

PRIME Minister Thatcher last night welcomed a report from the Common Market which predicts still higher unemployment and calls for spending cuts and controls on money supply.

She said at the Dublin EEC summit that the report was the best yet from the European Commission. It says increased unemployment next year will leave

12 million out of work, and one in four of Europe's young people looking for jobs.

Thatcher had the gall to lecture the other summit participants about the need to emulate the enterprise of Japan and the US. 'Why have we, the nations of enterprise, lost the spirit of enterprise?' she asked.

But the EEC youth forum, claiming to represent European youth organisations, said 5 million young people were already out of work in the EEC.

'The failure of political leaders to attack the problems facing youth will only deepen alienation and worsen the social and political climate in Europe,' the forum said.

National Union of Mineworkers defiant

TUC MUST CALL GENERAL STRIKE



Kent miners' secretary Jack Collins talking to members lobbying the special delegates' conference at Congress House, London, yesterday

Seventh Congress backs miners

THE Seventh Congress of the Workers Revolutionary Party, meeting in London on December 1, 2 and 3, passed unanimously the following resolution of support for the miners' strike:

1. The 7th Congress of the Workers Revolutionary Party declares its warmest fraternal support for the heroic striking miners now in the tenth month of their strike against the National Coal Board and the Bonapartist Thatcherite government.

The appointment of a Receiver over the funds of the NUM by the Bonapartist judiciary demonstrates that the aim of Thatcher's dictatorship is to destroy physical-

ly the NUM as a trade union. This follows directly from the banning of unions by decree at GCHQ.

2. Congress declares that it will do everything in its power to organise within the trade unions for the General Strike in support of the struggle of the National Union of Mineworkers.

It calls upon all unions who support the striking miners to immediately join the picket lines and come out on indefinite strike action with the miners, as an integral part of the preparation for a General Strike.

3. Congress calls upon the entire trade union movement to immediately break off all collabora-

tion with Thatcher's Bonapartist government at all levels.

It condemns those unions such as the AUEW, EETPU and ASTMS, who contemplate taking money for postal ballots from the government for an action which surrenders the freedom of trade unionism for the corporate control of the Bonapartist state.

4. Congress pledges itself to work as a Party to do everything possible to alleviate hardships and suffering amongst the families of striking miners. The miners' strike must have all the material assistance at its disposal so that it can go forward to victory over the Bonapartist dictatorship.

THE MINERS' union last night called on the TUC General Council to mobilise strike action to defeat the most vicious threat seen in the history of the trade union movement.

A special NUM delegates conference at TUC headquarters in London decided overwhelmingly to defy all High Court orders — including the appointment of a receiver to seize control of the union's funds.

After the 90-minute conference NUM president Arthur Scargill read a statement confirming the union's refusal to pay a £200,000 fine for contempt and reaffirming the nine-month strike against pit closures.

Rules

It also stated: 'Conference is not prepared to "purge" this union's "contempt" and reiterates that at all times the union has acted in accordance with its rules and constitution.'

The delegates resolved in a card vote by 139,000 votes to 80,000 not to co-operate with either the Receiver — Tory Party official Herbert Brewer from Derbyshire — or the sequestrators who have been directed to strip the union of its assets.

Hours before the conference Brewer, who had gone to grab £4.3 million of the NUM's funds from a Luxembourg bank, had arrogantly declared: 'I am here to serve notice that I now have the right to the money. I am the NUM.'

The NUM statement added: 'The NUM has already asked the Trades Union Congress to call an emergency meeting of the General Council, and asks that the General Council mobilises industrial action to stop this most vicious threat in our history to the freedom and inde-

pendence of British trade unionism.'

The conference reaffirmed that there could be no settlement of the 38-week strike unless the Coal Board withdraws the pit closure programme, keeps open the five pits at the top of its hit-list and abides by the Plan for Coal.

The defiant conference vote was a crushing blow to the handful of delegates representing scabs in Nottinghamshire who had entered the hall confident of winning the vote to uphold Tory class laws.

The 13-man Notts delegation were clearly choked by the result. Area union treasurer Roy Lynk, who has consistently called on miners to break the strike, would only mutter 'We lost' as he scurried out of Congress House pursued by a posse of Tory press reporters.

Jubilant

But the majority of delegates emerged jubilant at the firm stand taken by the conference — and adamant that the whole trade union movement had to take strike action to defend the NUM from the attacks of the Thatcher government, the Coal Board and the Bonapartist state.

Lancashire NUM general secretary Sid Vincent told News Line: 'The TUC have got to get off their backsides. This

is an attack on the whole trade union movement, not just the mineworkers.'

'These are the courts trying to destroy trade unions,' he added calling on other unions to take strike action.

Judiciary

South Wales NUM executive member Dai Davies said: 'The rank-and-file members would have wanted it this way. No way are we going to appease the judges, the judiciary of this country, who are class conscious to say the least.'

'We are working-class people and we will carry the fight on until we win.'

Before the conference Kent NUM general secretary Jack Collins had made his area's position clear when he said: 'Let them take all the money, buildings and cars, but the miners will still fight.'

As delegates arrived they were lobbied by about 60 miners from Kent, Yorkshire and South Wales. Their feelings were summed up by South Yorkshire County Councillor Bert Whittle who has worked at Mar-kham Main pit in Armthorpe for 42 years.

He said: 'There should be a General Strike called immediately. There should be no hesitation because they are out to destroy everything that's been fought for in the past.'

STUDENTS DEMAND RELEASE FOR TWO ANTI-FASCISTS

STUDENTS will demonstrate outside Pentonville prison today in protest at the jailing of two anti-fascists.

They are demanding the release of Polytechnic of North London (PNL) students John Letham and Steve Tasane, who were jailed by a High Court judge last Wednesday.

They were sent to prison until December 17 for contempt of court instructions to stop picketing National Front student organiser Patrick Harrington.

The National Union of Students' leadership has refused to support the campaign to stop Harrington attending lectures.

There has been silence from the NUS headquarters since Letham and Tasane were jailed.

The Labour Party-controlled NUS's attack on the poly students has been joined by 'The Guardian' newspaper.

An editorial on the jailing stated: 'If we have any readers who doubt our opposition to everything for which the NF stands, we shall have to abandon

COMMENT

By Penny Bloor

our faith in the efficacy of the English language as a vehicle of thought and succumb to despair.' (December 1, 1984).

This would lead one to think that the supposedly liberal 'Guardian' was backing the students.

Apologists

Nothing of the kind! Today's 'liberals' are apologists for Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship and the capitalist state it manipulates.

The editorial is headed: 'Mr Harrington's right to learn' and so we read: 'What is unforgivable and thoroughly menacing is the campaign to deprive Mr Harrington of his right to learn.'

'Given the perversity of human nature and the formidable obstinacy of

Mr Harrington, this is most likely to confirm him in his totalitarian opinions instead of helping him to grow out of them.'

While Harrington is praised for his 'moral courage', those who attack him are 'thoroughly undemocratic, authoritarian... his tormentors'.

The paper find it 'depressing enough to discover' how many at PNL believe Harrington has 'no right to his repellent opinions or to express and advocate them'.

It condemns Letham and Tasane for being 'no less blinkered fellow students' and says it was 'entirely just' that they were jailed.

The wretched editorial attacks the students because unlike the 'Guardian' they are fighting Thatcher's dictatorship, and do not believe in 'tolerance' for the NF, an organisation which is for the destruction of every democratic right of workers and students.

What the 'Guardian' and the NUS reformist leadership want is a 'deal' with the fascist movement on the

basis that Harrington and the NF are 'misguided'.

But it is not a moral issue. Students there have been living in an atmosphere of fear and intimidation for more than six months while police escort Harrington to lectures.

Tasane told the court: 'The majority of the polytechnic students are in support of us but do not attend pickets for fear of National Front violence and random arrests.'

'An AGM democratically voted to keep Harrington out of the polytechnic, at a constitutional meeting for all students. As such we are not representing 150 "radical lefties" — we are here as a result of student union policy and the view of the majority of students.'

The danger at PNL is more than just Harrington, one student. It is the scale of the capitalist state operation to protect him, using the police and the courts.

Harrington, like the scabs in the miners' strike, is a weapon for the state attack on the whole of the working class and its basic democratic rights, including education.

Abolition comes under attack

TORY abolition plans owed everything to 'political malevolence and vindictiveness', MPs were told yesterday.

Labour spokesman Dr Jack Cunningham said the Abolition Bill had nothing to do with a coherent planned or principled reform of local government.

He said: 'During almost six years in office this government has consistently undermined local government, eroded local freedom, diminished accountability, transferred powers to non-elected, sometimes closed bodies, given ministers more and stronger controls, given voters less say, less control over their communities and services.'

Cunningham said 'this miserable Bill' was the latest example of the government's failure.

It gave staggering powers to ministers.

For three years the Environment Secretary would have control of joint boards and their finance and ministers would be able without any inquiry to break up proposed police, fire or transport undertakings.

Vital

The plans were also an attack on sport and recreation; citing a golf course in Environment Secretary Jenkin's own constituency, he drew laughter when he explained how holes would go to three different boroughs after abolition.

The Bill put at risk the vital work now done by voluntary organisations and proposals to safeguard the voluntary services after abolition were 'inadequate, unjustified and unworkable'.

Earlier, Merlyn Rees, a former Labour Home Secretary, interrupted Jenkin as the second reading of the Bill was moved in the Commons.

Rees said that the Bill would mean police forces being funded for three years from Whitehall.

This was an important constitutional issue far more important than water and drains.

Jenkin, on the defensive from the start, denied that there was a 'deep-laid plot aimed at central government takeover'.

Labour councils will agree with that. Tory plans for Whitehall dictatorship have been right out in the open and are now well advanced.

No compromise from Joseph

TORY Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph showed no signs of climbing down over grant cuts when he met student leaders in London yesterday.

Joseph said he would consider — as a long-term option — undertaking a review of the student grant system, Phil Woolas, president of the National Union of Students, said after the meeting.

And a part-loan scheme would be one of the options such a review would consider, Joseph said.

'But we are not into that yet,' he claimed — although several of his recent statements have advocated a loans system.

Joseph spent 40 minutes with Woolas and Stuart Apleton, the NUS director of research.

Woolas said: 'I got the very strong feeling he will institute a review of student grants.'

The message from Joseph's department was that not only Joseph but the government was firmly behind the proposals for £39 million cuts which

more than 140 Tory MPs have already signed a Commons motion opposing.

Joseph was meeting officials of the Tory backbench committee last night.

Woolas said Joseph was not prepared to give any concessions on the current controversy.

He said they had put to him six questions dealing with the long-term reform of student grants which the union regards as outdated and unfair.

One of the NUS complaints is that there is no compulsion on parents to pay their contribution to their children's grants.



Students on last week's grants protest in London trying to break through police barriers to get to parliament

Joseph said he would undertake to look at the option of how parental contributions could be made compulsory, Woolas said.

Woolas said the NUS is still planning to go ahead with a planned national rent strike in the New Year in protest at the planned cuts.

The issue will be discussed at the NUS Blackpool conference this weekend.

Woolas said students would continue to protest in the streets in a peaceful manner.

The NUS reformists also plan protests at Tory Party headquarters in the Prime Minister's constituency of Finchley and Joseph's Leeds constituency.

Yesterday they handed in 20,000 protest letters at Downing Street.

More legal moves

THE Solicitor General warned yesterday of further legal moves against students of the North London Polytechnic who are fighting against Tory attacks.

He said he would consider taking legal action for their alleged use of student funds to contribute £1,000 to striking miners.

'The Treasury solicitor is investigating this matter. If a payment has been made in breach of trust I shall consider bringing civil proceedings against those responsible,' said Sir Patrick Mayhew in a Commons written reply.

He was replying to Tory MP Harry Greenaway (Ealing N).

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al Strike to be organised to bring this government down.

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Press 'set up' Best

FATHER CLAIMS

THE capitalist press was yesterday accused of 'setting up' George Best for a 12-week prison sentence.

Speaking from his south Belfast home, the former soccer star's father Richard Best said a reporter had tipped off police where to find his son after he had failed to appear in court on a drink-driving charge.

'They wanted a story and picture of George Best being arrested. Now they have got what they wanted — the downfall of George Best.'

In fact a Special Patrol Group had been called in to help arrest him.

Best was sent down yesterday after admitting driving with excess alcohol in the Mall, near Bucking-

ham Palace, failing to answer bail and assaulting a police officer when they came for him.

But later he was released on bail by a High Court judge pending an appeal after it was refused in the lower court.

Wined

The former Manchester United and Northern Ireland winger wined in the dock as he was sentenced by stipendiary magistrate William Robins.

Best, 38, was sentenced to six weeks on the drink-

drive charge and banned from driving for five years.

He also got four weeks for assault and two weeks for failing to answer to bail. The sentences are to run consecutively.

Robins told Best: 'I don't see any reason to distinguish your case from others because you happen to be a well-known name.'

Christopher Erving, for the ex-footballer, said Best had been drinking regularly because of 'personal circumstances'.

On the night of the offence, 'he tried to find a taxi but couldn't and very stupidly he decided to drive himself home'.

He added: 'He has very little control over his drinking when he is in this state.'

Anger over Tory VAT plan

LABOUR economics spokesman Roy Hattersley warned the government yesterday against imposing value added tax on fuel, children's footwear, books and newspapers.

Hattersley told a meeting in the House of Commons that these items, plus 'luxury foods' which turned out to be biscuits and coffee, should for specific reasons be exempt from tax.

He said if the Chancellor was looking for £3 billion with which to reduce direct taxation, a 'massive' new source of income was necessary.

'I fear the Chancellor

regards VAT as the answer to his dilemma. By extending it into areas previously exempt, he can raise an extra £5.5 billion each year.

'At the same time he will be meeting the demands of the EEC on the imposition of VAT on some previously exempt purchases.'

Hattersley said he was opposed to the principle of switching the burden of taxation from direct to indirect taxes — a change which almost always had an adverse effect on the poor.

He also objected to the taxation of the items he had listed

WILD SCENES AS BT SHARES SOLD

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

THE TORIES were accused of 'criminal incompetence' in the Commons yesterday over the sell-off of British Telecom.

When dealing started yesterday afternoon shares were changing hands at 97p, which means an instant profit of 47p on every share bought.

The rush to deal on the Stock Exchange was described as 'absolute pandemonium' when the official starting time arrived.

It was a similar story on Wall Street, dealing there started at 111 cents compared with the government's offer price of under 60 cents.

Labour's Alan Williams attacked the shares flotation, saying: 'The government has today presided over the biggest giveaway in British commercial history.'

He complained that for every penny above the 50p down-payment price, for which shares were traded, the government lost £30 million.

