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Our own investigation, meet management under the chairmanship of a senior Leeds official of the DEP the following Monday. shortly-beyond any question: 1. The strike won consider-NOT CONSULTED Leading members of the strike committee have assured Workers Press that they were the Sheffield area and

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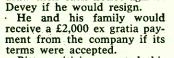
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Notices calling a mass meeting and warning the strikers to be ready for a return to work were sent out after ful-filment of these demands later the same day.

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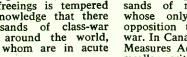
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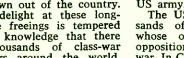
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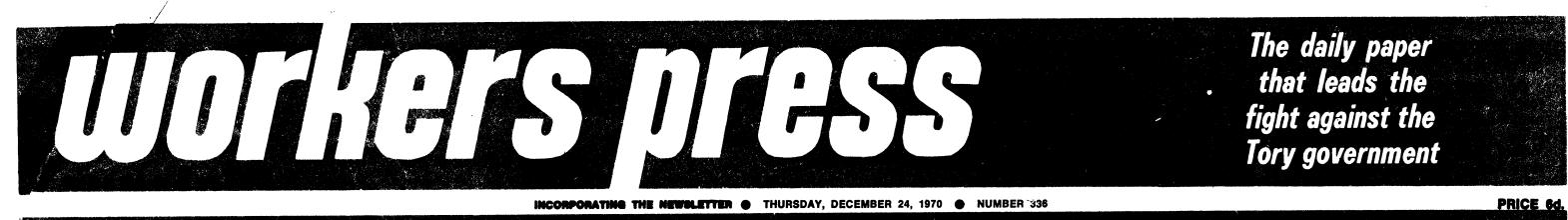
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Strike committee members say they took the burden of their remarks to mean that cards would be withdrawn from members of these two unions if they continued the strike, although this interpretation has been denied by the officials concerned.

# **NONSENSE**

Subsequent claims by Stalinist members of the AEF district committee that the calling-off of the action was forced by these unions are described as nonsense by strike-committee members be-

longing to them. Their total membership at the plant accounted for only 25 of the strikers, and there is no doubt that these men would have defied any pressure if the AEF core of the strike had held.

Faced with an unashamed retreat by the engineering union's local leadership, the strike committee, agreed to the formula presented by Caborn as a basis for a return-insisting only that the officials went back to management and obtained more money and a company reference for Devey. 'It was the hardest and bitterest decision of our lives," one strike leader told Workers Press.

Notices calling a mass meeting and warning the strikers to be ready for a return to work were sent out after ful-filment of these demands later

the same day. Visiting a meeting of the AEF district committee that evening, strike committee members were bitterly critical of Caborn's role in the dispute.

Bitter criticism greeted this PAGE FOUR COL. 4

in Bolivia, may soon be freed and flown out of the country. But delight at these longoverdue freeings is tempered by the knowledge that there are thousands of class-war prisoners around the world, many of whom are in acute danger Black Panther Angela Davis vas transported across the United States yesterday to face trial in California on

workers, peasants and intellec-tuals imprisoned for their part

And there is news from

Chile that Regis Debray, the

French intellectual imprisoned

peasant uprisings.

charges of murder, kidnapping and conspiracy. She faces a possible death sentence if convicted. American Trotskvist Iuan

# THE SPACE AGE is just over 28 years old this year.

On October 3, 1942, a V-2 missile rose from its launching pad at Peenemunde and plunged into the Baltic 120 miles away. That evening General Walter Dornberger, director of all German Army rocket development, commented: 'Today the spaceship was born'.

But it took another 19 years for the craft to lift a man into orbit.

Today, there are thousands of pieces of assorted man-made space debris which can testify that the shackles that have tied man to the earth for millions of years have now been broken.

In space travel books, written even 15 years ago, a huge gap is apparent between the predicted maiden voyages and the reality of the Apollo-11 flight. Perhaps the most striking dif-ference is in the conceptions of the whole conceptions

the whole operation.

In science fiction stories even the most serious — few people were involved in the construction of the spacecraft

construction of the spacecraft and its launching. There was no inkling at all of the thousands of workers and technicians, employed by huge aerospace corporations, whose labour would be necessary to prepare the launch and aid the crew during the flight.

# **Computers**

There could be no knowledge of the decisive importance of on-board electronic computers, computer-controlled guidance systems and the intricate elec-tronic paraphernalia of the modern spacecraft.

The fiction spaceman of the early or pre-space age handled his craft with the ease of an automobile.

However, at this point we must think again, for none of these new scientific wonders are peculiar to spacecraft. The modern submarine, merchant ship and aeroplane—each makes use of such electronic finery to some extent.

Of course, the space pro-grammes have absorbed billions of pounds and have solved particular technical and technological problems, the fruits of which found applications elsewhere.

Nevertheless, the development of high-speed, compact comput-ing systems was not essential in convincing early sci-fic writers and early rocket pioneers of the feasibility of leaving the earth's surface and going into space.

Their convictions rested very firmly on a basic law of nature which had already been demonstrated in its rocket form some 800 years before by the Chinese.

# Firework

Strange as it may appear, stripped of the electronic minu-tiae, the mighty Saturn V or Soyuz launcher is nothing but a refined firework rocket in principle.

Yet, an obvious objection is often raised when such a parallel is made. We can

scientific T a al 1 of 1 BIG 

**BY MARTIN ZARROP** 

passenger with a supply of water, a pump and a hose pipe!

in a car, ship or aircraft, matter is chemically changed (burned) to provide the energy for turning a

clear that the atmosphere, far from being necessary for the rocket's functioning, actually hinders it, by interfering with the expansion of the exhaust gasesl

For this reason, the rocket

He criticized Barnard's belief in 'changing the heart' ever, the thrust is very small of the Herrenvolk rulers of because the 'exhaust' consists of elementary particles of infini-S Africa. tesimal mass. Their advantage is

This is the traditional idea with which S African-British Liberals have always tried to divert the anti-apartheid strug-gle into a 'dialogue' with the ruling class.

Shouting loudly against Afrikaners is the old device

of making a noise about a British agent in order to hide

the face of the British

British Liberalism exasperates

is to imbue the liberation

movements with the idea of

Collaboration

in trade of the so-called anti-

apartheid movement in London

Collaboration is the stock

the Young Liberals.

Barnard's attitude towards

The aim of both Liberalisms

Barnard has played a part simplest space flight — orbiting the earth — a rocket has to attain a speed of 5 miles per in opening up such 'dialogues' with Quislings controlled by French imperialism in 'inde-We therefore have to con-struct rockets which achieve pendent' French W Africa, just as the British Liberals have which are many times tried to keep open the 'dialogue' in the Commonexhaust velocity of their wealth between the imperialist masters and their African and

At first sight it may appear impossible to do this. However, we must remember that, what-Asian 'representatives'. What Haine lost his temper ever the speed of the rocket, about with Barnard on TV was it is also the speed of the fuel reserves. Further burning will continue to accelerate the craft. that the doctor represents the Liberal wing of Afrikaner apartheid and Haine represents the Liberal wing of Anglo-philia.

master.

# High speed

VOSTOK

SATURN-5 (below):

Nearly all

fuel tank.

the long periods of time over which the thrust is maintained

and will, therefore, be important

for travel outside strong gravita-

In order to achieve

second, i.e. 18,000 mph.

tional pulls.)

speeds

fuels.

To return to our analogy, given enough bricks-no matter how scrawny the man's throw-ing arm—the sled can be propelled at a high final speed.

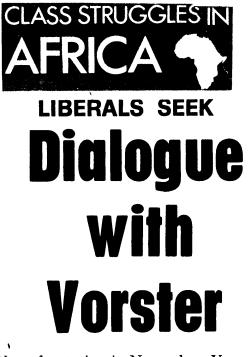
Having said that, there are

still huge problems. The proportion of fuel to pay-load must be large and poses big technical problems. The Saturn rocket weighs 3,000 tons fully fuelled, but only about 200 tons empty!

The unavoidable problem—and it is an expensive one—is that all the unburned fuel has to be collaboration between the oppressed and the oppressor---the sort of thing the Tories carried. When a moon-shot vehicle makes its last burn called the 'national interest' during the electrical workers' before entering the earth's atmoswork-to-rule. phere it is consuming fuel that has made the journey to the moon and back.

Some of the useless cargo can be dispensed with and this has given rise to the concept of the step rocket which has made moon shots possible.

The modern rocket consists a number of huge fuel tanks fitted together. Once the fuel in one is consumed, the tank is jettisonned and so on.



IN A TV confrontation in November, Young Liberal Peter Haine clashed with heart-transplant pioneer Dr Christian Barnard.

various stunts to make a noise in the hope of raising a 'dialogue' with the Vorster regime.

The ANC through its own leaders, has many times declared such a dialogue to be its objective, if not with Vorster, then with more 'liberal' elements.

Behind this notion stand the Liberals and behind them stand the financial moguls who own 90 per cent of the siginvestments and nificant wealth of S Africa — the British monopoly-finance capitalists.

The reformists and Liberals, always abetted --- often most vocally---by the Stalinists, who in S Africa have long been called 'Neo-Liberals', propa-gate and practise collaboration by encouraging African nationalism.

The latter has long proved itself, both before and after 'independence', as the most useful agency of imperialism in Africa.

# Deceptive

Its support by the reformists, Stalinists and Liberals is thus no accident, for here is the most open ideology of collaboration and also the most deceptive, because of its nationalism.

