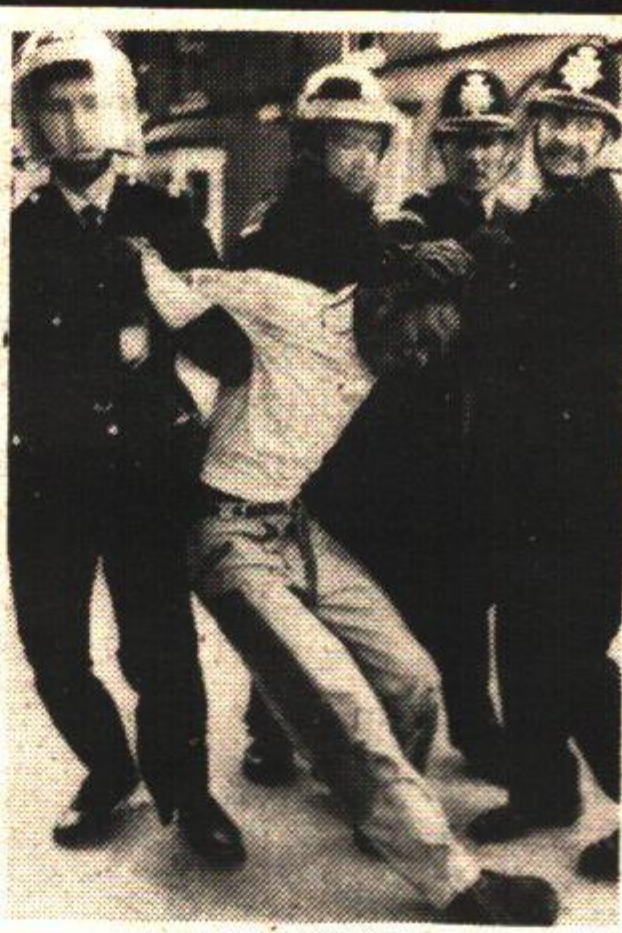


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'Sweeney' in court

TWO MEMBERS of the Metropolitan police flying squad accused of setting up an armed robbery were yesterday committed to stand trial at the Old Bailey by Bow Street magistrates.

Det Sgt Kenneth Day, 29, and Det Sgt Richard John Chapman, 29, who were suspended on November 20 last year

following an investigation by the TV programme 'World in Action' were both allowed bail.

They are charged that between October 25 and November 6 last year they conspired to pervert the course of justice.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Moscow expels more Britons

THATCHER CHICKENS OUT



GORBACHEV: Called Thatcher's bluff

PRIME Minister Thatcher yesterday retreated in disarray from her 'tit-for-tat' diplomatic confrontation with the Soviet Union.

When her bluff was called by the expulsion of a further five British diplomats and another journalist, Thatcher lamely said it was time to call it a day.

'I hope this is the end of the matter and that we can get on with a constructive relationship,' she said in Luxor during her visit to Egypt.

Thatcher backed down when it became clear that the Soviet bureaucracy was determined to go on meeting London's expul-

sions on a one-for-one basis.

In the first major diplomatic showdown between the new Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Thatcher, the 'Iron Lady' has been put firmly in her place.

'It's a loss of face for Thatcher, given Britain's tough approach earlier,' one senior diplomat told Reuters.

Thatcher began the anti-Soviet 'red scare' last Thursday when she expelled 25 Soviet diplomats, trade and news representatives alleging they were 'KGB spies'.

It came in the wake of the defection of Oleg Gordievsky, a counsellor at the Soviet embassy in London who was a long-

standing British 'mole' in the KGB.

The Soviet bureaucracy retaliated at the weekend with the expulsion of 25 British envoys and news-men stationed in Moscow.

This provoked the fury of Thatcher who had been angling for a less serious response from the Soviet Union. She responded by expelling a further six Soviet representatives.

Yesterday the Soviet Foreign Ministry summoned the British ambassador Sir Bryan Cartledge for the second time in five days and kicked out another five British diplomats and one Reuters correspondent.

Vladimir Suslov, the Soviet official who saw Cartledge, said the six,

who include air and cultural attaches, had engaged 'in activities incompatible with their status'.

Those expelled were: Ian Sloane (cultural attaché), Ian Wall (communications staff), Squadron Leader Robert Hooper (assistant air attaché), Sergeant Nigel Andrews (air attaché's staff), Chief Petty Officer Paul Hughes (naval attaché's staff) and Reuters man Martin Nesirky.

At the end of the day, the Soviet Union has expelled 23 British diplomats and eight civilians while the Foreign Office has expelled eight Soviet diplomats and 23 civilians.

In previous spy rows Moscow has never ordered out as many Britons as the number of personnel it has been asked

to withdraw from London.

The largest occurred in 1971 when the Heath government ordered out 105 Soviet personnel. The Soviet bureaucracy responded by expelling only 18 British officials from Moscow.

But this time it was a trial of will and Thatcher has clearly lost.

In an attempt to put a brave face on the bruising received by Thatcher, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said the Soviet action was 'vindictive retaliation' and 'completely unjustified'.

One diplomatic correspondent said Thatcher had been forced to call off the 'tit-for-tat' exchange 'before it degenerated into a kind of Gilbert and Sullivan opera'.

T&G chiefs join picket of embassy

LEADERS of the T&GWU transport union mounted a picket outside the South African embassy in London yesterday to demand an end to the state of emergency in the country.

Members of the union's general executive council were joined by seamen's union leader Jim Slater, and SCPS civil service union general secretary Gerry Gillman.

T&GWU general secretary Ron Todd delivered a letter to embassy staff, and emerged later to tell pressmen that the union has invited the ambassador to talks at the union's headquarters.

Asked why the union had mounted the picket, Todd said: 'Our general executive council has issued a statement giving our total support for the imposition of sanctions on

South Africa, and deploring what is going on in the country.'

He said the time had come for the recognition of black leaders in the racist regime.

'We are trying to make an impact on the British government. We are warning them that if they want to avoid a holocaust in South Africa they have got to take a broader view.'

The picket by the union's general executive council was the first of its kind for several years.

PICTURE SHOWS: Left to right: Jim Slater, NUS general secretary, Gerry Gillman, SCPS general secretary, Alex Kitson, retiring T&GWU deputy general secretary, Ron Todd, T&GWU general secretary, Walter Greendale, T&GWU chairman, and Bill Morris, newly elected T&GWU deputy general secretary



£100,000 Emergency Fund

URGENT action is needed to ensure that we complete our Emergency Fund target in good time. This is crucial in order to enable the Workers Revolutionary Party to carry out its responsibilities in the battle which is building up everywhere.

The attacks on basic working-class rights continue unabated. Tory Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler showed the intransigence of the government when he re-

fused to allow lodging benefits to be paid to a London couple threatened with eviction — despite the ruling of a tribunal in their favour.

In London a press conference spelled out the scale of suffering to children in Tory Britain caused by policies of cuts, unemployment, poverty and attacks on services.

The fight to defend jobs and communities

builds up in the mines, as shown in Coventry and Yorkshire this week, as well as in the shipyards.

In Liverpool yesterday members of the GMBATU union voted to recommend a one-day strike pending a ballot and they were joined by a vote of NALGO members working for the Greater London Council to take one-day strike action in support of Lambeth council workers.

The more sections of

the working class are driven into battle against Thatcher, the more the role of those right-wing trade union leaders who want to capitulate becomes clear.

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NEW MOVES ON MINERS' MOTION

THE MINERS' union seems increasingly likely to win support for its motion demanding reimbursement of seized assets at the Labour Party conference.

In the latest moves to defeat opposition to the demand to reinstate all sacked miners by Labour leader Neil Kinnock, the NUM are reported to have drawn up a composite which should win a majority.

Crucial wording demanding reimbursement of funds will remain in the resolution, which is understood to have been drawn up by NUM president Arthur Scargill.

The outcome of the vote is certain to rest heavily on the decision by delegates of the T&GWU transport union when they see the composite on the eve of the Bournemouth conference which begins on September 29.

However, the resolution backed by transport union delegates at the TUC conference earlier this month was considered to be in line with T&GWU policy, and it is unlikely that delegates in Bournemouth will differ from this view.

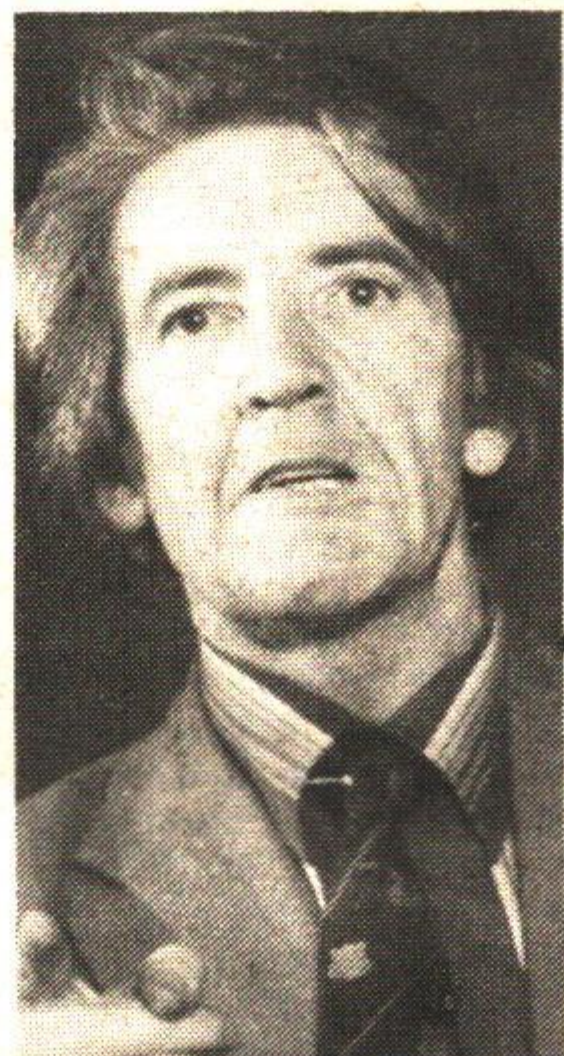
While this week's meeting of the T&GWU general council is not empowered to mandate delegates on a composite resolution which is not yet

public, the union will not want to be seen opposing the miners.

Labour MP Dennis Skinner, who is sponsored by the NUM, told a Cardiff meeting of the Wales Congress in Support of Mining Communities that the demand for reinstatement of sacked miners was entirely justified.

He pointed to the amnesty granted to former Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith, adding: 'If it is good enough for them, it's good enough for every miner in the British coalfield.'

● NINE Scottish miners are to be reinstated later this week



SKINNER



SCARGILL

Bristol benefit office stoppage

CPSA members at Nelson Street benefit office in Bristol took strike action yesterday in protest at low staffing levels.

All three sections of the office were closed for the day while pickets at the door explained to claimants due to sign on the purpose of the strike.

The response was de-

scribed as 'very positive'.

Jane Boyle, the local branch secretary, said that the situation had been worsening over a long period.

'Although the numbers of staff have increased this has not been in line with increasing unemployment. The workload has become intolerable.'

Ford workers strike over schedule cuts

A STRIKE involving 400 nightshift production workers at Ford's Dagenham plant may last for at least a week.

The strike could lead to widespread lay-offs in the rest of the complex, although talks to resolve the dispute began yesterday.

The dispute started on the nightshift at the Body Plant on the 'metal' line. The men walked out after rejecting new reduced schedules and passing a resolution of no confi-

dence in the management.

The cutbacks in production schedules affect Sierra lines. Despite promises by the company, the number of imported vehicles has risen in recent weeks, and production is being reduced.

Stock

Ford's have an estimated six month stock of Sierras. This week's case in the EEC courts, refusing Ford permission to

reduce the sale of right-hand European models to British customers, is certain to aggravate the over-production problem.

A spokesman for the unions at the Dagenham plant said yesterday that the strike was the result of a build-up of frustrations at the plant.

While the company have promised to reduce imports, they have instead risen, resulting in the loss of jobs at Dagenham and the transfer of workers to 'efficiency' tasks.

Down's Syndrome myths condemned

DOCTORS were criticised yesterday for telling parents of mentally handicapped babies: 'Take home your broken doll.'

Rex Brinkworth, director of the National Centre for Down's Syndrome, said this was how some paediatricians told new parents about their babies' handicap.

Another way was to say: 'She will never be more than a vegetable,' he said.

Many parents were

then surprised that many of their worst fears were not realised, he said, at the launch of a book which seeks to dispel common myths about the condition.

These include the view that Down's sufferers are always musical, make good mimics, and that few will learn to read or write.

● 'Current Approaches to Down's Syndrome' is published by Holt, Rhinehart and Wilson at £19.95.

IMF to clamp down

AMSTERDAM — The International Monetary Fund is likely next month to impose clamps on the maximum amounts that countries can borrow.

Onno Ruding, the chairman of the IMF's policy-making Interim Committee, said yesterday the fund needed to gradually reduced 'enlarged access'.

Ruding, also The Netherlands Finance Minister, said the measure was aimed at safeguarding the IMF's financial position.

Heated debate at NALGO pay meeting

NALGO members in the health service yesterday voted to accept the government's 4.7 per cent pay award after a heated national conference.

Delegates representing 80,000 NHS staff members met in London to discuss the 1985 award for administrative, clerical and technical staff.

The government's 4.7 per cent offer falls short of the original claim for £8 plus 8 per cent.

Moving the main motion for acceptance, Doug Cook, western district, said that the responsibility for the sixth year of pay cuts in the NHS rested with central government.

He admitted that the national negotiators had failed to lead a successful campaign, but also claimed that the membership and stewards had failed to fight and thus weakened the negotiators.

Other members of the platform supported this position.

Cook said under circumstances where the members of NALGO 'cannot deliver the action' the government's offer had to be reluctantly accepted.

An amendment from City and Hackney branch calling for a flat rate share-out of the 4.7 per cent was defeated after the platform mobilised an unprecedented four speakers against it.

The main amendment from Bloomsbury health branch warned that

'chronic low pay is intended to soften up the trade unions to a position where they are unable to fight on every other question...'

'The struggle to defeat government wage cutting must embrace the struggle to defend every aspect of the service under attack.'

Mover Ian Harrison said the government was prepared to invest billions of pounds in smashing trade unions.

Asking the meeting to consider under what conditions members were being asked to fight, he drew attention to the National Union of Mineworkers, whose funds are still sequestered by state-appointed auditors, and whose members are in jail.

Jeers

Harrison stated — to jeers from the platform — that the Tories were preparing to send troops into Liverpool in response to local government workers declaring for industrial action to defend their jobs, a fact of vital concern to NALGO members.

'The fact is that our members are aware of the retreat of trade union leaders over the smashing of wages councils and the same TUC/NALGO leaders' support for cheap labour schemes.'

Tories threaten death grants

GOVERNMENT plans to question bereaved relatives who need state help to pay for a funeral are 'inhuman', the Welsh Consumer Council said yesterday.

The council claims that under the proposed scheme to abolish the present £30 death grants, grieving relatives applying for financial aid would have to undergo 'distressing and undignified' interviews at their social security office.

In response to the government's green paper on reforming the benefits system, the council calls for higher funeral grants, paid for by increased national insurance contributions.

Death grants of £250 should be made automatically on all small estates of £5,000 or less, to avoid any means testing.

The council estimates this alternative would cost some £76 million — three times the present amount.

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Boycott continues at race row school

ONLY 181 children turned up at Drummond Middle School in Bradford yesterday — where race-row headmaster Roy Honeyford has been reinstated on the orders of a High Court judge.

Every day since Monday parents and pupils have protested outside to oppose Honeyford's return.

Honeyford was suspended from his job in

April for publishing allegedly racist remarks in the right-wing 'Salisbury Review' magazine, suggesting that white children could suffer in schools where coloured children were in the majority.

The school has a total of 550 pupils, about 90 per cent of whom are not white.

Parents say they will continue their demonstrations and keep their children away from school until Honeyford is removed.



Parents protesting outside Drummond Middle School earlier this week against the return of headmaster Ray Honeyford

Council stewards vote for a strike

'National backing is vital'

JIMMY HACKETT, a surcharged Liverpool City councillor, believes the struggle to defend the community against the Tory attack on jobs and services deserves the full support of the trade union movement.

He told News Line that national support for the council and its employees is vital in the days ahead.

'It's only the action, the massive action that's been promised to us nationally as well as locally that will turn the tide.'

'We are dealing with a government that spent £5 billion trying to smash the miners, the most justifiable strike in the history of the NUM. We are asking for £30 million.'

'You are dealing with a government that is prepared to smash democracy, so we know what's before us.'

'But the fault lies with the government. As far as I am concerned our fight has to go on and on. Liverpool may even cause a constitutional crisis that will bring this government down.'

Hackett's reaction to the district auditor's letter of surcharge and possible disqualification is defiant.

'My immediate reaction is that of a victim of successive Tory govern-



JIMMY HACKETT

ments. It does not shock me. What they want to do is bring Liverpool to its knees. And they can do their worst.

'The district auditor has sent me a letter that he's going to make me a bankrupt. And I say to him: "You could not make me bankrupt because I would not know the difference".'

Hackett believes that any attempt by the Tory government to bring in a commissioner to run the city would be met with total non-cooperation by city hall staff and employees.

Even if a further local election is called, candidates in the local Labour Party wards are already committed to a policy of no cuts in jobs and services.

LEADERS of the 9,000 members of the GMBATU general workers' union in Liverpool voted yesterday by 194 to 5 to back strike action by council workers in the city from next Wednesday.

Strike action was overwhelmingly endorsed by leaders of the NALGO local government workers' union in the city as well.

Both recommendations are to go to ballots, to be held tomorrow and Monday.

GMBATU representatives told reporters after the shop stewards' meeting that they were confident of rank-and-file support for the all-out, indefinite strike.

The strike has been called against the Tory government's withdrawal of grant to the city. Leaders of the Labour-controlled council, who have been surcharged by the district auditor, have called on the government to pay them £25 million for wages until the end of the financial year next March.

Further details of the

internal discussion between the councillors and trade unions emerged yesterday.

The councillors attempted on Monday to hold a council meeting to issue redundancy notices to the 30,000 employees.

This was vehemently opposed by members of the NALGO local government union, who organised an occupation of the Town Hall to stop the councillors from meeting.

Graham Burgess, chairman NALGO branch, explained to local reporters yesterday that NALGO was opposed to redundancy notices for three important reasons.

Firstly, redundancies could destroy the organisation of unions whose constitutions did not provide for unemployed members.

Secondly, if another authority, such as a commissioner, or another political party took power after redundancy notices had been issued, thousands of council staff would face the danger that they might not be reinstated.

Thirdly, even if they were reinstated, staff with broken service records could lose protec-

tion and unemployment benefits.

These remarks by Burgess make clear the justified hostility his union showed to the councillors' proposal to send out redundancy notices.

However, trade union anger at the sack threat seems likely to have been intensified by internal reports, published in local newspapers yesterday, that the sackings would have allowed the council to balance its books for the year 1985-1986 — thus avoiding surcharge and disqualification.

While 30,000 employees would have faced the dangers of not being reinstated, the 49 surcharged Labour councillors would have been eligible to stand again for election to the council.

Bill board artist's work was censored

AN artist's battle to exhibit his work to the public resulted in 'an unbelievable sequence of events', according to the director of a London art gallery.

The Institute of Contemporary Arts, which presents modern films, theatre and other events, has remained in dispute with two billboard firms ever since the companies pasted over a number of art works two weeks ago.

Not only did the billboard companies fail to put up a number of the silk screen artworks by American artist Les Levine but they pasted old Christian Aid posters over them.

One of the companies also claimed they had lost some of Levine's works.

Levine's projects use devices employed by advertising but with the aim of producing a totally

different experience. Many of his images are connected with the British presence in northern Ireland.

Despite promises that the works would still go up, the ICA discovered that a 'complete censorship job' had been carried out by the billboard companies.

'Although we still have a right to sue,' said gallery director, Declan McGonagle yesterday, 'our main objective was to get the exhibition up.'

'We have had a very positive reaction from people coming to the gallery.'

● THE billboard artworks are due to go up again today in London at the Elephant and Castle and in Chalk Farm to complement the exhibition in the ICA gallery at Nash House, The Mall near Trafalgar Square.

Sausage firm cuts 500 jobs

THE sausage and pie firm Bowyers yesterday announced the closure of one of its five factories, and cutbacks in its head office — with the loss of more than 500 jobs.

A total of 483 workers will lose their jobs by next April because of the shut-down of the factory at Amersham, Buckinghamshire. A further 54 will be made redundant at the Trowbridge offices

in Wiltshire.

The company has blamed over-capacity and problems in a highly competitive market for losses of £8.5 million in the last four years.

'This survival plan follows three months' analysis of the business since it was acquired by Northern Foods,' said new managing director Barrie Gardner.

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STRIKING HULL TEACHERS WELCOME MORE ACTION

A 1,500-STRONG meeting of striking teachers in Hull yesterday welcomed the news that their pay campaign is to be stepped up.

Don Winters, leader of the teachers' panel on the Burnham negotiating committee, spoke of the likelihood of a series of national half-day strikes and a lobby of parliament on November 7.

The biggest union, the National Union of

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Teachers, wants the government to agree to a package detailing exactly how the 34 per cent erosion in teachers' pay over the last ten years is to be reversed.

Offer

Winters denounced the £1.25 billion offer made by Tory Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph last week as a bait with a very

nasty hook in it.