He said: 'On this basis, today's so-called success for the government has meant giving as a bonus to two million of us £1,350 million that really belongs to all of us.'



An instant profit... as dealers push and shove on the Stock Exchange

On the Stock Exchange dealers were forced off the floor and were standing on benches, so great was the pushing and shoving to buy and sell.

The Tories were delighted with the sell-off, despite the asking price being wildly wrong.

Trade and Industry

Secretary Norman Tebbit said: 'The privatisation of BT has totally confounded those who said it could not be done. It has surpassed all our hopes and achieved all our targets. It outstrips all our previous privatisation measures.'

In the Commons, Williams continued his attack

demanding to know why the Tories had got it '45p wrong'.

Minister of State Geoffrey Pattie insisted that BT had now been 'successfully privatised' and said: 'The government have had to make a judgement on what a fair price would be. Commem-

tators thought it was a fair price at the time, and so do we today.'

But Williams told the Tories that they should not be surprised at the response to the flotation as 'you can sell almost anything at half-price and in this case it is taxpayers' assets that are being sold short'.

British Airways profits up

BRITISH AIRWAYS announced half-year profits of £189 million — up by a record 26 per cent — just months away from privatisation.

This pre-tax figure for the six months to the end of September, compared with £150 million in the same period last year.

The state-owned airline is well on the way to exceed its net profit of £185 million for the last financial year.

BA chairman Lord King said in London that the airline's management and workforce were on target to meet the government's objectives to privatise it next spring.

He said in a BBC Radio interview later that the pri-

vatization would be in March 1985.

Asked how much he thought it would raise, he said: 'One would imagine you would market the company for a figure in excess of a billion pounds.'

He repeated that there would be no incentives but said the airlines would try to encourage BA employees and others to take shares.

'We want the broadest possible base for share ownership that we can possibly get.'

Unlike the British Telecom sale in which investors were tempted with offers which included discounts on phone bills, BA will not be sold with cut-price tickets for shareholders.

Currys shares

DEALINGS in the shares of Currys, the electrical retailers, and Dixons, which is trying to take over the group, were suspended on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

The ban was imposed as the market opened pending the result of a legal wrangle over whether or not Dixons was entitled to declare its near £250 million takeover bid successful on Friday afternoon.

The battle went to the

courts on Friday night when Currys and Scottish Amicable, which had wanted to withdraw acceptances of the bid for a crucial 0.7 per cent of Currys share capital, obtained an injunction lasting until today restraining Dixons from treating the offer as unconditional.

Takeover bids are usually made conditional on obtaining acceptances from a majority of shareholders.

TONIGHT'S TV

The killing of Norah McCabe

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

NORAH McCABE, mother of three from Belfast, died on July 8, 1981, aged 33. She was struck by a plastic bullet four inches long and 1½ inches across, travelling at over 100 mph.

It hit her behind the left ear. Her husband Jim said: 'Where it had struck her the bone had been shattered and scattered throughout the brain.'

Norah died the following day in the Royal Victoria Hospital. She never recovered consciousness. Her husband said she was a very kind, friendly, open and loving person.

Twelve people have died from plastic bullets in the north of Ireland since they became the standard 'baton round' used by the police and the military.

The authorities admit that five were not in-

volved in rioting at the time they were killed. Six of the victims were children, all of them Catholics.

It is quite clear that in Norah McCabe's case the police lied. She was shot at the junction of Linden Street and the Falls Road, having stepped out to buy a packet of cigarettes.

Joe McDonnell, the fourth of the IRA hunger strikers, had just died in jail. Women were out on the street corners saying their rosary, while others banged dustbin lids to arouse the neighbourhood.

The police denied firing any shots at the Linden Street corner. They claimed a Land-Rover convoy which passed up the Falls Road that morning had encountered debris in the road, faced a rain-storm of petrol

bombs and confronted a 'riot situation'.

They also claimed they had not fired the fatal shot.

All these elements of the police story were flatly contradicted by film shot at the scene by a French Canadian cameraman, Jean-Pierre Plouffe, screened publicly for the first time on YTV's 'First Tuesday' tonight.

This shows clearly that contrary to the police story the road was clear of debris, there was no rioting, and no petrol bombs were thrown.

Contrary to the account given by the police at the inquest, the film shows their Land-Rover swerving across the road at the Linden Street junction. The puff of smoke as the fatal baton round was fired can also be seen.

After seeing the film, a Belfast jury decided that there was no clear evidence to suggest that there was a legitimate target to be fired at along Linden Street.

(The police claimed the bullet they fired was aimed down nearby Clonard Street, not Linden Street. Measurements by the RUC's own Det-Supt Alfred Entwistle contradicted this claim, too.)

The jury also said there was no evidence to suggest Norah McCabe was 'other than an innocent person' — a finding the police have since reluctantly admitted.

Last week the RUC paid substantial damages to Jim McCabe in an out-of-court settlement. But the Director of Public Prosecutions has announced that those responsible for the death of Norah McCabe will not be prosecuted.

The man in charge of the Land-Rover patrol was Chief Supt James Crutchley. His career has certainly not suffered as a result. Recently he was promoted to be assistant chief constable of Belfast.

This appointment is described by Jim McCabe as 'a slap in the teeth for me, for Norah's family, for my children and in general the people of Northern Ireland'.

Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the RUC, was asked to appear on 'First Tuesday' to discuss the Norah McCabe killing. He declined to appear.

● 'JIM Crow's Army', shown on the same programme tonight, is the story of how the US exported colour prejudice to Britain during World War II, when black GIs were segregated and subjected to discrimination.

Council to evict man from hut

A COUNCIL'S planning committee last night discussed taking legal action to evict a man who has lived in a hen hut for eight years.

Ex-sailor James Marsh, 58, moved into the 20 by 15ft hut on his 20-acre smallholding at Pickering, North Yorkshire, in 1976.

He quickly made it into a cosy permanent home with fitted carpets, velvet curtains, roof and wall insulation, and even a French window.

Since then he has refused to move out.

At a public inquiry last year he told a government inspector he enjoyed living in his hut and had never been healthier or happier.

The inspector ruled in favour of Ryedale Council, which had issued an enforcement order, and rejected Marsh's appeal giving him 12 months to move out.

The deadline passed last weekend, but Marsh says he will not move out and leave his livestock — six horses, two dogs, 20 goats, geese and chickens.

Marsh, a cleaning supervisor at RAF Flyingdales, near Whitby, says he cannot afford to build a permanent home and would not be granted a mortgage at his age.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

Grand Christmas Bazaars

LONDON
Saturday December 15
Doors open 12 noon
Morpeth School, Morpeth Road
off Roman Road, E3
Dance at 7.30p.m.
Vernon Hall, Roman Road, (near Prestos)

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TRAIN guards at Southend Victoria yesterday staged a lightning strike in protest at the victimisation of a worker by British Rail management.

Buses ferried stranded commuters from stations on the Liverpool Street line to the Shoeburyness-Fenchurch Street section which was not affected by the stoppage.

SIXTY cannonballs were delivered to HMS 'Victory', Nelson's flagship at the Royal Naval base in Portsmouth yesterday in an attempt to build up the ship's stock of ammunition which has been stolen by tourists.

POP star Marilyn was yesterday fined for driving offences for the second time in a week after he was caught speeding on the M3 motorway in Hampshire.

WORLD SUMMARY

Moro's murder reviewed

ROME — An Italian appeals court sat yesterday to review life jail sentences imposed on the Red Brigades killers of Aldo Moro in a session expected to shed new light on the former Prime Minister's 1978 kidnap and murder.

Hopes

BONN — Israeli Prime Minister Simon Peres hopes to hold talks with Jordan on the question of the Palestinians and to meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, according to the West German newspaper 'Bild'.

Fascist

ROME — Giorgio Almirante — once a petty official in fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's administration — has been re-elected leader of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI).

Bomb

ATHENS — A car-bomb exploded in a northern suburb of Athens yesterday, killing a bomb disposal expert trying to defuse it. First reports said the car belonged to the Iraqi embassy.

Meeting

MOSCOW — Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko left Moscow for East Berlin yesterday to attend a Warsaw Pact ministerial meeting.

World News Line

Aircraft, trains and vehicles barred

THOUSANDS FLEE INDIAN CITY IN GAS TRAGEDY

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI — More than 380 people have died and at least 6,000 people taken to hospital after a gas leak at a Union Carbide factory manufacturing agricultural pesticides in Bhopal, capital of India's central Madhya Pradesh state.

State-run Press Trust of India said unofficial estimates put the death toll at more than 600. The news agency said also that the majority of the victims were children and elderly people.

The Indian government yesterday threw a cordon

around Bhopal, barring trains, aircraft and all other vehicles from entering the city.

Thousands of people were being treated on the lawns of Bhopal's Hamida hospital because the wards had been jammed within hours of the first several hundred people staggering into the city in agony.

The disaster has superseded the catastrophe of 1976 in the northern Italian town of Seveso, where more than 700 people were evacuated after an explosion at a chemical plant there.

The Icmesa plant belonged to a subsidiary of the Swiss multinational

chemicals company Hoffmann-Laroche.

The blast contaminated about 4,500 acres of land with highly toxic dioxin, killing animals and causing an outbreak of acute skin rash.

PTI said: 'The government Hamida hospital, where most of the victims were admitted, seemed like a large medical camp, with thousands of people being treated, even outdoors, as wards were full.'

A spokesman for the hospital said the victims were in excruciating pain. 'The symptoms

have been badly inflamed eyes, vomiting and breathing difficulties,' he said.

All-India Radio said hundreds of cattle and other animals were dead in the area.

The leak panicked Bhopal's 700,000 population, thousands fleeing the sprawling suburb, where the factory is located, to the city.

Madhya Pradesh Governor K.M. Chandy described the accident as a 'tragedy' and appealed for calm.

Madhu Mishra, Profes-

sor of Home Science at Bhopal University, described what she called the gruesome scene after she was woken up at 1a.m., coughing violently.

'My eyes started watering and I could hardly breathe. I was choking,' she said.

'My neighbour ran in and said it was a nuclear bomb.'

She drove up to a nearby city hill, with her neighbour, who lives about three miles from the factory:

'It was gruesome, a nightmare. There were about 8,000 or 9,000 people on the road in the dead of night, all heading for the hill.'

A spokesman for Union Carbide in New Delhi confirmed the factory, about ten miles outside Bhopal, manufactured pesticides for agriculture.

Union Carbide managing director V.P. Gokhale said the gas, 'methyl isocyanate', leaked from underground storage tanks.

It attacked the lungs and bloodstream, causing suffocation. 'The symptoms are similar to a bad asthma attack,' he said.

Union Carbide is an American-owned multinational that manufactures a range of chemical-related products in India, including dry-cell batteries, under a franchise arrangement.

Bolivian general strike continues

LA PAZ — Bolivia's five-day-old general strike continued yesterday, defying government attempts to bring it to an end.

Trade unionists and government officials adjourned talks yesterday, acknowledging bitter disagreements.

'Perspectives are very poor. The meeting was very tense and I am very pessimistic,' Planning Minister Rene Fernandez said.

Juan Lechin, leader of the Workers' Federation (COB) which last Wednesday launched its seventh general strike this year in protest at austerity moves, said talks would resume today.

'We were on the verge of breaking off the dialogue, but some ministers admitted that the government's stand was ridiculous and we postponed the meeting,' Lechin added.

The COB is seeking improved food supplies, a price freeze and wage adjustments to offset government-ordered price rises of 200 per cent for food and of up to 1,100 per cent for fuels.

Officials and unionists have voiced fears of intervention by the military who have mounted 180 coups in 159 years.

Air force head General Oscar Villa said in a speech at the weekend the armed forces were 'the guardians of domestic security' and would know how to fulfil their duties.

Lechin warned that any military intervention 'will have great difficulty in consolidating itself.'

Iraqi raid

BAHRAIN — A Cypriot-flag supertanker, the 'Minotaur', was hit in an apparent Iraqi air attack south of Iran's Kharg Island yesterday.

Three crewmen were reported missing, according to shipping sources in the Gulf.

In Baghdad, a military spokesman said Iraqi jets had hit a 'large enemy naval target' south of the island, Iran's main oil terminal.



Bolivian copper miners... a key section of the Bolivian working class in the general strike

Finnish CP close to split

HELSINKI — Finland's Communist Party has lurched closer to a final split, with a move by its majority 'Euro' wing to wrest local control from so-called hardliners.

The party newspaper, 'Kansan Uutiset', said yesterday that the Central Committee had founded rival organisations in areas held by 'hardliners'. The hardline faction formally control eight of the country's 17 party districts.

The 'hardline' district leaderships may be disowned by a special party congress scheduled for early next year.

Army atrocities rise in Jaffna

COLOMBO — Troops in the northern, central and eastern Sri Lanka have unleashed brutal atrocities against the Tamil civilian population in reprisal for concerted attacks from liberation guerrilla units.

In the latest incident of troop rampages in the curfew-besieged north-east, a youth was shot dead when soldiers opened fire on a group of residents in the port of Talaimannar.

The killing signals the escalation of civil war in the north, where the fight for a separate Tamil state of Eelam for Sri Lanka's 2.5 million Tamils has been stepped up in the past two weeks.

The Tamil Information Centre in London reported a series of army atrocities, including arson, murder and rape.

A TIC bulletin said soldiers had looted cash, jewellery and other valuables and set fire to a number of abandoned houses in the areas earlier this month.

They had destroyed crops in the northern village of Urumpirai, burnt 30 houses at Idaikadu and demolished ten others.

A university undergraduate, Selvarani, was attacked by soldiers with acid on November 12, resulting in her hospitalisation.

Two girls from Vembadi Girls High School and their teacher were attacked in another incident.

The body of a Puloli woman was found early this month. She is believed to have been gang-raped and run over by an army truck.

Widespread shootings were reported in the area yesterday but spokesmen for the racist regime of President Junius Jayawardene continued to spread a barrage of disinformation to mask the northern military commands crisis of tactic and morale.

National Security

Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said ten Tamil guerrillas landed in the north-eastern coast yesterday and escaped into the jungle.

It was an implication that they had arrived from Tamil Nadu, the homeland of southern India's 50 million Tamils. Senior ministers in the Tamil Nadu state government have categorically rejected Colombo's allegations.

In the latest raid Tamil liberation units attacked an army camp in Vavuniya, Jaffna district, yesterday to rescue detained comrades.

The attack is believed to have been on Boosa camp, where the army has held captive 60 youths since August 4 this year.

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save
skins

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's leading creditors have granted President Raul Alfonsín a major loan and rescheduling arrangement worth \$5.5 billion.

The package is designed to help the commercial banks to avoid a default on the country's \$45 billion foreign loans by providing funds to service and repay interest on vital portions of the shaky debts.

