected at the weekend.

Balestre was not available, but an aide said: 'It looks very doubtful, very compromised. I can't imagine the president letting the race go ahead if drivers like Rosberg and Piquet are refused permission to compete by their national authorities.'

French Sports Minister Alain Calmat, reversing France's earlier opposition to intervention, said in a statement yesterday that French drivers entered for the event should 'weigh up in their minds the implications of their participation'.

Frenchman Alain Prost leads the race for the world world drivers' championship.

He equivocated on the political implications of the Kyalami race, saying it could only go ahead if all drivers take part.

'We either all go to South Africa, or we don't go. Without Rosberg, Piquet, Senna, it would not be a grand prix. In any case, a final decision must be taken quickly,' he was quoted as saying in 'L'Equipe'.



ALAIN PROST . . . Looking for 21 point lead

Prost to tie up his title

BELGIAN Grand Prix

ALAIN PROST is ready to put the world drivers' championship beyond doubt in this weekend's Grand Prix in Belgium.

He went 12 valuable points clear in the standings by winning in Italy last weekend and could conceivably emerge from Francorchamps with a massive 21-point advantage.

The Frenchman has every right to hope that the gap will widen modestly if not appreciably by Sunday evening.

Another stunning performance in his trouble-free McLaren at Monza left rival drivers and teams even more envious of his record, particularly Ferrari, who knew they had lost a great chance of maintaining contact with Prost.

Their No.1 driver, Italian hero Michele Alboreto, was not prepared to admit publicly the contest was over. But in his heart he knew it was the case.

Prost, a winner seven times last season and five so far this campaign, has only four more races to negotiate to make him the first Frenchman to collect the title.

Beaten

He led for a long time in 1983 but was beaten by the Brazilian Nelson Piquet. Team-mate Niki Lauda left him empty handed last year.

Prost won at Spa when a grand prix was staged there two seasons ago. He also dominated the practice.

DRIVER transfers are also expected to make the news this weekend.

Italian Elio de Angelis has asked for time to consider remaining with Lotus or accepting offers from both Brabham and Ligier. Brazilian Ayrton Senna has been confirmed No.1 driver at Lotus instead of de Angelis.

Ferrari have made no firm announcement yet, but Alboreto is likely to stay.

Stefan Johansson of Sweden has done extremely well in his first season with the pedigree team and should be retained.

RYDER CUP GOLF

Finely balanced at the Belfry

BY OUR GOLFING CORRESPONDENT

IN GOLF, 1969 is remembered for two things — the Open produced a British winner, Tony Jacklin, and the Ryder Cup produced its only tie.

Today, Jacklin captains a European team that includes Open champion Sandy Lyle against the Americans at The Belfry. But a tie this time would be regarded as a failure.

The last home victory was back in 1957, but for all the confident talk of their captain Lee Trevino — 'I don't expect to be making a losing speech on Sunday' — the United States know that on this occasion they can expect a difficult match.

Apart from Lyle, who is still on a high from his deeds at Sandwich in July, Europe can boast a US Master champion Bernhard Langer and arguably the greatest golfer in the world today, Severiano Ballesteros.

The Spanish star admits that the one point defeat two years ago 'made me cry' and adds: 'If I have to choose a favourite, I would go for Europe.'

Jacklin has a number of tricky team choices that could have a crucial bearing on the outcome.

PAUL WAY, troubled by tonsillitis, has missed six cuts in the last seven tour events he has played. Way partnered Ballesteros on his cup debut in 1983 and was one of the biggest successes.

NICK FALDO has a superb cup record, but since winnings on both sides of the Atlantic last year, has suffered a bad slump.

JOSE RIVERO, a controversial choice for the team, won at the Belfry last year, but that remains his only tournament victory.

Trevino's handling of his



BERNHARD LANGER . . . US Master champion

side will also be vital. He says: 'I know how much pressure each player is under — one player's bad performance affects the team as a whole.'

One decision may be taken out of his hands. Calvin Peete is suffering from a sore left shoulder and it will be a surprise if he is included in either today's foursomes and four-ball

matches.

There is no Jack Nicklaus or Tom Watson to impose their considered presence on the opposition, but in players like Curtis Strange, Lanny Wadkins, Craig Stadler and Tom Kite, the Americans are not short of ability.

Most Ryder Cup matches are easy to predict, with only the margin of the Un-



SANDY LYLE . . . British Open champion

ited States victory uncertain. This time, it is different. Europe expects, but can Europe deliver?

PAIRINGS for the four foursomes matches today. (European names first):

Ballesteros and Pinero v Strange and O'Meara
Langer and Faldo v Peete and Kite
Lyle and Brown v Wadkins and Floyd

Clark and Torrance v Stadler and Sutton

Briefly

AUSTRALIAN Rugby League captain Wally Lewis has turned down an offer from Wigan to play in Britain during the close season down under. Queensland Rugby League chairman Ron McAuliffe said they would not release him.