In all the French semicolonies, from Senghor and Boigny to Sekou Touré, and in all the British semi-colonies, from Kenyatta to Nkrumah, Nyerere and Kaunda, African nationalism has gone hand in hand with collaboration between the semi-colonial petty bourgeoisie and its imperialist bosses in London, Paris (and Washington) and has even collaborated with S African apartheid itself.

and the African National Congress, who collaborate with Nverere has a financial the Liberals, the Anglican Church, United Nations, the agreement with Harry Oppenheimer, Anglo-S African king Organization of African Unity, of gold, diamond and copper mining; Kaunda of Zambia has Labour Party bureaucrats and other agents of imperialism. a 51-49 per cent tie up with When collaboration comes the same Oppenheimer group; Kenyatta permits S African from the side of the ruling class it is Liberalism. When insurance and other companies it comes from the corrupted to operate in Kenya. The ex-S African Standard leaders of the workers and oppressed it is reformism. Bank and other banks in S The idea is the same—and Africa, with which Barclays it is a ruling-class idea. and Midlands are also con-The two sides meet on the



thousandth of the brick's velo-To emphasize the main point: However, whatever happens to the brick after it leaves the

that a rocket 'pushes' in order to rise, but what does it push against? While it remains within the atmosphere, the obvious answer is 'the air', but a spacecraft (we hope) soon finds itself in a vacuum. What then?

The objection is, in fact, based on a misconception.

The possibility of any form of propulsion depends on a very simple and almost self-evident principle recognized by Isaac Newton and embodies in his third law of motion-'To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction'.

When a man walks forward, the earth moves backward at each step by an infinitesimal amount. If he attempted to skate on a completely friction-less ice, he would be unable to move parallel to its surface.

react, through tyres, screws or propellors on the medium that supports them.

# Example

We can best grasp the way a rocket operates through the following example:

Here action and reaction are

the equal and opposite frictional

forces acting on the man (through his feet) and the earth.

ships and aircraft. They all

The same applies to cars,

Imagine a man standing on a light sled, and let us assume that he carries a pile of bricks. The sled rests on a sheet of friction-

less ice. The man takes one of the bricks and throws it horizontally to the rear of the sled. This action produces an equal reac-tion on the sled. But because the sled (plus man and load) weighs much more than the brick, it moves off at a correspondingly lower velocity.

man's hand, the sled will continue at the same speed.

acting on a smaller mass (by one brick).

has the greatest affect.

The last brick that is thrown

What is important is that this

method of propulsion is inde-pendent of any external medium.

**Continuous** 

clear, the main difference being

that matter is ejected from a

rocket continuously and not in

The analogy with a rocket is

city.

wheel, screw or propellor which interact with road, water and air respectively. If the passenger now repeats his performance with a second brick, his speed increases again

Italian youth fight

growth of fascism

The burnt residues appear as but this time it will be a larger useless exhaust wastes. increase because the reaction is

In a rocket, fuel is burnt in order to provide the most ener-getic exhaust material which provides the continuous push required

Mass is mass. No matter how thin the gas, if it's fast enough and in large enough quantities, it can lift a 3,000-ton Saturn vehicle into space! Essentially, a rocket motor

consists of an enclosed space— the combustion chamber — in which the fuel burns and a nozzle through which the hot, expanding gases can escape. That being the case, it becomes

thrust increases by about 10 per cent when outside the atmosphere.

**Fuels** 

Clearly, from our example of the bricks, the speed which our rocket can attain will depend on our fuel supply and the exhaust velocity.

Contrary to appearances, the firework rocket's black powder is a very poor fuel with an exhaust velocity (ev) of about 700 mph. A modern solid fuel can provide an ev of around 5,000 mph and the hydrogen-oxygen mixture of the Saturn vehicles 8,500 mph.

(The experimental nuclear rockets that are now being developed have exhaust velocities of over 20,000 mph. How-

# Store

In an Apollo flight, therefore, the largest proportion of the craft never leaves the atmosphere!

An obvious improvement on this procedure is to store fuel in orbit and this will be one of the reasons for building permanent space stations.

From all these considerations, it is clear that the space age has only just begun. The rockets of today are still unwieldly and lumbering monsters, unsuited to space exploration.

The breakthrough in rocket propulsion is not predictable, but it must provide a source of energy that outstrips our present chemical fuels many times over.

nected, operate freely in W and fundamental basis of this com-E Africa. nationalism mon idea and this is the basic African simply a useful cover to hide ideological explanation of the servitude of the S African this collaboration between the African nationalists and the 'Anti-Apartheid Committee' British-dominated S African and African National Congress to Liberalism and then to regime.

And one of the aims of The Liberals and reformists Liberalism is to hide this conmeet on this common ground nection with a maximum of blabbering and empty mockat the United Nations, Trafalmilitancy.

few years-like the Maoists of

the Communist Party of Italy (Marxist-Leninist) and the Manifesto group, recently formed by dissident CP mem-

bers-face big theoretical and

practical difficulties, Franco

Self-criticism

'After the failure of their

intervention among the work-

ers during the "hot autumn" this year,' he said, 'these

groups are undergoing a period

of self-criticism. Many of their

members are beginning to rea-

lize that they have not yet

built the revolutionary Com-

munist Party that is so des-

'The workers' struggle has now gone beyond the fight

over payments systems and

work rhythms. The main fight

now is against the rising cost

of living and for higher wages,

perately needed.

said.



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THE SOCIALIST

FASCIST groups, financed from Greece and organized on military lines, are trying to create a 'climate of fear' in the great cities of Italy's industrial north, a young Italian socialist warned in London earlier this week.

Franco B, a student from Florence, told Workers Press

Name

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# that the Greek colonels' regime plays an important part in financing special combat squads known as squadri, composed of men recruited in the poverty-stricken South and paid to break strikes and

attack left-wing meetings.

'Only a few days ago, when I was in Milan,' Franco said, 'a comrade was stabbed by the fascists in the Piazza San

Babila, which is a centre for these gangs.' Mussolini used the same

separate lumps.

para-military system of armed gangs to break the labour movement, first in the Po Valley and later in the rest of Italy, during the early 1920s.

# Policy

'This new tactic results from a change of policy on the part of the leaders of the fascist movement. Three years ago the MSI [Social Movement of Italy-the main fascist organization] had a parliamentary policy.

'Its policies appeared to be watered down, and didn't disturb the revolutionary left very much.

'Then the big strike movement began in the factories, and the fascists' main stronghold in the universities was threatened by the students.

'After that they began to infiltrate into left-wing movements, and create provocations. In Milan, they organized bombing outrages which were blamed on the anarchists. They were able to get into the anarchist organizations because these organizations had very little discipline.'

Provocations organized in this way gave the government an excuse for a clamp-down on left-wing groups and in the witch-hunt that followed more than 20,000 people were arrested.

This was an attempt to prevent any link-up between the militancy of the working-class -expressed in continual strike struggles, revolts like the rising in Reggio Calabria and in huge demonstrations-and the left-wing organizations.

# Comparison

The centre-left government in Italy, Franco said, puts forward the idea of 'opposite extremisms' in order to justify their clamp-down. According to this conception, extreme left-wing movements are just as 'dangerous' as the fascists.

Of course, in practice, the fascist squadri are able to operate under police protection, and are not subjected to any repression, Franco said. 'In fact, the fascists always

work in conjunction with the police,' he added. 'And they are able to get away with it because the Communist Party makes no attempt to organize workers to drive the fascists off the streets.

# Regardless

'At the moment, the workers often take the law into their own hands, regardless of what the Party says. In Trento, for example, they captured two fascists during a strike and paraded them round the town with placards proclaiming them to be scabs and fascists.

'But often, even when the fascists make some outrageous provocation, the Communist Party will simply raise it in parliament, or at most organize a demonstration.'

Like the French and British Stalinists, Franco says, the Italian Communist Party Communist Party Italian attacks left-wing groups in its



imperialism.

gar Square, and in all their

# baton charge an anti-fascist demonstration outside an election meeting.

'Many workers stay with the Communist Party because they can see no alternative.

> 'I think if we can't find a way out of this situation the Italian workers will have a smash like they had in 1920, at the time of Gramsci. The Communist Party also understands this — they get the police in against the revolutionary left.'

The various movements which have emerged from the Communist Party over the last

and for the right to organize politically inside the factories. But Franco does not consider that the fascists will be able to impose another Mussolini in Italy.

> 'Everywhere the fascists come out, the workers fight them,' he says. 'They won't be able to impose a new Mussolini without a terrific fight, but I'm afraid without a new leadership they could deal the **forkers**' organiza-tions big b-ws in the coming period.'

universities.

Absence

But the chief problem in Italy, he adds, is the absence of revolutionary leadership:

'The working class is on the move in Italy, but there is nobody who has the force to lead in a revolutionary way.

press, and there have been several instances of physical fights between left-wing militants and Party activists, both in the factories and in the

Police in

Thursday, December 2<sup>/, 1970</sup>

## PAGE THREE

# XMAS TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

# Christmas Eve

# BE<sup>C 1</sup>

10.0<sup>-/</sup> a.m. Shetland pony. 10.30 4472—Flying Scotsman. 11.10 Tom Jerry. 11.15 On top of the world. 12 noon Movin' along with Andy Williams. 12.50 p.m. A spoonful of sugar. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45 News and weather. 1.50 Hansel and Gretel. Puppet version of the play. 3.00 Play school. 3.15 Jackanory. 3.30 'Misty'. With David Ladd and Arthur O'Connell. 4.55 Blue Peter. 5.20 Scooby-Doo, where are you? 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather. 6.00 LONDON. Nationwide.