Citibank senior vice-president William Rhodes said yesterday the package comprised a ten-year \$3.7 billion medium-term loan, plus \$500 million in loans and credits aimed at boosting trade.

Rhodes said the 11-bank consortium he heads had agreed with the Argentine government in principle a proposal covering the commercial bank portion of Argentina's external financing needs to the end of 1985.

This simply means Citibank has organised an informal rescue operation in order also to comply with new regulations in the United States that impel banks to write off overdue debts or provide collateral known as 'loan loss provision'.

Alfonsín and his Economy Minister Bernardo Grinspun have been a thorn in the side of the International Monetary Fund, who have failed to impose austerity provisions on wages and jobs in Argentina.

Rhodes optimistically predicted yesterday the new accord would pave the way for a \$1.42 billion IMF loan for Buenos Aires to complete the deal.

Banking analysts freely admitted in New York that the agreement had eased a threat to the world banking system.

The loans will cover the country's balance of payments deficit and fund its existing debts until the end of next year.

Grinspun's spokesman announced they would use the 'breathing space' to concentrate on beating inflation, running at 1,000 per cent a year.

Wage
talks

WELLINGTON — The first national wage talks in New Zealand for two-and-a-half years began yesterday with two trade unions claiming the maximum Federation of Labour guideline of a 9.6 per cent increase.

In the face of government proposals to regulate against excessive wage increases, the meatworkers' union leadership cut its original claim for a 20 per cent rise, while the drivers' union leadership reduced its 15 per cent claim.

Prime Minister David Lange said after talks with the Federation of Labour broke down last week the government would intervene to impose pay increases of 4 to 5 per cent if wage settlements were too high.

ARAFAT MEETS FAHD
AFTER PLO CONGRESS

PALESTINE Liberation Organisation chairman Yassir Arafat arrived in Riyadh from Amman, Jordan, yesterday and immediately entered talks with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd.

The PLO leader was touring Arab countries to brief their leaders on the reorganising of the organisation's struggle for the homeland at the Palestine National Council, his spokesmen said.

PLO secretary-general Jamal Sourani left Amman for Cairo, while other officers are scheduled to visit both Islamic and non-Islamic capitals on similar missions, they said.

The PNC, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile — boycotted by five Syrian-based Palestinian groups — last week reaffirmed the PLO goal of an independent Palestinian state.

In a statement issued in Amman, the PNC Political Committee said: 'The PNC condemns all attempts to split or fragment the PLO and create alternative leaderships.'

'It also condemns what happened to the Palestinian and Lebanese people and their fighting forces in the Bekaa, the Mountain, Baalbek and the Galilee camp and the sieges of Nahr el-Bared, Baddawi and Tripoli.'

The statement said there was a need to 'rectify' relations with the Syrian regime of President Hafez al-Assad 'on the basis of mutual respect, non-interference in the other party's internal affairs, enabling the Palestine Revolution and the Lebanese nationalist forces to assume its militant role against the Zionist enemy, rejecting all partial and unilateral plans that bypass the

BY JOHN SPENCER

Palestinian people's inalienable rights, and confronting the divisionist and factional scheme in Lebanon'.

A separate political statement on the PNC said in part: 'The convocation of the PNC embodied Palestinian national identity, independent Palestinian decision-making, free Palestinian will and the legitimacy of the Palestine Revolution as expressed by the PLO, the leader of our people and the symbol of their struggle.'

Talks

As Arafat began his tour, Jordan's King Hussein, who held final talks yesterday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, denounced the US-sponsored Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel and presented to Egypt's parliament his own peace plan.

Winding up his first visit to Egypt since 1977, King Hussein called for the return of Arab East Jerusalem, occupied by Israel in 1967.

Outlining his five-point Middle East plan, Hussein said the basis of a solution should be the

trading of land for peace.

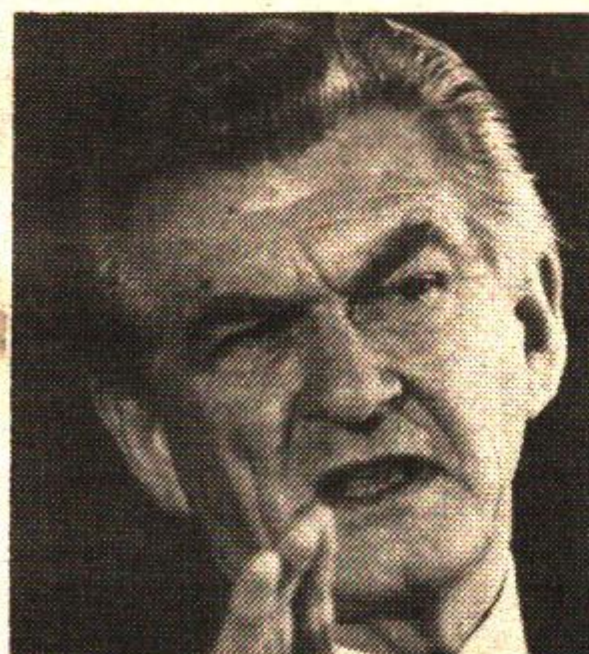
Negotiations were the way to achieve that exchange and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) must be represented in talks on an equal footing with other parties, he said.

The King called for negotiations in the framework of an international peace conference, with the presence of permanent members of the United Nations security council.

'Arab Jerusalem, the holiest of holy places, must be part of the principle of peace for land because it was occupied through war along with the West Bank, the (Syrian) Golan Heights... There could be no peace without its return to Arab sovereignty,' he said.

Hussein told the People's Assembly (parliament) he opposed Camp David because the West Bank and Gaza Strip were not treated in the same way as Israeli-held Egyptian Sinai.

The 1978 accords were followed by a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel under which the former recovered Sinai, occupied by Israel in 1967.

Post-poll squabble
down under

HAWKE

SYDNEY — Foreign Minister Bill Hayden and Prime Minister Bob Hawke yesterday began a public squabble over Labour's loss of nearly seven seats in Saturday's general election.

Hayden, deposed by Hawke in a back-door party executive committee meeting in Brisbane

last year, said the reduction of Labour's majority was 'dreadful' and 'a failure'.

He said he had told Hawke of his feelings in a private meeting at the weekend and that the Prime Minister had not liked his comments.

'I have quite willingly undertaken to make no further such comment but I made it very clear to the Prime Minister there is no way in the world in which I withdraw (the comments),' Hayden said.

Faction

Hayden leads a 'centre left' faction in the party. He rejected Hawke's contention that an abnormally high number of spoilt votes had cost the government seats.

Liberal (Tory) opposition leader Andrew Peacock joined Hayden in refuting Hawke: 'All the returns we've got show that the informal (invalid) vote was divided pretty evenly, 50-50 between the government and coalition.'

US drug dumping

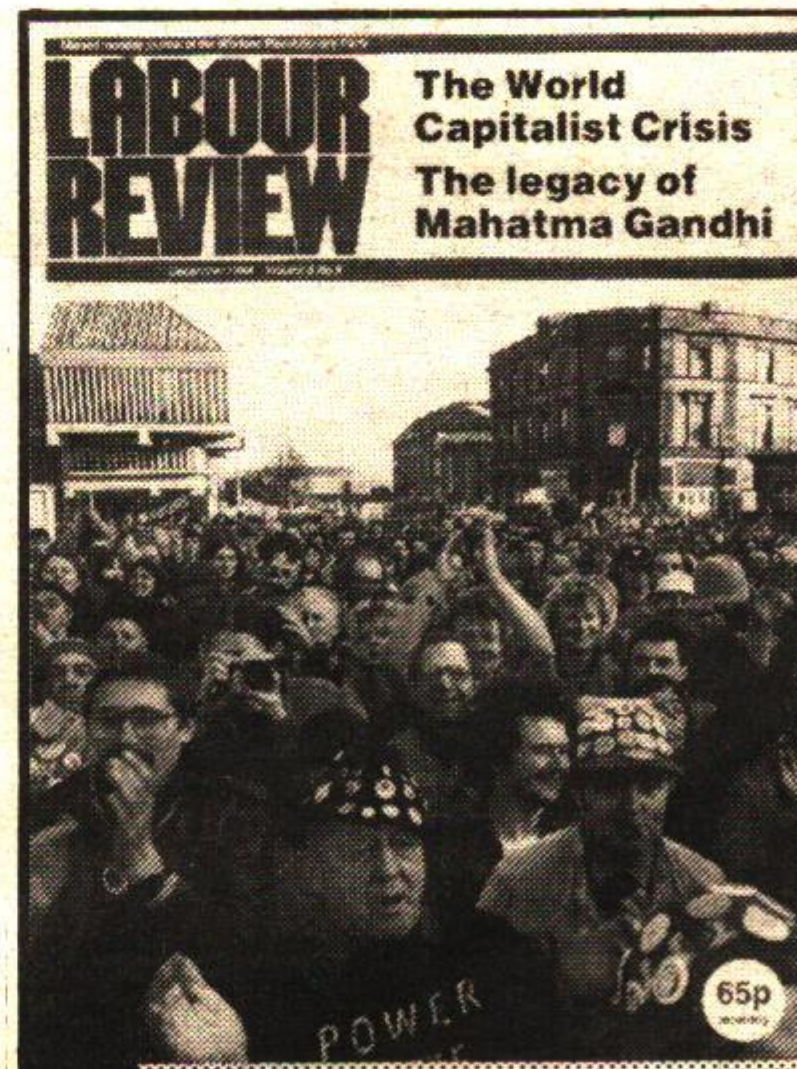
BANGKOK — Several hundred students marched on the US embassy in Bangkok yesterday to demand the defeat of legislation they said would dump drugs too hazardous for Americans on semi-colonial and colonial countries. They carried banners reading: 'Thailand is not a dumping ground for your garbage. Thais are not your experimental animals'.

A Students' Federation of Thailand (SFT) memorandum given to the embassy said legislation sponsored by Senators Edward Kennedy and Orrin Hatch would end a ban on exports of drugs not approved by the US Food and Drugs Administration.

It said a statement by Hatch that the proposed laws would still require highest standards of quality 'implies nothing else but second rate standards of quality for second rate consumers' in the semi-colonial and colonial countries. It said approval of the 1984 Pharmaceutical Export Amendment 'would enable American drug firms to use people in the Third World as guinea pigs for experiments of their products'.



Arafat at the 17th session of the PNC in Amman, Jordan, last week



DECEMBER ISSUE

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nochside Miners Welfare Club,
416 Old Edinburgh Road,
Viewpark.

Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National
Committee); **Terry Brother-
stone** (Edinburgh WRP)

COATBRIDGE: Wednesday
December 12, 7.30p.m. Dun-
dyvan Community Centre,
Dundyan Road.

Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National
Committee); **Simon Pirani**
(WRP Central Committee)

FALLIN: Thursday December
13, 7.30p.m. Fallin Miners
Welfare.

Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional
Committee); **Simon Pirani**
(WRP Central Committee); **Joe
Keegan** (GMBATU, John Browns, in
personal capacity)

GLASGOW: Wednesday Decem-
ber 19, 7.30p.m. Glasgow
Youth Training Centre, Tobago
Street, off London Road.

Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional
Committee); **Simon Pirani**
(WRP Central Committee)

NORTH EAST

NEWCASTLE: Wednesday
December 12, 7.30p.m. Bridge
Hotel, Castle Square, Newcas-
tle 1.

Speakers: **Kevin Townsend** (YS
National Committee); **Bob Bell**
(Newcastle WRP); **Dave Temple**
(Durham WRP and Merton Mecha-
nics WRP, in personal capacity)

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY: Sunday Decem-
ber 16, 3p.m. Lecture Room,
Sidney Stringer School, Vine
Street.

Speakers: **Nigel Gilder** (Stoke YS);
Corin Redgrave (WRP Central
Committee); **In personal capacity:**
Brian King (AUEW convenor
WMPT); **Speaker from West Mid-
lands NUM**

NORTH WEST

LIVERPOOL: Thursday Decem-
ber 13, 7.30p.m. Liverpool
Youth Training Centre, 100
Gloucester Place, off Kensington
Street.

Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Re-
gional Committee); **Tony Banda**
(WRP Central Committee)

CREWE: Wednesday Decem-
ber 19, 8p.m. Room 04, Oakley
Centre.

Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Re-
gional Committee); **Tony Banda**
(WRP Central Committee); **D.
Anderson** (Wolstan'ton NUM, in
personal capacity)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Thursday Decem-
ber 13, 7.30p.m. Whitehawk Youth Centre,
Whitehawk Road.

Speakers: **Graham Fenwick** (YS
Regional Committee); **John Hulme**
(Brighton WRP); **Joe Kierney**
(Crawley WRP)

HERTS

WELWYN: Monday December
10, 7.30p.m. Woodhall Com-
munity Centre, Mill Green
Road.

Speakers: **Gary Young** (Stevenage
YS); **Paul Stickley** (Watford WRP)

LONDON

HACKNEY: Tuesday Decem-
ber 18, 7.30p.m. Hackney
Town Hall, Reading Lane.