The sum involved was in reality only £450 million spread over four years, he said, and with it, 14 conditions of service were attached.

Once a precedent was established of tying pay to conditions of service then that would become the norm for future negotiations, Winters warned, insisting: 'We are not in business of negotiating

away your conditions of service.'

Winters spoke of the support the NUT had received at this year's TUC conference, of a £10,000 donation from the Ulster Teachers' Association to the NUT's strike fund, and of mass meetings up and down the country.

Conditions

This support was proof of the desire to defend education, wages and working conditions.

He further warned of a press campaign to undermine confidence in teachers' union, of lies being told and attacks being waged against teachers inside parliament and out.

Earlier, Wolsely Brown, of the Educational Institute of Scotland, told the meeting how the EIS organised rallies attended by 93 per cent of its members last week.

'Teachers are willing and able to take on this

government,' he said.

NUT executive member for the area, Ken Bore, said it was not a case of waiting for a future Labour government or Labour council. 'We've had enough jam tomorrow promises,' he said.

Bore added: 'Both Labour and now the home council on Humberside have told us our contract is rewritten when they deduct our pay for refusing to cover for absent colleagues.'

Fowler blocks benefit ruling

TORY Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler is to block the extra benefit payment won by a homeless couple at a social security appeal on Monday.

Fowler is appealing to the Social Security commissioners against the ruling that Franklyn Martin and Pauline Smith of west London were entitled to additional benefit in order to stay in bed-and-breakfast accommodation.

Martin, 23, and Smith, 20, won an appeal against new benefit limits imposed on their hotel by the Tory board and lodging regulations.

They faced eviction because with the introduction of new weekly limits, they were no longer able to pay their full rent.

The tribunal ruled that they were entitled to the extra £25.90 a week to remain there.

The ruling was based on the August ruling by Mr Justice Mann in the High Court that the changes were illegal.

It is the second defeat for the Tory government in six weeks.

A solicitor for the couple said that she could only think that Fowler's decision was in order to deter other claimants from seeking more money.

The couple could now face eviction on Saturday.

Greater London Council housing chairman Tony McBrearty earlier welcomed the tribunal's ruling and urged others to take cases to appeal.

'There will be no justice until all claimants are exempt from these unrealistic limits that will drive people out on to the streets to sleep,' he said.

Lost claim for eye

A MAN who claims a police assault led to him losing an eye lost his courtroom bid for damages yesterday.

James Summers, 29, has spent five years pursuing his private claim against West Yorkshire police alleging he was battered about the head, face and body with a police truncheon and then jabbed in the left eye.

But in a reserved judgement at Leeds county court yesterday Judge Hallam dismissed his damages bid after ruling there was no evidence Pc Paul Margerison had used any unreasonable force. He made no order for costs.

The court was told Summers, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, had suffered a 'seriously diseased eye' which was susceptible to damage. 'He would not have had the use of the eye to any great age,' said the judge.

Summer said he lost the use of his eye following an incident in Keighley town centre involving Pc Margerison in March 1980.

The judge said that during the incident Summers became violent and the officer took out his truncheon to block the blows aimed at him. He struck Summers on the shoulder and managed to calm him down.

New campaign to protect children

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

RISING poverty, increased drug misuse, deteriorating housing, escalating family breakdown, a continuing high level of physical and sexual abuse and cuts in services have prompted the launch of a Children in Danger campaign.

The National Children's Home campaign is demanding more resources for social services, health care, youth services and education.

Poverty

Reasons presented by the charity yesterday include:

- Poverty: 1.7 million children live in families on or below the supplementary benefit line;
- Homelessness: Over 82,000 households were accepted by local authorities as homeless in 1983; 73 per cent involving dependent children or an expected child;
- Family breakdown — 160,000 children and young people a year are involved in their parents' divorce but few resources are devoted to reconciliation services. In 15 years

the number of divorces has doubled. Each week 2,000 children under 16 see their parents separate;

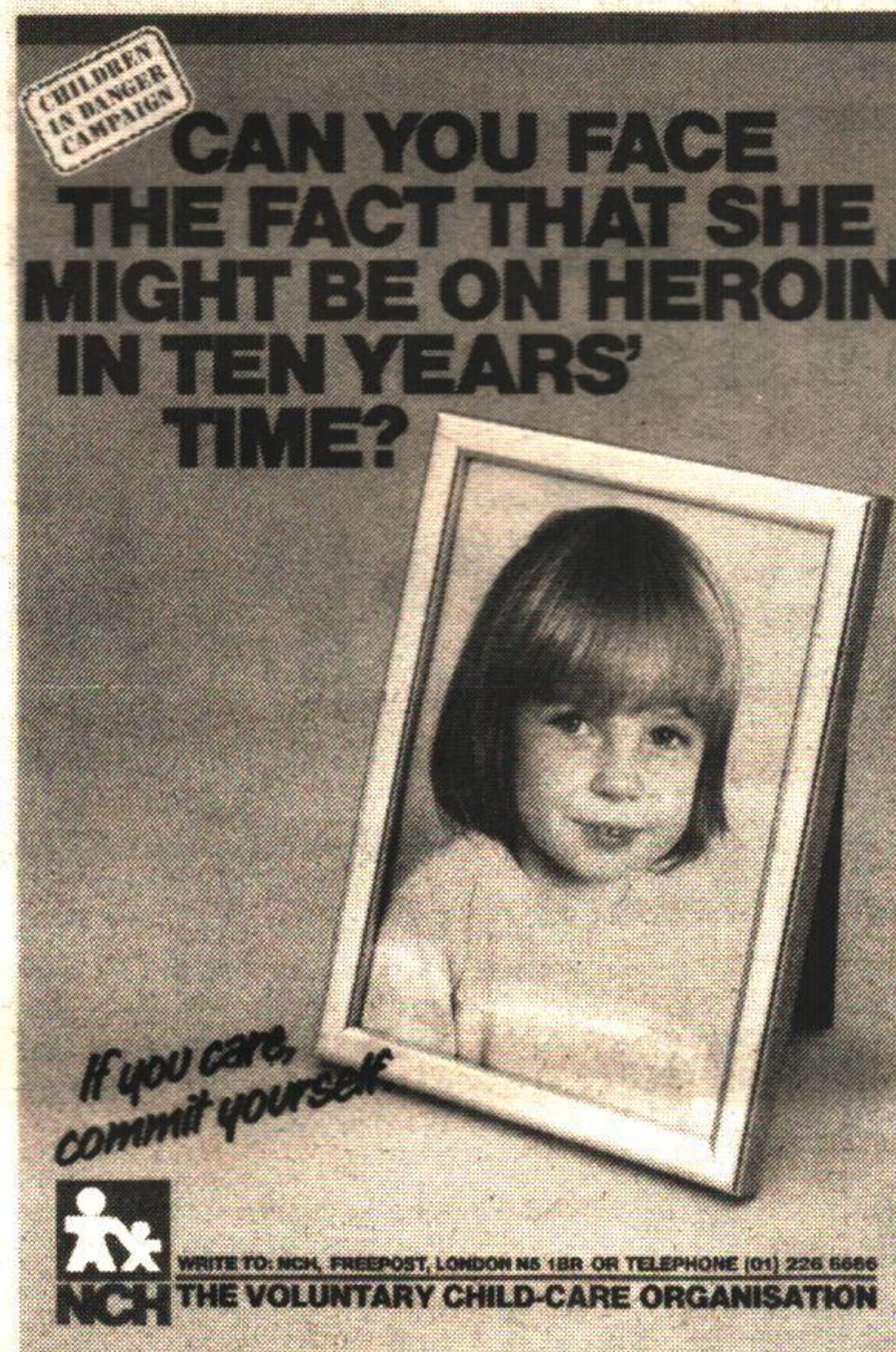
- Far too many young people are being given custodial sentences even though it is clear this is not effective;
- 400 children are taken into care each week because of neglect or ill treatment;
- The number of drug addicts under 21 has increased three-fold in just three years. Some city areas face an epidemic of drug and glue misuse;
- Poor educational opportunities;
- Racism — immigrants still live in the worst housing, suffer the worst unemployment.

The campaign has produced a poster of a sweet innocent little girl with the caption: 'Can you face the fact that she might be on heroin in 10 years' time?'

Risk

There must be provision for families at risk in their own neighbourhoods before break-down occurs, the campaign says.

The National Children's Campaign demands more education for parenthood in schools, more resources for voluntary bodies and local authorities, preventive health services for families, less use of custody for young people, and exemption from Value Added Tax for voluntary organisations working with young people.



The Children in Danger campaign's publicity poster

Anti-nuclear ship in London protest

THE Greenpeace ship 'Sirius', a 130-foot ex-pilot cutter and veteran of many direct action campaigns against radioactive waste dumping in the Atlantic, arrives in London tomorrow for the London Dumping Convention.

Greenpeace inflatables will gather on the Thames opposite the palatial offices of the International Maritime Organisation where the meeting is to be held, to demand 'No nuclear dumping'.

They will be present every day of the four-day meeting, which starts on Monday. If the present ban on dumping is lifted, Greenpeace 'will immediately begin preparations for further direct action,' a spokesman warned yesterday.

Radioactive waste dumping at sea has been carried out since the late

1940s, mainly by Britain.

Since 1949, the US has used a number of sites in the Atlantic, the Bay of Biscay and the Hurd Deep, 200 miles off Guernsey, 'as suitable dustbins in which to dispose of a growing inventory of radioactive waste,' said the spokesman.

In 1972, the UK, the United States, Mexico and Russia set up the London Dumping Convention to monitor and regulate the disposable radioactive material.

In 1983 dumping nations agreed to a two-year moratorium while a scientific study was carried out, but there are fears that next week's convention will lift the ban.

The dumping of radioactive material at sea has been condemned by the TUC and international seamen's unions.

Inquiry into air crash cash

TRANSPORT Secretary Nicholas Ridley is to be asked to examine urgently whether the limit of £75,000 compensation paid to victims of air accidents should be raised.

Alan Williams, the

Labour front-bench spokesman on consumer affairs, is planning to ask Ridley to examine the recruitment and training of companies hired to service aircraft at major airports.

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POLICE INTERFERENCE CAUSED HANDSWORTH CLASHES

POLICE interference, unemployment and lack of facilities provoked the clashes in Handsworth, says James Williams, nicknamed 'Shanti', who was arrested and charged during the events last week.

Although living in Handsworth, Shanti is currently barred from entering the area under his conditions of bail.

'In Handsworth there is a general lack of facilities, particularly in housing,' said Shanti.

'Youth are not given any assistance or preparation to find decent jobs — and I don't include the government Youth Training Schemes (YTS) as decent jobs.

'On YTS youth don't get the sense of working for a future. You are just working for today.

'What youth really want are jobs that make them feel that there is a future to work for.'

Youth

Thatcher's government considers the youth of Handsworth as either 'thugs', 'criminals' or 'drug pushers', said Shanti.

'Long-term unemployment leads to death through suicide, killing people to get money, and pushes people into committing criminal acts.

'Blaming a person for committing a crime is not as important as trying to understand why the crime was committed — jail sentences don't solve anything.'

Interview with 'Shanti' whose arrest is pictured on the right

Shanti feels that he is speaking for all youth but wants to add a particular frustration felt by black people in Handsworth.

'They (the authorities) look down on the majority of black people as illiterates who can't think for themselves, I mean particularly in the area of politics.

Status

'We are given no political status and what black people need is representation in the House of Commons, someone of our own choice, not one chosen for us, we don't need an Uncle Tom.'

The youth are hostile and bitter towards 'community policing', Shanti explained.

'I have a name for the police. "Satan's Army" I call them — because they portray nothing but viciousness.

'So-called "community policing" is put forward by hypocritically minded police. Through police relations with the community they feel they have the freedom to interfere in our business.

'They think that if they act friendly towards us it will solve all the problems we are facing in Handsworth but in reality

they are the whole cause of the rioting in Handsworth and everywhere else.

'Community policing' is used to conspire against the youth — to gain information to mount raids for drugs.

'The same police then put the drugs back out on the streets. As far as the youth in Handsworth are concerned we will have nothing to do with the "community policing" scheme.'

Shanti rejects with disbelief the Tory press claims that jealousy on the part of blacks against Asians was the cause of the looting and burning of shops.

Racist

'I would say anybody who accuses the black people of causing the riots because they hate the Asians is a racist themselves.'

Social conditions in Handsworth were the cause and not any one section of the community — black, white, or Asian — Shanti insists.

'What people don't see is that as far as the youth, including Asian youth, were concerned, the shops were just shops and

the vast majority of shops in Handsworth happen to be owned by Asians.'

Shanti draws close links between the struggles facing South African youth and those in Britain.

Infuriates

'What youth see happening in South Africa affects us deeply because no matter how far we are apart we are still brothers and sisters; we are all fighting for the same thing, better human conditions.

'It infuriates us to think that a tiny minority are allowed to rule over a whole nation under military dictatorship.

'There can be no humanity if that system is allowed to continue — the world has to respect what the liberators in South Africa are doing to regain their freedom and their birthright.'

Shanti believes conditions cannot be changed without bringing together all sections of the working class in the fight against the government.

'Thatcher can't be defeated without a General Strike. If Handsworth were to try and fight alone we would be like an island.



James Williams, nicknamed Shanti, is arrested by police during the disturbances at Handsworth last week

'It is only the struggle of the workers that has revealed the political situation nationally.

'The General Strike would be a positive movement. It would unite all the oppressed. It would help to solve the problems

created by the government. We could stop the rapid job cutting and mass unemployment.

'Workers should have a say in how the economy is run. That's why we had the miners' strike. Arthur Scargill and the miners

were fighting to save their jobs, families and communities.

'There has to be a General Strike to stop things from being run for a few who make profits, instead of for the needs of the many.'

Sierra Leone regime meets resistance

BY SUE LAIRD

OPPONENTS of the Siaka Stevens dictatorship of Sierra Leone have mounted a campaign of resistance by calling for strikes, protests and mass demonstrations.

Stevens, due to step down in December, has been charged by the Sierra Leone Democratic Party (SLDP) with 'crimes of slaughter and robbery' for which it wants him brought to account.

In the anniversary issue of its monthly bulletin, the opposition 'SLDP Review' welcomes Stevens' removal from office by this year's All People's Congress (APC) convention in Freetown but warns the battle is not won.

Stevens successor-to-be, soldier/politician Major-General Momoh, has declared he will not hold the outgoing President accountable for any crime.

A statement by the Patriotic Alliance of Sierra

Leoneans in 'SLDP Review' describes the past 18 years of Stevens rule as years of profiteering, hunger and thuggery by APC goons.

It says: 'The main weapon of Siaka Stevens has been fear. Now we see the youths of our country braving the bayonets and the bullets — prepared to sacrifice their lives in the same patriotic vein as the late Ibrahim Taqi, David Lansana and Mohammed Forna.

'That single factor has

rattled the regime more than anything else.

'In a panic measure the heroic actions of our brothers in Soweto are censored by the Stevens regime, lest our students and youths copy from them — it is too late...

'In this same period, we have experienced eight "state of emergencies" spanning nine years, assassinations and conspiracies to eliminate those who insist to stand on the side of freedom and social justice.'

Stevens came to power in 1968. That year, more than 200 supporters of the opposition Sierra Leone People's Party were killed on their way to a by-election rally in Kailahun, in the eastern province of Sierra Leone.

In 1977 there were pro-

tests by students against abuse of power and soaring food prices.

Stevens clamped a state of emergency and sent thugs everywhere in the capital armed with automatic weapons, grenades and tear gas. The university was closed and scores of people were detained.

Stevens then staged a fraudulent election in which he returned his Cabinet on a 'no contest' basis.

In the Northern Province, Mines Minister Kawusu Konte, using several drums of petrol, razed the village of Kru-bala, inflicting a gruesome massacre of men, women and children; because the villagers opposed his being MP for the area.

In 1981 Sierra Leone was paralysed by a general strike over demands for socio-economic reforms.

Stevens declared a state of emergency, raiding the offices of the Sierra Leone Labour Congress (SLLC) and arresting many trade unionists and journalists.

In 1982 there was another one-party 'election' characterised by mass killings. Scores of Sierra Leoneans fled to Liberia.

In 1983, the Stevens dictatorship clamped down on the media.

In 1984 two students were killed during another protest against soaring food prices.

The SLDP was launched in August 1984 simultaneously in Britain and Sierra Leone to oust the Stevens dictatorship return the country to parliamentary democracy and a multi-party system.

ENGLAND and Wales will be rather cloudy with occasional rain in the north and west extending to central parts. During the day it will become brighter and drier from the northwest but in the southeast some showers are likely. Hill and coast fog in the west will mostly clear except in the southwest. Scotland and northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers — the showers being more likely in the west and north. Rather warm in the southeast but near normal temperatures elsewhere.

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Briefly . . .**Labour leaders begin fast**

LA PAZ — Bolivian labour leaders have begun a hunger strike to protest against government austerity measures, in addition to a two week long general strike. The Bolivian Labour Confederation threatened to widen the hunger strike to involve workers at all levels unless President Paz's government withdraws the measures introduced last month.

Ershad's ploy condemned

DACCA — A Bangladeshi opposition leader has criticised President Ershad's offer to allow politicians to hold meetings and discussions inside buildings from October 1 as a ploy to restrict opposition activity. Sheikh Hasina Wazed, head of the main opposition party, the Awami League, said: 'Indoor politics means no politics'.

Peking insurance suffers

PEKING — Chinese insurance firms have been badly hit by natural disasters that have swept the country this year, the New China Press Agency said yesterday. The People's Insurance Company, the country's largest insurance firm, expected to pay out the equivalent of \$68 million to victims of heavy floods and storms since July.

Peru massacre denied

LIMA — A Peruvian general has denied his men were responsible for an alleged massacre of 69 peasants in a remote mountain hamlet last month. Javier Valle Riestra, a member of the Senate commission examining the massacre allegations, said the military claimed many of the alleged victims were still alive.

Arab publisher shot dead

ATHENS — A gunman yesterday shot dead a pro-Palestinian Jordanian publisher of an Arabic-language magazine which had written of an attempted coup against Syria's President Hafez al-Assad. Michel Nomari, 37, was shot in a building in central Athens where his magazine, 'Annahra', has its offices.

French jobless increases

PARIS — Unemployment in France for August showed an increase of 0.4 per cent to 2.42 million. Provisional trade figures showed a tiny surplus for August, from a July deficit of \$440 million. France has a total deficit of more than \$2 billion since January.

Chileans sent into exile

SANTIAGO — Interior Minister Ricardo Garcia has named 482 Chileans in exile abroad who would be allowed to return home, as General Augusto Pinochet's military regime banished 35 people to internal exile. Garcia said 3,878 people were still barred from living in Chile.

Ortega to address UN

MANAGUA — Nicaragua President Daniel Ortega will address the United Nations' General Assembly at its 40th anniversary celebrations in New York on October 1, his office said on Tuesday.

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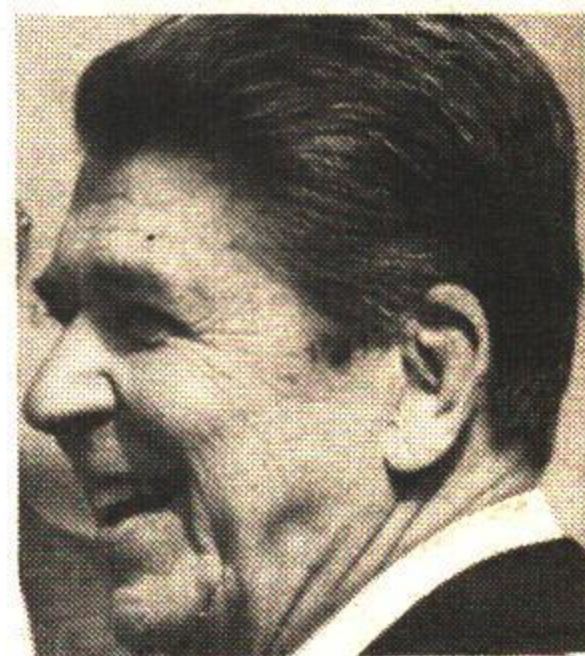
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STOP STAMPEDE TO PROTECTIONISM



REAGAN

the estimated 1985 trade deficit of \$150 billion would hurt the economic expansion, Reagan said the record federal budget deficit was 'the threat to everything we hold dear'.

He played down reports that the US had become a debtor country, saying: 'I think this false impression is being given that trade imbalance means debtor nation.'

WASHINGTON — President Reagan warned Congress yesterday that a mindless stampede towards protectionism would invite economic disaster.

He said foreign retaliation to such measures would be on a scale not known since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

During a nationally televised news conference, Reagan branded about 300 Bills for a range of drastic trade barriers 'a mindless stampede towards protectionism'.

The remarks were the first acknowledgement by the White House of warnings by large sections of US industry of irreparable harm such moves pose to the US capitalist system as a whole.

This big business lobby opposes growing pressure for a 'blanket' of trade barriers in favour of defeating Congress opposition to sharper cuts at home and heavy tax concessions to industry and finance.

Reagan's TV news conference gave significant backing also for a

strategy of bilateral arrangements with trading partners in return for overseas investment concessions for American business.

It was this pressure from big business that forced Reagan early this month to reject a move to impose tariffs to protect the beleaguered American shoe industry.

Reagan repeatedly recalled the impact of congressional measures that helped plunge the United States into the Great Depression.

If Congress enacted similar measures now,

the result would be economic disaster: 'I know, I lived through that period.'