- 6.15 TOMORROW'S WORLD.
- 6.45 JOY TO THE WORLD. Anthology of Christmas music.
- 7.30 THE CLIFF RICHARD SHOW.
- 8.20 THE GANG SHOW GALA. With Peter Sellers, Dick Emery,
- Graham Stark, Cardew Robinson, Reg Dixon and David Lodge. 9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS.
- 9.20 PLAY OF THE MONTH. 'Five Finger Exercise'. With Margaret Lockwood and Paul Rogers. The effect of a German tutor on an English family.
- 10.50 JUST PET. Petula Clark.
- 11.40 A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS. 'The Gift of the Magi'. By O. Henry. Story of a poor New York couple with no money to buy each other Christmas presents.
- 11.50 FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS. From Worcester Cathedral.

6.45 Heddiw. 7.10-7.30 Valley of

weather. N Ireland: 6.00-6.15 Scene around six,

weather. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.15 Points West. South today. Spotlight SW,

# **REGIONAL BBC**

# All regions as above except:

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.15 Midlands today. Look East, weather. animals. Scotland: 6.00-6.15 Reporting Scotland, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.15 Look North, weather. Wales: 6.00-6.15 Wales today, weather.

BBC 2

11.15-11.35 a.m. Play school. 4.55 p.m. Christmas on 2. 5.00 Edwin Hawkins Singers. Concert for the Lanchester Arts Festival from Coventry Cathedral, 5.50 'Heaven Knows Mr Allison', With Deobrah Kerr and Robert Mitchum. A US marine is washed ashore on a Pacific island inhabited by a young nun.

weather.

- 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.
- 8.00 OISIN. Hero of ancient Irish mythology.
- 8.20 'CHOIR PRACTICE'. A musical play by Elwyn Jones and John Lloyd. Story of the feuds in a Welsh village when a new choirmaster arrives.
- 9.20 MANTOVANI AND HIS CONCERT ORCHESTRA. 10.05 AN EVENING WITH SIR JOHN BETJEMAN. His choice of
- poetry and prose.
- NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.55
- 11.00 DOUBLE BILL. 'Under Capricorn'. With Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. The way of life of a rich aristocratic Australian woman in 1831 is threatened by the arrival of an English gentleman.

# ITV

9.45 a.m. Origami. 9.55 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer'. Burl Ives and a cast of puppets tell the story. 10.45 It's a dog's world. 11.35 'Virginia City'. With Randolph Scott, Errol Flynn, Humphrey Bogart and Miriam Hopkins. Southern sympathizers in Virginia City raise \$5m. in gold to be sent to Confederate forces. 1.45 p.m. Time slip. 'The Year of the Burn-Up', 2.15 Junior showtime Christmas Party. 3.00 Crossroads. 3.25 'The Sundowners'. With Deborah Kerr. Robert Mitchum and Peter Ustinov. Story of the conflict between an Australian sheep drover and his wife. 5.50 News.

- 6.00 THIS IS . . . TOM JONES. With guests Ella Fitzgerald. Rudolf Nureyev, Merle Park, Treorchy Male Voice Choir. The Ace Trucking Company and Sue and Sonny.
- 7.00 NEAREST AND DEAREST. 'Compliments of the Season'. 7.30 'INVITATION TO A GUNFIGHTER'. With Yul Brynner, George Segal and Janice Rule. A New Mexican town hires a gun-
- fighter to get rid of its only Reb survivor. CARRY ON AGAIN CHRISTMAS. 'Carry On Long John'. The 9.10 Carry On team in Robert Louis Stevenson's 'Treasure Island'.
- 10.10 NEWS.

# **Boxing Dav**

10.30 CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE GOLDEN GARTER. Peter Noone is host and guests include Arthur Askey, Lonnie Donegan, Frank Ifield.

11.25 TAKE ONE SWANN. With Donald Swann, Nadia Cattouse and Andreas Toumazis. 11.55 Concelebrated Christmas Mass.

# **REGIONAL ITV**

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S

'Under Capricorn' starring

Ingrid Bergman. BBC 2, 11

p.m.

ward diary.

ULSTER: 11.15 A Christmas carol. 12 noon Arthur cartoon. 12.10 Tale of two puppies. 12.55 Arthur cartoon. 1.10 Film: **The Master of Ballantrae**'. With Errol Flynn, Roger Livesey and Anthony Steel. One brother joins the Scottish rebellion and the other remains as master of the estate. 2.40 Romper room. 3.00 Junior showtime. 3.45 News. 3.50 Film: **The Lavender Hill** Mob'. With Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway. A. bank employee schëmes to steal £1.000,000 in gold. 5.10 Cross-roads. 5.35 UTV Reports. 5.50 London. 7.30 Film: **'Crash Dive'**. With Tyrone Power, 9.10 London. 11.25 This happy morn. 11.50 London. CHANNEL: 12.25 Mona McCluskey. 12.50 Crossroads. 1.10 Cartoon time. 1.30 'Clarence the Cross Eyed Lion'. 3.00 London. 3.45 'The Three Musket-eers'. With Gene Kelly and Lana Turner. 5.50 London. 6.00 News and weather. 6.10 Farming news. 6.15 Sports roundup. 6.30 This is your life. 7.00 London. 12.45 weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 9.40 Origami. 9.50 Gus Honeybun show. 10.15 Skippy. 10.45 Lost in space. 11.30 Tom Jones. 3.00 Junior showtime Christmas party. 6.00 West-unard diaru. Power. 9.10 London morn, 11.50 London

**SOUTHERN:** 10.05 **'Tarzan and the Mermaids'.** With Johnny Weissmuller, Linda Christian and George Zucco. 11.15 'A Christmas Carol'. 12.05 Forest rangers. 12.30 Lone Ranger. 12.45 Ugly Duckling, 1.05 Houseparty. 1.20 Cross-roads. 1.45 Timeslip. 2.15 Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. 3.15 Junior showtime Christmas party. 4.00 Man from Uncle. 4.55 A tale of two pup-pies. 5.50 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 6.35 Out of town. 7.00 London. 11.25 Carols in Kirkgate. 11.55 London. YORKSHIRE: 10.00 Origami. 10.15 Survival. 10.45 'Tarzan's Desert Mystery'. With Johnny Weissmuller. 12 noon 'A Christmas Carol'. 1.00 Rainbow country. 1.30 'Clarence the Cross-Eyed Lion'. 3.00 Junior show-time Christmas party. 3.45 'The Three Musketeers'. With Gene Kelly, June Allyson, Lana Turner and Vincent Price. Intrigue and romance. 5.50 Lon-don. 11.25 Carols in Kirkgate. 11.50 London.

Condon. GRANADA: 10.00 Enchanted house. 10.05 Thunderbirds. 11.05 Rocket Robin. 11.25 Cartoon time. 11.35 "Scrooge". With Alastair Sim, Jack Warner and Kathleen Harrison. Story of how miserly Ebenezer Scrooge came to be a kindly man. 1.10 Joe 90. 1.45 "The Farmer Takes a Wife". With Betty Grable, Dale Robertson and Thelma Ritter. A drunkard and a fighter finds it difficult to find a driver for his barge. 3.15 Junior showtime Christmas party. 4.00 Peyton Place. 4.30 'Clarence the Cross-Eyed Lion'. With Marshall Thompson, Betsy Drake and Richard Haydn. 5.50 London. 11.25 Carols in Kirkgate.

TYNE TEES: 9.40 Sara and Hoppity. 9.55 London. 10.45 Lone Ranger. 11.05 Batman. 11.30 University Challenge. 12 noon 'A Christmas Carol'. 12.55 'A Tale of Two Cities'. With Ronald Colman, Basil Rathbone and Elizabeth Colman, Basil Rathbone and Elizabeth Allan. Story of aristocrats during the French Revolution. 3.00 Junior show-time Christmas party. 3.45 **'The Three Musketeers'**. With Gene Kelly, June Allyson and Lana Turner. The famous trio fight for justice. 5.50 London. 11.25 Carols in Kirkgate. 11.55 London.

HARLECH: 10.00 'A Christmas Carol'. 10.50 Forest rangers. 11.15 A tale of two puppies. 12.10 p.m. 'Helen of Troy'. With Rossana Podesta and Jacques Sernas. A man's love for a woman is the undoing of his country. 2.15 London. 3.00 Bugs Bunny. 3.25 'Hatari'. With John Wayne, Elsa Mar-tinelli, Hardy Kruger and Red Buttons. Comedy-adventure about men who round up African animals for zoos. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 12.45 Weather. HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 6.18-6.35 Sport West. HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. 11.25-11.55 Cadw reiat. BORDER: 10.10 Arthur. 10.30 Film: 'Peticoat Pirates'. With Charlie Drake, Anne Heywood, Cecil Parker and John Turner. Comedy. 12 noon 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. 1.00 Cross-roads. 1.25 Tom Jones. 2.20 Cartoon. 2.30 Mad movies. 3.00 Junior show-time Christmas party. 3.45 Film: 'The Three Musketeers'. With Gene Kelly, June Allyson, Lana Turner and Van Heflin. D'Artagnan sets off for Paris in search of fame and fortune in 1625. 5.50 London. 6.00 News and look-around. 6.15 Mr and Mrs. 7.00 London. 11.30 Carols in Kirkgate. 11.55 London.