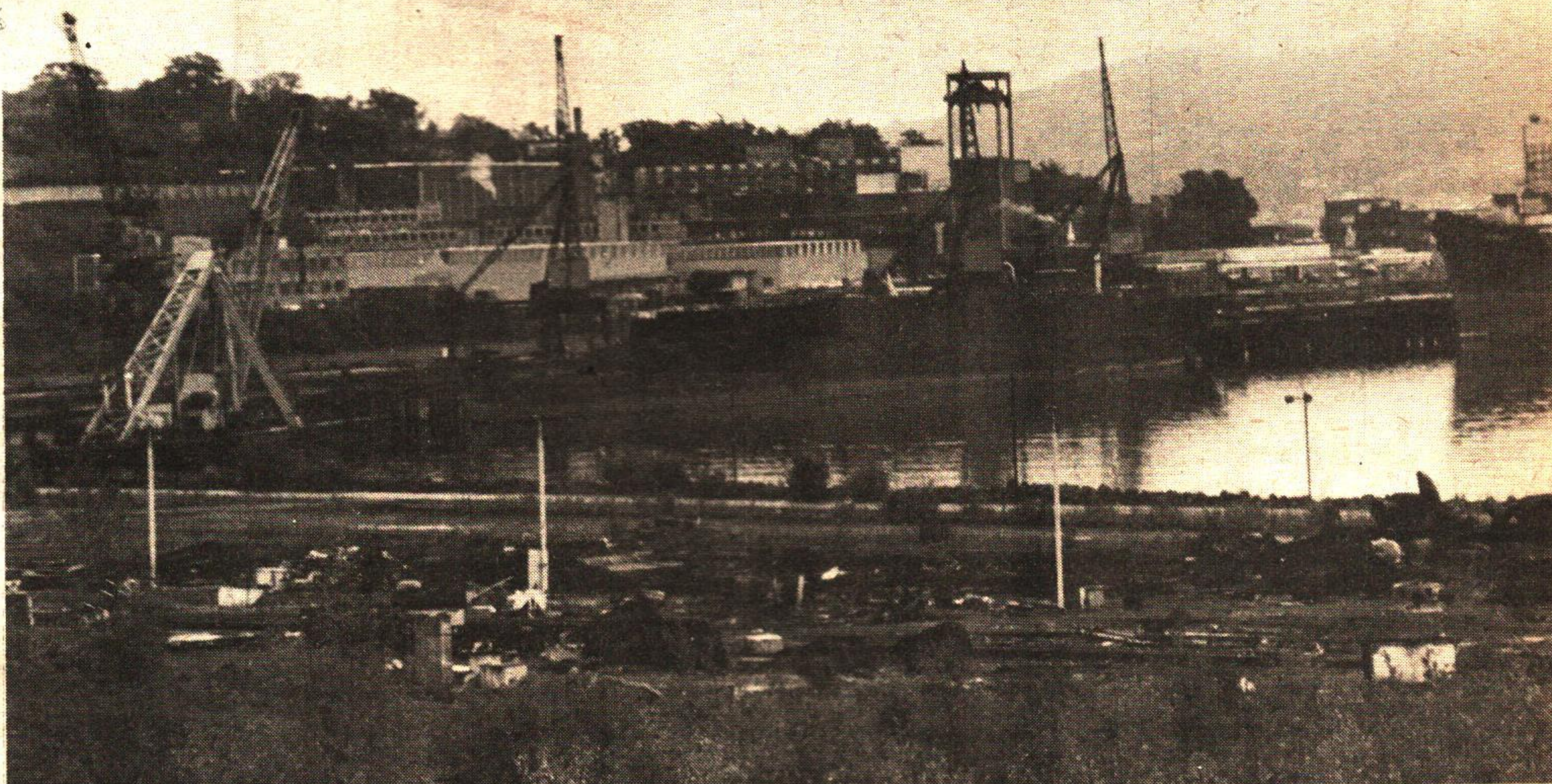
Speakers: **Graham Campbell**
(Hackney YS); **Richard Goldstein**
(London district committee WRP)

WILLESDEN: Wednesday Decem-
ber 19, 8p.m. The Rising
Sun, 25 Harlesden Road.

Speakers: **Gerry Murphy** (Willes-
den YS); **Richard Price** (WRP Central
Committee)

BRIXTON: Thursday Decem-
ber 20, 8p.m. Room 119, Town
Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.

Speakers: **Gary Hughes** (Brixton
YS); **Ben Rudder** (WRP Central
Committee); **Ida Turner** (Brixton
WRP); **Speaker from South Wales
NUM**



View from the north of the Faslane ship-breaking site. Round the headland, to the south is the Polaris submarine base

CLYDE ASBESTOS COVER-UP

THE LEGACY of a massive asbes-
tos dump re-discovered on the Clyde
is an as yet unknown number of
agonising deaths amongst workers
scattered by time.

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

Cancer-caused deaths
of many of those who
worked at the old ship-
breaking site at Fas-
lane have no doubt
already taken place.
But many more heal-
thy lives are still to be
claimed.

Asbestos had been
dumped on the site for
35 years before the clo-
sure of the yard in
1981. Up to 100,000
cubic metres of asbes-
tos is on the site, the
Health and Safety Ex-
ecutive has admitted.

'We used to tear off
asbestos from Royal
Navy ships with our bare
hands,' is the grim recol-
lection of John Rober-
ston, an ex-foreman at
the yard.

'Asbestos was every-
where,' says William
McKinley, a former
AUEW shop steward.
'When I started at the
site, conditions were
absolutely terrible. I had
to fight to get masks and
gloves issued.'

McKinley strongly con-
tests a Health and Safety
Executive estimate that
the number employed at
the Faslane yard had
been no more than 50. He
remembers having over
100 union members on his
books. After the war
there had been more than
500 Poles and Ukrainians
there, he states.

Profitable

In the post-war years,
ship-breaking was a high-
ly profitable enterprise.
Companies involved in
the yard broke up tradi-
tional battleships like the
'Vanguard', and carriers
like the 'Victorious' and
'Eagle'.

Allegations of a cover-
up have been levelled at
the Ministry of Defence,
who called a Press con-
ference on October 30 to
give out details of the
dump, since it is on land
that forms part of the
Royal Navy's Polaris
nuclear submarine base
at Faslane.

It is also the new site
for a giant Trident base,
about which the Ministry
has repeatedly refused to
hold a public inquiry.

Another warning of the
scope of the disaster has
come in a disclosure by
the Clyde River Purifica-
tion Board that the Fas-
lane dump has polluted
the Gare Loch.

Anyone bathing in the
once-beautiful loch now
has to contend not only
with radioactivity from
the Polaris base at Fas-
lane, and the US sub-
marine base in adjoining
Holy Loch... but with
countless deadly asbestos
fibres too.

According to letters re-
leased by the Purification
Board, extreme care had
been used in removing
asbestos from ships.
However, asbestos and
other debris had been
used to form a land re-
clamation scheme on the
shore of the loch.

Public attention has
since been drawn to other
dumps in Scotland. Tests
are now going ahead, for

instance, at a shipbreak-
ing site at Cairnryan, a
few miles from Stran-
raer.

The dump is believed to
consist of blue asbestos.
It is well known that the
'blue' is deadly. Absolu-
tely true — but it is a popu-
lar misconception that
other forms of asbestos
are 'safer'. All asbestos is
deadly.

Dump

The size of the Cairn-
ryan dump has still to be
evaluated — but if any-
thing resembling Fas-
lane, the 'Keep Out'
notices that have been
erected are a pathetic re-
sponse.

And on the Isle of Skye,
it has been announced
that a former locomotive
breaking yard is con-
taminated with asbestos.
It is part of a 28-acre site
of old railway sidings
originally owned by the
War Department.

Whitehall documents
show that the British gov-
ernment were well aware
of the danger from asbes-
tos as long ago as World
War II.

It has been the disaster
of the Red Road Flats, in
Glasgow, that above all
has exposed the murder-
ous cover-up operated by
successive governments
in the interests of big
business.

Scores of construction
workers who helped build
the Red Road tower
blocks were known as 'the
white mice', due to the
way they were regularly
covered in lethal asbestos
dust. The dying is still
continuing, as a result.

The way the Faslane
dump was disclosed by
the Royal Navy has
aroused protest — parti-
cularly in the Dumbarton
district council area.

When the massive Tri-
dent expansion plan for
the base was announced,
a glossy magazine aimed
at overcoming local
opposition was produced
by the Ministry of De-
fence.

No mention was made
about the asbestos, even
though it was undoubted-
ly then known to the MoD.
Before the £315m Trident
scheme can be com-
pleted, the MoD is having
to consider moving the
massive dump elsewhere
— an operation fraught
with danger.

Moving it by lorry
would involve 10,000 trips
along the shores of the
Gare Loch to wherever it
was being taken.

Blame

Tories have attempted
to switch the blame to the
Labour-run local author-
ity. But councillor Les
Robertson, convenor of
Dumbarton district's en-
vironmental health com-
mittee, has accused the
Ministry of Defence and
the Health and Safety Ex-
ecutive of having a 'cal-
lous disregard for the
health and safety of the
people who live and work
in this district.'

As far as the council
knew, the councillor said,
in the 35 years of ship-
breaking at Faslane only
one notification of asbes-
tos removal had been
made — to the old county
council in 1973.

Low pay scandal

MANY homeworkers now
finishing off Christmas
crackers are no better
paid than a decade ago,
according to a report pub-
lished yesterday by the
Low Pay Unit.

One third of homewor-
kers surveyed still earn
the poverty rate of 50p an
hour — the wage com-

monly recorded in the uni-
t's first report 10 years
ago.

Threequarters earn
less than £1 an hour and
none covered by Wages
Councils receive their
legal minimum wage.

The report, 'Sweated
Labour: Homeworking in

Britain Today', describes
homeworking as 'a hid-
den abuse, reminiscent of
some of the worst exces-
ses of the Victorian age'.

The Thatcher govern-
ment is set to drive low
paid workers as a whole
even more firmly into the
poverty trap by abo-
lishing Wages Councils.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

4-PAGE PULL-OUT

Once again, who is responsible for Wilkie's death

COMMENT

By Alex Mitchell

WHEN scab taxi-driver David Wilkie was killed last Friday, a clear class question was placed before the working class. Who's responsibility was it? The Thatcher regime's or the miners'?

The Workers Revolutionary Party and its daily newspaper, the News Line, had no hesitation whatsoever in publicly declaring that the Tory government was to blame. (News Line, December 1, 1984)

But the Welsh district congress of the Communist Party took its stand with the Tory ruling class and the capitalist state.

Its weekend congress passed an emergency resolution 'deploring the tragic death of Cardiff taxi-driver David Wilkie' and adding:

'Such senseless acts have no place in the legitimate struggles of the miners.'

The resolution, moved by Arfon Evans, called on 'all concerned with the dispute to make every effort to avert the possibility of further loss of human life'.

The wording of this resolution oozes bourgeois humanism. It does not have a trace of anti-Tory class hatred in it.

Instead of standing four-square with the miners and placing the responsibility for Wilkie's death on the Thatcher government where it belongs, the Welsh Communist Party has condemned the miners' union and slandered its members.

Howls

The Stalinists have wilted under the pressure of bourgeois public opinion and the howls of the union-hating Tory press. Their line is no different from the 'anti-violence' bleats of Labour Party leader Kinnock and the TUC's Norman Willis.

Indeed, while the front-page headline in last Saturday's News Line was 'Thatcher's Bonapartist

state — The real source of violence', the 'Morning Star' favourably reported on its front page the reactionary remarks of Kinnock under the heading: 'Violence can prevent pit victory — Kinnock.'

The 'Morning Star' article said: 'Neil Kinnock declared last night that violence was the main barrier to the miners winning their dispute, and had got to stop.'

Any working-class party with a trace of principles would have voted to back the miners and their pickets 100 per cent and pledged full financial, legal and political support to the two miners charged by the police with Wilkie's death. They are class war prisoners.

By joining the camp of the slanderers of the NUM, the Stalinists have not made a mistake or committed a temporary lapse. This IS the politics of Stalinism.

Because it is wedded to the counter-revolutionary theory of the peaceful, parliamentary road to socialism, the British Stalinist party is imbued with worship of

the capitalist state. The other side of this is immense hostility against working-class challenges to the state power.

The gradualist, ultra-reformist line of the Stalinists was put to the congress by Rhondda councillor, Arthur True. With the miners in the ninth month of an epic struggle which brings forward the struggle for power in Britain, True recommended the Communist Party to build its electoral influence 'brick by brick'.

Seats

'We cannot win parliamentary seats without winning seats on district and county councils,' he said.

Presumably the worthy Stalinist councillor has not heard that the Thatcher regime is proposing to abolish seven metropolitan county councils and rate-cap 18 other councils. It is part of the Bonapartist state's move to bring local government under a centralised Treasury dictatorship.

In the midst of these enormous

class-war developments True is talking about a centuries-long campaign to get councillors elected in the boroughs, then the districts and counties and finally — the House of Commons.

Who knows — socialism in another 500 to 1,000 years!

But the Stalinists' policy is not a laughing matter. By absolving Thatcher's regime for Wilkie's death, the Stalinists facilitate even more brutal attacks on the miners and the working class.

They assist the development of Bonapartism at the moment when the entire working class movement must be mobilised in revolutionary struggle against it.

As last Saturday's News Line said: 'The responsibility for the death of taxi driver Wilkie lies with Thatcher and all those like Kinnock who cover for the capitalist state.'

'The confrontation with the Bonapartist regime will grow to involve the whole working class as the world slump tears bankrupt British capitalism apart. It will be accompanied by further violent provocations by the state against the miners and the trade unions as a whole.'

'What this demands is the organisation of the General Strike against Thatcher's regime and the preparations for a Workers Revolutionary Government.'

Unemployed family forced to pick coal

AN unemployed family picking coal on a tip near South Kirby pit want the miners to stay on strike until the Thatcher government is driven out of office.

'The miners should stay out until they get what they want, and until we get rid of this government. They have our backing all the way. If they can get rid of Thatcher we might be able to get jobs,' said Sharon Taylor.

'Thatcher has ruined this country,' added Bob Taylor. 'I'm out of work now, but it's not my fault, it's her fault.'

'The miners deserve more support from the other trade unions. If I was at work I would be on strike with them. My father was a miner, and he used to say they were the best people in the country.'

'I think we do need a General Strike to sort things out in the country once and for all.'

The Taylor family have been forced to pick coal on the tip because of the exorbitant prices now being charged to workers in Yorkshire.

'I had to pay £55 for four bags of coal the other day, and now this is the only way to keep the family warm,' he said.



Bob Taylor and Sharon Taylor and young Christian Taylor pictured at a coal picking site in South Kirby, Yorkshire, yesterday

Other miners are picking coal on the tip, dodging earth-movers to find relatively large lumps of coal exposed by the giant

machines. Other tips have only yielded tiny nuggets of coal which must be sifted out of tons of dust and earth.

● SCABS have attacked the homes of striking miners' leaders in the village of Armthorpe near Doncaster.

But the scabs were identified, and now union leaders are waiting to see if the police will act on information.

Give miners' children a merry Christmas

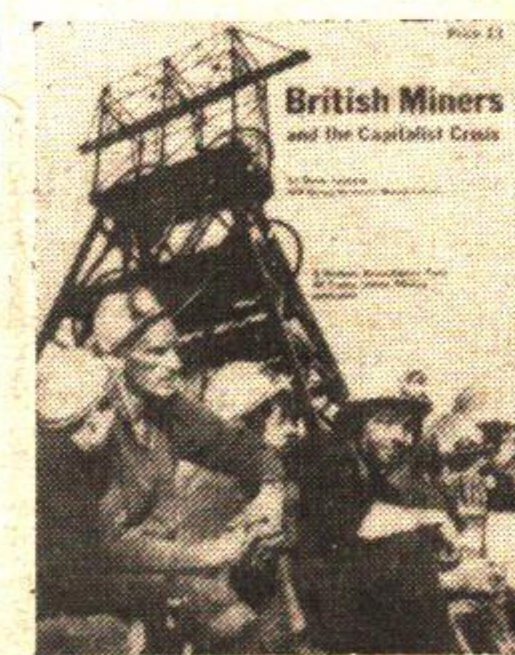
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This **TUESDAY**
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British Telecom swindle unfolds

THE orgy of instant money-making seen on the Stock Exchange yesterday was a vivid illustration of the parasitic nature of British capitalism and the Thatcher regime as a government of speculators and swindlers.