Reagan expressed 'deep concern' that protectionism would invite retaliation from America's trading partners.

They would target the country's principal industries and its already-crippled agricultural sector.

He urged Congress, instead, 'to work with me, not against me' in keeping trade free, cutting tax rates and curbing government spending.

Dismissing fears that

SAUDIS BOOST OUTPUT

WASHINGTON — Saudi Arabia has begun to boost oil production in a move expected to force a sharp drop in world oil prices, according to the 'Washington Post' newspaper yesterday.

Quoting unidentified energy analysts, it said the Saudi kingdom began producing more oil on Tuesday and that the extra output would reach 1 million barrels per day (BPD) by October 1, raising total Saudi output to 3.5 million BPD.

It said the purpose was to force other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to stop violating the oil trading bloc's pricing policies with discount sales.

But it is widely acknowledged that the Saudi authorities triggered the ruthless under-the-counter war by themselves offering a range of secret discounts on a range of mixed-grade oils.

Riyadh moved into that strategy when it began an extensive programme of developing refineries and to move into processing petroleum products.

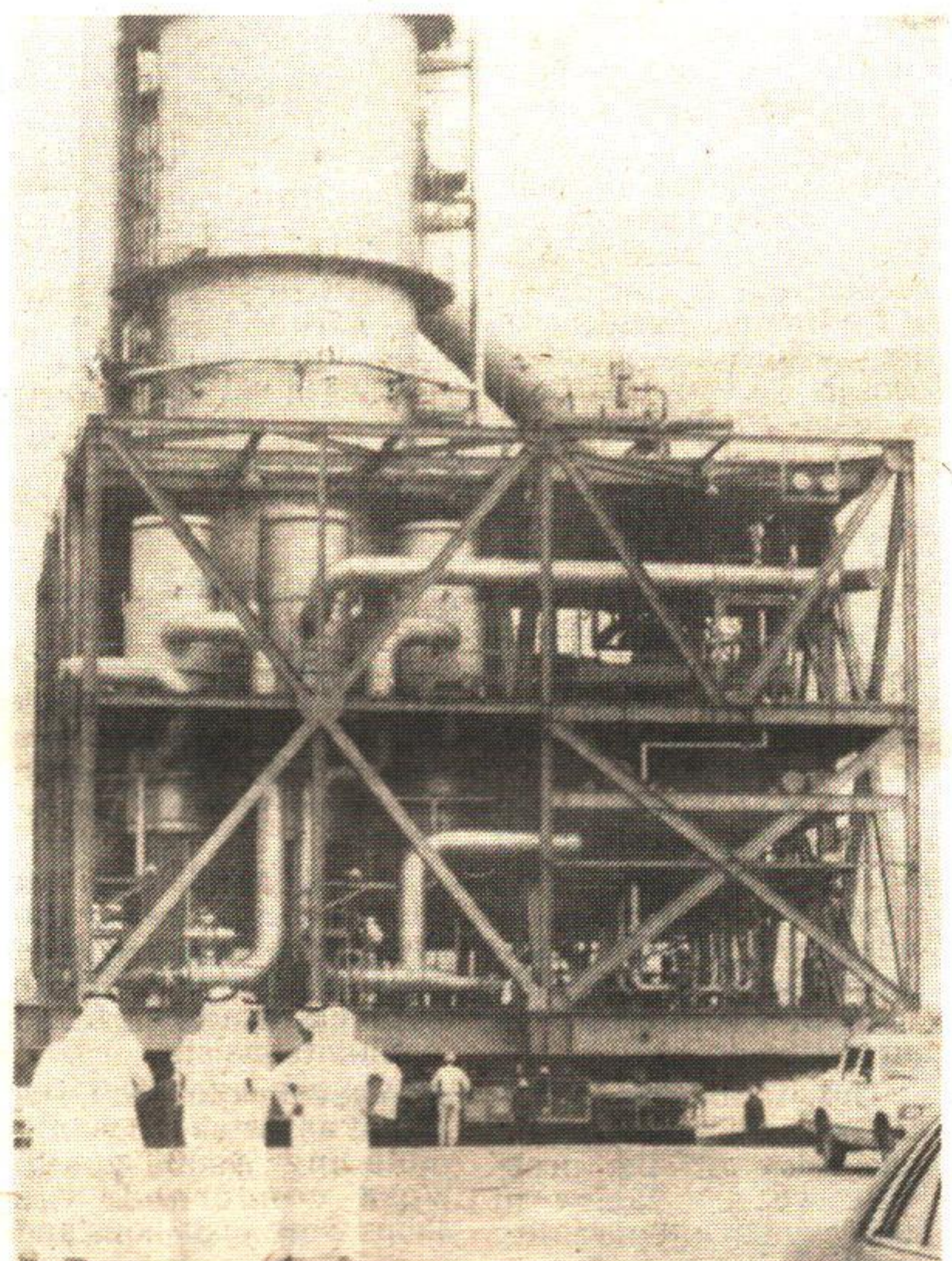
The move backfired early this year when a number of oil producers, including non-OPEC Norway and OPEC member Nigeria, began openly dropping prices in a chase for markets.

The Saudi government's decision to boost output is tantamount to a trade war within OPEC, designed to reduce world oil prices by between \$2 and \$4 a barrel if the strategy succeeds.

But the 'Washington Post' said there was 'a remote danger' that other OPEC producers might also increase production, leading to a price war that could plunge prices down to \$10 a barrel.

Such a big drop would

immediately threaten such semi-colonial countries as Indonesia, Nigeria and the Latin American producers who are saddled with heavy debts to the International Monetary Fund.



A methanol module in Saudi Arabia where the oil taps are going on

MI6 accused in Greenpeace row

NEW YORK — CBS television network yesterday implicated the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and MI6 in the sabotage sinking of the Greenpeace ship 'Rainbow Warrior'.

The American network, in a report from Paris, said the two espionage agencies were among a number of Western intelligence organisations who knew of the plot.

Exposure

CBS' revelations followed the French newspaper 'Le Monde's' exposure on Tuesday that the operation was carried out on Defence Minister Charles Hernu's orders.

It had learned that the two intelligence agencies 'got wind' of the plot but

did not know precisely when or where the attack would take place.

In Paris, President Mitterrand's Socialist government faced an uproar over 'Le Monde's' disclosure and charges that he had lied 'more to the French people than Richard Nixon did to the Americans'.

Hernu flatly denied ordering the sabotage operation or having any knowledge of it, triggering the opposition retort: 'This is worse than Watergate.'

The 'Rainbow Warrior', flagship of a planned Greenpeace 'peace' flotilla to the French nuclear test site on Mururoa Atoll, was blown up in Auckland harbour, New Zealand, on July 10.

Greenpeace photographer Fernando Pereira was killed trying to rescue his professional equipment and work from the burning vessel and two French secret service agents are being held by New Zealand police, charged with espionage and murder.

Attack

According to CBS, the Western agencies warned the New Zealand government of the possible attack and MI6 assisted in the investigation after the explosion.

The CIA in Washington has refused to comment. In Wellington, Prime Minister David Lange also declined to comment on the report.

Kidnap deal fails

SAN SALVADOR — The Salvadorean government has failed in an attempt to meet national liberation guerrilla leaders to discuss the kidnapping of President Jose Napoleon Duarte's daughter a week ago.

Yesterday, Communications and Culture Minister Julio Rey Prendes said: 'I tried to talk to them because I knew they were going to meet in Medico . . . it was not possible to talk to them.'

Rey Prendes and Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Acevedo Peralta left El Salvador for Mexico on Sunday, hoping to talk to members of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), the political wing of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN).

But the FDR has said it knows nothing about the kidnapping and the identity of the unidentified, armed men who snatched Ines Guadalupe Duarte Duran, 35, the eldest of Duarte's six children, remains a mystery.

She was abducted with a companion while on her way to attend class at a private university in San Salvador.

According to officials of the US-backed government, a group calling itself the Pedro Pablo Castillo Front has contacted them to take credit for the kidnapping and has sent Duarte a tape recording from his daughter.



DUARTE

World News Line

Defector
knew
about
Star
Wars

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's secretary who defected to East Germany this week had access to President Reagan's 'Star Wars' proposals, according to a leading West German newspaper.

The 'Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung' rejected a government statement that she had not seen the top secret 'Star Wars' plans.

It said Herta-Astrid Willner's job as assistant head of the Chancellor's third department meant she saw secret papers on all technological projects.

This included Reagan's so-called Strategic Defence Initiative and the West European Eureka rocket programme.

On Tuesday the Bonn government said Willner had access to the 'Star Wars' documents but later withdrew the statement saying that she hadn't.

Ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt left for East Berlin yesterday on his first visit to the East since his talks in Erfurt in 1970.

Brandt was forced to resign in the wake of an East German spy scandal in 1975.

The Soviet news agency TASS yesterday condemned President Reagan's decision to go ahead with the 'Star Wars' plan prior to discussions with Soviet negotiators.

In a statement last month Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev called on Reagan to shelve the 'Star Wars' project in return for talks on large cuts in offensive weapons.

But at his first news conference since June, Reagan ruled out a trade-off with Moscow on 'Star Wars' involving arms reduction.

He said 'Star Wars' did not violate any treaty and would go ahead as planned.

Youth
killed

TEL AVIV — Israeli troops in the occupied Gaza Strip have shot dead a Palestinian who refused to stop for an identity check.

An Israeli spokesman said warning shots were fired at the youth after he refused to stop to have his papers checked.

When he began to run, he was shot dead.

On the occupied West Bank last week, Israeli soldiers shot and wounded five Palestinians who refused to stop at army checkpoints.

Prime Minister Thatcher arrived in Amman yesterday for talks with Jordan's King Hussein.

NAKASONE PUSHES UP
TOKYO'S ARMS BUDGET

TOKYO — The Japanese government has pushed defence spending above one per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP) for the first time since the end of World War II.

The five-year defence programme amounting to \$76 billion was strongly pushed by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

The massive budget will be used to buy 375 aircraft, including 64 F-15 Eagle jet fighters and 50 P-3C Orion anti-submarine planes, and 35 naval ships, including nine destroyers and five submarines.

Five groups of the American surface-to-air



NAKASONE

Patriot missile systems would be purchased while the navy would introduce Japanese-designed ship missile systems.

The decision followed a marathon bargaining session between Defence Minister Koichi Kato and

Finance Minister Noburu Takeshita.

Kato had demanded a defence budget of \$80 billion but he eventually agreed to \$76 billion which is 1.04 per cent of GNP.

But he left the meeting pleased with the result. 'I am delighted,' Kato said. 'The amount of money is sufficient to achieve the level of strength set out for us.'

The breach of the one per cent in GNP will provoke angry opposition to Nakasone's Liberal Democratic Party government from the working class, the youth, the trade unions and some sections of the middle class.

One of the hallowed 'understandings' in post-war Japan is that the peace constitution imposed by US imperialism should be strictly observed.

Officially, the armed forces do not exist. There are simply 'self defence forces' which are strictly controlled.

But Nakasone, a fervently pro-American politician, is determined to increase Japan's 'regional responsibilities'.



Students at a passing out parade at a Japanese military academy

He is being encouraged by the Reagan administration which wants the Japanese government to shoulder more responsibilities for 'peace-keeping' in South East Asia.

Two years ago US Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger argued that Japan defence forces should protect sea lanes up to 1,000 nautical miles from its shores.

● In Peking yesterday several hundred students at Peking University tried to stage a protest against Japanese militarism.

Pop stars come
to aid farmers

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois — Singers Willie Nelson, Neil Young and Billy Joel will be the star attractions at a Farm-Aid concert here on September 22.

The concert, to be held at the University of Illinois Memorial Stadium, is hoping to raise between \$50 and \$70 million for farmers who are facing bankruptcy and eviction.

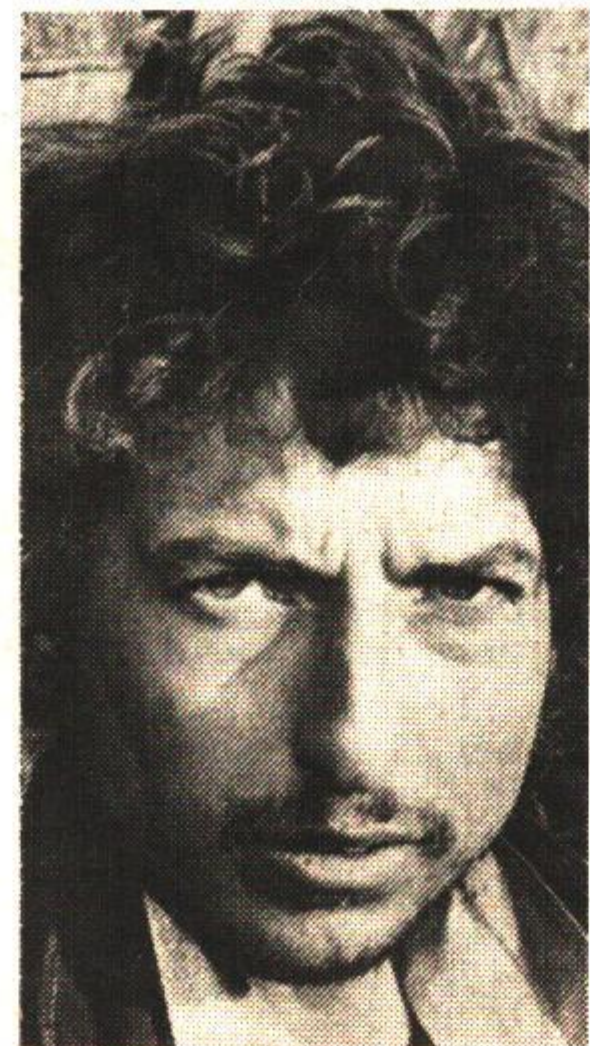
Among the other rock, country and blues artists scheduled to perform are Bob Dylan, John Cougar Mellencamp, Waylon Jennings, B.B. King and the Beach Boys.

The proceeds from Farm-Aid, including ticket sales and donations from the televised concert, will pay for one day's interest on America's \$210 billion farm debt.

While farmers are glad of the national attention their plight is receiving, they have no illusions that a pop extravaganza will solve their problems.

'It's a great project, but it isn't going to do anything to bail out the farmers,' said Don Murphy, one of those who met with Willie Nelson last week.

The Agriculture Department estimates that interest on the total farm debt is \$21 billion annually, or about \$58 million a day.



BOB DYLAN

Carlos Welty, a spokesman for the American Agricultural Movement said: 'It's not a drop in the bucket to what the farmers need.'

With up to 200,000 farmers about to go under, 'this concert is not going to save those 200,000 farms,' Welty said.

He also attacked the idea of using the concert money on more farm loan programmes. 'That is the most ridiculous thing I've heard,' Welty said.

'I don't need another loan, I need a price for my product.'

Farmers are also angry with Illinois Governor James Thompson's attempt to pose as a friend of the farmers for the purposes of his re-election campaign.

At the pre-concert meeting, Willie Nelson, who has worked with Thompson on setting up the Farm-Aid concert, assured farmers that none of the money would be given or channelled through the politicians.

Reagan courts Machel

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said he was meeting Mozambique's President Samora Machel this week to win him over to the West.

They will hold talks at the White House today.

Reagan told correspondents: 'For some time now there has been an indication that he (Machel), who had gone so far over to the other camp, was having second thoughts.'

'We just think it's worthwhile to show him the other side of the coin, and we think it's

worth a try to let him see what our system is and see that he might be welcome in the Western world.'

'That's why I'm meeting him.'

Visit

At a press briefing a senior Reagan official said Machel's visit would be used to improve relations with the FRELIMO government in Mozambique.

'We have real and identifiable interests in common with the

Machel government,' he said, 'and we are conducting a policy of competing with the Soviets, not of quarantining countries where they are influential.'

After talks with Reagan, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, Machel will meet business leaders in Atlanta, Georgia, and Houston, Texas.

Before leaving for his Washington visit, Machel held private talks in Maputo with South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

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THURSDAY
September 19, 1985

Dismemberment of Lebanon

YESTERDAY three Lebanese Maronite Christian ex-Presidents — Camille Chamoun, Suleiman Franjeh and Charles Helou — met in the village of Smar Jbeil north of Beirut. The current Maronite President, Amin Gemayel, was absent, presumably cleaning up after his presidential palace at Baabda was blitzed by rockets on Tuesday.

The ex-Presidents' meeting summed up the tattered helplessness of the Lebanese state. Once the omnipotent chieftains of Lebanon's commerce, industry and agriculture and its major power-brokers, they are now yesterday's men.

Lebanon has been plunged into fearsome ruins by ten years of civil war, the 1978 and 1982 invasions by the Israeli regime, the deployment (and subsequent withdrawal) of American, British, French and Italian troops and the marauding presence of the Syrian army.

The economy of the tiny republic, once called the Monte Carlo of the eastern Mediterranean, is devastated. The oil crisis has put a stop to the flood of dollars which once poured into the pockets of Lebanon's politicians, parties and militias from the Arab oil states.

Now the rival bourgeois and petty bourgeois groups are fighting for their share of the bloodied carcass. It is a savage process of cantonisation of the Lebanese state.

Under a secret deal with Washington and Tel Aviv, the Syrian regime has agreed to drop its campaign for the return of the Golan Heights, seized by Israel during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

In return, Syria's 'sphere of influence' will be a northern swathe of Lebanon incorporating the port city of Tripoli. Hence the bitter fighting in Tripoli between the pro-Syrian Arab Democratic Party and the Islamic Tawheed organisation.

The Maronites are to control an area south of Tripoli to the 'green line' dividing Beirut and parts of the mountainous hinterland. The Maronite port will be Jounieh.

From Moslem west Beirut to the southern city of Sidon, Nabih Berri's Shi'ite Amal movement is carving out a slice with Sidon as its port. In collaboration with Walid Jumblatt's Druze organisation, the Progressive Socialist Party, the area is being made 'Christian-free'.

Writing in yesterday's 'Times', Trevor Fisk described how Christian villages around Sidon have been eliminated from the map. As the residents fled in terror, their homes, shops and churches were blasted with dynamite and levelled.

In the deep south, from the port city of Tyre to the Israeli border, the Israeli-financed South Lebanon Army will operate in a 'buffer' statelet to protect Israel from cross-border raids by anti-Zionist guerrilla groups.

The dismemberment of Lebanon into sectarian fiefdoms will not 'solve' the country's political and economic crisis. The contradictions will intensify and when one or more rival army breaks out of its area, the carnage will be even more spectacular than the last decade.

There is no place for the Palestinian people in the Lebanon carve-up. They are, once again, to become the victims of the self-seeking greed of the Arab bourgeoisie.

They face physical expulsion from Lebanon. For many it will be the fourth time they have been uprooted — from Palestine in 1948, the West Bank in 1967, Jordan in 1971 and now Lebanon in 1985.

Syrian Prime Minister Abdel-Rauf al-Kasm and Jordan's Zeid al-Rifa'i met this week in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to discuss a plan to locate the Palestinian refugees in an area located near the Syrian-Lebanese border, far away from the borders of Israel.

This monstrous new crime against the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is unfolding under the direct sponsorship of the Reagan administration and the Soviet bureaucracy. That is the price the international working class and the national liberation movements pay for Stalinism's 'peaceful coexistence' with imperialism.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ALL EYES today are on South Africa. The black masses are engaged in struggle unprecedented in extent and intensity against the apartheid state. Botha's racist regime is simultaneously racked with internal contradiction and under siege internationally from every imaginable source.

News Line has fearlessly and consistently supported the Revolution in Southern Africa and is known for its thoroughly principled approach. I wish therefore to express concern over two recent articles which I believe threaten this record. These are in the September 11 edition (Page 7) and the September 14 edition (page 1).

Both articles carry an incorrect criticism of the ANC (African National Congress) leadership in particular on the question of their meeting with the delegation of 'top white businessmen'.

This criticism which is implied on September 11 becomes explicit on September 14. 'The ANC leaders have gone into talks without any mandate from the oppressed black masses and while Botha's security forces are murdering, torturing and locking up countless workers and youth.'

'It can equally be said that the ANC leadership has now crossed the Rubicon and exposed itself in front

of the masses for this act of monumental class collaboration.'

Firstly, National Liberation movements have a right to pursue their own method and tactics of struggle and the international revolutionary movement has the responsibility to uphold this right, whether we agree or disagree.

Second your assertion that the ANC leadership has no mandate for these talks is completely unsubstantiated and gratuitous.

Third, by simple identity you equate the 'top white South African businessmen' with 'Botha's security forces'.

But one of the most striking features of South Africa today is the irreconcilable split in the bourgeoisie. Botha's racist Afrikaans constituency will not tolerate any hint of concession to the black majority.

The 'top white businessmen', however, know that continuing 'Botha's apartheid' is the road to revolution and ruin. They are desperate for compromise as the headline correctly shows.

I feel these points should be considered and the position of News Line clarified.

Wayne Poulson
September 15, 1985

Dangerous logic of ANC talks

Reply by MIKE BANDA, general secretary of the Workers Revolutionary Party

COMRADE Poulson's letter reveals a surprising ignorance of the policy of Trotskyists towards national liberation movements and the struggle for self-determination. In particular he fails to grasp the meaning of the phrase 'unconditional support'.

Nowhere and at no time has the News Line or the Workers Revolutionary Party denied the right of bourgeois nationalist movements 'to pursue their own method and tactics of struggle'.

Even the most perfunctory reading of the 7th Congress Resolution on National Liberation and Northern Ireland will testify to this. Here is what the party said:

'The slump does not eliminate the contradictions between imperialist and colonial countries or render less vital the role of national liberation movements.'