SCOTTISH: 10.00 Origami. 10.15 Forest rangers. 10.40 Mad movies. 11.10 Vovage to the bottom of the sea. 12.10 Tale of two puppies. 1.10 Film: 'Scaramouche'. With Stewart Granger. Eleanor Parker, Janet Leigh and Mel Ferrer. 3.05 Dear Mother, Love Albert. 3.35 Datleine. 3.45 Horoscope. 3.48 Women today. 4.10 Charlies Brown. 4.35 Crossroads. 5.00 Cartoon. 5.05 Junior showtime Christmas party. 5.50 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 High Living. 7.00 London. 11.25 Watchnight service.

ANGLIA: 10.20 Arthur. 10.45 'Sword of Sherwood Forest'. With Richard Greene and Peter Cushing. Robin Hood. 12.05 Pinky and Perky. 12.15 Tale of two puppies. 1.05 Lost in space. 2.00 'Heidi'. With Maximilian Schell, Jean Simmons and Michael Redgrave. An orphan is sent to live. with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps. 3.55 Rupert Bear. 4.10 Crossroads. 4.35 Joe 90. 5.05 Junior showtime Christmas party. 5.50 London. 11.25 Carols in Kirkgate. 11.50 London. GRAMPIAN: 9.55 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer'. 10.45 Tale of two puppies. 11.30 Flintstones. 11.55 Car-toon cavalcade. 12.20 Fantastic four. 12.45 Rumblie jumblie. 1.10 Win a word with Lesley Blair. 1.40 Film: 'Forbidden Planet'. With Walter Pid-geon, Anne Francis and Leslie Nielsen. Science fiction. 3.20 Crossroads. 3.40 News. 3.45 Women today. 4.10 Love, American style. 5.05 Junior showtime Christmas party. 5.50 London. 11.25 Watchnight service. ATV MIDLANDS: 9.50 'Storm Over Lisbon'. With Richard Arlen and Erich von Stroheim. Wartime espion-age. 11.10 Enchanted house. 11.20 Fury, 11.55 'Hatari'. With John Wayne and Elsa Martinelli. A group of hun-ters trap animals for zoos. 2.30 If I were you. 2.55 Fireball XL5. 3.20 Crossroads. 3.45 Horoscope. 3.48 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.35 Tale of two puppies. 5.05 Junior show-time Christmas party. 5.50 London. 11.25 Survival. 11.50 London.

9.45 'THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES. With Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee, Andre Morell and Marla Landi. Sherlock Holmes

12.05 Weather.

# **Christmas Day**

# **BBC 1**

9.00 a.m. Christmas carols. 9.30 Basil's Christmas morning. 10.00 Christmas crackers. Cartoons. 10.25 News and weather. 10.30 A family service. 11.40 A Christmas appeal by Alvar Lidell. 11.45 Rolf Harris invites you to Meet the Kids. 12.35 p.m. 'The Story of the Silver Skates'. With Eleanor Parker, Richard Basehart, John Gregson and Cyril Ritchard. Musical story of Hans Brinker who wants to win the local ice skating race. 2.15 Top of the pops 70. Hits of 1970. 3.00 The Queen. 3.25 Billy Smart's circus spectacular. 4.30 Disney time. Introduced by Harry Worth. 5.10 'Robinson Crusoe'. With Ken Dodd.

# 6 40 NEWS and weather.

- 6.45 CHRISTMAS NIGHT WITH THE STARS. Introduced by Cilla Black. Including Jerry Lewis, Bob Hope, Dick Emery, Stanley Baxter, Mary Hopkin, Nana Mouskouri, Jack Warner, Clodagh Rodgers.
- 8.15 THE MORECAMBE AND WISE CHRISTMAS SHOW. With guests Eric Porter, Edward Woodward, Peter Cushing and Nana
- 9.15 'CHARADE'. With Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn. A young widow gets involved in the dangerous dealings surrounding missing gold, her murdered husband and CIA agents.
- 11.00 THE GOOD OLD DAYS. With Danny La Rue.
- Ernie Wise explain what Christmas means to them.

# BBC 2

Edward G. Robinson. 3.25 The Royal Ballet. 'Cinderella'. 5.10 'The Great Inimitable Mr Dickens'. Biography of Charles Dickens based on scenes from his novels. With Arthur Lowe, Dame Sybil Thorndike, Dame Gladys Cooper, Joan Greenwood, Stanley Holloway, and others.

- after-dinner Christmas entertainment.

- 7.45 'WHOM GOD HATH JOINED'. With Brian Blessed, John Breslin, Gwen Cherrell, Patrick Holt and Suzanne Neve. Two tales of marital infidelity based on the novels of Arnold Bennett.
- 9.15 BIRD'S EYE VIEW. 'From Bishop Rock to Muckle Flugga'. Aerial journey to some of Britain's 400 islands.
- 10.05 THIRTY MINUTE THEATRE. Waugh on crime. 'Inspector Observes the Truth of an Old Music Hall Song'.
- 10.35 NEWS ON 2 and weather.
- 10.40 THE PENTANGLE. Songs from a country church.
- 11.00 'KISS ME KATE'. With Kathryn Grayson and Howard Keel.

# ITV

8.15 a.m. Sing a song of Christmas. 9.00 Anita in jumbleland. 9.15 Parish communion. 10.15 Christmas cinema. 11.00 A merry morning. Leslie Crowther at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield. 11.30 Laurel and Hardy. 11.35 'Tarzan's Peril'. With Lex Barker, Virginia Huston, George Macready and Dorothy Dandridge. 1.00 p.m. Kelvin Hall circus. 2.00 A gift for Gracie. Gracie Fields with The Bachelors, Bruce Forsyth, Harry Secombe and Mike and Bernie Winters. 3.00 The Queen. 3.20 'The Incredible Mr Limpet'. With Don Knotts, Carole Cook and Jack Weston. A cartoon musical about a naval clerk who wants to be a fish. 4.45 'Cinderella'. With Dickie Henderson, Vince Hill, Jack Douglas, Lionel Blair and Susan George. 5.50 News

- 6.00 ALL STAR COMEDY CARNIVAL. Comedy shows specially written for Christmas Day including Girls About Town, The
- Workers, Coronation Street, The Lovers, Hark at Barker,
- Cribbins 8.30 ON THE BUSES.
- 9.00 THE VAL DOONICAN SHOW. With Sandie Shaw, Ronnie

Corbett, Michael Flanders and Donald Swann and Stephane Grapelli 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.20 'HUSH . . . HUSH SWEET CHARLOTTE'. With Bette Davis, Joseph Cotten and Olivia de Havilland. Macabre thriller. 12.40 a.m. CHURCH AND FASHION. 'Wren's London'.

# **REGIONAL ITV**

Gable and Marilyn Monroe. A young girl goes to Reno to get a divorce. CHANNEL: 9.15 London. 11.30 Puf-fin's birthday greetings. 11.45 Pippa. 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 London. 3.20 Film. "Behemoth the Sea Monster". With Gene Evans and Andre Morell. 4.45 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Film: Whisky Galore'. 12.35 Weather. ULSTER: 9.15 London. 11.30 Lost in space. 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 London. 3.20 Film: "The Swordsman". With Larry Parks, Ellen Drew and George Macready. Love story. 4.30 Peace on earth. 4.45 London. 10.15 Film: "Topkapi". With Melina Mercouri, Holing Scholl Pater Ultimor and

**CILLA BLACK** 

Christmas Night with the Stars',

**BBC** 1, 6.45.

IERRY LEWIS on

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WESTWARD. As Channel except: 8.15 London. 11.30 Gus Honeybun show. 10.15 Miss Westward 71. 10.45 Film: 'Portrait of a 'Mobster'. With Vic Morrow and Leslie Parrish. 12.25 Faith for Life. 12.30 Weather. Math. 4.45 London. 10.15 Film:
Topkapi'. With Melina Mercouri, Maximilian Schell, Peter Ustinov and Robert Morley. Elizabeth Lipp is determined to steal a priceless emerald encrusted dagger.

. . . Hush Sweet Charlotte'. ITV.

10.20.

ANGLIA: 8.15 London. 11.30 Captair

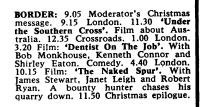
ANGLIA: 8.15 London. 11.30 Captain Scarlet. 12 noon Cartoons. 12.15 Romper room. 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 London. 4.20 Cartoons. 4.40 London. 10.15 'The VIPs'. With Elizabeth Tay-lor, Richard Burton, Orson Welles, Louis Jourdan, Rod Taylor, Maggie Smith and Margaret Rutherford. A group of people are brought together when their airplane is fogbound. 12.20 Reflection.

SOUTHERN: 8.15 London. 9.00 Pinky and Perky. 9.15 London. 11.30 Wild and wolfy. 11.40 Bill and Coo. 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 London. 3.25 Film: 'The Warriors'. With Errol Flynn, Joanne Dru and Peter Finch. 14th century adventure set in the pro-vince of Aquitaine. 4.45 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Whisky galore. 12.40 Carols by candlelight. GRANADA: 8.15 London. 11.30 Car-toon time. 11.35 "Tarzan and the She-Devil". 1.00 London. 3.25 Man from Uncle. 4.15 Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 10.15 "Guns At Batasi". With Richard Attenborough, Jack Hawkins and Mia Earrow An army unit in Africa. Farrow. An army unit in Africa. Tom Jones. 11.15 Whis Carols by candlelight.