RAY ASHTON, Oldham's Great Britain under-24 scrum half, was suspended for two matches by the Rugby League disciplinary committee meeting in Leeds yesterday, following his sending off against Swinton on September 4. OTHER suspensions: G.

Pflaster (Doncaster) six matches; D. Richardson (Barrow), I. Robinson (Hull KR), K. Harison (Bromley), I. Render (Batley), I. Litt (Workington) four each; P. Subritzky (Blackpool), A. Jackson (Runcorn) two each; K. Harkin (Wakefield), D. Fitzpatrick (Huddersfield) one each.

NatWest make 1986 fixtures

NATWEST trophy holders, Essex, have been drawn away in the first two rounds of next year's competition.

Keith Fletcher's team must head north to face Nottinghamshire in the first round and if they come through that clash, they will travel to Edgbaston to meet either Warwickshire or this summer's minor counties giant killers, Durham, who beat Derbyshire.

Beaten finalists Nottinghamshire begin their quest for a return to Lord's with a tie against Devon.

THE DRAW (First round to be played on June 25):

Northants v Middlesex; Berkshire v Gloucestershire; Stafford v Glamorgan; Lancashire v Cumberland; Derbyshire v Cornwall; Hampshire v Hertfordshire; Warwickshire v Durham; Scotland v Kent; Northumberland v Essex; Cheshire v Surrey; Somerset v Dorset; Devon v Notts; Yorkshire v Cambridgeshire; Sussex v Suffolk; Worcestershire v Oxfordshire; Leicestershire v Northants or Middlesex.

(Second round to be played on July 9):

Hampshire or Hertfordshire v Worcestershire or Oxfordshire; Somerset or Dorset v Lancashire or Cumberland; Berkshire or Gloucestershire v Leicestershire or Ireland; Devon or Nottinghamshire v Scotland or Kent; Sussex or Suffolk v Staffordshire or Glamorgan; Warwickshire or Durham v Northumberland or Essex; Derbyshire or Cornwall v Cheshire or Surrey; Yorkshire or Cambridgeshire v Northants or Middlesex.

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Gooch reaches 2000

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM GOOCH dazzled his Lord's audience yesterday on the way to becoming the first batsman to complete 2,000 first-class runs this season.

It was a day in which title rivals Middlesex and Hampshire came up against determined opposition as in their battle for the County Championship.

Middlesex, 144 ahead of Essex overnight, had lost their last seven wickets for a mere 43, Don Topley finishing with four wickets and Ian Pont three.

Essex's opening pair Gooch and Brian Hardie ate into Middlesex's lead, adding 111 before Hardie went. Gooch went on to amass 145.

Gooch made his fifth ton of the season in 180 minutes, with two sixes and 11 fours.

Alan Lilley (60) helped him add 128 and at the close Essex led by 95 at 282 for five.

Hampshire, two points behind Middlesex, closed the gap by one as they col-



GRAHAM GOOCH
... First to 2000 runs this season

lected maximum bonus points against Northamptonshire at Southampton.

Their hopes of victory were hit, however, by some defiant batting after they reduced Northants to 61 for five, chasing 300 for eight.

West Indies paceman Malcolm Marshall rocked Northants by having Robin Boyd-Moss, Allan Lamb and Robert Bailey caught off the end, and he later bowled Duncan Wild.

Northants fought back, helped by Marshall's hamstring problem and a number of dropped catches, and battled to a total of 304, David Capel making 81, Roger Harper 76 and Geoff Cook 73.

Hampshire later moved to 69 without loss in 19 overs, Gordon Greenidge striking 50 not out off 65 balls.

At Scarborough, England opener Tim Robinson hit his sixth century of the season — 118 — as the foundation of Nottinghamshire's 301 for five declared; a lead of 39 over Yorkshire.

LEAGUE IMPOSES ID CARDS

BY ROBERT JAMES

THE FOOTBALL League has met the Tories half way on the introduction of identity cards for supporters.

And League secretary Graham Kelly warned yesterday that those First and Second Division clubs resisting the scheme will face disciplinary action.

Kelly headed the League's working party, which included representatives from the Association of Chief Police Officers, the clubs involved, the Sports Council and Football Trust. Under the scheme:

- HALF a ground's capacity will be for card-holders.
- BLACKLISTS with photographs of persons expelled from membership and banned from grounds will be circulated.
- EXTRA FENCING will have to be erected to circle the card-holders.
- 'DIFFICULT' games will be restricted to card-holders only.
- THE SCHEME will be 'self-financing'.

Scheme

Kelly said in London yesterday: 'I believe clubs will appreciate that this is the sensible way forward, and we want the scheme well under way this season.'