'In its death agony imperialism exacerbates this historic contradiction by its systematic and frenzied drive for cheap labour, raw materials and monopoly profit rates. Faced with defaults and state bankruptcy, imperialism's answer — as revealed in the rape of Grenada, the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and South Africa's invasion of Angola — is to step up aggression, war and repression ...

'In South Africa, too, the same principles apply. Despite the treacherous Nkomati agreement which recognises the apartheid regime in Azania

and stabs the national liberation movement in the back, the struggle for self-determination in South Africa is far from buried ...

'The Workers Revolutionary Party's defence of all those movements from war and repression is integrally linked to the construction of a revolutionary Trotskyist party which alone can unite workers and peasants and transcend tribalism and establish real self-determination.'

'The ANC, representing the interests of a conservative petty-bourgeoisie, is incapable



OLIVER TAMBO

of uniting the black proletariat and, in fact, as Soweto showed, abhors it. The development of the working class struggle in fact drives it further to the right, to a policy of compromise which it has endorsed at Nkomati.' (p.56)

If this doesn't satisfy Comrade Poulson, let him reflect on another, and more explicit quote from the section on northern Ireland. Analysing the

role of Provisional Sinn Féin-IRA, we said:

'The WRP supports unconditionally the 15-year-old political and military struggle of the IRA and Sinn Féin for the national liberation of the north of Ireland and the defeat and eviction of the imperialist armed forces ...

'... While defending the absolute right of the Provisional IRA to use whatever means necessary in the national struggle the WRP remains the most consistent critic of the methods and policies of the Republican Movement.'

'These methods — passive resistance and hunger strikes alternating with selective (Grand Hotel) or indiscriminate (Le Mon House Restaurant 1978 and Harrods 1983) bombings — are designed not to overthrow British imperialism but to force it to make reforms and grant concessions such as political status for prisoners or a partial withdrawal from Ireland.' (p.59)

Our support to these movements, as the preceding quotes prove, is both unconditional and critical — In short we march separately under our own banners, with our own organisation; ruthlessly criticising the weaknesses of our allies, but we strike together at the common enemy — imperialism and apartheid.

The reports on September 11 and September 14 in News Line on Tambo were absolutely correct to point out the dangerous logic of the ANC talks with the South African bourgeoisie. Those ele-

ments do represent a section of the government and have powerful allies in the state.

Relly — head of Anglo American and one of the interlocutors — is possibly the most powerful industrialist in South Africa. His firm owns 70 per cent of the stocks and shares quoted in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

As Marxists we would be opposed to these talks whether or not Africans were being killed. We would continue to condemn these talks even if Tambo did have a mandate for them. In fact the mistake we made in relation to the 1979 Lusaka and Lancaster House talks between the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe and the Tory government was that we did not condemn and expose them at the time.

The whole cynical business of constitutional double-dealing that went on at these talks is now well known — Mugabe and Nkomo acquiesced to the political pressure applied jointly by Thatcher, Machel and Kaunda.

Instead of a truly independent and sovereign Zimbabwe, there emerged a tribalist neo-colonial regime racked by corruption, stigmatised by brutal repression of the Matabele people and characterised by its slavish defence of the white landlords, bankers and black carpet-baggers.

Neither ZANU nor ZAPU were or are capable of uniting the Zimbabwean nation under one banner and successfully expropriating the



Police keep an eye on m



Mourners around the cof

white imperialists. Only a revolutionary socialist party based on Trotsky's theory of permanent revolution i.e., a section of the International Committee of the Fourth International, can achieve these tasks.

Similarly neither African National Congress (ANC), Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) nor United Democratic Front (UDF) can or will liberate the Azanian nation from imperialism. Why? Because, more than anywhere else, the overthrow of imperialism in South Africa and the solution of the land problem is impossible without the mobilising of the African proletariat — and that is a daunting prospect.



ers during a church service in Manenberg for two victims of police shootings



of Lance Phillips and Brian Lucas at the funeral service in Manenberg

pect for the stunted African petty-bourgeoisie.

Hence the fear of the ANC-UDF of the slogan the Black Republic!

The PAC, despite the undoubted self-sacrifice of its cadres, represents the extreme left-wing of the African petty-bourgeoisie and a section of the working class. Its strategical aim is a radical petty-bourgeois black republic but not the dictatorship of the black working class based on a Soviet system.

This, however, does not — and we hope — will not prevent the WRP and PAC from collaborating in the common struggle against British imperialism and its South African agents.

Tambo's aim — and it is also Mandela's — is to utilise the weakness of leadership in the working class, together with the pressure of foreign imperialists — such as Reagan and Mitterrand — to change the archaic political superstructure of South African capitalism while maintaining its reactionary and outlived foundations with some reformist modifications like the state capitalist nationalisation of the mines.

That is the purpose of the talks, Tambo's demagoguery notwithstanding. The Zambian spokesman spelt it out succinctly: 'These business people do not want chaos (read socialist revolution M.B.). If they can take the lead

effectively they can mobilise support from right across the political spectrum . . . (News Line, September 9, 1985).

What the ANC and the South African Communist Party are seeking therefore is not a revolutionary dictatorship but a Popular Front alliance leading to a bourgeois dictatorship over the working class, which is the essence of the 1955 Freedom Charter.

This is really what they mean when they talk of a 'multi-racial South Africa'.

Our unconditional support for the ANC-PAC-UDF struggle does not in any sense connote support for the Tambo-Relly talks which express the

interests of the white and black bourgeoisie of South and Central Africa.

Fifty years ago Trotsky warned the South African Trotskyists of this danger. His policy outlined in his criticism of the 'Theses of the South African Section' is as valid and applicable now as it was in 1934:

'1. The Bolshevik-Leninists put themselves in defence of the Congress, as it is, in all cases when it is being attacked by the white oppressors and their chauvinistic agents in the ranks of the workers' organisations.

'2. The Bolshevik-Leninists place the progressive over the reactionary tendencies in the programme of the Congress.

'3. The Bolshevik-Leninists unmask before the national masses the inability of the Congress to achieve realisation of even its own demands because of its superficial, conciliatory policy. In contradistinction to the Congress, the Bolshevik-Leninists develop a programme of revolutionary class struggle.'

'4. Separate episodic agreements with the Congress, if they are forced by circumstances, are permissible only within the framework of strictly defined practical tasks, with the retention of full and complete independence of our own organisation and freedom of political criticism.' (Trotsky's Writings 1934', p.252)

It is clear from this that Comrade Poulson's anxiety and solicitude for Tambo's rights are somewhat misplaced.

Mike Banda,
Workers Revolutionary
Party General Secretary

Pretoria bombs Angola troops

LISBON — Angola's Defence Ministry yesterday accused South Africa of carrying out two intensive air raids against its troops.

The air raids, deep in Angolan territory, were aimed at blunting Luanda's drive against UNITA counter-revolutionaries sponsored by Pretoria.

Quoting a Defence Ministry communique, the Angolan news agency ANGOP said:

'The South African Air Force carried out massive strikes against our units engaged in actions against the puppet bandits of UNITA, 10 miles from Mavinga.'

Mavinga is in south-eastern Angola, on the way to Jamba, the main base of Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola.

Raid

'Eight aircraft took part in the first raid and 10 in the second (both on Tuesday), with South Africans using Canberra and Mirage planes,' ANGOP said.

Angolan Defence Minister Colonel Maria Tonha declared that the South African forces were acting in support of the UNITA counter-revolutionaries.

Savimbi has been conducting the bush war to overthrow the pro-Soviet Luanda regime which came to power after independence from Portugal in 1975.

The air raids followed the South African invasion of Angolan territory on Monday.

Pretoria's armed forces chief General Constand Viljoen alleged the troops were in pursuit of South West Africa People's Organisation's 8th Battalion and other 'special forces'.

The apartheid authorities later issued a provocative statement that the 'follow-up operation' followed months of 'intelligence-gathering actions' in Angola and that they would remain for about a week.

Invasion

The last time President Botha ordered an invasion of Angola was in 1983. The final pull-back occurred in June this year when the security situation inside the apartheid state began crumbling.

Viljoen claimed somewhat hypocritically that only one South African soldier had been killed.

Viljoen said he was 'an orderly in a medical team' aiding wounded members of UNITA. He gave no further details except to say the 'medical team' had been transferred back to South Africa.

BY A FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT

This week's invasion has annoyed Washington where a Reagan administration spokesman said it was 'a most unwelcome development'.

He added: 'No previous facts were brought to our attention that would warrant such action.'

'We do not recognise any right to make preemptive strikes, especially from territory held illegally,' a reference to Namibia.

In June, Reagan temporarily withdrew the American ambassador Herman Nickel to Pretoria after South African troops raided the capital of Botswana killing a number of African nationalists.

This terror raid followed one on a US-owned oil installation in northern Angola in which two South African commandos were killed.

● IN Lagos, the new Nigerian military regime condemned the South African invasion of Angola, saying it was 'illegal under international law'.

Air Vice Marshal Ishaya Shekkari, the Minister for Special Duties, said he would visit Luanda and other front-line states to express Nigeria's solidarity.

● THE Portuguese news agency ANOP reported from Lisbon this week that a Portuguese citizen and two Angolans had been sentenced to death on charges of spying for the racist white minority republic.

It said Amilcar Freire, 65, an accountant working with a textile company, and two accomplices were sentenced on Monday.

Two more convicted collaborators received prison terms of 17 and 13 years.



THE apartheid regime's President P W Botha

White businessmen fight sanctions

NEW YORK — An unstoppable transformation was under way in South Africa, driven mainly by black aspirations and discontent, an employers' group from Pretoria told the United Nations yesterday.

They said: 'Significantly, this demand for change is being supported by the South African business community both in its own enlightened self-interest and for reasons of broader social responsibility.'

The remarks were submitted to UN hearings on transnational company operations in the apartheid state.

It was issued by Die Afrikaanse Handelsin-

stituut, the Association of Chambers of Commerce, the National African Federation of Chambers of Commerce, the South African Federated Chamber of Industries and the Urban Foundation of South Africa.

The groups criticised demands for an end to foreign investment in the white minority-ruled country.

'There is a need for international business to continue their positive contribution to South Africa's development efforts and particularly in the area of black advancement, where they have played a significant and leading role,' the submission said.

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, Hatfield Open Prison.

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 PATERSON: 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.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE

KEVIN BEAL: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. 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, Doddington 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. 839, Block B, Ashwell Prison, nr Oakham, Leicestershire.

DAVID JAMES: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. 034, Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

PAUL JONES: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

IAN KESTLE: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. E032, Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

DAVID MASON: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. E71033, F Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

PETER PEARSON:

Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. 038, Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

MICHAEL SOUTHWELL: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. 030, Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

PHILIP STIRLAND: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. E71035, B Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

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

STEVEN GOODALL: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence. Due for release September 28/29, 1985. 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: Taft Merthyr - Life sentence. Gartree maximum security prison, nr Market Harborough, Leicester.

Three strikers stand firm in safety battle

BY OUR OWN
CORRESPONDENT

A PICKET has been maintained for ten weeks at the Medway Plating Company by just three strikers who are in dispute with the management.

The strike started after a trainee, Mike Diller, 18, made a query to the management about working unsupervised on dangerous equipment.

The management replied that it was obvious he did not want to work there any more and dismissed him.

The company had already sacked the transport union shop steward a few weeks earlier for calling in a factory inspector.

The remaining three, also T&GWU members, decided after Mike Diller's sacking that the management had gone too far.

Within a few days scabs were brought in to do the strikers' work and intimidation of the strikers soon followed.

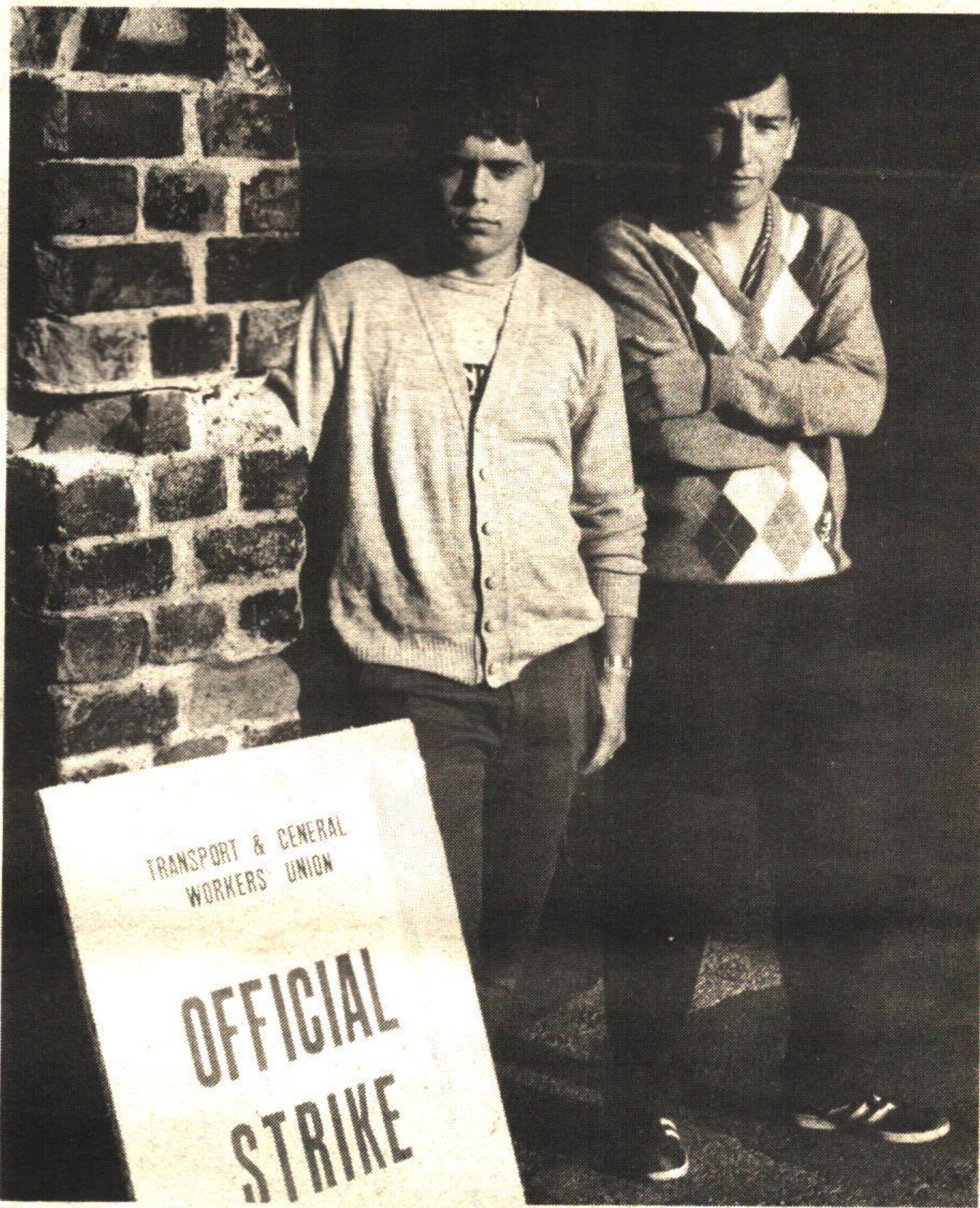
Mike Diller said: 'The actions of the firm towards the union are ridiculous. But what's even more ridiculous is that they've managed to get away with it for so long.'

'Before I was sacked 15 others were sacked during the previous 17 months. The total workforce in the place is seven which includes three management, so you can see how bad the problem is.'

'If anyone opens their mouth about safety or pay they are worked out the door.'

'This sort of thing is happening all over the country and it's all part of the same attack against the unions. It shows how this government is trying to take us back to the 18th century.'

'At the beginning of the



Two of the strikers on the picket line outside the Medway Plating Company

dispute scabs were hired, one of whom we found out was a registered "minder". About a week later, this "minder" came out to the picket line and started a fight with me.

'Luckily some builders working next door saw what happened and came out to help me. That night he left the factory and we never saw him again.'

'The next day a new bloke turned up. A few weeks later the three of us were on the picket line when this man got in his

car to leave at the end of the day's work.

'He parked his car across the picket line and then went back into the building. A couple of minutes later he got back into his car and parked it a little way up the road.'

'We were discussing why he did this when a police car arrived. After speaking to the scab for a while the sergeant walked over to us, pointed at me and said that I was under arrest.'

'I was then taken to the police station and told I was being charged with criminal damage - scratching the side of the scab's car as he left the factory.'

'This totally untrue and the fact that makes us mad is that people who were there were not asked what happened. The arrest was made on one scab's say-so.'

'There may be only three of us but we're as determined as any workforce of 3,000.'

MAJORITY BACK COUNCILS

THREE out of four people believe local councils should be responsible for what they spend and not the government.

A MORI poll published today found that 60 per cent of voters feel the government should not be able to overrule local authority spending levels if that involves service cuts.

More than half are opposed to the government cutting its grant to councils which spend more than Whitehall decrees.

The voters are also satisfied with the way their councils run the area by a margin of two to one, says the poll commissioned by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

People who had contacted councils with a problems were generally satisfied and 80 per cent said they found the officers 'friendly'.

Unemployment ranks as the major problem locally and nationally, with 40 per cent putting job creation programmes on their list of priority

services for councils to provide. Only help for the elderly ranked higher.

On rates, more people feel they are reasonable than unreasonable and over half favour retaining the existing rating system. More support the idea of a local income tax than other options of a poll tax or sales tax.

Fifty-eight per cent feel that councils spend too little on building and repairing roads and houses.

More than 80 per cent of those interviewed were happy with the refuse collection service and street

lighting in their areas.

Jack Layden, AMA chairman said of the findings: 'The government's continual attacks on the independence of local government are clearly resented by the public. The majority of people, however they vote or wherever they live, think Whitehall should leave their town hall alone.'

'We must now campaign to get the government off our backs so that we can provide the services and jobs people want.'

News Line welcomes any additional information on these or other prisoners. 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, their friends or relatives should write to our Circulation Department or phone 01 720 2000.

Nicaraguan developments impress trade unionists

THE NICARAGUAN people have made impressive strides in health and education since the Sandinist revolution of 1979, defying armed aggression by US-sponsored 'Contras'.

This is the finding of a recently-published report by a 1984 trade union mission of 10 delegates to Managua, led by the vice-chairman of NALGO's international relations committee.

The delegation visited Nicaragua from April 22 to May 1, 1984, and comprised members of the T&GWU, SCPS, SOGAT 82, NUS and the Scottish TUC.

After the July revolution, the Sandinist government inherited a 'deficit' of 300,000 houses, with more than 60 per cent of the people homeless.

Fifty-four per cent of people were without safe drinking water, 74 per cent lacked sewerage facilities in urban areas, 59 per cent were without electricity and 68 per cent of all houses were dirt flooded.

Progress

The report says the government has begun to supply water and electricity and new pre-fabricated houses are being built although progress to right the ravages of the Somoza dictatorship has been slow.

It says: 'Although housing has lagged behind, the Nicaraguan government's progress in health and education is staggering when one realises that it has all been achieved in spite of the US economic blockade which has been in force since (President) Reagan came to power in 1981...

The report acknowledges the immensity of the Nicaraguan people's achievement 'in spite of having to plough a large proportion of their very limited resources into defending their borders against the American-backed and financed 'Contras' based in Honduras and Costa Rica'.

'We learned that since

the revolution, over 200,000 health centres had been built, preventative medicine programmes had been instituted and everyone was now inoculated against malaria,' the report says.

'There was now a free health service and maternity care was the best in the whole of Latin America (the Nicaraguans pay particular attention to maternity care, as they are keen to see a rise in the birth-rate).

'Infant mortality has dropped by 25 per cent and no new cases of polio have been reported since 1982.

'In 1983, Nicaragua was named by the World Health Organisation as the model for health in the whole of Latin America.

'The reasons given for this were the high level of popular community participation in health matters and the commitment made by the Sandinista government to improve the nation's health.'

It notes that the Sandinist regime has made impressive advances in education with the nationwide 'literacy crusade' of 1980, which won Nicaragua the United Nations literacy award for that year.

Illiteracy has been reduced from 80 per cent to 14 per cent and is decreasing. The government has built more than 2,000 education centres and in 1982 alone had erected 4,500 primary schools.

Children are entitled to an education up to university level, irrespective of status.



A mass rally in Managua in honour of children taking part in the literacy campaign

On a visit to the rich agricultural region of Masaya, the mission noted one of the more innovative energy programmes established by the Sandinist government.

They were visiting Santiago Volcans, one of six active volcanoes in Nicaragua, when told that the government was using Momotombo Volcano on the shores of Lake Managua, to create energy.

'Until July 1977, little effort was made to bring basic services, like water sanitation and electricity to the majority of urban and rural areas of Nicaragua,' the report says.

'Since the overthrow of Somoza, the Sandinista government has made it a priority to supply vital services such as electricity to every neighbourhood.

'The import of oil for energy results in a crippling drain on Nicaragua's foreign currency reserves. The Sandinista government therefore plans to become self-sufficient in energy and the use of Momotombo to create energy was the first step towards self-sufficiency.'

Brutalities

On the northern border, the mission witnessed the brutalities of the US-backed counter-revolution.

'Here, pure visual evidence supported what the Sandinistas had been saying — that it is not only the loss of human lives which is taking its toll, but the vast amount of violence the contras are inflicting on an already fragile economy.