YORKSHIRE: 8.15 London. 11.30 'Sands of the Desert'. With Charlie Drake. Comedy. 1.00 London. 3.20 'Tommy the Toreador'. With Tommy HARLECH: 8.15 London. 11.30 Tom Jones, 12.25 Arthur. 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 London, 3.20 'The Charge of the Lancers'. With Paulette Goddard and Jean-Pierre Aumont. During the Cri-mean War, Jamor Lindsey is captured by the Russians, 4.40 London. 10.15 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'. With Audrey Hepburn, George Peppad, Patricia Neal and Mickey Rooney. Story of a young writer who gets involved with a New York playgirl. 12.20 Weather. HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 10.15 Dibyn dobyn. 10.25-11.00 Ganyd i chwi hed-diw. "Tommy the Toreador". With Tommy Steele, Janet Munro, Sidney James, Eric Skyes and Bernard Cribbins. Comedy set in Spain. 4.45 London. 10.15 **'A High Wind in Jamaica'**. With Anthony Quinn, James Coburn. Five English children are accidentally captured by pirates. 12.20 Weather.

call.

**TYNE TEES:** 8.15 Lindon. 11.30 Thunderbirds. 12.20 Flipper. 12.45 Felix the cat. 1.00 London. 3.25 **'Pippa'**. 4.15 Nanny and the professor. 4.45 London. 10.15 **'Lord Jim'**. With Peter O'Toole. Joseph Conrad's novel about a man trying to redeem his honour. 12.55 Message for Christmas.



SCOTTISH: 9.05 Moderator's Christ-mas message. 9.15 London. 11.25 Car-toon cavalcade. 12 noon Joe 90. 12.30 Horoscope. 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 London. 3.20 Film: "Captain Pirate". With Louis Hayward, Patricia Medina, John Sutton. 4.40 London. 10.15 Film: "The Victors". With George Hamilton, George Peppard and Jeanne Moreau. Second World War story. 12.45 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 9.00 London. 11.25 Moderator's Christmas message. 11.35 Gunsmoke, 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 Lon-don, 3.20 Film: 'Carry On Teacher', With Ted Ray. 4.40 London. 10.15 McCue's music. 10.45 Film: 'Masterson of Kansas'. With George Montgomery, Nancy Gates and James Griffith. Bat Masterson is sheriff of Dodge City. Road and ski report.

# **REGIONAL ITV**

ATV MIDLANDS: 8.15 London. 11.30 Fastest man on earth. 12.25 Horo-scope. 12.35 Crossroads. 1.00 London. 3.20 The Warriors'. With Errol Flynn, Joanne Dru and Peter Finch. Medieval skulduggery in Aquitaine. 4.40 Lon-don. 10.15 'The Misfits'. With Clark

BETTE DAVIS stars in Hush

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The Cole Porter classic.

11.50 BUT SERIOUSLY . . . Joyce Grenfell, Cyril Fletcher and

# **REGIONAL BBC**

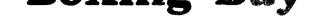
All regions as above except: Wales: 9.00-9.30 Nine lessons and 12.30 Drosodd at Alun Williams.

10.30-11.00 a.m. Play school. 1.30 p.m. 'Sammy Going South'. With

6.40 IT'S A TERRIBLE WASTE OF AN EGG. An Edwardian

# 7.10 JULIAN BREAM plays Bach, Diabelli, and Villa-Lobos. 7.20 THE QUEEN.

7.44 NEWS SUMMARY.



# BBC 1

9.45 a.m. Ken Dodd and The Diddymen. 9.55 News and weather. 10.00 Banana splits. 10.40, 'The Son of Robin Hood'. With Al Hedison, June Laverick, David Farjar and Marius Goring. It is 20 years after Robin Hood's death and his merry band look to his son to lead them. But his son is a daughter. 12 noon Boxing Day Grandstand. 12.05 p.m. Football preview. 12.15 Rugby League: Leeds v Castleford. 12.55, 1.20, 1.50 Racing from Kempton Park. 1.40, 2.10 Motor racing from Lydden. 2.25 Ks a knock-out! 3.15 Cartoon capers. 3.30 Top of the pops 70. Hits of 1970. 4.15 The Virginian. 'With Help from Ulysses'. 5.30 News, sports results and weather. 5.45 The Black and White Minstrel show.

- 6.30 DIXON OF DOCK GREEN. 'The Lags' Brigade'.
- 7.15 THE ROLF HARRIS SHOW. With guests Franco Corelli, Dana Valery and Bibi Johns.
- 8.05 'NORTH WEST FRONTIER'. With Kenneth More, Lauren Bacall, Herbert Lom. Adventure set in India's frontier territory in 1905.
- 10.20 SINATRA SINGS. Frank Sinatra at the Night of Nights benefit.

11.10 MATCH OF THE DAY.

12.00 midnight Weather.

# **REGIONAL BBC**

Lucy. 5.05-5.30 Disc a dawn. 12.02 Weather. All regions as above except: Midlands, E Anglia, North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland, SW, South, West: 12.02 Weather. Wales: 10.00-10.25 Cadi ha. 10.25-10.45 Ulu gombak. 4.15 Telewele. 4.40 Lucy. 5.05-5.30 Disc a dawn. 12.02 Weather. Scotland: 11.10 Sportsreel. 11.40 Monty Python's flying circus. 12.10 News, weather. N Ireland: 12.02 News, weather.

# **BBC 2**

1.30 p.m. 'Cucumber Castle'. Medieval musical starring The Bee Gees. 2.25 Siberia to Severnside. Wild swans and polar bears. 3.15 'The Constant Husband'. With Rex Harrison, Margaret Leighton, Kay Kendall and Cecil Parker. A man suffering from amnesia suddenly realizes he has several wives. 4.40 It's nice to remember. Nana Mouskouri and The Athenians. 5.30 'The Rubbish Olympics'. Or How to keep Pretoria clean. Film about the Africans who collect rubbish in Pretoria, S Africa. 5.55 Take it or leave it.

- 6.25 NEWS ON 2 and weather.
- 6.30 'WILTON'S'. An evening at Wilton's Music Hall, London 1860. 7.15 'TO BUILD A FIRE'. The 1898 Gold Rush in the Klondike. Jack London story.
- 8.05 . 'TALES OF HOFFMANN'. Opera by Jacques Offenbach.

# 10.20 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM.

11.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.10 'BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK'. With Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan, Ernest Borgnine and Lee Marvin.

# ITV

9.05 a.m. RAC road report. 9.10 The wind in the willows. 9.20 'A Christmas Carol'. Charles Dickens' story narrated by Paul Honeyman. 10.10 Stewpot. 10.55 'Tarzan and the Amazons'. With Johnny Weissmuller and Brenda Joyce. 12.15 p.m. Shari's show. Shari Lewis and her friends. 12.45 News. 12.50 World of sport. 12.55 On the ball. 1.20 They're off! 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Racing from Wolverhampton. 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Racing from Wetherby. 3.10 International sports special. 'The Year of Pele'. 3.55 Results, scores, news. 4.00 Wrestling from Lime Grove Baths. 4.55 Results service. 5.10 News. 5.15 The Beverly hillbillies. 'The Christmas Present'. 5.45 Pippa'.

- 6.45 HOLIDAY STARTIME. Maggie Fitzgibbon is hostess and guests include Peter Cook, Les Dawson, Thora Hird, Max Jaffa, Arthur Lowe, Vincent Price, The Bee Gees.
- 8.00 PETULA, Petula Clark with guests Peggy Lee, The Everly Brothers' David Frost and Dean Martin.
- 9.00 IT'S TAR UCK. Guests Frankie Vaughan and Lulu. 9.30 NEWS. 🔍 🗤

12.00 midnight CHURCH AND FASHION. 'St Paul's Cathedral'.

11.15 AQUARIUS, 'A Programme for the Festive Season'.

# **REGIONAL ITV**

CHANNEL: 11.05 A tale of two pup-pies. 11.35 Hey Cinderella. 12.15 Shari Lewis. 12.45 London. 5.15 Carry on Christmas. 6.45 Holiday star time. 8.00 Petula Clark. 9.00 Tarbuck. 9.30 News. 9.40 Theatre. 10.40 Film. 12.55 Weather. 5.15 'Rhino!' 6.45 London. 9.40 'Hush . . . Hush Sweet Charlotte'. Sinister thriller. 11.55 Reading at Christmas. 12.05 Weather

HARLECH: 9.45 Hatty town. 10.00 Stewpot. 10.40 'Moment of Danger'. With Trevor Howard and Dorothy Dandridge. Two men join forces to pull off a diamond robbery. 12.15 London. 5.15 'Thunderhead—Son of Flicka'. With Preston Foster and Roddy McDowall. Ken wants to train Thunderhead to be a race horse. 6.45 London. 9.40 'Hush . . . Hush Sweet Charlotte'. With Bette Davis, Joseph Cotten and Olivia de Havilland. Sin-ister thriller. 11.55 Weather.