'Guidelines for cards will be issued to clubs with all speed,' said Kelly, who warned: 'Clubs which resist the membership scheme will face sanction by the Football Association.'

'It is an important element in our partnership with the FA. We must reassure people that we do take the situation very seriously. Time is short and we intend making urgent and effective improvements in crowd control.'

'We must show the world — and UEFA — that we are putting our

house in order.'

FA secretary Ted Croker backed the plan. He said yesterday: 'We fully support the move. It takes clubs along the road we originally suggested.'

'The government's original idea for a national, computerised identity card system did not take into account the practical problems involved.'

'The cost alone would have been enormous and there was no indication it would have had any effect on the overall problem.'

Several clubs are expected to offer strong resistance to the 'bus card'-style pass system. It is likely to affect gates in a similar way to the all-ticket rules imposed on certain games this season.

Gates

Already gates in the First and Second Divisions — the other Divisions will not be affected by the scheme — have shown a 13-per-cent average drop.

Thatcher, who jumped onto the 'Fortress Football' campaign as a political hype following the Bradford and Brussels disasters, demanded a national scheme for all 92 clubs in the League, with admission restricted to members only.



GRAHAM KELLY

OVETT AND CRAM FOR ROAD MILE

STEVE OVETT is ready to take on Steve Cram in the Westminster mile through the streets of London on Sunday.

It will be the first time they have met since last summer's Olympic Games, and it is Ovett's first race since he finished ninth over 1500 metres in Brussels two weeks ago.

Cram has won the last five clashes with Ovett, but the Brighton runner holds an overall career advantage of 13 wins.

Ovett's last mile was back in September 1983, when he was edged into second place by Cram in an epic confrontation at Crystal Palace.

Shape

He said: 'I'm in quite good shape, and the hamstring injury has cleared up. I want some races before the end of the season to underline that I am fit.'

He plans further road miles in New York and Chicago.

Cram, who was also struck down by hamstring

problems on August 25, will be taking part in only his second street mile and his first in this country.

In the inaugural New York mile in 1981, he was placed fourth, beaten by Sydney Maree and Mike

Boit — both of whom run on Sunday.

This will be the first time Cram and Maree have met all season, and Cram's first competitive race since Zurich on August 21.

The men's mile also in-

cludes John Walker.

The women's event features Kirsty McDermott and Christina Boxer and two top-running Rumanians, 3000 metres champion Marica Puica and 800 metres champion Doina Melinte.



STEVE OVETT ... Proving his fitness



STEVE CRAM ... Over hamstring trouble

Reds go for record . . .



BRYAN ROBSON . . . No mistake this time

ENGLAND captain Bryan Robson is convinced that Manchester United have an outstanding chance of beating Tottenham's 1960-1961 record 11 successive victories at the start of the season.

United have already won their first seven games and

have soared to a seven points lead at the top of the First Division. Now they face local rivals, Manchester City, at Maine Road tomorrow, with a confidence that no team in the country can match at the moment.

As Robson is quick to point out: 'Last season one of our main troubles was, perhaps, that we did not concentrate enough against some of the supposedly easier teams and dropped some points that would have been invaluable at the end of the season.'

'This season we have already played a few teams

who you might expect to be struggling by the end of May and we have not made the same mistake. We have gone all out for victory and never let up.'

Among the teams United have beaten this season are Nottingham Forest, Ipswich, West Ham and Oxford, all in the bottom seven, and they are playing with the arrogance of potential champions.

Yet their match with City is arguably their most difficult of the season to date.

Local derbies can be dour affairs and City will have just that little extra motivation

. . . and so does Pat

PAT JENNINGS has set back his retirement yet again to aim for a world record next month in what Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham is already calling 'The Battle of Bucharest'.

The 40-year-old goalkeeper arrived back from Turkey yesterday to ask Tottenham to extend his stay in their reserves, and keep him ready for a win-or-bust World Cup effort against Rumania on October 14.

That will bring him yet another magnificent milestone, as he equals Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff's 112-cap world record in that position.

'I am quite happy to stay around for that,' said Jennings. 'That is, so long as Spurs will have me and Billy still wants me.'



PAT JENNINGS . . . Happy to stay around

After a magnificent first-half save in the 0-0 draw in Turkey kept Irish hopes flickering, that is guaranteed.

SEE Irish straw-clutching — page 15.

RENAULT PULL OUT

RENAULT have pulled out of next month's South African Grand Prix. The announcement last night put the race in even more jeopardy after officials of motor racing's ruling body (FISA) admitted it was likely to be called off because of mounting pressure on drivers not to race in the apartheid state. Renault took its decision to withdraw drivers Patrick Tambay and Derek Warwick from the October 19 race at Kyalami after a request from Sports Minister Alain Calmat.