'Rows of newly-built houses stand empty up there. Fields of cotton, tobacco and maize lie blackened where the

enemy have set fire to an entire year's harvest.

'And it is not just soldiers who are killed, but doctors and teachers, including foreign workers.

'The people, perpetually in fear of kidnap and attack, live in huddled squalor, and the peasants have been armed by the government so that they can protect themselves.'

At Puerto Corinto, the mission witnessed the material devastation wreaked by the CIA mining of the harbour. The port had been one of Nicaragua's most vital before the CIA sabotage.

It had accounted for 1.2 million tonnes of exports and imports and provided the population with its basic livelihood.

Trade

There, they met members of the Sandinista Workers Confederation (CST), which represents 85 per cent of the Nicaraguan trade union movement or 84,000 members, including the Rural Workers Association.

The British delegation was told that the CIA mining had cost the port \$200,000 a month in lost

trade but that the Sandinist government had refused to renounce its right to use the port.

Thousands of bales of cotton sat in the warehouse with no market for export because of the US trade embargo but the workers were determined to ensure traffic kept moving at Puerto Corinto.

The mission witnessed three huge storage tanks sabotaged by the CIA in 1983. CIA operatives had destroyed the tanks as part of US manoeuvres against Nicaraguan fuel installations, causing a

major fuel shortage in the country.

During their visit, the mission joined delegates from all over the world at an International Trade Union meeting for Peace from April 24 to 30 organised by the Nicaraguan Union Co-ordinating Organisation.

A 21-point draft final document of resolutions addressed itself to the defence of international trade unionism and solidarity against 'overt aggressions and warlike clashes with the ensuing bloodshed of entire peoples'.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY PUBLIC MEETINGS

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'RELEASE THE JAILED MINERS'

**Release jailed miners!
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SCOTLAND

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 person 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)

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 womens 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)

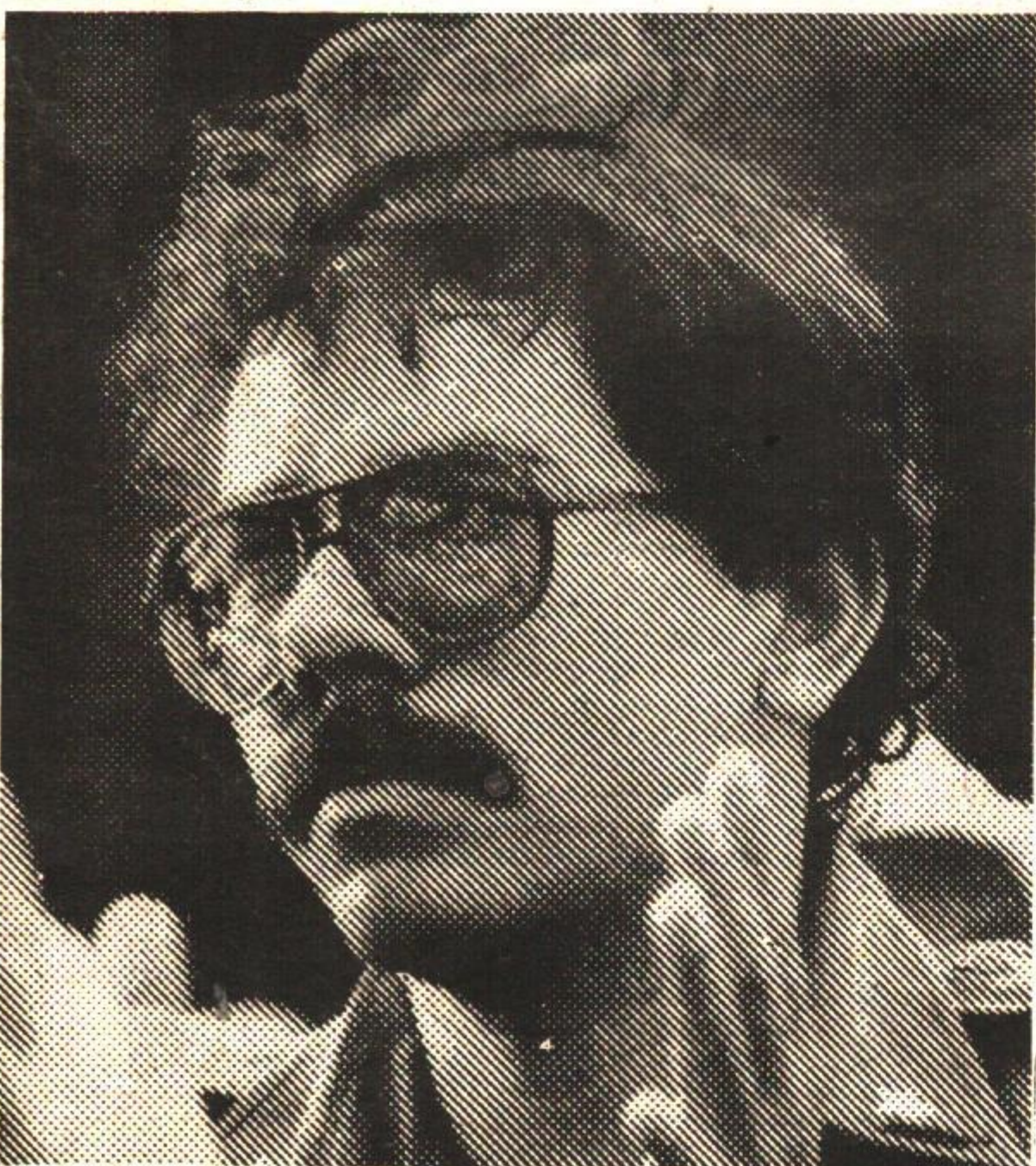
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ILFORD: Wednesday September 25, 7.30p.m. Mildmay House, 69 Albert Road. Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Keith Scotcher** (WRP London District Committee)

LONDON

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, Maryon Road, SE7. Speakers: **Gary Hughes** (YS National Committee); **Jean Kerrigan** (WRP London District Committee); **Alan Clarke** (Charlton WRP)



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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Ian McKellan gets a second viewing as 'Walter' on Channel 4 at 9.30pm



Judith Hann talks to former head chef at the Ritz, Michael Quinn, in 'The Taste of Health' on BBC2 at 7.30pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Liberal Assembly 1985. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Liberal Assembly 1985. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Regional News; Weather News. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Chock-A-Block. 2.00 Liberal Assembly 1985. 3.52 Regional News. 3.55 Up Our Street. 4.10 Superted. 4.15 Beat The Teacher. 4.30 Cheggers Plays Pop. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. 5.35 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS Weather News

6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINE

7.00 TOP OF THE POPS Hits from the top 40 and videos from the top 10, presented by Simon Bates and Peter Powell

7.30 EASTENDERS

8.00 TOMORROW'S WORLD

8.30 THE LENNY HENRY SHOW Lenny Henry with guests including pop group ABC

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weather News

9.25 JUST GOOD FRIENDS Re-run of the romantic comedy series with Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis

9.55 ROUGH JUSTICE *The Case of the False Fish* Anthony Steel was convicted for the murder of Carol Wilkinson in 1979. But, although this programme shows he is most likely innocent, Steel is still in prison, after 6 years

10.35 THE ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY DEBATE The debate over whether the BBC should accept advertising with Paul Johnson and Tim Bell arguing for, and John Mortimer and Melvyn Bragg against

12.05 Weather

BBC WALES: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 The Flintstones. 12.05-12.10 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close.

BBC2

6.30-7.20 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Geometry; Klein. 6.55 Standing Waves and Energy Levels. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles

5.30 WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP Report of this week's coverage of the World Chess Championship in Moscow

6.00 STAR TREK The Apple With William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and De Forest Kelley

6.50 THE ADVENTURE GAME This week's earth visitors are Sandra Dickinson, Chris Serle and Adam Tandy

7.30 THE TASTE OF HEALTH *Everyday Eating* Cooking experts demonstrate dishes that are nice but not naughty. The top cooks are: Michael Quinn formerly at the Ritz; Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz who specialises in Latin American food and Lyn Hall, a cooking teacher

9.00 THE NEW STATESMAN Windsor Davies stars in a six-part comedy series as a small-time museum curator who inherits an earldom and Anna Dawson plays his wife Enid

9.30 ALEC CLIFTON-TAYLOR'S ENGLISH TOWNS *Devizes, Wiltshire* Although nothing remains of the 12th century castle, Devizes retains its medieval street plan and the shape of the ancient site has influenced the present town

10.00 NANA MOUSKOURI IN ATHENS Mouskouri sang in the ancient Herodes Atticus Theatre situated at the foot of the Acropolis — on stage back in her own country for the first time in 20 years

10.55 NEWSNIGHT Including reports from the Liberal Assembly in Dundee

11.45 Weatherview

11.50-12.20 OPEN UNIVERSITY: Materials: An Eye for an Eye.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 CONFERENCE 85 Gus MacDonald and Peter Kellner present further live coverage of the Liberal Assembly in Dundee

5.00 THE DESERT SONG (1953) Kathryn Grayson and Gordon MacRae in the tuneful and high spirited Warner Bros musical set in the Sahara Desert, with Macae as the Riff leader El Khobar who comes to the rescue of his people

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS Presented by Peter Sissons

7.50 COMMENT Clifford Slapper, teacher and socialist, puts forward his personal view on a topical issue. Followed by weather

8.00 THE BANDING FILE *Too Many Questions* A look at Britain's immigration procedures from the inside, seeing immigration officers at work

8.30 HENRY COOPER'S GOLDEN BELT The second quarter-final — *Cardiff v Manchester*

9.30 FILM ON FOUR — TAKE 2 *Walter* The highly-acclaimed film that launched *Film on Four*. Ian McKellan plays a handicapped man who manages to hold down a simple job, but when his parents die is thrown to the mercy of a cruel society

10.50 THE OPTIMIST *The Good and the Bad and the Nasty* Another repeated episode of the silent comedy series featuring the intrepid optimist as portrayed by Enn Reitel

11.25 DREAM STUFFING Comedy series with Amanda Symonds and Rachael Weaver

11.55 Close

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by The School Programmes. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Thames Sport. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE

8.00 UP THE ELEPHANT AND ROUND THE CASTLE *Goodbye Mr Wilkins*

8.30 MICKEY SPILLANE'S MIKE *Hammer Death in the Family*

9.30 TV EYE Did the French government order the blowing up of the Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior*? The report is set against the background of France's determination to continue nuclear testing in the Pacific

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 MURPHY'S WAR Peter O'Toole and Sian Phillips. An atheist Dublin aviation mechanic, sole survivor of a World War II German U-boat attack, fights a one-man war as he becomes obsessed with revenge. (1971) O'Toole is in fine form

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS and *Closedown*

GRANADA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS NEWS News reports from around the North West

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE Michael Parkinson takes the chair again for another round of celebrity charades with Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair as the team captains

8.00 MAGNUM *Let the punishment fit the crime* with Tom Selleck

9.00 UP THE ELEPHANT AND ROUND THE CASTLE *Jim Davidson in Goodbye Mr Wilkins*. A past indiscretion gives Jim a chance to oust his squatter

9.30 TV EYE

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 BARNEY MILLER *Movie II*

11.00 MEMBERS ONLY *Habit of Obedience* Peter Allen takes a critical and often humorous look behind the scenes at Westminster

11.30 T.J. HOOKER *A Child is Missing*

12.25 Closedown

S4C

9.30-12.30 Liberal Party Conference. 1.00 The Great Plant Collections. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Liberal Party Conference. 4.30 Fanny Waterman's Piano Progress. 5.00 Siôn Hafard — Gofotwr. 5.30 Bewitched. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 I Dream of Jeannie. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Gwraidd Y Gainc. 8.05 Awyr Iach; News Headlines. 8.35 Dinas. 9.05 Hill Street Blues. 10.00 No Man's Land. 11.40 Sanne. 12.15 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Paul Jordan (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Into the Music (S) with Tommy Vance plus a session from Eden.

2 News on the hour. Headlines 5.30a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 6.00 Martin Kellner (S). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All The Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 Wally Whyton (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cut Off At The Fringe. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Nordring Rendezvous (S).

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Berlioz, Scriabin, Clementi, Ravel (8.00-8.05 News) Vivaldi, Ibert, Honegger, Frank Martin. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's

Composer (S) Liszt. 10.00 Sibelius (S) Symphony No.1. 10.40 Weber (S) Chamber Music. 11.15 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (S) Mozart, Brahms (12.10-12.30 Six Continents) Mendelssohn. 1.00 News. 1.05 Beethoven and James Walker (S) Piano recital by James Walker including his own 10 preludes. 1.45 Puritani Opera by Bellini (2.55-3.00 Interval Reading) 4.20 Rubbra and Howells (S) Sonatas for oboe and piano. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Bandstand (S) Gordon Jacob, B Walton O'Donnell. 7.00 Clementi and Mozart (S) Fortepiano recital. 7.30 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (S) Mozart, Bartok concerto for two pianos and percussion (8.05-8.25 My Dear Muscovite) Elgar's Symphony No 2. 9.30 The Country of Rumour recent poems about Libya and Saudi Arabia. 10.00 Music In Our Time (S) Steve Reich's Music for Eighteen Musicians. 11.00 Haydn Quartets (S). 11.57-12.00 News. VHF: 6.35-6.55a.m. Open University.

5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer For the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Business News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.43 The Doll. 8.57 Weath-

er; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 The Living World. 9.35 Your Move Or Mine? 10.00 News; The Family. 10.30 Morning Story: *A Bequest to the Nation*. 10.45 An Act of Worship (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Around the Coast of Cornwall (S). 11.48 The Labours of Hercules. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Music (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *The Scottish Play*. 4.00 News; Enquire Within (S). 4.10 A Good Read. 4.40 Story Time: *Just Williams*. 5.00 PM. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 News; Financial Report. 6.30 Round Britain Quiz (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Any Answers? 7.40 International Assignment. 8.10 Actuality. 8.50 Franglais (S). 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Archive Auction. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *For Whom the Bells Toll*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Mad Dogs And Englishmen. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00; 1.55-2.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.30-12.00 Open University.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Man in a Suitcase. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take The High Road. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Captains of the Clouds. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.25 European Folk Tales. 12.40 Contact. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Man in a Suitcase. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take The High Road. 3.25 Central News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Everyone A Winner. 11.05 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.00 News; Calendar Headlines;

Weather. 1.30 Carson's Law. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Calendar Headlines. 10.30 'V'. 11.30 The Big Game. 12.05 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Carson's Law. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens For All. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Kojak. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.35 Film: *The Human Factor*. 12.20 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Home Cookery Club. 1.35 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take The High Road. 3.27 TVS News; Crosswits. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Mickey Spillane's Mike

Hammer. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Regrets? 11.00 Kojak. 12.00 Teachers Only. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 HTV News. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Magnum. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Weekend Outlook. 10.35 The West This Week. 11.05 The Master. 12.05 The Street of the English Lady. 12.35 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV WEST: 9.30-10.09. 10.11-10.26 Looking Forward. 6.00-6.35 Wales At Six. 10.30-11.05 Live at City Hall.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. 12.10 Mooncat & Co. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 The Giddy Game Show. 4.10 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Children of the Dog Star. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Anything Goes. 7.30 Give Us a Clue. 8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. 8.30 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Look What We've Found. 11.00 The Yellow Rose. 12.00 Harvest Jazz. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Pike's Peak is prepared

MIDDLEHAM trainer Sally Hall has bright prospects of a double at AYR with Hallgate (2.30) in the Harry Roseberry Challenge Trophy and Pike's Peak (3.00) (Bogside Cup).

She resisted the temptation to run Hallgate at Pontefract last week to wait for this £15,000 added prize. Dublin Lad will pose a big threat with his early speed, but Hallgate ought to be followed until he is beaten.

Pike's Peak, fourth to Western Dancer in the 'Ebor', has been specially prepared for the Bogside Cup. A confirmed soft ground specialist, the four-year-old will have conditions very much in his favour. Over this one mile, five furlong trip, he may be too good for southern raider Bold Rex.

With Jeremy Hindley's string in fine form, Chincilla Boy (3.30) can carry a 5lb penalty to success in the Jack Jarvis Memorial Nursery.

An easy winner at Edinburgh on Monday, Chincilla Boy is also owned by the trainer. He can provide promising 5lb claimer Adam Shoultis with another winner.

At BRIGHTON, the Friend-James Memorial Handicap could see a return to winning form by Telwaah (3.00). Alec Stewart's three-year-old started in fine form, winning a maiden race at Redcar, then following up in a handicap at Folkestone, where he beat Cats Lullaby by a neck.

He was rather disappointing on his next and only subsequent outing, when he could only finish sixth behind

New Tick at Newmarket. The one-mile trip may have been a bit too far for him, and he should be suited by this return to seven furlongs.

A danger could come from Swinging Rebel, who always runs well at this seaside course, but looks to have more than his fair share of weight.

Asset Stripper (2.00), runner-up on his last three starts, looks to have a good chance of going one better in the Littlehampton Maiden Stakes.

It seems hard to believe that Dubian (3.45) has still

not won a race this season, but that should all change at YARMOUTH, where she has an excellent chance of breaking her duck in the Norfolk Fillies Stakes.

This top-class filly has twice finished second in classic trials, then ran third in both the English and Irish Oaks. She meets nothing of any significance here and is a confident choice.

Jareer (2.15) ran a promising second on his debut at Newmarket to Gleeve Place and the winner did not endorse the form when well beaten in the Richmond

Stakes at Goodwood.

Nevertheless, this £7.1 million Northern Dancer colt does not appear to have much to beat in the Shadwell Maiden Stakes. He will have to win this if he is to have any chance of making a decent colt.

Hills Bid (3.15) was impressive when scoring at Doncaster last Wednesday and a 5lb penalty may not stop him in the Albert Bottom Memorial Nursery. Feisty will have his followers after winning over the course on Tuesday.

Henry Cecil, who always

SELECTIONS

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2.00 Hunslet, 2.30 Hallgate, 3.00 Pike's Peak (nap), 3.30 Chincilla Boy, 4.00 Dasa Queen, 4.50 High Tern.

BRIGHTON

2.00 Asset Stripper, 2.30 Hot Berry, 3.00 Telwaah, 3.30 Barley Bill, 4.00 Josie Reef, 4.30 Axe Valley.

WINCANTON

2.15 Levant Way, 2.45 Polar Express, 3.15 Capa, 3.45 Britannicus, 4.15 Lucky Mistake, 4.45 Bolt Hole.

YARMOUTH

2.15 Jareer (n.b.), 2.45 Mionnay, 3.15 Hills Bid, 3.45 Dubian, 4.15 Carmel State, 4.45 Lady Sophie, 5.15 Mummys Favourite.

does well with his two year olds at this track, can gain another success with Lady Sophie (4.45) in the Gorleston Maiden Fillies Stakes (Div 1).

AYR

DRAW: Low numbers best over 7f & above

2.00 SHAW MEMORIAL HANDICAP £2,500

(3-Y-O) 6f (16 runners)		
1 (11) 00021	JAMES' PAL (D) W Pearce 10.0	M Hindley (5)
3 (15) 21-0040	PERION (D) Lewis 9.7	P Waldron
5 (16) 1-04004	PHARJOY (FR) (D) M Jarvis 9.4	P Cook
7 (14) 140304	GLEN GLORY (D) D Chapman 9.2	D Nicholls
8 (6) 2-00001	HUNSLT M H Easterby 9.2	M Birch
9 (12) 030230	RECOLLECT J S Wilson 9.1	NON-RUNNER
10 (9) 302100	FLOMGAS DAY (D) B McMahon 8.13	A Mackay
11 (1) 200000	TIMWATER J Berry 8.11	K Darley
12 (5) 33-2000	NOBILIS W Eley 8.10	J Lowe
13 (4) 002000	PRETTY RISKY Denys Smith 8.8	D Leadbitter (5)
15 (10) 000400	LONDON LEADER (D) M Brittain 8.4	P Robinson
17 (3) 403001	PENTOFF (D) D Chapman 8.3	S P Griffiths
18 (7) 000000	STEVEJAN B Morgan 8.0	R Hills
19 (13) 003043	QUALITRESS K Stone 7.12	L Charnock
20 (8) 0-03002	KING COLE (FR) Mrs G Reveley 7.11	M Fry
22 (2) 0-00033	GOLDEN DISC M Camacho 7.7	G Carter (5)

BLINKERS: 8, 10
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Hunslet, 7-2 Pentoff, 4-1 James' Pal, 11-2 King Cole, 8-1 Qualitress, 10-1 Recollect, 14-1 Golden Disc, 16-1 others.

2.30 HARRY ROSEBERRY CH'ENGE TROPHY £15,000

(2-Y-O) 5f (10 runners)		
1 (7) 1D1111	HALLGATE (D) Miss S Hall 9.3	K Hodgson
3 (10) 2140	CRONK'S QUALITY (D) G Lewis 8.11	P Waldron
4 (4) 310210	DUBLIN LAD (D) M Brittain 8.11	P Robinson
5 (6) 3112	ELNAWAAGI (USA) Thomson Jones 8.11	R Hills
6 (1) 003110	HANDSOME SAILOR (D) R Thompson 8.11	P Cook
8 (8) 141214	LOCHONICA (C-D) A Jarvis 8.11	D Nicholls
9 (5) 313141	LUGMAN (D) P Walwyn 8.11	J Mercer
10 (2) 211322	DEBBIE DO (D) C Thornton 8.8	J Bleasdale
11 (3) 13100	LAMMASTIDE (D) J W Watts 8.8	N Connorton
12 (9) 04	LE MIEUX A Robson 8.7	

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Hallgate, 100-30 Dublin Lad, 4-1 Lugman, 6-1 Lochonica, 8-1 Elnawaagi, 10-1 Debbie Do, 12-1 others.