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ANGLIA: 9.50 Stewpot. 10.30 'Ivan-hoe'. With Robert Taylor and Eliza-beth Taylor. Story of Ivanhoe's at-tempt to restore the throne to Richard the Lion Hearted. 12.15 London. 5.15 'Zebra in the Kitchen'. With Jay North, Martin Milner, Andy Devine and Jim Davis. A young boy decides to free all the animals in the zoo. 6.45 London. 9.40 'Hush, hush Sweet Charlotte'. With Bette Davis, Joseph Cotten and Olivia de Havilland. Char-lotte Hollis defies the Highway Com-mission when they plan to build a road through her property. 12.05 Epilogue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.50 Horoscope. 9.55 'Bird Man of Alcatraz', With Burt Lancaster. The story of Robert Stroud, given life imprisonment for murder. 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 London. 4.55 Re-sults roundup. 5.10 London. 5.15 'Carry On Cruising'. With Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Kenneth Connor and Liz Fraser. 6.45 London. 9.40 Theatre. 10.40 Pilm: 'The Greatest Show on Earth'. With Charl-ton Heston, James Stewart, Betty Hutton, Cornel Wilde and Dorothy Lamour.

ULSTER: 11.05 Wind in the willows. 11.20 Laredo. 12.15 London. 5.15 Beverly hillbillies. 5.45 Sportscast. 6.15 Syd Lawrence show. 6.45 London. 9.40 Theatre. 10.40 Film: 'Jubal'. With Glenn Ford, Ernest Borgnine and Rod Steiger. Western.

YORKSHIRE: 9.00 Diane's magic theatre. 9.15 Land of the giants. 10.10 It couldn't be done. 10.55 Tale of two puppies. 11.45 Shari's show. 12.15 Whicker's Christmas. 12.45 London.

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Epilogue.

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**GRANADA:** 9.00 Thunderbirds. 9.45 Cartoon. 10.00 Story of mankind. 11.45 Garrison's gorillas. 12.45 Lon-don, 5.15 **'Thunderhead** — Son of Flicka'. With Preston Foster and Roddy McDowall. 6.45 London. 9.40 **'Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte'.** With Bette Davis and Joseph Cotten. Macabre thriller. WESTWARD: 9.25 Sunshine at Megeve. 9.55 Shane. 10.40 'A Christ-mas Carol', part one. 11.05 Tale of two puppies, part one. 11.35 Hey Cin-derella! 12.15 London. 5.15 'Carry-On Cruising'. With Sidney James and Kenneth Williams. 6.45 London. 9.40 Theatre. 10.40 Film: 'Ziegfield Girl'. With James Stewart and Judy Gar-land. 12.55 Faith for life. 1.00 Weather.

**TYNE TEES:** 9.00 Diane's magic theatre. 9.15 Felix the cat. 9.30 **'Tommy the toreador'**. 10.55 Tale of two puppies. 11.45 Shari's show. 12.15 Whicker's Christmas. 12.45 London. 5.15 **'Rhino'**. With Robert Culp. A conservationist fights to save the White Rhino from extinction. 6.45 London. 9.40 **'Taras Buba'**. With Yul Brynner and Tony Curtis. Story of a 16th century Cossack chieftan. 11.45 SOUTHERN: 9.55 Ivor the engine. 10.15 Mr Piper. 10.33 Weather. 10.35 Robin Hood. 11.00 Film: "Tarzan and the Huntress". With Johnny Weiss-muller. 12.15 London. 5.15 Film: "Carry on Cruising". With Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Kenneth Connor and Liz Fraser. 6.45 London. 9.40 Film: 'Elmer Gantry'. With Burt Lancaster and Jean Simmons. An un-scrupulous salesman becomes a fire-breathing preacher. 12.20 Weather. Carols by candlelight.



PETULA CLARK, DEAN MARTIN. ITV 8.00.

BORDER: 10.10 Stewpot. 10.55 Tale of two puppies. 11.45 Shari Lewis. 12.15 Charlie Brown's Christmas. 12.45 London. 5.15 Film: 'Rhino!' With Harry Guardino. Shirley Eaton and Robert Culp. A white hunter and a scientist determined to save the White Rhino from extinction clash in S Africa. 6.45 Holiday startime. 8.00 Petula Clark. 9.00 Tarbuck! 9.30 News, weather. 9.40 Film: 'Hush . . . Hush Sweet Charlotte'. With Bette Davis, Olivia de Havilland and Joseph Cotten, A stately Louisiana mansion is about to be knocked down. 12 midnight A reading at Christmas.

SCOTTISH: 9.50 Horoscope. 9.55 Tom Jones. 10.50 Film: 'Five Weeks In A Balbon'. With Red Buttons. Fabian, Barbara Eden and Cedric Hardwicke. 12.15 London. 5.15 Movie: 'The True Story of Jesse James'. With Robert Wagner, Jeffrey Hunter. Hope Lange. 6.45 London. 9.40 McCue's music. 10.10 Match report. 10.25 Late call. 10.30 Film: 'Evil of Frankenstein'. With Peter Cushing.

**GRAMPIAN:** 9.20 'Christmas Carol'. 10.10 Stewpot. 10.55 Stories of Tuktu. 11.05 Best of Ron Thompson. 11.30 Hev Cinderella. 12.15 Shari Lewis. 12.45 London. 5.15 Film: 'My Friend Irma Goes West'. With Marie Wilson, Ierrv Lewis and Dean Martin. High-land League results. 6.45 London. 9.00 It's Tarbuck. 9.30 News. 9.40 Movie: 'The Piseon'. With Sammv Davis Ir. Dorothy Malone and Vic-toria Vetri. Detective storv. 10.50 Match report. 11.10 Untouchables.



# **BBC1**

9.00-9.30 a.m. Nai zindagi-naya jeevan. 10.30-11.30 Sung Mass. 12.45 p.m. Weather. 12.50 Laurel and Hardy. 'Blockheads'. 1.45 Great unkown. Grand Canyon by kayak and raft. 2.35 Golden silents. The king of comedy, Mack Sennett. 3.00 Wide world of entertainment. International performances including The Red Army Dancers, Manitas de Plata, Roy Acuff and Karl Wallender. 3.50 'The Jolson Story'. With Larry Parks and Evelyn Keyes. The story of the legendary singer. 5.55 Ken Dodd and The Diddymen.

6.05 THE NEWS and weather.

- 6.15 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks The Question Why.
- 6.50 SONGS OF PRAISE for Christmastide.
- 7.25 DR. FINLAY'S CASEBOOK. 'A Question of Values'.
- 8.15 'SHENANDOAH'. With James Stewart, Doug McClure, Katherine Ross. A Virginia farmer is driven to take up arms in a quest to re-unite his family. 9.55 NEWS and weather.
- 10.10 OMNIBUS. 'I Regret Nothing'. Autobiography of Edith Piaf. 11.25 Weather.



Edith Piat, BBC 1, 10.10.

# BBC 2

7.00 p.m. NEWS REVIEW.

- 7.25 ROWAN AND MARTIN'S LAUGH-IN. 8.15 THE WORLD ABOUT US. The Undersea World of Jacques
- Cousteau
- 9.05 MUSIC ON 2. 'Profile in Music: Montserrat Caballe'. 10.20 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. 'The Defeated'.
- 10.55 MICHAEL FLANDERS AND DONALD SWANN. 'At The Drop of Another Hat'.
- 11.40 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

# ITV

11.00 a.m.-12 noon Church service. 1.25 p.m. Granny gets the point. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 University challenge. 2.45 Big match. 3.45 Bonanza. 'Queen High'. 4.45 The golden shot. 5.35 Whicker's Christmas.

- 6.05 NEWS FROM ITN.
- 6.15 HOT SEAT. Lord Soper.
- 6.35 TURN OF THE YEAR.
- 6.55 GIVE AT SEVEN.
- 7.00 A HYMN FOR CHILDREN.
- 7.25 PLEASE SIR! 'And Everyone Came Too'.
- 7.55 'THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME'. With Charles Laughton, Maureen O'Hara, Edmond O'Brien, Cedric Harwicke and Thomas Mitchell. Victor Hugo's story of the hunchback bellringer of Notre Dame.
- 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.
- 10.15 'THE POLICEMAN AND THE COOK'. A young policeman investigates the murder of a man in a boarding house.
- 11.15 THIS IS ... TOM JONES. 12.10 a.m. CHURCH AND FASHION.

CHANNEL: 11.00-12 noon London. 2.03 Weather. 2.05 Farming news. 2.15 Man from Uncle. 3.10 Big match. 4.05 Cartoon time. 4.35 Date with Danton. 4.45 London. 5.35 Tale of two puppies. 6.05 London. 7.25 Please sir. 7.55 Film: "Windoms' Way'. With Peter Finch, Mary Ure, Natasha Parry and Michael Hordern. 10.00 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Court martial. 12 midnight Epilogue, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 1.00 'A Christmas Carol' part two. 1.30 All our yesterdays. 2.00 Farm and country news. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather.

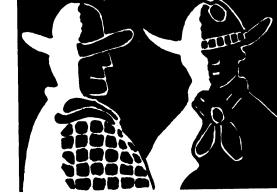
SOUTHERN: 11.00-12 noon London. 1.27 Weather. 1.30 Sara and Hoppity. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 London. 3.45 Seaway. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 5.35 Junior showtime. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Third Day'. With George Peppard, Elizabeth Ash-ley, Roddy McDowall and Arte John-son. 10.00 London. 11.15 Court mar-tial. 12.10 Weather. Carols by candle light.

HARLECH: 11.00-12.10 London. 1.45 University challenge. 2.15 Big match. 3.15 'The Son of Lassie'. With Peter Lawford and June Lockhart. 4.45 Lon-don. 5.35 Woobinda. 6.05 London. 7.55 'The VIPs'. With Elizabeth Tay-lor, Richard Burton, Orson Welles, Rod Taylor and Maggie Smith. Air-plane passengers are stranded when their plane is grounded because of fog. 10.00 London, 12.15 a.m. Weather.