Immediately British Telecom (BT) shares were traded, the finance houses and big City institutions made millions in profits without raising a sweat. For them BT was a licence to print money.

The selling price for the shares confirmed that this state asset-stripping by the Tories was made for only a QUARTER of the real value of BT.

First, the Tories have handed over complete control of BT's assets to private owners by selling only 50 per cent of the shares.

And the price of the shares understated the real value of BT by another half — within minutes of the start of dealings, 50p shares were being sold at 97p.

Far from demonstrating that British capitalism has some inherent vitality and strength, the privatisation of BT reveals the depth of the crisis of economic parasitism facing Thatcher.

The sale of BT for just under £4 billion was made first and foremost in order to cut the government's budget deficit. All the revenue from BT goes straight into the Treasury.

What the Tories are doing is selling state assets to finance the attacks on the working class, to pay for the coal and oil used to fight the miners, to keep millions on the dole and fund the slave-labour youth unemployment schemes.

Far from being a new capital investment, privatised BT comes after an intense period of state investment to modernise the telecommunications system.

Since 1980 no less than £6.8 billion of public money has been spent on research, plant and equipment to make BT a technologically advanced corporation.

It is a fact that bankrupt British capitalism could not have raised these funds. What the taxpayer has done in the last four years is prepare BT for privatisation.

These facts show that any investment in state industries today — whether in British Airways or the coal industry — is a prelude to hiving off to big business and speculators industries which they themselves cannot develop.

In British Airways, over 20,000 jobs have been lost in two years as the corporation is packaged up for the City sharks.

In BT, thousands of redundancies are planned and union agreements have already been ripped up by the board.

The miners are on strike because the state-owned National Coal Board unilaterally decided to close 20 pits, sack 20,000 miners and direct investment with the aim of preparing the industry for privatisation.

The sale of BT is by a government running an economy ravaged by the world capitalist slump. Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship rests essentially on the £12 billion revenue from the sale of North Sea oil.

But oil prices are plunging on the world market — and when it reaches \$20 a barrel, billions invested in the North Sea will not bring a return on capital.

The vast sums loaned to the oil industry on the basis of huge profits for the unlimited future will then be exposed as fictitious values, sending the banks themselves into mortal crisis.

Behind the glamour of BT's sale lies the driving force of the world crisis, producing a revolutionary confrontation with the miners who are resisting the slump on behalf of the whole working class.

Yesterday's events in the City only quicken the pace of this confrontation, which will embrace the whole working class in the struggle for power, the abolition of parasitic financial institutions and the creation of a planned socialist economy under a Workers Revolutionary Government.

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Hewing the Douglas Bank pit near Wigan



Pit girls tipping at a

The life and death of the B

BRITISH capitalism in its heyday was built on coal. As Michael Pollard observes in 'The Hardest Work Under Heaven', the industry was 'at the hub of Victorian industrial enterprise'.

Coal output doubled between 1855 and 1875 only to double again by 1910. On the eve of World War I, there were 3,000 pits

The Hardest Work Under Heaven — The Life and Death of the British Coal Miner by Michael Pollard — Hutchinson — £9.95

BY JOHN SPENCER

employing 1,250,000 miners. One worker in 15 worked for King Coal.

At the top of the industry sat the landowners like the Duke of Northumberland, who complained bitterly in 1919 that high taxes meant he

only saw £24,000 of his £82,000 coal royalties.

Beneath these parasitic barons were the companies, big and small, which ran the pits. The larger companies, Pollard says, 'exploited their workforces without mer-

cy or pity', while their smaller counterparts couldn't afford to do anything different.

Mining took a frightful toll in death, injury and disease. Pollard estimates that a quarter of a million miners were killed. Most died in ones and twos, but on occasion there were disasters which took hundreds of workers at a stroke.

The Oaks Colliery near Bradford blew up in 1866 at the cost of 361 lives. At Abercarn, 268 died in 1878. An explosion killed

290 at the Albion pit in Glamorgan in 1894. Another, at Bank pit in Lancashire in 1910, killed 344. At Gresford, near Wrexham, in 1934, 265 were killed.

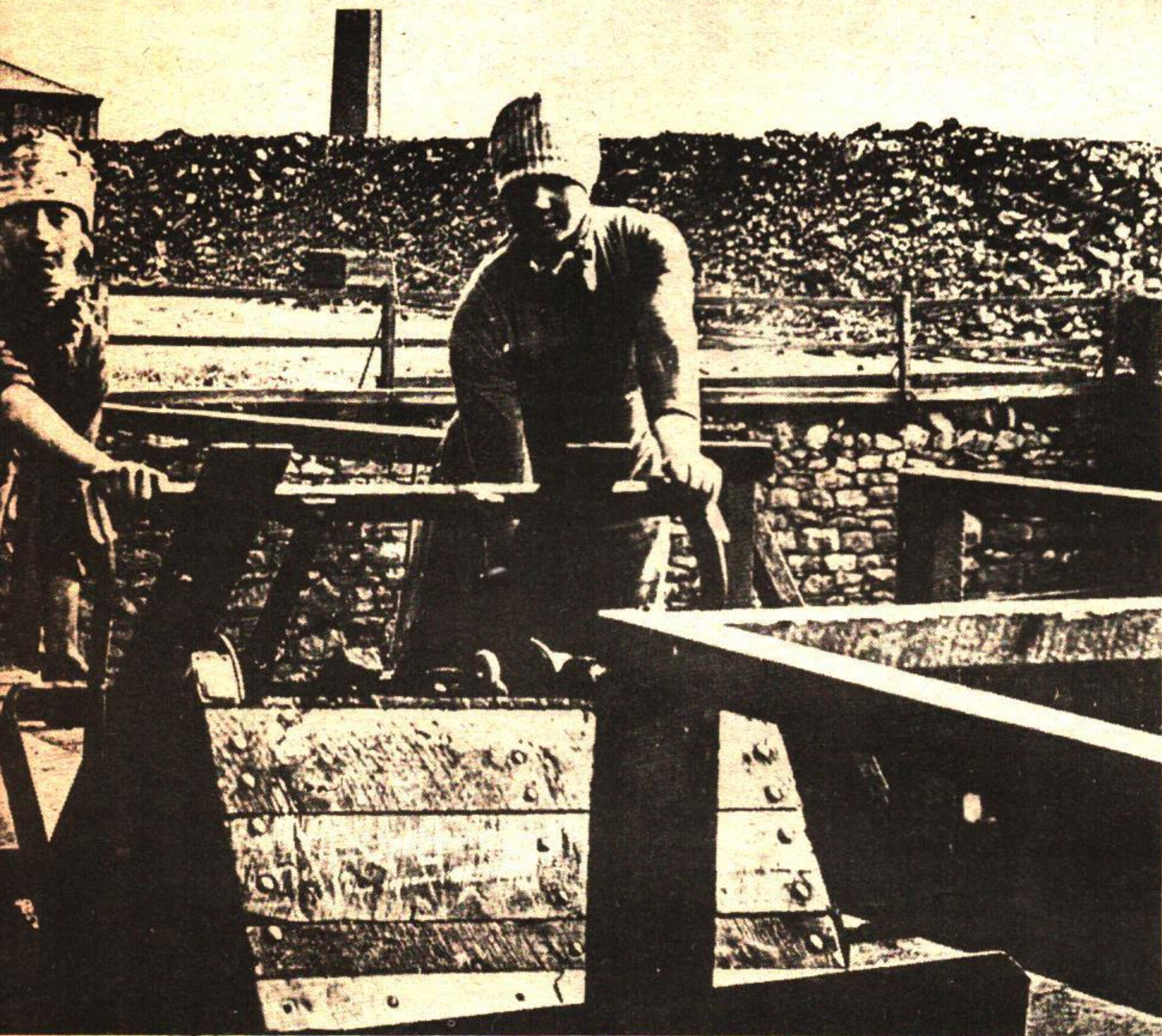
The largest disaster of all was at the Universal pit in Senghenydd, Glamorgan, where 439 men and boys were carried off by an explosion.

Most miners in those days were fortunate to reach their 50th birthday. By the age of 30 most would have been considered unfit for the forces and they would take



The morning after the Senghenydd disaster when 439 men and boys lost their lives. Every house has its blinds drawn

WORK UNDER HEAVEN



Wigan pit

British coal miner

almost anyone who could stand upright.

Pollard quotes a government inspector in Yorkshire's West Riding: 'After they are turned 45 or 50 they walk home from their work like cripples, stiffly stalking along, often leaning on sticks.'

Many died fighting for breath, victims of 'black spit' (pneumoconiosis).

Pollard contrasts this pitiful reality with the miners' image of themselves, expressed in legends about such figures as Big Isaac in

South Wales or Bob Towers, the 18-stone County of Durham Big Hewer, who never seemed to tire and went at the coal like a machine.

In reality much of the mining workforce in the Victorian era was made up of women and children. Children started work down the pit at age seven or even younger.

Trapper

Their first job was generally as a trapper, opening and closing the ventilation gates for the coal-haulers. The hauling itself was generally done by slightly older children, many of them girls, pushing or pulling laden sledges from the coal face to the pit-head, or in some Scottish pits 'bearing' — carrying the coal in baskets.

Contemporary writers frequently compared mining with slavery, and generally considered that slavery had the better of the comparison. Government inspector Robert Franks witnessed girls as young as six carrying half-hundredweight loads in the Scottish collieries.

He noted: 'I have taken the evidence of fathers who have ruptured themselves from straining to lift coal on their children's backs.'

He commented: 'It is revolting to humanity to reflect upon the barbarous and cruel slavery which this degrading labour constitutes. It is a remnant of the slavery of a degraded age.'

Above ground the miners and their families were scarcely better off. Their villages, as one mid-19th century writer said, managed to combine the inconveniences of a country village in terms of facilities with the ugliness of the mean-

er parts of a manufacturing town.

Despite the often appalling conditions, particularly in South Wales and Scotland, miners' wives waged a constant battle to keep their homes comfortable and their families well looked after.

Pollard deals with the upsurge of Methodism in the mining communities during the 19th century and compares it tellingly with the war fever of 1914. He makes the point that the influence of religion can be exaggerated.

The 1851 census showed, that more than half the population had attended neither church nor chapel the previous Sunday, and drinking remained the main leisure pursuit of the working class, particularly colliers.

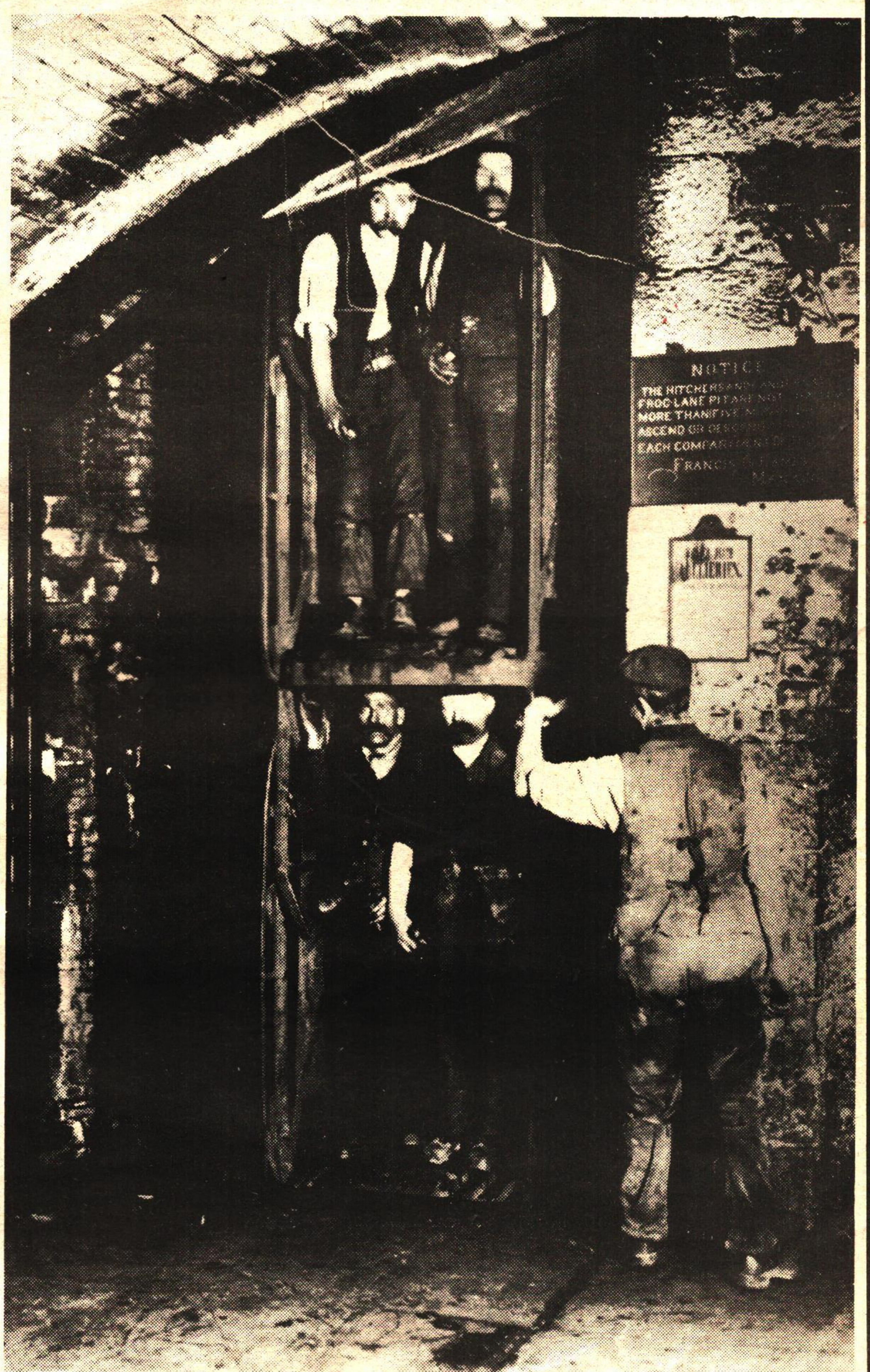
Colliers' lives were counted very cheap indeed. According to the Chief Constable of Oldham, non-miners were not in the least bit concerned about pit deaths. 'There would be more bother and talk about killing a dog than killing a collier.'

Everyone had an interest in ensuring that not too much fuss was made about accidents. As early as 1767, under pressure from the coalowning Duke of Northumberland, the 'Newcastle Journal' decided to 'drop the further mentioning' of deaths in the pits.