3.00 BOGSIDE CUP (HANDICAP) £5,000

1m 5f (8 runners)		
1 (1) 112101	DOZARIO (C-D) J Jefferson 4.9.10	A Shoultis (5)
3 (5) 101214	PIKE'S PEAK Miss S Hall 4.9.3	K Hodgson
6 (6) 210412	BOLD REX (FR) (D) J Dunlop 3.8.11 (4 ex)	J Mercer
9 (4) 201301	PEGGY CAROLYN M Ryan 3.8.1	P Robinson
10 (2) 230131	DICK KNIGHT A Bailey 4.7.11	
13 (7) 000010	ISLAND EXILE (BF) J W Watts 3.7.11	J Lowe
14 (8) 01034	BEN'S BIRDIE (C) M Tompkins 5.7.7	N Carlisle
17 (3) 003041		

BLINKERS: 13
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Bold Rex, 7-2 Pike's Peak, 4-1 Dozario, 6-1 Island Exile, 8-1 Peggy Carolyn, 10-1 Vickstown, 12-1 Dick Knight, 14-1 Ben's Birdie.

3.30 JACK JARVIS MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP £5,000 (2-Y-O) 1m (9 runners)

5 (5) 3031	AIR DISPLAY (USA) J S Wilson 9.7	C Dwyer
8 (8) 400130	COMMON FARM M Brittain 9.2	P Robinson
9 (4) 142210	ST SEPULCHRE M W Easterby 9.2	K Hodgson
10 (6) 0201	CHINCILLA BOY (D) J Hindley 9.6 (5 ex)	A Shoultis (5)
11 (2) 000300	PAULS SECRETARY Denys Smith 8.12	D Nicholls
14 (1) 1400	AMONGST THE STARS (USA) S Norton 8.8	J Lowe
15 (3) 400330	ROYAL BERKS C Brittain 8.2	A Mackay
16 (7) 303200	K O ISLAND J Berry 8.1	K Darley
18 (9) 00001	ALLISTERDRANSFIELD (D) G Moore 7.9	N Carlisle

BLINKERS: 9, 18
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Chincilla Boy, 3-1 K O Island, 4-1 Air Display, 6-1 St Sepulchre, 8-1 Common Farm, 10-1 Royal Berks, 12-1 others.

4.00 EBF TROON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES £2,900

(2-Y-O) 7f (12 runners)		
4 (8) 0322	DASA QUEEN A Jarvis 8.11	D Nicholls
8 (2) 02	GREY GILL T Craig 8.11	A Mackay
10 (4) 20	KORI J S Wilson 8.11	C Dwyer
11 (12) 034	LA SERENATA G Lewis 8.11	P Waldron
12 (3) 02	MADISON GIRL R Whitaker 8.11	J H Brown (5)
14 (10) 40	PERSIAN DELIGHT G Huffer 8.11	G Carter (5)
15 (7) 0	SHEREEKA Thomson Jones 8.11	R Hills
16 (6) 0	SIOUX SWEET C Thornton 8.11	J Bleasdale
18 (9) 0	SUNLIT C Thornton 8.11	A Mills
19 (5) 0	TANYA'S PRINCESS J W Watts 8.11	N Connorton
20 (1) 0	THE LITTLE JOKER W Eley 8.11	J Lowe
21 (11) 0	TOP SHOT G Wrang 8.11	P Robinson

PROBABLE SP: Evens Dasa Queen, 3-1 La Serenata, 5-1 Shereeka, 10-1 Top Shot, 12-1 Kori, 14-1 others.

4.30 SAM HALL STAKES £3,000

(3-Y-O) 1m 7f (4 runners)		
1 (3) 010200	NORTHERN RULER Denys Smith 9.2	M Birch
3 (1) 340010	BUSTER JO G Wrang 8.13	P Robinson
5 (2) 021421	HIGH TERN J Dunlop 8.13	J Mercer
12 (4) 000212	REVISIT J Winter 8.7	P Waldron

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on High Tern, 2-1 Revisit, 5-1 Buster Jo, 12-1 Northern Ruler.

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YARMOUTH

DRAW: high numbers have slight advantage up to 1m

2.15 SHADWELL MAIDEN STAKES £1,000

(2-Y-O c&g) 7f (16 runners)		
3 (13) 0	ARROW EXPRESS (USA) R Armstrong 9.0	P Bloomfield
4 (8) 0	AZUSA M Ryan 9.0	D Dineley
6 (4) 0	FEIN SAM D O'Donnell 9.0	G Sexton
8 (3) 0	FRUITY O'ROONEY (USA) R Armstrong 9.0	D Pugh
9 (6) 00	GERSHWIN D O'Donnell 9.0	G Duffield
12 (16) 0	HIGHEST PEAK G P-Gordon 9.0	Paul Eddery
13 (9) 000	HURRICANE SMITH P Haslam 9.0	A Murray
15 (14) 000	JAIYAASH Thomson Jones 9.0	W R Swinburn
16 (15) 2	JAREER (USA) M Stoute 9.0	G Baxter
18 (10) 00	LAIOS B Hobbs 9.0	W Ryan
19 (7) 00	LAUGHS G P-Gordon 9.0	T Ives
20 (2) 0	LE MANS W O'Gorman 9.0	M Hills
22 (1) 0	NORTHERN AMETHYST G Huffer 9.0	R Guest
25 (11) 0	REPLIER (USA) L Cumani 9.0	
27 (5) 00	SOFT SHOE SHUFFLE R Armstrong 9.0	
32 (12) 0	THOEDOSIUS R Boss 9.0	

BLINKERS: 15, 18, 20
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Jareer, 6-1 Northern Amethyst, 8-1 Replier, 10-1 Laios, 12-1 Le Mans and Thod, 20-1 others.

2.45 JOHNNIE WALKER SCOTCH WHISKY STAKES £2,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 2f (2 runners)

6 (2) 00341	ISLAND SET (USA) (D) L Cumani 8.11	R Guest
10 (1) 1	MIONNAY (D) H Cecil 8.8	S Cauthen

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 on Mionnay, 5-2 Island Set.

3.15 ALBERT BOTTOM MEM NURSERY H'CAP £5,000

(2-Y-O) 1m (11 runners)		
1 (5) 01104	JELLYGOLD W O'Gorman 9.7	G Baxter
2 (7) 100	FASSA B Hobbs 8.11	S Cauthen
3 (9) 213	STRATFORD EAST R Boss 8.8	W R Swinburn
4 (2) 130	KHAKI NARTAK B Hanbury 8.6	Paul Eddery
5 (1) 03402	FRENCH FLUTTER R Sheather 8.4	G Duffield (5)
6 (6) 4421	OPEN HERO (D) A Stewart 8.3	T Ives
7 (11) 4104	FEISTY (C) W O'Gorman 8.3	B Thomson
8 (8) 310021	HILLS BID (USA) (D) B Hills 8.3 (5 ex)	W Ryan
9 (3) 031	FLEET FOOTED G P-Gordon 7.13	P D'Arcy
11 (10) 2032	SOHAIL (USA) Thomson Jones 7.7	W Woods (5)
15 (4) 034012	SPECIAL GUEST (C) D Morley 7.7	

BLINKERS: 7
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Hills Bid, 7-2 Stratford East, 9-2 Feisty, 6-1 Fleet Footed, 8-1 Sohail, 10-1 Open Hero, 12-1 Khaki Nartak, 16-1 others.

3.45 NORFOLK FILLIES STAKES £5,000

(3-Y-O) 1m 2f (5 runners)		
1 (2) 021304	GOODY BLAKE (D) G Wrang 9.6	T Ives
2 (4) 304122	TEASED (USA) (D) (BF) B Hills 8.12	B Thomson
5 (5) 1-2233	DUBIAN (BF) A Stewart 8.7	W R Swinburn
8 (3) 222200	SHUROOQ (USA) Thomson Jones 8.7	A Murray
10 (1) 31-0000	STUBBLE R Boss 8.7	S Cauthen

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 on Dubian, 5-1 Teased, 6-1 Goody Blake, 20-1 others.

4.15 GREAT YARMOUTH STAYERS' H'CAP £3,000

2m 2f (7 runners)		
2 (2) 301431	SPLIT IMAGE (C) J Hindley 3.9.7	M Hills
3 (6) 000114	STAN THE MAN K Brasse 3.9.5	S Whitworth
4 (4) 0-02000	DARK PROPOSAL (BF) B Hanbury 7.9.2	T Ives
6 (1) 040020	KNIGHTS HEIR (BF) D Arbutnot 4.8.3	G Baxter
7 (5) 2-40301	CARMEL STATE M Prescott 4.8.3	G Duffield
8 (7) 010233	MUSICAL MYSTERY R Boss 3.8.3	D Dineley
9 (3) 000000	BUSHY BAY M Chapman 11.7.7	

BLINKERS: 6, 8, 9
VISOR: 4
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Split Image, 11-4 Stan The Man, 9-2 Knights Heir, 6-1 Carmel State, 8-1 Musical Mystery, 25-1 others.

4.45 GORLESTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES DIV I £1,000 (2-Y-O) 6f (12 runners)

1 (1) 0	ATROPINE W O'Gorman 8.11	T Ives
4 (3) 0	BUTHAYNA Thomson Jones 8.11	A Murray
6 (8) 0	FAIRSEAT CLOSE W Jarvis 8.11	B Thomson
10 (4) 0	HIDDEN RARITY R J Williams 8.11	Paul Eddery
15 (5) 0	LADY SOPHIE H Cecil 8.11	S Cauthen
16 (2) 0	LOVELY SHORE G Wrang 8.11	D Surrey (7)
17 (12) 0	MAHMONIR D O'Connell 8.11	D Pugh
18 (11) 23	MAKALU (BF) M Jarvis 8.11	M Hills
23 (10) 0	PLAINS OF TROY G P-Gordon 8.11	G Duffield
24 (9) 0	PROUD OF PADUCAH (USA) R Armstrong 8.11	
29 (6) 0	SANTIKI M Stoute 8.11	W R Swinburn
32 (7) 00	WHITE SIKE J Hindley 8.11	NON-RUNNER

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Lady Sophie, 7-2 Makalu, 9-2 Buthayna, 6-1 Santiki, 8-1 Lonely Shore, 12-1 Atropine, 16-1 others.

5.15 GORLESTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES DIV II £1,000 (2-Y-O) 6f (11 runners)

8 (5) 40	GRACEFUL DREAM (USA) R Armstrong 8.11	P Bloomfield
9 (2) 0	GREENHILLS GIRL M Ryan 8.11	S Bridle (7)
11 (1) 0	IRON BUTTERFLY G Wrang 8.11	W R Swinburn
13 (3) 00	KENOZ A Stewart 8.11	G Sexton
14 (8) 0	KIRSTENS FANTASY (USA) R Armstrong 8.11	G Baxter
20 (4) 24	MUMMYS FAVOURITE (BF) J Dunlop 8.11	D McKeown
21 (9) 00	NEVER THE TWIN J Glover 8.11	G Duffield
25 (7) 00	QUADRILLE G P-Gordon 8.11	
26 (6) 0	QUE TRANQUILA R Boss 8.11	
27 (11) 00	RAAWIYEH (USA) Thomson Jones 8.11	A Murray
31 (10) 0	STILL MARCHING W Jarvis 8.11	B Thomson

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Mummy's Favourite, 7-2 Graceful Dream, 6-1 Que Tranquilla, 7-1 Greenhills Girl, 8-1 Quadrille and Raauiyeh, 12-1 Kenoz, 14-1 others.

BRIGHTON

DRAW: Low numbers best over 5 & 6f

2.00 LITTLEHAMPTON FILLIES STAKES £2,000

(3-Y-O) 1m (7 runners)		
4 (1) 00-0002	ARABIAN MOUN R Sheather 8.11	R Cochrane
5 (4) 0-30222	ASSET STRIPPER (USA) (BF) B Hills 8.11	
12 (3) 204	KHALISIYIN R Houghton 8.11	W Carson
14 (5) 0	LITTLE LINK P Butler 8.11	
15 (2) 0-4	LOTTIE R Akehurst 8.11	A Clark
17 (6) 40-0030	MILLER'S CREEK (USA) G Hunter 8.11	G Starkey
25 (7) 00-40	TU ES MA VIE (USA) J Dunlop 8.11	B Rouse

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Asset Stripper, 3-1 Tu Es Ma Vie, 7-2 Arabian Moun, 11-2 Khalisiy, 12-1 Lottie, 16-1 Little Link.

2.30 QUEENS PARK APPRENTICE SELLING H'CAP £1,000 1m 4f (9 runners)

1 (1) 240232	MR MUSIC MAN (C-D) Mrs J Reavey 11.9.10	R Morse
2 (4) 00-4240	SOLAR LIGHT F Yardley 5.9.5	R Carter
3 (3) 200300	HAYSTACK (USA) M Bolton 6.9.5	K Radcliffe
4 (7) 3100/00	CHALET WALDEGG D Gandolfo 5.9.3	L Jones
5 (6) 000-200	COUPON CLIPPER S Mellor 4.9.3	G Landau
6 (8) 000023	HOT BETTY Ron Thompson 5.9.0	J Carr (4)
7 (5) 00-4004	HAVE BLESSED R Smyth 5.8.12	J Carter
8 (2) 000030	FRIDAY STREET R Hoad 6.8.10	L Johnsey (4)
9 (9) 000000	CALISOLON Pat Mitchell 11.8.10	M Lynch

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Hot Betty, 3-1 Mr Music Man, 4-1 Solar Light, 11-2 Have Blessed, 8-1 Coupon Clipper, 10-1 Friday Street, 14-1 others.

3.00 FRIEND-JAMES MEMORIAL HANDICAP £4,000

7f (13 runners)		
2 (11) 022040	SWINGING REBEL (C-D) N Vigors 7.9.7	S Dawson (3)
4 (4) 001200	WIKI WIKI WHEELS (D) R Sheather 5.9.6	G Starkey
5 (2) 311110	POSTORAGE (D) M McCormack 3.9.6	R Cochrane

BRIGHT CRICKET SEASON DESPITE THE WEATHER

Silver lining on a wretched summer

THE SILVER lining on the abysmal summer clouds that blotted out so much cricket this summer must surely be the Ashes victory over the old enemy.

But between the showers, the season amazingly produced much more. There were two pulsating one-day finals at Lord's. Essex won the John Player League with one ball of their last game to spare, and Middlesex had to wait until the last day of the season before ensuring the championship.

The sweetest memory will remain that of David Gower leading his side to a 3-1 Ashes triumph, following hard on the heels of success in India and helping to ease the pain of the 5-0 whitewash handed out by the West Indies 12 months earlier.

For once, England had a solid batting line-up, fielding the same first six throughout the series and in the end settling the bowling attack with Richard Ellison and Les Taylor, who upheld age-old traditions of line and length.

Whether the new-found strength and confidence of the national side will be sufficient to triumph against the mighty West Indian pace bowlers this win-

ter can only be a matter for conjecture.

On the county scene, Essex provided captain Keith Fletcher with the NatWest Trophy and Sunday League to complete a full bag of titles in the last of his 11 years as county captain.

Changes are being rung at Chelmsford for next year. Fletcher steps down to play as a specialist batsman, handing the reins over to Graham Gooch, while Allan Border replaces Ken McEwan as their overseas star.

The transition should be smooth and keep Essex in the limelight.

Essex's one disappointment was to lose the Benson and Hedges final to

TOP BATSMEN AND BOWLERS

BATTING					
Name	inns	n.o.	run	high	ave
Richards	24	0	1836	322	76.50
Boycott	34	12	1657	184	75.31
Gooch	33	2	2208	202	71.22
Botham	27	5	1530	152	69.54
Imran Khan	21	8	890	117+	68.46
Younis Ahmed	30	8	1421	177	64.59
Javed Miandad	29	6	1441	200+	62.65
Robinson	31	4	1619	175	59.96
Smith	39	4	2000	143+	57.14
Wright	16	2	797	177+	56.89
Gatting	34	2	1650	160	56.88
Bainbridge	38	9	1644	151+	55.76
Rice	33	8	1394	171+	54.70
Gower	29	2	1477	215	54.28
Slack	43	8	1900	201+	53.77
Randall	47	7	2151	117	53.56
Lynch	39	7	1714	145	52.88
Radley	38	12	1375	200	52.70
Hick	25	1	1265	230	124
Thorne	20	3	849	124	49.94

+ signifies not out

Leicestershire, for whom Peter Willey scored a match-winning 86 not out.

Tough-guy Willey, however, was not to prove the most popular of men at Grace Road. His stern professional attitude contributed to the decisions of three players — Nick Cook, Mike Garnham and Godon Parsons — to leave the county prematurely.

Middlesex's championship was a tribute to the lesser lights on the

BOWLING					
Name	ovrs	mdn	run	wkt	ave
Ellison	432.1	113	1118	65	17.20
Hadlee	473.5	136	1026	59	17.38
Marshall	688.1	193	1680	95	17.68
Sainsbury	178.0	59	481	27	17.81
Walsh	560.3	132	1706	85	20.07
Imran Khan	422.1	114	1040	51	20.39
Tremlett	565.5	180	1620	75	21.60
Kapil Dev	304.5	83	805	37	21.75
Holding	354.5	67	1124	50	22.48
Allott	558.2	167	1328	58	22.89
Taylor	566.5	141	1376	60	22.93
Cowans	474.2	85	1676	73	22.95
Gray	524.0	98	1816	79	22.98
Curran	469.5	104	1419	61	23.26
Garnier	295.1	77	739	31	23.83
Lawrence	544.5	66	2093	85	24.62
Radford	779.4	130	2493	101	24.68
Graveney	410.5	133	1013	41	24.70
Doughty	223.5	36	867	34	25.50
Inchmore	338.5	72	844	33	25.57
De Freitas	234.2	43	703	27	26.03
Small	592.3	113	1850	69	26.81

county staff. Although the champions had Norman Cowans back after the first Test, they still had to persevere for much of the time without captain Mike Gatting, John Emburey, Phil Edmonds and wicketkeeper Paul Downton, all on England call-up.

They were given a run all the way, however, by Hampshire, who ended up empty-handed after making threatening noises in all four competitions.

A rebuilt Gloucestershire

side forgot the wooden spoon of 1984 to finish third — a remarkable tribute to the resilience of their quiet captain David Graveney and their shrewd signing of players like Courtney Walsh, Kevin Curran, Brian Davison and Jeremy Lloyds.

The major individual awards went to deserving causes. David 'Syd' Lawrence, with 85 wickets in Gloucestershire's revival, was the Cricket Writers' Young Player of the Year.

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



DAVID LAWRENCE, the 29-year-old Gloucestershire paceman, and Notts' 34-year-old imp Derek Randall were named as junior and senior players of the year

Hopefully the 21-year-old will emerge soon as a potent fast bowling force at Test level.

The entertaining Derek Randall shrugged off his disappointment at missing England's winter tour to India to have his best summer ever. He picked up the £500 county championship Player of the Year award.

The impish 34-year-old was one of only three batsmen to pass the 2,000 mark

in first class cricket, the others being Gooch and Hampshire's Chris Smith.

Among the players for whom 1985 was to prove their last season in the game were long-time county stalwarts McEwan (Essex), Alan Knott and Graham Johnson (Kent) and Basher Hassan (Notts), who had the rare honour of fielding for England as a substitute only hours after announcing his retirement.