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ANGLIA: 11.00 London. 12.10-12.40 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Weather. 2.00 Farming diary. 2.30 University chal-lenge. 3.00 Pippa. 3.55 Match of the week. 4.40 London. 5.35 Forest ranweek, 4.40 London, 5.35 Forest ran-gers, 6.00 Weather, 6.05 London, 7.55 "The Forsyte Saga". With Greer Gar-son, Walter Pidgeon, Errol Flynn, Janet Leigh and Robert Young. The story of Soames Forsyte and his love for Irene. 10.00 London. 12.10 Enilogue Epilogue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-12.10 London. 1.30 Mr Piper. 1.45 London. 2.15 Soccer. 3.15 'Rogue's Yarn'. With Nicole Maurey and Derek Bond. A man sets out to commit the perfect murder. 4.41 Horoscope. 4.45 London. 5.35 Forest rangers. 6.05 London. 7.25 Please sirl 7.55 Film: 'Suddenly Last Summer'. With Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift and Katherine Hep-burn. A beautiful girl is committed to an asylum after witnessing the death of her cousin. 10.00 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Saint, weather.



# ITV 3.45.

'Queen High'

ULSTER: 2.15 London. 3.45 Cham-pions. 4.45 London. 5.35 Captain Scar-let. 6.05 London. 7.55 Movie: "The Yellow Rolls Royce". With Ingrid Bergman, Rex Harrison, Omar Sharif and Shirley Maclaine. Adventures of a car. 10.00 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11 15 Acuarius.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-12.10 London. 1.00 Hey! Cinderella. 1.50 Farming diary. 2.20 Soccer. 3.15 'The Naked Truth'. With Terry-Thomas, Peter Sellers, Peggy Mount, Shirley Eaton, Dennis Price. Nigel Dennis plans to publish a scandal magazine which discloses the private lives of prominent people. 4.45 London. 5.35 Filpper. 6.05 Lon-don, 7.55 Film: 'East of Eden'. With Julie Harris, James Dean and Ray-mond Massey. Two brothers are bitter rivals. 10.00 London, 12.15 Epilogue.

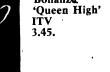
GRANADA: 11.00-12 noon London. 12.15 'You're in the Army Now'. With Jimmy Durante, Phil Silvers and Jane Wyman. Two vacuum cleaner sales-men try to sell their cleaners to the army. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Laughtermakers. 2.15 Football. 3.15 'Sands of the Desert'. Comedy with Charlie Drake. 4.40 London. 5.35 Secret service. 6.05 London. 7.55 Big picture. 'Annie Get Your Gun'. With Betty Hutton and Howard Keel. Sharp-shooter Frank Butler meets his match when Annie Oakley appears. 10.00 London.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-12.10 London. 1.00 Granny, gets the point. 1.25 Saint. 2.20 Football. 3.15 Champions. 4.15 Nanny and the professor. 4.45 London. 5.35 Forest rangers, 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: **'Knights' of the Round Table'**. With Robert Taylor and Ava Gardner. King Arthur and his knights. 10.00 London. 1-0.15 Beethoven's birthday. 11.45 Reading at Christmas.

BORDER: 11.00 London. 12.15 All our yesterdays. 12.50 Film: 'Sword of Sherwood Forest'. With Richard Greene, Peter Cushing and Oliver Reed. Robin Hood. 2.15 Diary. 2.25 Football. 3.20 Saint. 4.15 'You're In Love, Charlie Brown'. 4.45 London. 5.35 Woobinda. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'That Man From Rio'. With Jean Paul Belmondo, Francoise Dor-leac and Jean Servais. A French soldier on eight days leave gets involved in a strange situation. 10.00 London. 12.10 Reading at Christmas.

SCOTTISH: 2.15 All our yesterdays. 2.45 Film: 'Boom Town'. With Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Col-bert and Hedy Lamarr. 4.45 London. 5.35 Charlie Brown. 6.05 London. 7.25 Please Sir! 7.55 Cinema: 'Topkapi'. With Melina Mercouri. Maximilian Schell, Peter Ustinov and Robert Mor-ley. 10.00 London. 12.15 Late call.

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# PHOTO-NEWS

# Christmas



# **BRIXTON DOLE QUEUES—BY GARY GURMEET**

FOR MANY workers Christmas this year will mean only mild celebrations-perhaps an extra drink at home or another course for dinner, but little more.

accommodation.

No one likes to be gloomy at this time, but there are those families who will be merely spectators of the festivities that begin tonight.

This will be true for example of the 600,000-plus unemployed and their wives and children, and it is true also the low paid.

On the Brixton dole queue in London we met men who will be going through the next few days with no money in their pockets, in great cont ast to the Tory gentlemen and gentlewomen described on this page.

# **PRICE RIOTS**

Edwin Slater has been fter a job for three months nd when he gazes at the

the predicament of many and no roof over their heads. Michael Dingivan, a buildworkers. Robert Delgado has had no house for the past five ing worker, was forced to years. Together with his wife and two children he has leave Manchester to look for work after his site job finished been to numerous welfare and no other was available. organizations looking for

He brought his family — wife Patricia and nine-month baby, Joseph—to London. He says he is luckier this Christmas because his mother —an old age pensioner—has But the impossibility of taken them in for some time. finding accommodation

the three of them drove him 'The children will at least in desperation to approach the Health and Social Serget a bit of Christmas dinner. With all three of us (his mother, wife and himself) vices department to take the child into care until a home making an effort we might could be found. be able to turn out a little more on the table than some

He was told the homes were completely full and an official advised him to 'go others will,' he told us. Mr Delgado does not back where you came from'. receive an allowance for housing from the social security. The £11 a week he is given is considered to be 'I don't think we'll have

any Christmas at all,' Mr Dingivan told us. payment for food only. 'We've not much money 'Nobody is concerned. All left after staying in bed and breakfast at £5 10s a night they are concerned about is exploiting you to the hilt. 'Even if I did have a flat for ourselves and my uncle

for

Above: A beggar huddles on the pavement amid all the opulence and aura of Knightsbridge.

Below: Mr Christopher Shinners outside Brixton Social Security office-'I've got 9d in my pocket'.



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# **KNIGHTSBRIDGE AND OXFORD ST STORES** - BY STEPHEN JOHNS

I'M STANDING in the bitter Knightsbridge cold outside the Victorian edifice of Harrods talking to a military-looking gentleman.

> He has the light pink complexion of a skinned sucking pig and it's getting darker because he's angry about strikes.

Especially this Christmas because strikes have cost him a lot of money. He gestures to the booty of silver plate under his arm—'a present for the wife'. This latest bout of Christmas shopping has cost him well over 100 gns.

A few paces to the left a beggar huddles down against the store's display window weakly blowing what sounds like 'Good King Wenceslas' on his mouth-organ.

'Sufferer from epilepsy Merry Christmas,' says his sign It's a hard Christmas for

the rich for sure. Profits are not too perky and things are a bit grim on the labour front

But still they cruise along Knightsbridge without a care (one could hardly say flock when faced with such contrived elegance) and flit in and



out of the nation's most exclusive stores. Harrods report better spending than ever, despite the economic gloom. Inside the store a bewilder-

ing cornucopia of Christmas fare is stacked tastefully on the four floors.

# SKI JACKET

For hubby there is a writing set in black crocodile leather at a modest £300. Or perhaps for the wife a white fox-fur skiing jacket at £550 -'We've not sold a lot of those', a sales girl shyly con-

Or perhaps 'one' could buy present for 'ones' table, since judging by the discreet crush in the food-and-wine department, tables will be groaning this year. There is, for example, a 60

gns silver decanter tray. A young pipe-clenching blade turns this glittering item over in his hands and runs a thumb along the rim. 'I'll take it.'

The willowy male assistant breaks into a tasteful smile (do they pay bonus at Harrods?).

kiddies who have to squeeze And what was the mos through a bunch of goggling expensive gift\_item? I heard Americans to get a look-in ('Gee just look at those guys rumour of a Rembrandt, but awarded first place to the all dressed up like that, isn't Waterford Kennedy Chandethat won'erful?').

gns a head in the roof restau-Here the counter staff still wear tails and pin-stripes, which strikes one as dated rant which includes a special visit from Santa-this bloke until in the distance appears gets into the best places. gentleman dressed in full In the evening you can gorge by candlelight—again at Regency regalia, powdered wig and all.

18th century instead.

a fiver a head. This is too much. I investi-gate and all is explained. But really the Hilton is more of a New Year's Eve At F&M they don't have Santa but Mr Fortnum and scene. Mr Mason straight from the

On the first they have a Gala Dinner (12 gns please) when you can trip the floor They shake hands with the of the roof restaurant to Jud Solo and his band and finish up in the 007 night spot for the James Bond Gala evening.

> ('Bond was created a superman that ordinary mortals might wonder at his prowess

QUEUEING FOR CHRISTMAS: Left: in a Knightsbridge store, something for everyone—at the right prico !

Far left: Collecting Social Security money in Brixton, London-money that will not stretch to a turkey or presents.

Below: Some scene caught by our cameraman in London's West End stores this week:

Top: 'Now which one shall I buy—the 6 gns or £10?' Middle: 'Look, this hampen's only £120.'

Bottom: 'Roll up! Smoked salmon—only £4 10s a time.'



rices of presents and Christinas food he thinks of Poland and the price riots.