Obstructed

Many coroners actively obstructed investigations on accident victims. It saved embarrassment for the owners and managers — and relieved the coroners of tedious work.

Pollard makes an instructive contrast between the Victorian attitude to railway accidents



The cage at Frog Lane colliery Wigan in 1900

and to mining accidents. The railway inspectorate was established within 15 years of the first railway being opened.

Pollard maintains that the death of William Huskisson, a former senior Cabinet minister, at the gala opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway was no doubt an important factor in its establishment in 1840.

It was not until 1850 that it became obligatory to report, never mind investigate, accidents down the mines. The lust for profit of coalowners and colliery managers had free rein.

At Workington colliery in 1837, coal was being worked within 90 feet of the seabed, a mile from the shore. The manager recklessly pressed on, even though the men could hear the sea moving above them, and sand had begun to trickle down into the workings.

Whirlpool

Warnings were ignored and on July 30 the sea broke in. 'A black gurgling whirlpool for some time marked the aperture and the entrance of the

waters at a considerable distance from the shore,' it was reported. Thirty-seven men were drowned.

Winding accidents took a continuous toll of death and injury. At Wellsway colliery, Radstock, in 1899, a man was scalded to death when the cage was lowered into almost boiling water at the pit bottom.

Overwinding was common. A drunken engineer at Withy Mills pit in Somerset overwound nine men into the wheel. David Pellett, a Halifax boy, was overwound by his own uncle and grand-

father, whose attention had been distracted by a passing funeral.

The chief reason for many of these accidents was the owners' unwillingness to invest in proper equipment or install failsafe devices.

Shackled

Bond-slavery existed in the Scottish coalfields until 1799. Colliers who tried to leave the pits were brutally used — shackled against a wall with an

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THE HARDEST WORK UNDER HEAVEN

The carting boys of Dunkerton

TOWARDS the end of 1908, the 'carting boys' who hauled coal out of Dunkerton colliery in Somerset, went on strike. The strike, as Michael Pollard observes, owed nothing to union activities since the haulage boys were held to be dependent on the coal hewers and subject to them.

Rough

'The life of a carting boy at Dunkerton was rough,' says Pollard. 'You took the guss and crook — the belt

and chain of pre-Victorian coalfields which were a distant memory almost everywhere else — and hitched it to a putt, as they called it in Somerset, and hauled this putt, which had runners not wheels — over ill-made roads for perhaps threepence (just over 1p) per ton.'

The carting boys at Dunkerton asked in 1907 for something like fivepence (2p) per ton. Eighteen months later, their claim having got nowhere, they struck.

'The carting boys of Dunkerton had hit upon something that haulage lads everywhere should have thought of: if the coal cannot be brought out, a pit is paralysed.'

Protests

'The strike went on. A few miners continued to go below, to such protests that mounted police had to be brought in. Then, on January 22, 1909, when the strike was three months old, the "Dunkerton outrage" took place . . .

'The facts are hazy, but it seems that on Friday the colliery surveyor, Edgar Heal, who happened to be the manager's son, received a complaint from two men who were not on strike that they had been threatened as they went on shift.

'He told them not to worry but to carry on as usual. Armed with this authority, the two men went to work, and, faced with what looked like open provocation, the strikers, some 200 strong, organised a protest march

to the home of the colliery manager.

'It was dark by the time they arrived — they had been delayed by the urge to break some windows on the way — and the manager was not at home.

Mood

'His son, Edgar, however, was; and he evidently panicked at the sight of the approaching men who, whether their mood was ugly or merely noisy, looked frightening. Edgar

Heal went to the door and fired two revolver shots into the air.

'The crowd began to stone the Heals' house, and Edgar went inside and returned with a loaded shotgun. This time he fired into the crowd, three or maybe four times.

'At this point with about a dozen men and boys lying injured, the police arrived and Edgar Heal vanished, to be arrested in Bristol the next day. By that time, twenty-one strikers had also been arrested, some for

further offences of assault and riot on the Saturday.

'The outcome of the case, which came up a month later, was instructive for those who believed in the impartiality of the law.

Wounding

'Edgar Heal, charged with unlawful and malicious wounding, was acquitted. Ten of the strikers were sent down to hard labour, and another five given more lenient sentences.'



Two colliers in the family

The life and death of the British coal miner

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iron collar or made to 'go the rown', tied at the gin, facing the horse, and running backwards all day.

The truck system, in Wales and Derbyshire, could be equally effective in enslaving a man and his family, burying them under a mountain of debt. Tommy shops were another abuse, charging high prices for adulterated goods, so-called Tommy rot.

The butty system, a form of lump labour, dominated many mining areas, particularly the Midlands. Pollard comments: 'The system as a whole was in fact made up of a chain of people, each of whom was dedicated to making the maximum profit, at whatever expense in human terms, out of the person below him.'

Royalties

In return for royalties, the landowner would allow a coal-master to sink a pit. The latter would then let out the actual business of extracting coal to the butty or subcontractor who in turn employed the colliers themselves.

At the bottom of the heap were the apprentices, mainly recruited from the workhouses and bound to their employer for an incredible 12 years.

A 20-year-old hewer, his own man, could earn about £1 a week in Staffordshire in the 1830s. An apprentice of the same age, doing the same work, earned his keep plus, with luck, sixpence.

The law kept the apprentices in line. If they broke their indentures they faced imprisonment.

During the period of the Combination Acts and for decades afterwards, Pollard notes, the North and Midlands and the manufacturing areas of the southwest were treated

as occupied territory and permanently garrisoned by a huge force of troops.

Against this state terror, the workers organised terror of their own, led by the miners. The 'Scotch Cattle', a secret society set up in South Wales to counter black-legs and truck shops, waged a campaign of violence and arson.

Its forces were later incorporated in the Chartist movement and took part in the abortive Newport rising of 1839, which was repressed with great brutality.

Pollard concludes his book with a moving account of the Gresford pit disaster of September

1934 in which 265 miners were killed. He quotes one survivor who says: 'One could smell the explosion coming a few years before it actually happened, and it was in everybody's mind.'

Heat

The Gresford miners accepted the unbearable conditions, the heat and gas down the pit for one simple reason: they had no choice. 'By the 1930s the morale of the miners in Britain, betrayed over and over again even by their own political party, was at rock bottom,' says Pollard.

Gresford was 'demoralised from the top downwards' and the union was as demoralised as the management. Complaints were simply ignored.

The casualties of Gresford were the victims of the defeat of the miners' lock-out and the mangling of their union at the hands of both Tory and Labour governments.

Anyone who doubts the central importance of the miners' struggle today and the absolute necessity for the whole working class to join that battle through the organisation of the General Strike should read this book and think again.



Snap-time. In many pits snap was at the mercy of rats and a boy would be set to guard the miners' food tins

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Radiation exposure double the target

THE exposure of workers to radiation at the proposed Sizewell 'B' PWR nuclear power station will be over double the target announced by the Central Electricity Generating Board.

This is the conclusion from France to be presented at the Sizewell 'B' Public Inquiry on behalf of the Anti-PWR Consortium of Trade Unions and Local Authorities.

In his evidence, which investigates the experience of most countries that actually operate PWRs, Jean-Claude Zerbib concludes that the target for workers' exposure to radiation of 200 rems per year aimed for at Sizewell 'B' is not realistic.

The doses obtained in

France, where several American PWRs have already been built under licence from Westinghouse, show average collective doses of approximately 430 rems. This is more than twice the target announced by the CEBG.

Engineer

Zerbib is a radiation protection engineer who currently works for the French trade union, the CFDT, which represents workers in the French nuclear industry.

Mystery death of Sizewell witness

AN INQUEST into the death of a witness to the Sizewell inquiry, who died in suspicious circumstances, is to be held this week.

The body of anti-nuclear power campaigner, Hilda Murrell, 79, was found in the countryside after she was abducted from her home near Shrewsbury last March.

According to the police she disturbed a burglar who then forcibly drove her to the countryside where somehow she escaped him, but then died of exposure in the bitter winter weather.

Miss Murrell was writing a detailed paper on the management of nuclear waste to be presented at the Sizewell B nuclear inquiry.

The document was subsequently read for her by her nephew, Robert Green, a former Naval intelligence officer. It was used for cross-examination of key witnesses.

Sunday's 'Observer' said that the theory would be put to the inquest that Hilda was murdered because she was raising questions that were too awkward for the nuclear industry to handle.

Green said last week that

his aunt could hold her own in an argument with a nuclear expert: 'I have always had a gut feeling that her death was connected with this work.'

'I am led to one solution only — that the break-in was to look for information rather than valuables.'

The police say they discount the 'nuclear factor'. But they said initially that Murrell's house had been ransacked. It has since been proved that this is untrue. Little was disturbed and there were no fingerprints or evidence on the body of sexual assault.



An artists impression of homo erectus

Discovery in bag of bones

CHINESE archaeologists have made two exciting discoveries of *homo erectus* in the last two months — though one of them was in a sack of discarded animal bones from ten years ago.

Workers on the site in Liaoning Province discovered a virtually complete skeleton in September. But it was only after Professor Lu Zuner had alerted them to the human bones that they remembered throwing a similar one into a sack during excavations in 1974.

A search revealed a second skeleton.

Homo erectus, the human ancestor immediately preceding the *homo sapiens* species, lived between a million and 200,000 years ago. *Homo erectus* communities were fully-fledged bipedal humans who used fire and a wide range of stone tools.

The main discovery, made on September 27 at Jinniu Shan, in Yinkou county, followed over 30 years of searching for 'Peking man' by Professor Lu.

First reports suggest that the find will be the best evidence yet obtained of *Homo erectus*.

Back healing drug tests

DOCTORS last week claimed to have found a new method of relieving backache, the cause of 19 million days off sick a year.

The discovery follows two years of research by a medical team at the University of Manchester, and could offer relief

for thousands of sufferers.

Professor Malcolm Jayson said the approach to the problem was completely new, and looked very promising. He said the researchers had found that most back pain sufferers shared a common defect in the spine.

When back tissues are damaged, a substance called fibrin is deposited. This can be responsible for chronic inflammation and scarring.

As the tissues heal, the fibrin is removed by the enzymes produced in the normal healing process, so that the inflammation gradually dies away.

But the Manchester team discovered that most of the back pain sufferers under study failed to produce the enzymes which usually dissolve the fibrin. The believe they have found a way of correcting the problem with drugs.

Tests with two groups of 18 sufferers have been encouraging, and a larger trial will soon be started. 'If these are successful it should be a year or two before it is generally applicable and I wouldn't think it would be particularly expensive,' Jayson said.

Radioactive dinosaurs

A SOVIET scientist has reported finding high levels of radioactive uranium in the fossil remains of dinosaurs.

Geologist Sergei Neruchev says the findings suggest that dinosaurs may have become extinct due to high levels of naturally-occurring uranium in the pools and lagoons in which they lived.

Traces of the uranium had been found not only in fossil remains of dinosaurs, but also in other deposits from a similar age, he said.

Biologists had shown that living cells tend to 'soak up' uranium, and Neruchev believes that the dinosaurs may have absorbed so much of the radioactive poison that it killed them.

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6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 LONDON PLUS (with regional variations)

6.55 THE DISTRICT NURSE

7.25 HALLS OF FAME *The Victoria Palace, London*

8.10 CAGNEY AND LACEY

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 STARS OF ROLLER STATE DISCO Play by Michael Hastings with Perry Benson as Carly and Cathy Murphy as Paulette. Hastings spells out the sinister implications of mass youth unemployment and government cheap labour schemes. The lives of teenagers staying at the Roller State Disco, a residential leisure skating rink, are controlled by a female computer 'Voicespeak'

10.40 THE OTHER HALF *Angus and Tony* Sir Angus Wilson has been sharing his life with Tony Garret for 32 years. (Regional variations)

11.10 CLAIRE RAYNER'S CASE-BOOK Looks at manic depression

11.35 News Headlines; Weatherman

BBC WALES: 5.10 Gloria. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Tomorrow's World. 9.25 Welsh Sports Personality of the Year 1984. 10.15 Music Makers. 10.55 Stars of the Roller State Disco. 12.10-12.15 News Headlines; Weatherman; News of Wales Headlines and Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

3.50 A Desert Place. 4.40 One Man and his Dog. 5.25 News Summary with subtitles; Weather.

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5.30 TRAVELLERS IN TIME Six films of early exploration introduced by Duncan Carse. *Trans China Expedition (1931)*

6.00 THE ROCKFORD FILES With James Garner as private eye Jim Rockford in *The Becker Connection*

6.45 CARTOON TWO *The Sound Collector*

7.00 MODERN MASTERS from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, introduced by Chris Kelly from the Royal Academy of Arts, London. A selection of 115 modern classic paintings from one of the largest individual collections in the world

7.30 WHISTLE TEST Pop news, views and videos, with Mark Ellen, David Hepworth and Andy Kershaw

8.30 TOP GEAR William Woollard and Sue Baker visited Paris to attend an exhibition which celebrated the centenary of a French man — de Bouteville — who had a car running on French roads in 1884

9.00 THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (1978) John Mills, Stephane Audran. (First showing on British television). A Vatican priest has to investigate the case for the beatification of Giacomo Nerone in a remote mountain village. Directed by Guy Green and based on a novel by Morris West. Also starring Jason Miller, Paola Pitagora, Timothy West, Patrick Mower and Raf Vallone

10.45 NEWSNIGHT

11.30 BUONGIORNO ITALIA! Fourteenth of twenty programmes of Italian for beginners

12.00 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 NOAH'S ARK Spectacular epic retelling the biblical story of the Flood and paralleling it with a romance set just before the start of World War I. With Dolores Costello, George O'Brien, Noah Beery, Guinn Williams

3.45 YEARS AHEAD Robert Dougall today looks at the work of the Volunteer Bereavement Counselling Scheme in Wandsworth

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE HUMAN JUNGLE *Wild Goose Chase* With Herbert Lom as Dr Corder and Francesca Annis as a girl whose fear of failing her exams leads her to stage an attack for which an innocent is almost blamed

6.00 THE AVENGERS *Castle De'ath* Steed and Mrs Peel investigate strange and deadly goings on in a remote Scottish castle

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Muriel Turner, assistant general secretary of ASTMS; followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 4 WHAT IT'S WORTH Another edition of the consumer advice programme

9.00 THE TWO WORLDS OF JENNIE LOGAN (TVM 1979) With Lindsay Wagner as a married woman transported back to 1899 after putting on an antique dress which she discovers in the attic of her new home

10.45 HERE AND NOW ON 4 *The Legend of Meera* The London Parsi Group, all amateur singers and dancers living in Britain, recreate their sumptuous dance-drama, based on the life of the 16th century Indian poetess and mystic, Meera

11.40 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.20 HELP!