THE TWO DAVIDS

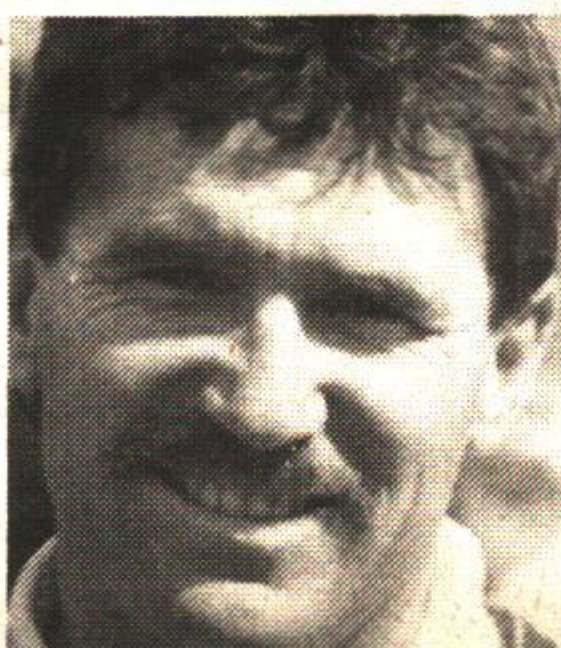
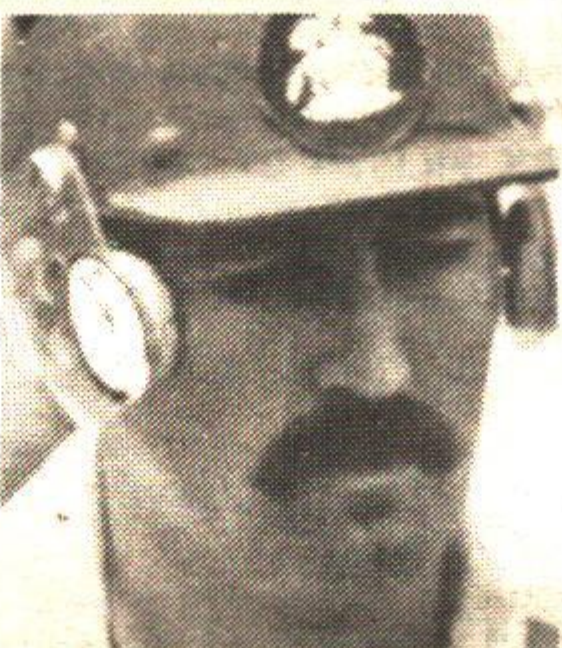


DAVID GOWER led the England charge in the Test, and David Graveney the Gloucestershire charge from last to third in the county championship

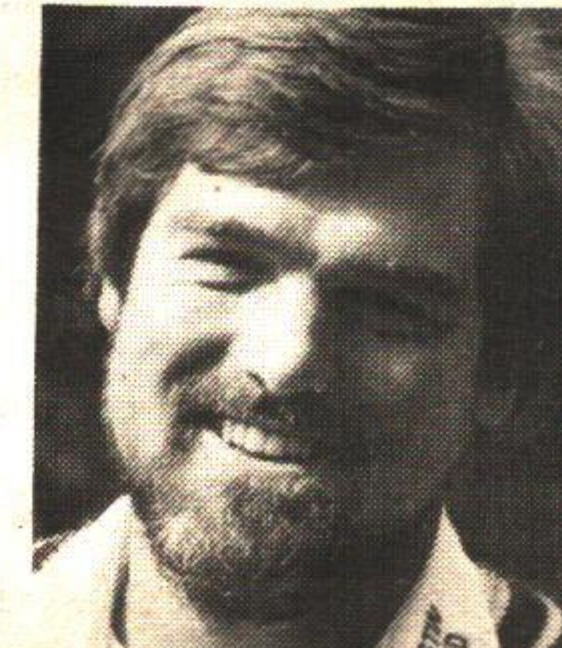
ESSEX POWER PLAN FOR 1986



ESSEX will have a formidable batting side next season with Keith Fletcher relinquishing the captaincy to Graham Gooch, who will have Australia's Allan Border as chief overseas player



'MISSING' ON TEST DUTY



MIDDLESEX still worked wonders to take the title with captain Mike Gatting and spinner Phil Edmonds just two of five on Test duty

WINCANTON (NH)

2.15	STOWELL NOVICE HURDLE (DIV 1) £500	
2m 6f (13 runners)		
2	0FR002- AUSTRALIAN CORPORAL P A Bowden 7 11 1	R Dennis (4)
3	0U-0 CUDDLY BEAR (NZ) N G Ayliffe 7 11 1	M Ayliffe
4	0P00- FIGHTING ROCKET N R Mitchell 8 11 3	Mrs E Mitchell
5	4400-00 KEN LAKE R W Pincombe 12 11 3	C Gray
7	2B000-0 LEVANT WAY W E Fisher 5 11 3	R Dunwoody
8	000- MR EXTROVERT D J Wintle 8 11 3	A Carroll
9	00P00- PRINCE VIDAR Miss P Neal 6 11 3	R Hoare
10	324 SIX SHOT L G Kennard 5 11 3	B Powell
11	020104- TOOLEY STREET C S Wates 6 11 3	A Webber
12	0004-0 CAN'T DISCLOSE D Nicholson 4 11 0	P Scudamore
13	00U-F DRAGONADE G P Enright 4 11 0	H Davies
14	033-004 SHIRLEY CREPELLA J J Bridger 5 10 12	R Goldstein
17	02F000- SOLITAIRE B G Hicks 5 10 12	C Evans (7)
BLINKERS: 12		
VISOR: 13		
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Six Shot, 7-2 Tooley Street, 5-1 Can't Disclose, 6-1 Levant Way, 8-1 Australian Corporal, 10-1 Shirley Crepella, 14-1 Dragomade, 16-1 others.		

10	P00044- BLACK ROD N R Mitchell 8 10 0	R Powell
BLINKERS: 1		
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Jimmy Miff, 11-4 Polar Express, 4-1 Parish Rigged, 5-1 Querrin, 7-1 Owen Glendower, 14-1 others.		
3.15	SALISBURY CONDITIONAL J'KS H'CAP H'DLE	
£1,200 2m (13 runners)		
1	004014- INDIAN MAJOR (C-D) Miss P Barnes 8 11 10	M Bosley
2	4P32-03 TROPICAL MIST (FR) A Barrow 5 11 10	J Hurst
3	F004-01 MARCH FANDANGO (D) D F Gillard 6 11 7	T Gibson
4	30304-0 ISOM DART (USA) T B Hallett 6 11 6	Samantha Dunster
5	0301-11 CAPA (D) R J Holder 5 11 6	E Murphy
6	00410-F RISING SOVEREIGN (D) P Butler 7 11 0	M Head
8	030001- MY SNIP R J Hodges 11 10 12	W Irvine
10	P000-04 IN CONFIDENCE R E Blakeney 7 10 10	Judy Blakeney
12	003200- BALLYGLUNIN G G Gracey 5 10 9	N Fearn
13	F00010- MISTY ROCKET I P Wardle 4 10 7	K Townend
14	0P00F-0 GREATEST HITS (D) W T Kemp 8 10 7	W Knox
15	044000P- WEE WILLIAM (D) B G Hicks 8 10 7	C Evans
19	00PP0P- LOST VALLEY (D) J D Roberts 8 10 7	
BLINKERS: 2, 12		
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Capa, 9-2 Indian Major, 13-2 In Confidence, 8-1 Isom Dart, 12-1 My Snip, 14-1 Tropical Mist and Ballyglunin, 16-1 others.		

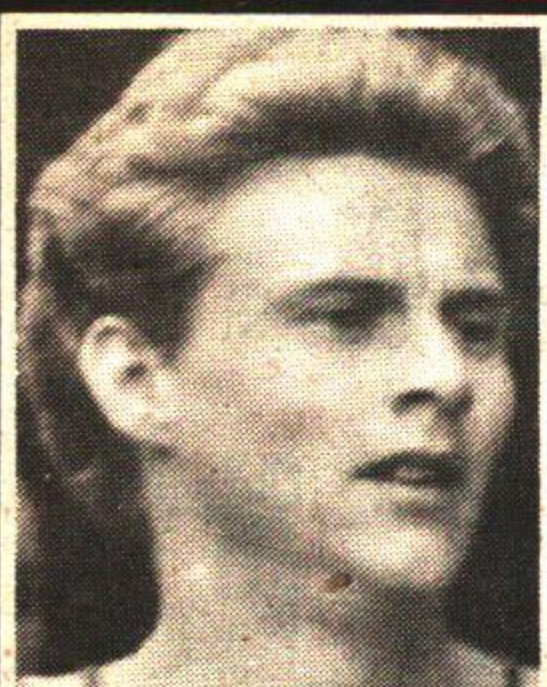
3.45	SHAFTESBURY H'CAP CHASE £1,800	
2m 5f (8 runners)		
4	1U3PF1- CILERNA JET (C-D) P S Tery 6 11 10	E Whitlam
7	2013-41 QUITE HOT (CYD) N G Ayliffe 6 11 1(7 ex)	M Ayliffe
8	1124F-3 SWIFT ROYALE (BF) O Sherwood 7 11 0	S Sherwood
9	213-022 BRITANNICUS N B Thomson 9 10 13	D Morris (7)

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10	2331-03 JOAT R W Hartrop 9 10 12	R Crank
12	1U3-340 THE WURZEL R J Holder 10 10 7	P Murphy
14	00-03P0 BRANDYLAND Mrs J French 12 10 0	Miss S French
15	33/30-0F FABIAN-SONG (D) T B Hallett 14 10 0	Samantha Dunster (7)
BLINKERS: 7		
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Quite Hot, 11-4 Britannicus, 4-1 Cilerna Jet and Swift Royale, 7-1 The Wurzel, 14-1 others.		
4.15	SHEPTON MALLET NOVICE CHASE £1,500	
2m (8 runners)		
1	U34021 ABOUSHABUN (USA)(D) J R Jenkins 5 11 4	S Smith Eccles
2	0-U0010 LUCKY MISTAKE (D) R J Hodges 8 11 2	Peter Hobbs
3	240000- CLOUDWALKER F Walwyn 7 10 11	S Shilton
4	030-P00 CUSHY FILE C L Popham 8 10 11	R Dunwoody
7	1102/1-P RIVA BE GOOD (USA) O O'Neill 8 10 11	A Webb
8	43000-0 THE DIPLOMAT W T Kemp 7 10 11	R Rowe
10	P00-20F WESTER ROSS W R Williams 8 10 11	A Jones (4)
12	00-003F BELLIVER PRINCE S W May 5 10 8	R Millman
BLINKERS: 1, 2		
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Aboushabun, 5-2 Cloudwalker, 5-1 Lucky Mistake, 13-2 The Diplomat, 8-1 Riva Be Good, 16-1 Belliver Prince, 20-1 others.		

4.45	STOWELL NOVICE HURDLE (DIV 2) £500	
2m 6f (7 runners)		
3	PPP/004 CELTIC MARCH P A Pritchard 5 11 3	P Dever
5	0PF30- DAVIDSTOWN D R Gandolfo 7 11 3	G McCourt
6	P0230 DERRYNON LG Kennard 5 11 3	B Powell
7	2P04/P0 DICTA DEN I P Wardle 6 11 3	R Rowe
8	400200- GASOOF (USA) W T Kemp 5 11 3	S Shilton
10	00P-0P0 WONKEYS LUCK A J Chamberlain 7 11 3	A Chamberlain
11	20P043- BOLT HOLE G C Doidge 6 10 12	B Wright
BLINKERS: 3, 10		
PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Davidstown, 9-4 Bolt Hole, 7-2 Gasoof, 6-1 Derrynon, 14-1 others.		

2.45	SOMERSET HANDICAP CHASE £1,800	
3m 1f (10 runners)		
1	P3134-3 PARISH RIGGED T A Forster 7 12 0	H Davies
2	30124-0 QUERRIN (D) T S Bulgin 11 11 12	J Lovejoy
3	20-P31 JIMMY MIFF (D) I P Wardle 13 11 5(4 ex)	R Rowe
4	302/133 OWEN GLENDOWER R J Holder 8 11 3	P Richards
5	00-4U2P ONE ARMED BANDIT N B Thomson 9 11 1	S Morshead
6	4300-41 POLAR EXPRESS W King 10 10 12(4 ex)	C Warren (7)
7	0P-000F NO RETREAT P A Pritchard 13 10 3	P Dever
8	0430-30 BUCK ROYALE (D) T P Tery 12 10 3	R Dunwoody
9	4402-U00 JUST A GHOST Mrs J French 9 10 3	Miss S French



STEVE CRAM... Running in London last Sunday

Cram calf treatment in Helsinki

STEVE CRAM, the double world record holder, was in Helsinki on Tuesday seeking medical advice about his recurring calf injury.

A daily newspaper said he had visited assistant professor Pekka Peltokallio, a Finnish national team doctor, whose help has been sought by athletes from other countries.

Peltokallio told journalists: 'Cram is not particularly interested in the publicity, but it is true he was here. Let's just say he was here, showed his left leg, and was told how to treat it.'

The injury forced Cram, holder of the world mile and 2000 metres records, to miss the Grand Prix final in Rome earlier this month, though he did come second in the Westminster mile to Steve Ovett last Sunday.

'We won't let it slip this time ...' POMPEY HELL-BENT ON PROMOTION

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

PORTSMOUTH'S start to the season suggests that they want to guarantee promotion to Division One by Christmas.

'One thing is for certain, we don't want to find ourselves in the same position as we did in our last half dozen games last April and May,' said their talented striker Vince Hilaire this week.



KEVIN O'CALLAGHAN

With six matches remaining last season, Portsmouth seemed certain to win promotion back to Division One for the first time since 1960.

But then three vital defeats against Birmingham, Crystal Palace and Manchester City left them struggling.

And, despite winning their last three games, two away from home, City squeezed through on superior goal average.

Simple

'We were gutted,' recalled their Irish winger Kevin O'Callaghan this week. 'But we had no one to blame but ourselves. The boss (Alan Ball) did all he could, the fans were great. No, losing out was down to us, it's as simple as that.'

There's no doubt that Portsmouth would be an attraction in the First Division. Despite their absence from the big time for so long — just five years ago



VINCE HILAIRE, formerly with Crystal Palace, playing at Selhurst Park last season in one of the games that meant Portsmouth stayed down in Division Two

they were in Division Four — they have the fans who would pour into Fratton Park if promotion was earned this time.

Only City had better average attendances than Portsmouth, and despite a drop off in support through the Football League regulations this time, Portsmouth are still holding their own, averaging over 14,000 at home, better than some Division One clubs.

'Portsmouth are a First Division club in all but

name,' says O'Callaghan. 'The support is definitely there if we can make it back there. The whole club is geared towards promotion.'

With just eight games played so far, Portsmouth have a five-point lead at the top of the table and are unbeaten.

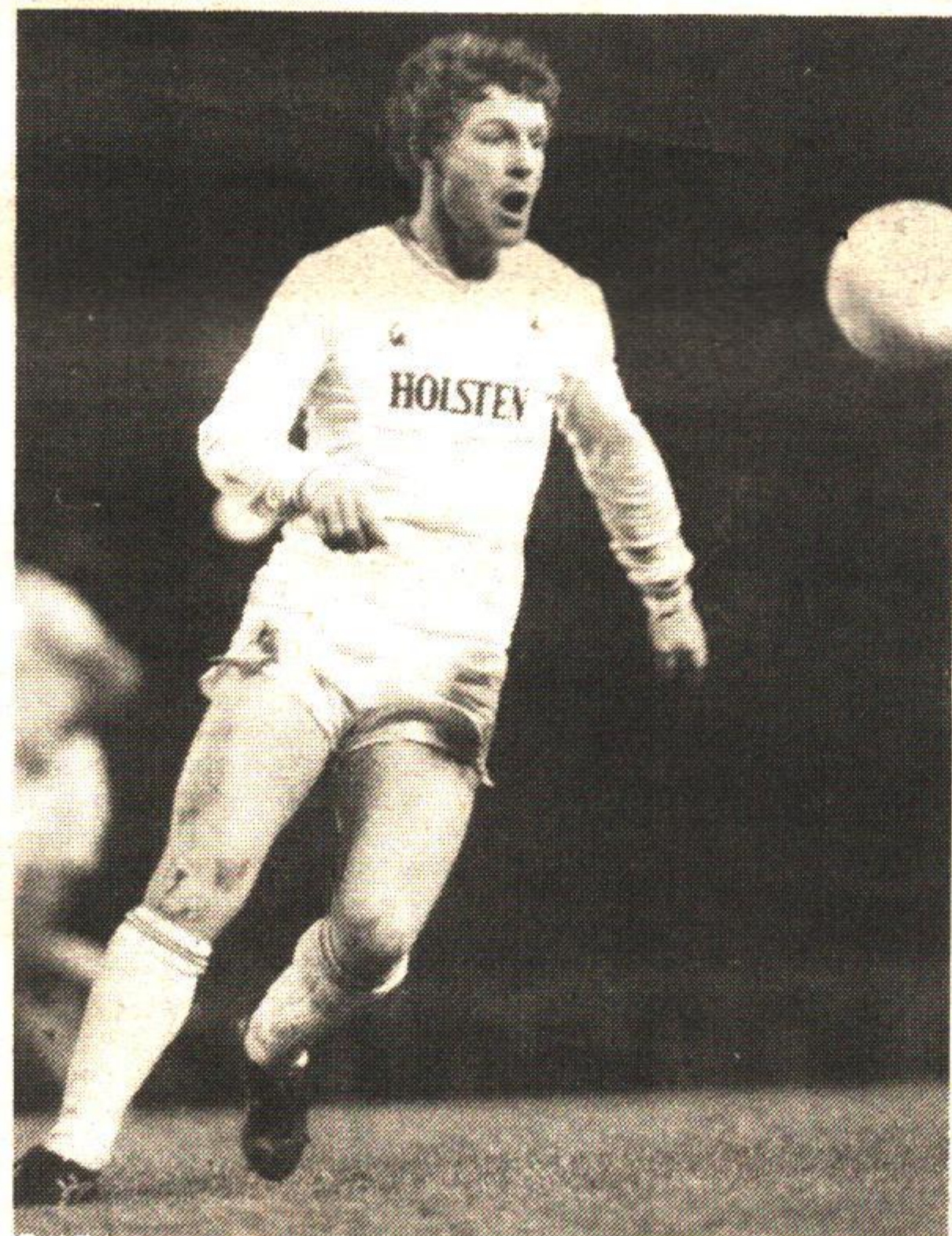
'I think we are playing out of our skins right now,' added O'Callaghan. 'We lost a few players at the end of the season, but somehow

we are functioning better in many ways.'

Pompey have a real test of character on Saturday when they visit Oldham, the surprise package so far in the Second Division this season.

'By all accounts, Oldham are playing some good football and thoroughly deserve to be right up there in the top four,' added O'Callaghan. 'But we have no intention of dropping our unbeaten record there.'

Hazard makes Chelsea trip



MIKE HAZARD... Out of the famous white shirt into the equally famous blue at Stamford Bridge

MIKE HAZARD finally made up his mind yesterday to move across London from Tottenham to Chelsea, who had been waiting while he gave considerable thought to the transfer.

The Sunderland-born Hazard joined Spurs as an apprentice, but never established himself as a first team regular, although he made well over 100 appearances for them.

He made it clear earlier in the week he did not want to leave Spurs, but the decision was being made for him. He visited Chelsea on Tuesday to discuss terms and met manager John Hollins.

He is Chelsea's record signing and is set to make his debut against Arsenal at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

BRENTFORD striker Francis Joseph has not, as was at first feared, broken his left leg for a second time. X-rays taken at West Middlesex hospital on Tuesday night revealed no break, but severe bruising which will keep him out of action for about three weeks.

Joseph was playing his second comeback game in the home Third Division match with Reading when he limped off after 60 minutes.

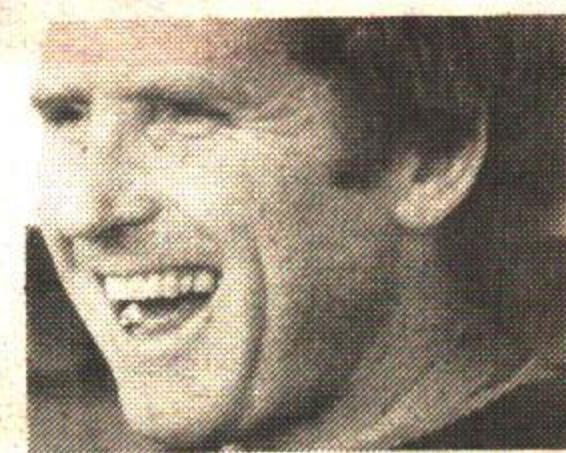
MIDDLESBROUGH and Carlisle have been given permission to play one sudden-death game in their Full Members' Cup group. They will meet at Ayresome Park on October 8.

The two clubs were paired in their own group when part of the competition was redrawn because of so many drop-outs.

Group matches should be played on a home-and-away basis, but Middlesbrough manager Willie Maddren said a one-off match would create more interest.

LUTON goalkeeper Andy Dibble is under treatment after injuring a hamstring in a friendly against Watford on Tuesday night. He may miss Saturday's First Division game against Queen's Park Rangers.

SHREWSBURY's former England youth international Paul Petts has been ruled out for the rest of the season after a knee operation.



ALAN BALL... Did all he could

RACING RESULTS

YARMOUTH

2.15 (7f): TROOPER SERGEANT G Carter (11-4 fav); Clipsall 4(12-1); Rapid Lady (11-1); Rhythmic (10-1). 14 ran, 1 1/2, 1 1/2. (G Huffer) T: £4.20; £2.10, £2.60, £2.70. CSF: £30.00. NR: Non runner, Tolly's Best. 2.45 (1m): ROYAL HARMONY B Thomson (15-8 jt fav); Killmanjaro Bob (20-1); Arnhall (15-8 jt fav); Doubtless (10-1). 14 ran, 1, 3. (B Hills) T: £2.70; £1.10, £2.90, £1.10. CSF: £32.03. 3.15 (1m 3f): THORNY ROSE M Wigham (3-1); Danseuse Verte (6-1); Pubby (9-4 fav); Croissant De Lune (9-1). 7 ran, 1/2, 2. (W Musson) T: £4.10; £1.60, £2.60. CSF: £18.66. 3.45 (1m 2f): PATO N Day (5-1); Carillon (7-2); Midnight Tiger (20-1); Boccioni (9-2). 6 ran, Nk, 10. (Mrs J Reavey) T: £5.30; £2.60; £2.00. CSF: £21.07. 4.15 (7f): HOPEFULL DANCER A McGlone (25-1); Victoria falls (8-1); Mac's Flyer (6-1); Brave And Bold (9-2). 17 ran, 1 1/2, 1 1/2. (R Hannon) T: £27.80; £6.40, £2.50, £2.20. CSF: £208.36. 4.45 (6f): ALKASEH A Murray 7-2; Lian (9-4); Pinstripe (12-1); White Sike (16-1). 13 ran, 6, 2. (H Thomson Jones) T: £4.70; 1.70, £1.40, £2.60. CSF: £12.50. NR: Black Diamond & Pleasure Island. 5.15 (7f): BALNACRAIG R Cochrane (33-1); Northern Gunner (13-20); Agrado (6-1); Mensa Man (5-1). 16 ran, 1 1/2, sh hd. (J Douglas Home) T: 90.80; £12.60, £3.00, £2.60. CSF: £240.08.