'It could happen here oon,' he comments reflectively. 'Living now is diabolical

it costs me six bob to get to the Labour Exchange alone.' Homelessness, too, will be

who is with us.' have much of a Christmas, Christmas, we are told, is usually a time for the childwith the prices going up as they are,' he added.

**BROKEN UP** 

The Dingivan family also

face a Christmas with no money, the family broken up

ren. But for some kids it is often doubtful whether Santa can afford the trip.

PRESENTS

Mr Christopher Shinners has managed to buy his three children presents, but only just. For he is unemployed and his entire income amounts to £15, which has to go towards the upkeep of the family.

"it's going to be horrible At the moment I've got 9d in my pocket.

'We'll try and make the best of it anyway,' he said.

Mr George Wood was, until four months ago, a fit-ter working on a fleet of lorries.

Now he is unemployed and lives in 'digs' which cost him £6 a week.

'But they only give me £4 at the Social Security. I've tried to explain this to a lot of people,' he commented. • FROM PAGE ONE

'Just what can I do at They are understood to have claimed that he was re-sponsible for calling in the Christmas except sit at home and watch the "festival"? DEP.

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agement expected some of

them to report in that evening

It is sold to the Tories on

As already pointed out by the Sheffield ATUA, which is

the only organization to come

out of the Devey affair with a

clear and consistent record, if

the Bill becomes law industrial

courts can award compensa-tion for wrongful dismissal of

workers up to £4,160 if firms

before the Bill is passed.

the cheap.

'If you want my comment on the government — I say bring Guy Fawkes back. He tional mass meeting accepted the £3,000 as a basis for a is required now. return to work the following day-only to find that man-

# **SUSPENDED**

to prepare the plant. Evelyn Kerr had her unem-It was then discovered that ployed benefit — a degrading  $£3 \ 10s$ —suspended this week. steps had already been taken to recall the laid-off producwas because her dismissal from the previous job as a television assembler was tion workers for the following morning. In other words, Batchelors' due to alleged 'industrial misworkers were forced to accept conduct'. a serious blow to their trade

So Mrs Kerr was turned union organization just over a away from the Brixton Social week after the December 8 protest strike against the In-Security offices this week dustrial Relations Bill-and on without any money at all. the most ignominious terms.

'This year Christmas is Whatever disclaimers the going to be the poorest we have ever had. We sorted out CP tries to make now, the essence of the Bill-to instill everything and made a list of what we needed, but now I fear on the shop floor - is accepted by implication in the can't even afford a turkey,' actions of the Stalinist leadershe told us. ship of the Sheffield AEF.

'The cost of living is too high. Workers are crying out for some simple things they need. 'Presents! I can just about afford to send a few cards. 'Many workers don't even seem to realize it is Christ-

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raise the retirement age from 60 to 63 years. Police are demanding a basic 2,600 crowns (£2 10s) a month in Defence lawyers have been the negotiations, which are summoned to Burgos on scheduled to resume in mid-

# WEATHER

Christmas'.

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Ianuary.

LATE NEWS

TRIAL-VERDICTS

Madrid, December 23 —

summoned to Burgos on

hear the verdicts against 16

alleged Basque nationalist guerrillas, six of whom face

POLICE PLAN STRIKE

Swedish police began prepara-

tions for a national wildcat strike on New Year's Eve fol-

lowing a deadlock in wage

•talks with the state board for

state bargaining board declined to revise its offer of

a basic 1,800 crowns (£125)

a month for some 9,000 of the

nation's 14.000-strong police

The crisis arose when the

collective bargaining.

force.

Stockholm, December 23-

Saturday — Boxing Day —

possible death sentences.

MOST of Britain and N Ireland will be rather cloudy with some bright or sunny intrevals, mostly in Scotland and N Ireland. Wintry showers in many E districts. Becoming colder. Showers will turn to sleet or snow in places, particularly in the SE. mas. Most of them will prob-

ably have a meal just like as a newspaper at the Published by Workers Clapham High Street, ondon, S.W.4. any other day.

'But when you are rich— like some of them millionaires Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, in the country — you have Christmas every day.'



# Hull dockers hope to spread glass 'black' Last Wednesday, an emo-

THE threatened suspension of Immingham.

'This is a very fine act on the part of the Hull lads, we 14 Hull dockers who refused to load Pilkington glass has salute their determination and been reduced to a severe adherence to the principles warning by a port appeals of trades unionism', Gerry Caughey chairman of the But with the warning goes the proviso that the 14 must Pilkington rank-and-file comin future work normally under mittee told the Workers Press

yesterday.

**Prisoners** 

# • FROM PAGE ONE

In the Soviet Union courageous oppositionists like General Grigorenko, Andrei Amalrik and Andrei Sinyavsky

Grigorenko is being held under terrible conditions in a so-called mental institution. These prisoners of Stalinism must be released, together with the hundreds of young Polish workers arrested following the demonstrations and strikes of the last week against

> these prisoners of imperialism and bureaucracy must be made our task in the year

lier at a mere £3,000.

Outside in the cold again talk to a middle-aged widow, her ample breasts swathed voluptuously in rather expensive fur.

She is waiting for 'the car' to carry her and her Harrods' goodies back home.

Is she spending more this Christmas? 'Oh the same-about £100

on presents. But the prices,' two black suede gloves are raised to the heavens, 'in my heart I don't want to be harsh with workers, but these wage rises have just got to be stopped'. At Selfridges on Oxford St

the scene is slightly less exclu-

# LESS AURA

Here shoppers do tend to walk rather quickly around the store-gone is that inimitable Harrods 'glide'.

York ham, potted boar's And the merchandise, well head, real turtle soup, 'Red Seal' scotch, champagne, brandy, 25 cigars (etc., etc.), it's pricey enough, but it just hasn't got that Knightsbridge all yours for £125-well OK, aura. The gift department is a bit perhaps your granny doesn't

of a let-down. A gilded case for holding your 'After Eights' —hardly the requisite you would find on the very best smoke. then — 9s a quarter, or one tinned quail (it's that bird dinner tables, they are, after all, advertised on TV! again) stuffed with pate at 18s 6d and then to wash it

The perfume, too, has that down half a pound of stamp of the mass produced. 'Emotion' by Helena Ruben-Chinese Rose Scented Pouchong tea at 15s 6d? stein at 7 gns and Miss Dior at 14 gns are the front-runpose you wanted to stay in

ners. 'We sell lots,' says the curvy blonde behind the glass counter. 'Mainly to business gentle-

men for their secretaries,' she adds with a giggle.

'And their wives,' says her offended partner.

Things are brighter in the silverware department. Best sale this season has been a silver tea set at £280 with a 44-piece gold-plated set of cutlery a close second.

'Business is good,' says the man. 'They come from the country to buy you know,' mouths in hushed tones. he But what about Christmas dinner?

Again Harrods is a high the swinging city over the festive season? This has to spot. Pate de Foie Gras at  $\pounds 28$ —serves five. Or perhaps mean the Hilton. 16 oz of the finest Russian caviar for £29. Rooms there, I was told

There are quail, which by a cheroot-chewing public look rather like baked spar-rows, at 6s 6d a time and relations girl, are the same price at Christmas as at any rows of sucking pigs neatly slaughtered and dressed in other time of the year—from £10 a night to £90 for a skin-hugging plastic. de luxe suite.

REGENCY

But food for those that tainment they have the tradi-tional Christmas lunch at 5 really know means Fortnum and Masons.

Now if you want to give and adversaries pale at his your granny a change from all that boring old-aged peninvincibility,' it says on the wall of this bar. Subversives sion food this classy super- take note! 'These are the kind



of men you are up against in market has just the thingbumper Christmas hamper. HM security services."

This brings me to the end of my Christmas tour. But fellow workers, allow me to make one last plea for those deprived and embittered people whom I met.

Don't be greedy. Christmas is a time for giving. Try and carry this spirit over into the How about some truffles New Year.

> Remember those who suffered extraordinary hardship when pheasant prices rocketed as the Amalgamated Society of Bird Blasters and Feather Pluckers struck recently for 16 per cent.



Enough of the shops. Sup-

**CANDLELIGHT** 

For your Christmas enter-

Remember, also, my co<sup>t</sup>onel whose silver purchases Fte so dreadfully into his vault of gilt-edged when the Mational Union of Plate Groovers and Pewter Beilers worked to rule for 15 weeks.

Then, with these images seared across your minds, say five times on New Year's Day —'In 1971 I will not strike for higher wages.'

> Thank you and, sincerely, a Happy Christmas and a rebellious Lew Year.

the Stalinist regime. The campaign to free all

ahead.

are in detention.

But Hull dockers say the black will go on until Pilkingtons reinstates the 100 employees who remain sacked and blacklisted by Pilkingtons and other Merseyside em-Hull docks stewards say

they will campaign to extend the black to all other British

ports to prevent Pilkingtons re-routing cargoes. They are asking the docks and waterways committee of the Transport and General Workers' Union to consider backing the black officially.

the national dock labour

scheme and cease blacking

Pilkingtons export to Sweden, Germany, the Benelux countries and the Far East through Hull.

But dockers have been checking cargo lists and opening containers to ensure no

has been re-routed through

do not take the worker back. The conduct of the Stalinists and their allies in the Sheffield AEF means that glass gets through. It is believed some glass Devey has accepted £3,000

committee.

activities.

plovers.

Mrs Evelyn Kerr was turned away from Brixton Social Security without any money this week-'This year will be our poorest The board also said it would