6.30 CROSSROADS

6.55 REPORTING LONDON

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THE BENNY HILL SHOW With Bob Todd, Jack Wright, Henry McGee and the Hill's Angels in some cheeky and madcap sketches

9.00 THE BILL *Rough in the Afternoon* The Bill are involved in a domestic dispute

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 FIRST TUESDAY *Jim Crow's Army* Looks at the reactions of both GI's and their hosts in a small Suffolk village where they were stationed in 1942. Most of the GIs were black and served in an army where there was rigid segregation. *Who Killed Norah McCabe?* investigates the murder in Belfast of the 33-year-old mother of three

11.30 LEGMEN *A Woman's Work* Jack becomes involved with a call girl who is also a student at the university

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 Three Little Words. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS The latest news from around the North West

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE The popular celebrity mime show

8.00 THE BENNY HILL SHOW With Benny's own guide to holidays, including a visit to Spain as a cabalero, and a glimpse of the Wild West

9.00 THE BILL *Rough in the Afternoon*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 FIRST TUESDAY *Jim Crow's Army/Who Killed Norah McCabe?* A look at the impact of the GIs who were stationed in Suffolk in 1942 — most of them were black and served in a rigidly segregated army. Also an investigation of the murder of 33-year-old mother of three, Norah McCabe, in Belfast

11.30 THE LATE FILM *The Saint's Girl Friday* (1953) With Louis Hayward and Naomi Chance. Simon Templar comes to London after receiving a telegram from Judy Fenton. On arrival, he discovers she has been killed

12.45 Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.10 All India Goldies. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Superted. 5.05 Bilidowcar. 5.35 Project UFO. 6.30 Larwm. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Jambo Bwana. 8.05 St Elsewhere; News Headlines. 9.05 Gŵyl Lorient '84. 9.45 Muck and Brass. 10.45 The Eleventh Hour: *Lederezma*. 12.20 Close.

RADIO

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

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

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 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). 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 The American Popular Song. 9.00 The Danish Radio Concert Orchestra (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Where Were You in 62? 10.30 Rolf's Walkabout. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Bantock, John Ireland, Delius,

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for

Grainger, Britten (8.00 News) Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Haydn. 10.00 People and Places (S) Gershwin, Holst, Milhaud. 10.50 Delius and Warlock (S) Choral music. 11.20 Colin Parr and Frank Wibaut (S) Clarinet and piano recital: Ireland, Stravinsky, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Horowitz. 12.15 Midday Concert (S) BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: David Matthews, Mozart (1.00-1.05 News) Rachmaninov. 1.50 Guitar Encores (S) Robert de Visée, Villa-Lobos, Tansman, Ponce, Stephen Rak. 2.15 Three Young Scandinavians (S) Nielsen, Stenhammar and Sibelius. 4.00 Nash Ensemble (S) Chamber music by Mozart, Regger, David Matthews. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Laments of Ariadne (S) music by Bonini. 7.05 The Day of Rest. 7.30 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Giles Swayne. Shostakovich (8.30-8.50 A Memorable Scene) Dvorak. 9.45 To Give the World for Nothing. 10.00 Jazz Today (S) District Six. 11.00 Mendelssohn and Haydn (S) String quartets. 11.57-12.00 News.

the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.40, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News: From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Morning Story: *A Nice Change*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; A-Level Driving. 11.33 Wildlife. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Word! (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 Dragon Box*. 4.00 News; Mrs Gl Joe. 4.40 Story Time: *Laugh with Lardner*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Anything Legal (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 File on 4. 8.00 Medicine Now. 8.30 The Living World. 9.00 In Touch. 9.30 The Family Abroad. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Mr Facey Romford's Hounds*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. 12.55-1.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 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 Benny Hill. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 First Tuesday. 11.30 Teachers Only. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 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 Benny Hill. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Struggle. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Calendar Tuesday.

1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 A Country Practice. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 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 Benny Hill. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Darts. 12.15 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sea in Their Blood. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Televiews. 6.30 Robinson Country. 7.00 The Bounder. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Benny Hill. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 First Tuesday. 11.30 Postscript Diary. 11.35 Fisheries News. 11.45 Streets of San Francisco. 12.40 South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.28 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 A Country Practice. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Afternoon Club; TVS News. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 5.12 TVS

News Headlines; Sons and Daughters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Benny Hill. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Legmen. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 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 Benny Hill. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 The Adventurer. 12.00 Darts. 12.45 HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Out of School. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardens for All. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News and Weather. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates. 2.30 Daytime. 3.00 Take the High Road; Anglia News; Weather. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 On Safari. 4.45 CBT. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bygones. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Benny Hill. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News and Weather. 10.30 First Tuesday. 11.30 Mannix. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Golden Friend - back to his winning ways

GOLDEN Friend (2.00) whose form has gone up and down like a yo-yo this season, can defy top weight in the Oakham Chase at **LEICESTER** today.

In what should prove an important week for his trainer, Mercy Rimell, Golden Friend is poised to put the Kinnersley stable in high spirits for Gaye Brief's Bula Hurdle clash with Browne's Gazette on Saturday.

He had two pops over hurdles, at the start of the season which restored his confidence for a successful return to fences at Wolverhampton where he kicked away after the last two beat Chestnut Prince in ten lengths.

Strongly-fancied for an Ascot handicap a fortnight later, Golden had the bad

luck to jump the first fence well, only to be brought down by the prostrate Aldro.

That spill took its toll on the horse's confidence, and the six-year-old scratched his way around Stratford next time, eventually finishing a more than 30-length seventh behind Silent Echo.

With only four opponents here, Richard Linley should have enough time and space to coax his mount into winning form again.

At **HEREFORD**, **Star Of A Gunner** (2.15) attempts to follow-up his recent Windsor success in the Grey Bomber Novices Hurdle.

Richard Holder's mud-lover failed to win on the flat in the summer but ran sever-

al good races, notably when finishing fourth in the 'Lincoln' after bolting on the way to the start.

He jumped adequately at Windsor to beat Cheeky Rupert half a length, with the third horse ten lengths

back, and should be fitter and wiser for the experience.

Belgrove Lad is one of Tim Forster's brightest new prospects, but the six-year-old may have to play second fiddle to **Rufus T Firefly** (2.45) in the Bridge Sollars Novices Chase.

Rufus T Firefly has always promised to make his mark at this game and with his trainer Nicky Henderson enjoying such a good run at the moment, looks the sounder proposition.

Going Broke, (3.15) who

caught a Tartar in runaway winner Braunston Brook at Windsor last month, can make amends in the Bishops Frome Handicap Hurdle, in which Rapid Lad could prove troublesome.

Despite his poor record at the winter game, Rapid Lad has bags of ability and enjoyed another successful season on the flat this summer.

Going Broke should prove his master under Steve Smith Eccles, who is riding as well as ever.

LEICESTER

12.30 SYSTON NOVICE SELLING HURDLE £700 (3-Y-O) (2m) (20 runners)

1	4P23	BOMBARD (BF) D Thom 10.9	Mr D Murphy (4)
2		CIRCUMSPECT D W Chapman 10.9	G P Kelly
4		FULL OF SPEED H O'Neill 10.9	M Hammond
6	0	IRISH GUEST A Davison 10.9	
7		LUSUS D W Chapman 10.9	S Keightley
9		NORTHERN PROSPECT Mrs G Reveley 10.9	N Doughty
10	00	QUINTA DO LAGO (USA) A Jarvis 10.9	K Burke (7)
11	00P	RAFFLES TOWER J J Scallan 10.9	J McLaughlin
12	3023	SHINER'S PAL (BF) Mrs B Waring 10.9	M Harrington
13	0404	THE BOSSMAN P D Haynes 10.9	R Rowe
14	30	THUNDER ROCK A Davison 10.9	
16	2B4	AB DABH B McMahon 10.4	T Wall
17	040	CALICO GIRL J Bosley 10.4	R Dunwoody
18	0	HARDWICK AMBER W Wharton 10.4	M Brennan
19		MONSETTA M Hinchliffe 10.4	
20		PRIMO ENRYCO M Tompkins 10.4	S J O'Neill
21		REMAINDER GIRL R D Griffiths 10.4	R Crank
22	0	SARITAMER LASS T Kersey 10.4	M Bastard
23		SEDGE C Holmes 10.4	A Webb
24	000	SPRINGS TO MIND W G Morris 10.4	

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Quinta Do Lago, 4-1 Bombard, 5-1 The Bossman and Shiner's Pal, 6-1 Ab Dabh, 10-1 Full Of Speed, 12-1 Northern Prospect, 14-1 Thunder Rock, 16-1 others.

1.00 GREAT GLEN NOVICE CHASE £1,200 3m (20 runners)

3	000-010	ONLY FOR LOVE (BF) D Nicholson 5.11.5	P Scudamore
4	31240F	SUPER BRAT R Carter 5.11.5	P Barton
5	0303-00	BLAKE (FR) W Clay 7.11.2	S J O'Neill
6	P2	BROWN LUSTRE R Armagata 8.11.2	A Webber
7	03042-P	COMMANDER CHRISTY H O'Neill 8.11.2	M Hammond
8	P	DANILOU P A Pritchard 7.11.2	P Dever
9	000/PP	FENNELLY R Champion 6.11.2	Mr M Low (4)
11	000-0F	GANDOUGE LANE J Old 7.11.2	G Bradley
13	30304-2	ICE HILL D Ringer 8.11.2	S Shillston
14	0/040-P0	ITALIAN AFFAIR C Holmes 8.11.2	A Webb

HEREFORD

12.45 BRIDSTOW COND. JOCKEY'S SELLING HURDLE 2m (6 runners)

3	0-0	HEATHER PRINCE A W Jones 10.10	J D Davies
5	000-POP	WHITE NILE (USA) N Lee-Judson 10.10	
7	434300	SAX (D) K Bridgwater 10.9	W Worthington
9	0	PRYME MOVER T Caldwell 10.5	P Caldwell
11	00P00-P	ROMAN A CLEF J Harriman 10.5	S Davies
12	P0	STORMY HAZE R Holder 10.5	N Coleman

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Sax, 100-30 Stormy Haze, 5-1 Heather Prince, 6-1 Pryme Mover, 12-1 others.

1.15 OATS & CELTIC CONE NOVICE HURDLE £1,100 (Mares only) 2m 4f (17 runners)

3		BARITUDE Mrs M Rimell 6.10.12	S Morshead
4		BONNE APPLEINA R Frost 7.10.12	J Frost
5		CAUCHEMAR Mrs J Barrow 5.10.12	Peter Hobbs
6	444-F	CELTIC PRINCESS Mrs M Rimell 4.10.12	A Sharpe
9	0P00-P0	EVENING SONG B Stevens 5.10.12	Mr P Townsley
11	00F-P	GOOSE GREEN Mrs D Williams 4.10.12	J Bryan
12	0-4	JOSCILLA L Kennard 5.10.12	B Powell (4)
14	2	LITTLE ANTHEM N Henderson 4.10.12	S Smith Eccles
15		LOUISE JESSICA C Jackson 9.10.12	J Burke
16	U00002	MARANZI J Colston 6.10.12	W Hayes (7)
17	0	MISS JULIE BROWN R Holder 5.10.12	P Richards
21	0-40002	RUEFUL LADY Mrs D Onions 5.10.12	J Nolan
22	000	SAUCY MOP P M Taylor 4.10.12	R Stronge
23	0P000-B	SOMERVILLE STAR J Spearing 5.10.12	P Carvill
25	000	STOCKTON SLAVE W G Morris 6.10.12	W Morris (4)
26	000-00	TROPWEN WINBOURNE Mrs J Evans 4.10.12	J D Davies (7)
27	00	WORTH MATRAVERS J Old 4.10.12	P Murphy

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Little Anthem, 100-30 Maranzi, 4-1 Celtic Princess, 6-1 Joscilla, 8-1 Bone Appleina, 9-1 Baritude, 10-1 Miss Julie Brown, 16-1 others.

1.45 CREDENHILL HANDICAP CHASE £2,000 3m 1f (5 runners)

1	40210-2	PUCKA FELLA (C-D) Mrs D Tucker 10.11.10	N Coleman (4)
3	PP00-3P	SPARTAN MAJOR (C) Mrs W Sykes 10.11.6	S Morshead
5	U0324-3	BALLYDONAGH D Nugent 11.11.1	C Mann
7	0130-P2	DIOKLIS (C) M Barraclough 6.10.7	R Stronge
9	0P3F14	DUSKY FOX C Hitchings 8.10.3	R Kingston

BLINKERS: 3, 7
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Pucka Fella, 11-4 Ballydonagh, 5-1 Dusky Fox, 11-2 Spartan Major, 7-1 Dioklis.

2.15 GREY BOMBER NOVICE HURDLE £1,000 (4-Y-O) 2m (17 runners)

2	1	STAR OF A GUNNER R Holder 11.5	P Richards
3		AL TRUI W E Fisher 11.0	S Smith Eccles
5		BELLAMUSE (USA) F Jordan 11.0	R Hyett
7	00-0	CODGER R Armytage 11.0	Miss G Armytage (7)
10		ELMDON L Cottrell 11.0	George Knight

16	0000/0P	JOAT R Hartop 8.11.2	J Barlow
18		LARRY CAN J Fitch-Heyes 7.11.2	Miss P Fitch-Heyes (7)
20	B2432-4	SIR GORDON D Nicholson 7.11.2	G Newman
21	0F0-F3F	SMOKER P W Harris 6.11.2	P Croucher (4)
24	02-P0F0	WHITTINGTON (USA) Mrs M Easton 6.11.2	Mr M Martin (7)
26	P	FORT HALL P D Haynes 5.11.0	R Rowe
27	43022-1	GOLDEN KNOLL S Mellor 5.11.0	M Perrett
29		PANDA MAN R Gow 5.11.0	J Lovejoy
30	303P-01	UPHAM KELLY D Gandolfo 5.11.0	R Earnshaw
31	002003	BRIT W G M Turner 5.10.9	B de Haan

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Uphem Kelly, 7-2 Golden Knoll, 4-1 Only For Love, 6-1 Ice Hill, 8-1 Sir Gordon, 10-1 Super Brat, 12-1 Smoker, 16-1 others.