BRIGHTON

2.00 (7f): PICATRIX G Starkey (5-1); Dansk (11-8 fav); Innishmore Island (9-1); Anzere (12-1). 16 ran, 3, Nk. (G Harwood) T: £6.50, £2.20, £1.10, £2.20. CSF: £12.39. NR: Gannon and Planet Ash. 2.30 (1m): GOLDEN SLADE R Werham (85-40 fav); Spalmatori (5-2); Tarrakan (3-1); Solstice Bell (20-1). 7 ran, 3, 3. (M McCourt) T: £3.20; £1.80, £1.90. CSF: £7.61. 3.00 (1m 2f): LEONIDAS M Hills (8-1); Sojourn (9-1); Greed (9-1); Ambit (11-2). 11 ran, 2 1/2, 3. (D Arbuthnot) T: £14; £3.30, £2.80, £2.40. CSF: £72.66. 3.30 (6f): MYRA'S SPECIAL J Mercer (7-1); Kombus (7-4 fav); Merry-moles (6-1); Auto Elegance (6-1). 9 ran, 1, 1. (J Sutcliffe) T: £7.30; £2.60, £1.50, £2.70. CSF: £20.22. 4.00 (6f): LOBBIT B Rouse (5-4 fav); Albany Lad (9-4); Ski Fantasy (100-1); Another Bing (100-1). 7 ran, hd, 6. (J Dunlop) T: £2.20; £1.20, £1.40. CSF: £4.16. 4.30 (1m 4f): ARMOURER B Rouse (5-4 fav); Kuwait Moon (9-2); Gable (3-1); Mishrif (5-1). 5 ran, 4, 1 1/2. (J Tree) T: £1.90; £1.20, £1.90. CSF: £6.24.

SPORTS BODIES UNITE

A COMMITTEE of the leading sports experts will be formed to act as a united voice of British sport, John Smith, the Sports Council chairman, announced yesterday.

The British Olympic Association, the Central Council for Physical recreation and the Sports Council have agreed to establish this committee to improve the sporting influence and image abroad.

The committee will give its early attention to harnessing the services offered by British overseas mission, where national teams are competing abroad.

DAVID REEVES has been appointed secretary of the Amateur Swimming Association. He will take up his new position on October 1.

LAST TEST IN SRI LANKA

India out to square series

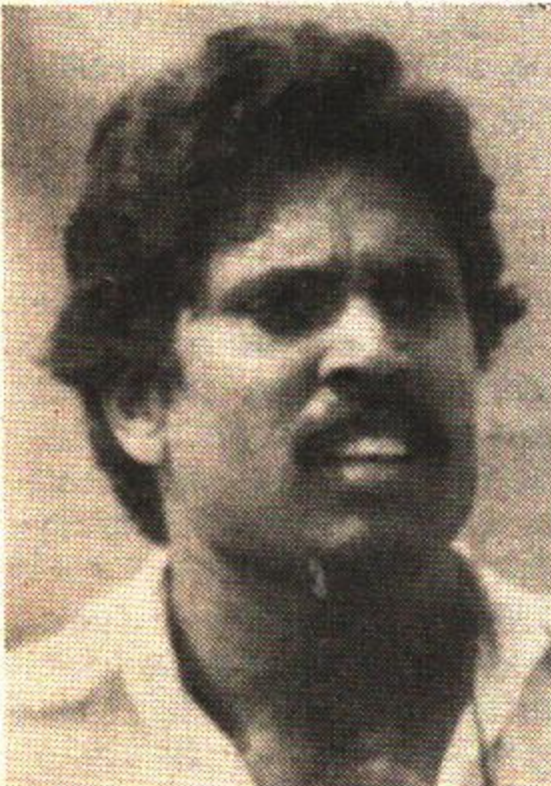
INDIA, spurred by an accomplished 116 not out by Mohinder Amarnath and a three-wicket burst from their pacemen, are on course to win the third and final Test and square the series against Sri Lanka in Kandy.

Kapil Dev's team, trailing 1-0 after losing the second Test, set Sri Lanka a target of 377 and reduced them to 78 for three by the close of the fourth day yesterday.

India left themselves 420 minutes and 20 mandatory overs to dismiss Sri Lanka after extending their overnight 149 for one to 325 for five declared following Tuesday's rest day.

Chetan Sharma and Kapil Dev plunged the Sri Lankans into early trouble when they started their second innings immediately after tea — both openers falling with only eight on the board.

Sidath Wettimuny went in Sharma's first over when



KAPIL DEV... India's highest wicket-taker

he edged the third delivery to Dilip Vengsarkar at second slip.

In the next over, Kapil Dev found the edge of Amal Silva's bat and he was caught behind by Sadanand Visvanath, making Kapil India's highest Test wicket-taker with 267 victims.

He struck another blow with the total at 34, when Ranjan Madugalle tried to cut and was caught behind.

Captain Duleep Mendis and Roy Dias checked the slide in an unfinished fourth wicket stand of 44 before bad light ended play 20 minutes before the scheduled close.

The day essentially belonged to Amarnath, who battled for 395 minutes and received 207 balls. His ninth century in 51 Tests was just four short of his Test best, against Pakistan, and was also the first by an Indian in this series.

India started uncertainly, losing three wickets in adding 63 yesterday morning, but blossomed in the second session by plundering 113 despite only 20 overs being bowled.

Shastri carried his overnight 68 to 81 before he was caught behind off paceman Saliya Ahangama. Vengsarkar went lbw, also Ahangama, while Kapil Dev was bowled for two attempting to hit out against medium pacer Arjuna Ranatunga.

But Amarnath, who put on 78 in 90 minutes with Mohamed Azharuddin (43) and then added 36 in even time with Sunil Gavaskar, lifted the tempo enough for a declaration at tea.

Spin or
pace
choice
for May

COLERAINE SHOCKER

COLERAINE 1
LOKOMOTIV
LEIPZIG 1

THE STRONG East German side Lokomotiv Leipzig were shocked into a 1-1 draw against Irish League part-timers Coleraine in yesterday's first round first leg UEFA Cup tie.

Coleraine fully deserved the draw and for some time looked like achieving victory.

A fine performance was set up by a well-taken goal after just two minutes. A long clearance by keeper Jim Platt, the Northern Ireland international, was headed on by Ray Henry and Ricky Wade dashed between two defenders to beat Rene Mueller, the East German national team captain.

Afterwards Coleraine played so confidently that Lokomotiv did not have one shot on target in the first half.

The visitors stepped up the pace after the break, and had a 46th-minute effort ruled offside, then Wade made a goal-line clearance from Wolfgang Altmann in 57 minutes.

Ten minutes later Matthias Liebers, another international, equalised with a strong drive which took a deflection to leave Platt helpless. Coleraine held out well and troubled the Germans with several late

counter-attacks.

Player-manager Platt said: 'This was a marvellous result for us, and we almost pinched victory. Full credit to our entire team.'

Leipzig coach Ulrich Thomale said: 'It was an average game. I was only satisfied with our performance in the second half. The rain and the heavy pitch made the difference.'

Hold Leipzig to draw

EUROPEAN RESULTS

UEFA CUP First round, first leg

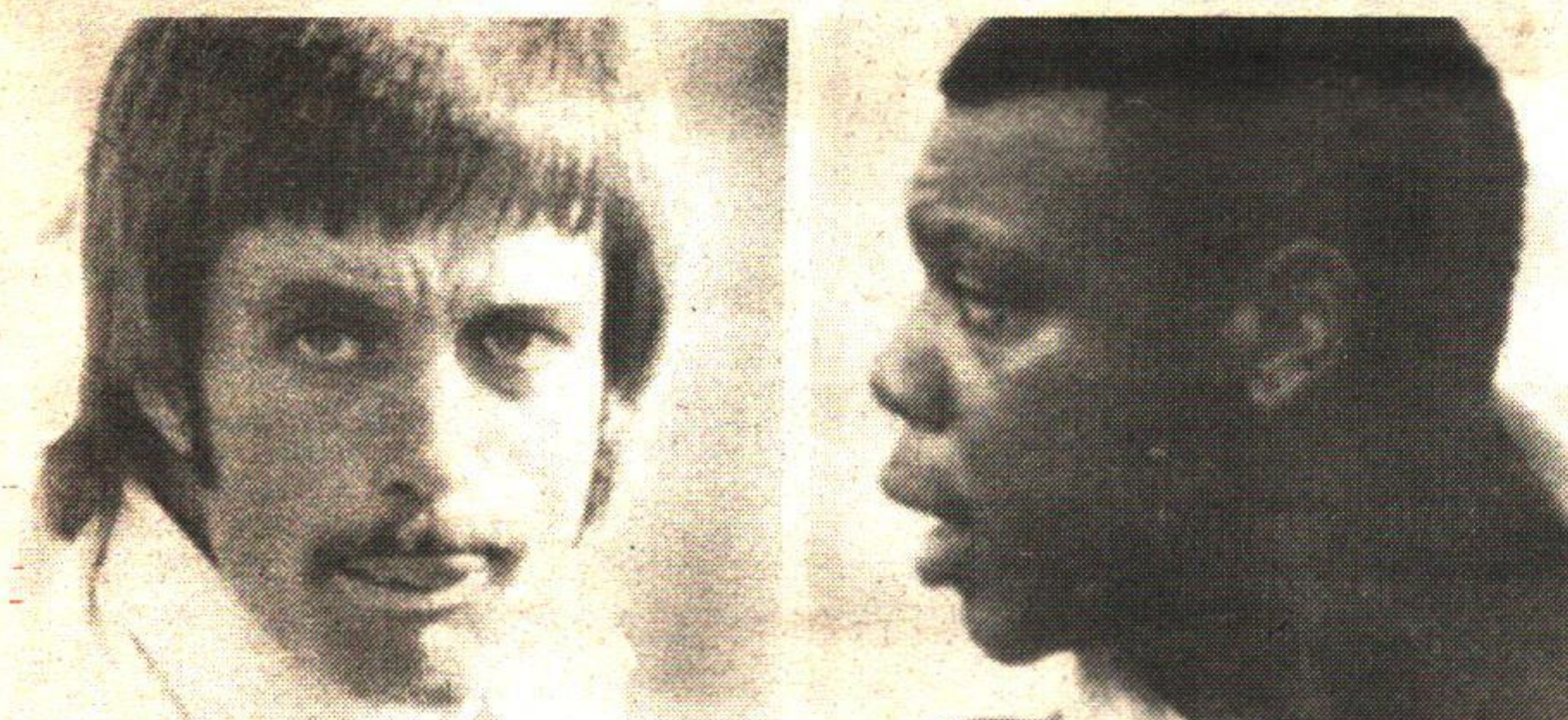
Coleraine 1 (Wade), Lokomotiv Leipzig 1 (Liebers), Att 3,000; Chernomorets Odessa (USSR) 2 (Yurchenko, Cherbakov), Werder Bremen (W.Ger) 1 (Meier), Att 40,000; Dinamo Bucharest (Rum) 2 (Rednic, Augustin), Vardar Skopje (Yug) 1 (Ringov), Att 12,000; Wismut Aue (E.Ger) 1 (Schmidt), Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk (USSR) 3 (Litovchenko, Taran, Kusnetsov), Att 23,000; Spartak Moscow (USSR) 1 (Cherenkov), Turun Palloseura (Fin) 0; Pirin Blagoevgrad (Bul) 1 (Dinev), Hammarby (Swe) 3 (Erikson 2, Ronberg), Att 15,000.

EUROPEAN CUP First round, first leg

Zenit Leningrad (USSR) 2 (Dmitriev, Zelundkov), Valerengs (Nor) 0; Gornik Zabrze (Pol) 1 (Palasz), Bayern Munich (W.Ger) 2 (Wohlfarth, Hoeness), Att 60,000; Honved Budapest (Hun) 2 (Dajka, Detari), Shamrock Rovers 0, Att 4,000.

CUP WINNERS' CUP First round, first leg

Galatasaray (Turk) 1 (Onal), Widzew Lodz (Pol) 0, Att 30,000; Larisa (Greece) 1 (Mitsibonas), Sampdoria (Ity) 1 (Mancini), Att 17,000; Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 2 (Museumic, Djurovski), Aarau (Switz) 0, Att 50,000.



PETER WILLEY . . . A third spinner

DAVID LAWRENCE . . . Pace and stamina

GIVE 'SYD' A CHANCE

THE ENGLAND selectors must break with their conservatism today and throw the country's fastest bowler into the fray for the winter tour of the West Indies.

Young David 'Syd' Lawrence, who featured in several rumours during the Ashes series, is the ideal man to match the pace attack of the formidable Caribbean team.

Despite the emphatic 3-1 win in the series against Australia, England remain ill-equipped as a fast-bowling force to take on the strongest side in the world on its home ground.

The key to success in the triumphs at Edgbaston and The Oval was the nagging line and length of Richard Ellison and Les Taylor.

But England definitely need an added ingredient to tame the likes of top scorer this season, Viv Richards, and his team-mates Gordon Greenidge and Larry Gomes.

Choices

And the young Player of the Year should be the man.

Peter May and his men will probably look at two choices when they meet in London to pick a 16-strong touring party.

One is to pick pacemen who have been tried and rejected before, hoping that potential will be realised.

In that category they can consider Norman Cowans, Neil Foster, Jon Agnew, or even Graham Dilley, despite his inconsistent fitness and form over the past 12 months.

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

Or they can break new ground and blood Gloucestershire's fiery Frank Brunsell look-alike.

Lawrence's 85 wickets this summer, at just over 24 runs apiece, have been instrumental in his county's rise from 17th to third place in the championship.

He possesses three important qualities — he wants to bowl fast, is quite capable of doing so, and has a fitness and stamina record which is the envy of all other contenders.

Also in his favour is the appointment earlier this week of Bob Willis as assistant tour manager.

His expertise and training could just turn Lawrence from a county performer into a Test star.

Whether the fourth seamer is taken will depend on the selectors' decision on Peter Willey.

With two Tests played on the turning wicket at Trinidad, Willey qualifies for the role of third specialist spinner to join Phil Edmonds and John Emburey. If he is chosen for that alone, there will be no room for England to accommodate a fourth paceman.

However, that would enable the selectors to provide

adequate cover for the six batsmen who made history by playing in all the Ashes Tests.

Middlesex's Wilf Slack, after several years of waiting in the wings, deserves to go as reserve opener after scoring 1,900 runs at an average of more than 54 for the champions this summer.

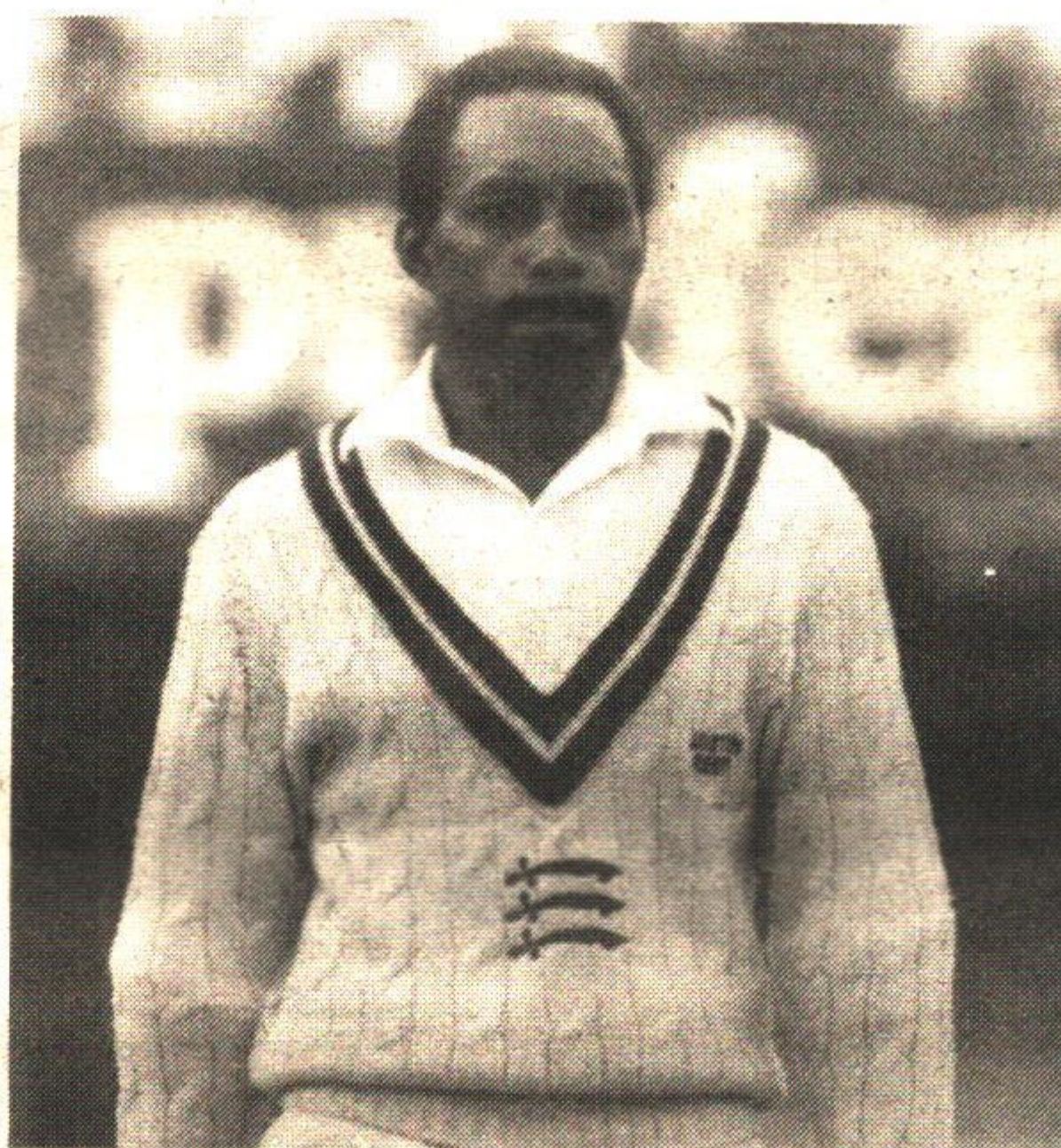
There are numerous candidates for the spare middle-order batting spot — Bill Athey, Derek Randall and Chris Smith have all had exceptional seasons with their counties.

Technique

But they are unlikely to figure. Throughout the summer the selectors have kept a watchful eye on Worcestershire's David Smith, whose back foot technique and ability to play fast bowling is widely admired by his fellow professionals.

The only other place left open is for a second wicket keeper. With doubts expressed about Paul Downton's consistency during the summer.

POSSIBLE ENGLAND 16: Gower (captain), Gooch, Robinson, Gatting, Lamb, Slack, Smith (D), Botham, Downton, French, Emburey, Edmonds, Willey, Taylor, Ellison, Lawrence.



WILF SLACK . . . Deserves to go as reserve opener

Drink and ID cards row grows

THE DRINK ban and identity card regulations at football grounds are beginning to annoy local bosses.

Manchester United's chairman Martin Edwards plans to lobby local MPs in an effort to get some of the 'silly' alcohol restrictions lifted, and Brighton chiefs are demanding Prime Minister Thatcher visits their ground to see there is no need for ID cards.

Brighton manager Chris Cattlin says: 'Our professional game will be finished in three years at this rate,' he said. The government is not attacking the real problem — they haven't got a clue.'

Scheme

Chairman Bryan Bedson adds: 'The scheme is an affront to our supporters. We want Mrs Thatcher to see for herself how much our fans enjoy matches.'

'We can't stand blanket legislation — we don't want to be dictated to.'

Manchester United was

granted an exemption from the alcohol ban at sports grounds last week.

But magistrates ruled that bars in sight of the pitch should not be allowed to open.

Edwards commented: 'Certain aspects of the law make good sense, but other are ludicrous. I feel absolute panic measures have been taken in some circumstances.'

'We are no different to the Lancashire cricket ground just down the road where you can drink and watch the game. Just because our executive suite and private boxes overlook the pitch, our members are denied a drink.'

Stadium

'These are parts of the stadium where there is least likelihood of trouble. In fact we have not had one complaint since they were opened.'

'My own office overlooks the pitch, which means, technically, I am not allowed to have a drink there. That is how farcical the situation has become.'

Major cyclo-cross event at Palace

LEADING European cyclo-cross riders will compete at Crystal Palace in the sport's most important event in the country — the GLC European Challenge — in November. It will be run on the same course as the GLC Cyclo-Cross Championships being held the same day.

It is the sixth race in the European Challenge League and the only international event on the domestic calendar. The League is a new series and consists of nine races and a final. Ten countries are taking part: England, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, West Germany, Denmark and Holland.

The professional world champion, West Germany's Klaus Peter Thaler, is contracted to appear as a guest rider. He

fellow countryman, Mike Kluge, the amateur world champion, and Steve Douce, the British national champion, will also appear.

Each country will enter a team of four riders, which is expected to include their national champion. England will also have four non-scoring regional teams competing. It is a 15-mile race with ten circuits of the course.

Peter Pitt, chair of the GLC Sports Sub-Committee, said: 'We are delighted to stage this important international event, but it is sad that the same day will see the last GLC Cyclo-Cross Championships. I hope as many Londoners as possible will turn out to watch both races and make the most of this opportunity to support an exciting spectacle.'