1.30 DICK CHRISTIAN HANDICAP CHASE £1,500 (3m) (9 runners)

1	23/0FP-3	STAUNTON (D)(BF) N Henderson 9.11.10	P Croucher (4)
2	00444-0	LENEY DUAL (D) D Nicholson 9.11.7	P Scudamore
3	F402-0F	VIRGIN SOLDIER (BF) J Old 8.11.4	G Bradley
4	0FP-P0	MOOR CLOSE (C-D) P Felgate 10.11.3	P Dever
6	F0PP-P2	SMITH'S MAN Mrs J Pitman 6.10.12	B de Haan
7	200-314	MEGGIES DENE W A Barrett 8.10.9 (5 ex)	S Johnson
9	1101-PP	RODNEY PARADE Mrs B Waring 9.10.6	M Harrington
11	100-430	SHAMROCK BRIDGE (D) R B Francis 8.10.2	R Crank
16	4P0-433	RIB LAW (D) Miss L Bower 10.10.0	M Kinane

BLINKERS: 16
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Virgin Soldier, 4-1 Staunton, 5-1 Smith's Man and Meggies Dene, 6-1 Shamrock Bridge, 7-1 Lenny Dual, 12-01 Rib Law, 14-1 others.

2.00 OAKHAM CHASE £1,500 (2m) (5 runners)

1	0-101B0	GOLDEN FRIEND (D)(BF) Mrs M Rimell 6.11.13	R Linley
3	1/0F001-	JACK O' LANTERN P Cundell 9.11.8	R Rowe
5	4/4000-0	RIDARRAGH A L Fisher 10.11.8	D Fisher (4)
6	23F1-0F	SUEZ T Forster 5.11.8	R Dunwoody
7	0210-	ANOTHER PAL D Nicholson 5.11.3	P Scudamore

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Golden Friend, 5-2 Jack O' Lantern, 3-1 Suez, 6-1 Another Pal, 20-1 Ridarragh.

13	40	GOLD WARBLER M Oliver 11.0	
16	0	LEAPAWAY LAD Mrs R Simon 11.0	W Morris (4)
18	033	MIGHTY STEEL N Lee-Judson 11.0	
22	033-002	PRIVATE LABEL (USA) (BF) F H Lee 11.0	
23	20-	RODNEYS J King 11.0	
24	U	ROYAL VALEUR S Mellor 11.0	G Charles-Jones (4)
26		THE LIQUIDATOR M Pipe 11.0	P Leach
30	PP0P	WORDEN PRINCE J D Thomas 11.0	C Evans (7)
32	0004P-P	YOUNG LOFTY B Preece 11.0	R Stronge
34		BRANKSOME TOWERS M Eckley 10.9	A O'Hagen
35	0-	LA VERITE G H Yardley 10.9	P Carvill
39	0P0-0	REGENT'S NIECE E H Owen jun 10.9	H Davies

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Star of a Gunner, 4-1 The Liquidator, 5-1 Private Label, 13-2 Mighty Steel, 8-1 Royal Valeur, 10-1 Rodneys, 12-1 Branksome Towers, 16-1 others.

2.45 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICE CHASE £1,500 (6-Y-O) 2m 4f (10 runners)

1	4F3-F31	REMEMBER ROCK (D) P Bailey 11.5	S Morshead
3	1021-0	BELGROVE LAD T Forster 10.12	H Davies
4	3F020P	CONN THE COBBLER J Fenlon 10.12	J Southern
5	00	GAMBLING ABBOT Mrs M Rimell 10.12	A Sharpe
8	00-2340	RINGBING W E Fisher 10.12	P Murphy
9	12/241-	RUFUS T FIREFLY N Henderson 10.12	S Smith Eccles
10	00-0F	STREAMER G Prest 10.12	M Richards
11	0000-0P	TIMSUN M McCourt 10.12	N Greaves (7)
14	3030-33	FLYING MISTRESS (D) J Webber 10.7	G Mernagh
15	102P0-2	GOLDEN HORNET K Dunn 10.7	J Frost

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Rufus T Firefly, 7-2 Belgrove Lad, 4-1 Flying Mistress and Remember Rock, 7-1 Golden Hornet, 10-1 Gambling Abbot, 14-1 others.

3.15 BISHOPS FROME HANDICAP HURDLE £800 2m (17 runners)

1	0U302-0	DOBSONS CHOICE (D) E E Evans 6.11.10	P Double
2	010-02	GOING BROKE D J Murray Smith 4.11.5	S Smith Eccles
3	2F032F	MORNING LINE (D) (BF) L Kennard 7.11.4	B Powell (4)
6	44/230-P	GRIMA I Dudgeon 7.11.1	M Richards
7	2100PP	TALLYRAND (D) A James 5.11.1	S Southern
10	000-000	NUDGE NUDGE (D) S Mellor 4.10.10	G Charles-Jones (4)
11	000/00-0	RAPID LAD (D) J Spearing 6.10.9	
12	410-	FINE PROSPECT (D) S Christian 4.10.7	K Mooney
13	2F000-0	AN-GO-LOOK (C-D) M Scudamore 5.10.6	M Williams
15	P-11100	SARENA PLASTICS (D) R Frost 5.10.6	J Frost
16	0001/0	EYTON STREAKER K White 5.10.6	P Finch (7)
17	2000/P-P	CARFLAX (USA) (D) Miss S Waterman 6.10.5	Miss S Waterman
18	2P-0400	STAR ALLIANCE R Morris 6.10.4	W Morris (4)
20	0000-40	PENSCYNOR (D) D Wintle 8.10.2	Mrs D Tsakarislanos
23	0-00044	PAPERACOR (D) B Preece 5.10.10	R Stronge
24	00400-0	BELL HOP B Stevens 8.10.0	R Muggerridge (7)
25	F00-004	HOPE END R Brazington 6.10.0	C Jones

BLINKERS: 23, 25
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Going Broke, 100-30 Morning Line, 5-1 Fine Prospect, 7-1 Sarena Plastics, 8-1 Nudge Nudge, 10-1 Dobsons Choice, 12-1 Rapid Lad, 16-1 others.

2.30 PICKWELL NOVICE HURDLE £800 (2m) (16 runners)

2	03-	BRIGHT HONEY B Richmond 4.10.12	P Corrigan (7)
3		BROCKLESBY LASS J Leigh 5.10.12	S Johnson
4		CHANGATRE Mrs G Reveley 4.10.12	
6	4	CONNAUGHT QUEEN G Richards 4.10.12	N Doughty
7	3	ELUSIVE SPIRIT Mrs M Rimell 4.10.12	R Linley
8		FERRERO-KINDER P Cundell 4.10.12	R Rowe
9	00-2	GAYBELLS J Leigh 4.10.12	P Blackburn (7)
11	230030	HIGH STATE Mrs P McQuillan 4.10.12	T Woolley (7)
12	FFPP0-P	LE MARSH J J Scallan 7.10.12	G Newman
17	F090404	MY NAME IS NOBODY J Young 6.10.12	S Holland
18		NETHERDAR W Wharton 4.10.12	M Brennan
19	2	SCOTSMAN ICE J Fitzgerald 4.10.12	M Dwyer
21	0	SHARAVOGUE G Prest 7.10.12	R Dunwoody
23	00-P09	SPANISH BOLD (BF) M Ryan 4.10.12	J McLaughlin
25	03000-P	SWEET HIGHNESS Miss L Bower 6.10.12	R Rowell
26		TRUE MISSILE M Castell 4.10.12	M Castell

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Scotsman Ice, 100-30 Connaught Queen, 4-1 Elusive Spirit, 7-1 Gaybells, 10-1 Spanish Bold, 12-1 High State, 14-1 others.

3.00 LADBROKE COND. JOCKEYS H'CAP HURDLE £800 3m (14 runners)

2	0BF13-0	GOLD MEASURE J Spearing 7.12.1	
3	22-0003	TELL US ANOTHER R Carter 5.11.5	W Knox
5	P/0300P-	MAJOR TOM Miss L Bower 7.10.10	M Palmer
6	00434F-	DAY AFTER A P James 8.10.9	M Caswell
7	031P00-	KEVIN EVANS (C-D) Mrs J Hughes 8.10.7	M Pitman
8	PP10-P0	PROMINETTO (D) C Holmes 8.10.7	A Jones
12	0/00020	FALKLAND CONQUEROR G Kindersley 6.10.5	P Croucher
15	002/0-P2	CAPTAIN FANTASTIC (BF) A Davison 6.10.4	
16	000P/40-	FINE TALE M B Connell 8.10.3	E Murphy (5)
18	00/000-0	NOT A BOTHER F Gibson 7.10.0	K Burke
20	000031-0	VAGABOND VICTOR P Allingham 8.10.0	M Hoad
21	0F0P2-0	WINSOR BOND P Cundell 6.10.0	Michael Rimmer
23	POU/F-FP	GAITANE D Ancil 7.10.0	F Byrne
24	P/0PFF0-	TURENNE'S LAST J Scallan 10.10.0	I Williams

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Kevin Evans, 5-1 Gold Measure, 6-1 Captain Fantastic and Winsor Bond, 8-1 Falkland Conqueror and Day After, 10-1 Tell Us Another and Promineto, 12-1 others.

RESULTS

NOTTINGHAM

12.30 (2m): JOY RIDE S Smith Eccles (5-1); Chipped Metal (9-1); Nassau Royale (2-1 fav); Fudge Delight (16-1). 23 ran. 3, 8, (J King) T: £5.40; £2.20, £1.30, £1.10. CSF: £49.28.

1.00 (2m): STATE CASE G Bradley (5-2 fav); Kevinsfort (7-2); Silent Echo (13-2); Landing Board (7-2). 9 ran. 15, 1. (Mrs M Dickinson) T: £3.50; £1.40, £1.40, £2.30. CSF: £11.20.

1.30 (2m): BATON MATCH P Liddle (3-1); Gold Hunter (15-8 fav); Perfect Image (4-1); Air Cadet (9-2). 8 ran. 3/4, 6. (M C Chapman) T: £4.70; £1.30, £1.10, £1.40. CSF: £9.06.

2.00 (3m): THREE CHANCES G McCourt (7-1); Viesolo (5-2 fav); Prince Carlton (11-2); Querrin (16-1). 4 ran. 1 1/2, 15. (R Champion) T: £10.30; £1.60, £1.30, £1.30. CSF: £23.26.

2.30 (2m): THE WELDER R Earnshaw (6-5 on fav); Abu Turkey (7-2); Dawn Diver (4-1); Bid Paddy Joe (14-1). 12 ran. 5, 3. (Mrs M Dickinson) T: £2.20; £1, £2.10, £1.90. CSF: £4.62. NR: Sallys Carouselle.

The REAL John McEnroe PART TWO

A STAR IS BORN

BY THE autumn of 1976, John McEnroe had won just about everything possible in the United States as a junior player. That year he had fought out all of the nation's top junior finals with Larry Gottfried and had, fractionally, come out on top.

He was the best 16 year old in the country — but still had no ambitions to cross the road and become a professional. 'I never even thought about it then,' John recalls. 'I just loved playing the game and experienced many highs when I won big junior tournaments.'

There was no pressure from his family either. 'We were very proud of him, but Kate and I decided not to push him,' his father, John McEnroe senior recalled recently.

Interest

'John had professed an interest in becoming a lawyer like me. We agreed that it might be suitable for him. But there was plenty of time before he had to make any decisions like that. We just encouraged him to enjoy his tennis as much as possible.'

The following year, however, John's overall game reached a new level. He had become well known in his neighbourhood of Douglaston, New

York, and this led to an invitation to play in two pro-celebrity tournaments at nearby Ocean City and Virginia Beach in April.

■AT OCEAN City, John was pitted against the Rumanian Ilie Nastase, then ranked in the world's top 20, in the first round. He played reasonably well, but admitted later that his nerves got the better of him.

John psyched himself up for the Virginia Beach event and surprised everyone by beating Bob Lutz, another top 20 player, in the first round.

He then took on Charlie Pasarell, a very seasoned professional, and won a three-setter to set up a return meeting with Nastase.

This time John took the Rumanian to three sets and lost the match on a tie-break.

'That tournament had quite an effect on me,' John recalls now. 'I really

began to believe in my ability and after a long talk with my parents decided to take a trip to Europe that summer to try my luck over there.'

■THE YOUNG McEnroe arrived in Paris in late May and headed for the Stade Roland Garros to play in the French Open junior championship.

Lonely

He felt lonely almost immediately. But then, while travelling back to the centre after practising he ran into Mary Carillo, an old friend from his neighbourhood back in the US.

'It was great to see a friendly face and talk to Mary,' John recalls. 'I hadn't seen her for two years or so and we had a lot to talk about. By the end of the evening she had got me to agree to play in the mixed doubles at Roland Garros with her and

also enter the qualifying rounds for the men's singles.'

With a friend from home around John began to lose those pangs of homesickness which had dogged him since he arrived in Europe.

Carillo remembers bumping into John in Paris. 'I hadn't seen him for such a long time that I couldn't believe it was him on the Metro.'

'I'd heard that he had developed into quite a useful player and suggested to him that we should enter the mixed doubles and try and do well for Douglaston. We both laughed at the idea, but still went ahead with it.'

■McENROE was now making, at 17, a three-pronged assault on the French Open — and he surprised everybody with the heights that he reached.

He won his way out of the men's qualifying competition and reached the second round of the singles competition proper.

Many believe that he might have gone further but for the fact that the day he was due to meet Phil Dent, the No.14 seed, in the afternoon, he had to play a junior singles third round match in the morning.

Titanic

Dent finally won a titanic struggle in the fifth set.

His exit from the men's singles did not unduly worry McEnroe, however. He went on to win the junior title without dropping a set and then on the penultimate day of the tournament sensationally won the mixed doubles — for Douglaston! — with Carillo.

Shortly afterwards a bad leg injury brought an abrupt end to Carillo's career but she has remained a close friend of McEnroe's, and one of his staunchest supporters when he has been attacked by the world's media.

■ON JUNE 6, 1977, McEnroe caught the night boat from Calais to Dover and arrived bleary-eyed at London's Victoria station the following morning.

Here he was, a double title-holder from the French Open at 17 years of age. But nobody knew

much about him when he set off for Wimbledon a week later to play in the junior singles championship.

'Winning in Paris had done wonders for my confidence and when I arrived at Wimbledon I decided to enter the men's singles qualifying round as well,' John remembers.

Gruelling

'The experience, I felt, would do me the world of good. I thought to myself "what the heck, I'll just go out and give it my best shot".'

He came through five gruelling qualifying rounds at the Bank of England grounds at Roehampton and after he beat the talented Egyptian El Shafei, a former Wimbledon singles semifinalist, in the first round proper John made what he regards as one of the 'most monumental' decisions of his career.

He recalls: 'I looked at the schedule and thought if I won my second and third round matches in the men's singles then I could run into trouble trying to keep up with the junior singles matches.'

'I know it might sound a bit big-headed for a 17-year-old to be making such decisions but I felt I was playing well and decided, there and then, to drop out of the juniors.'

■ON THE fourth day of the Championships John faced Colin Dowdeswell in the second round.

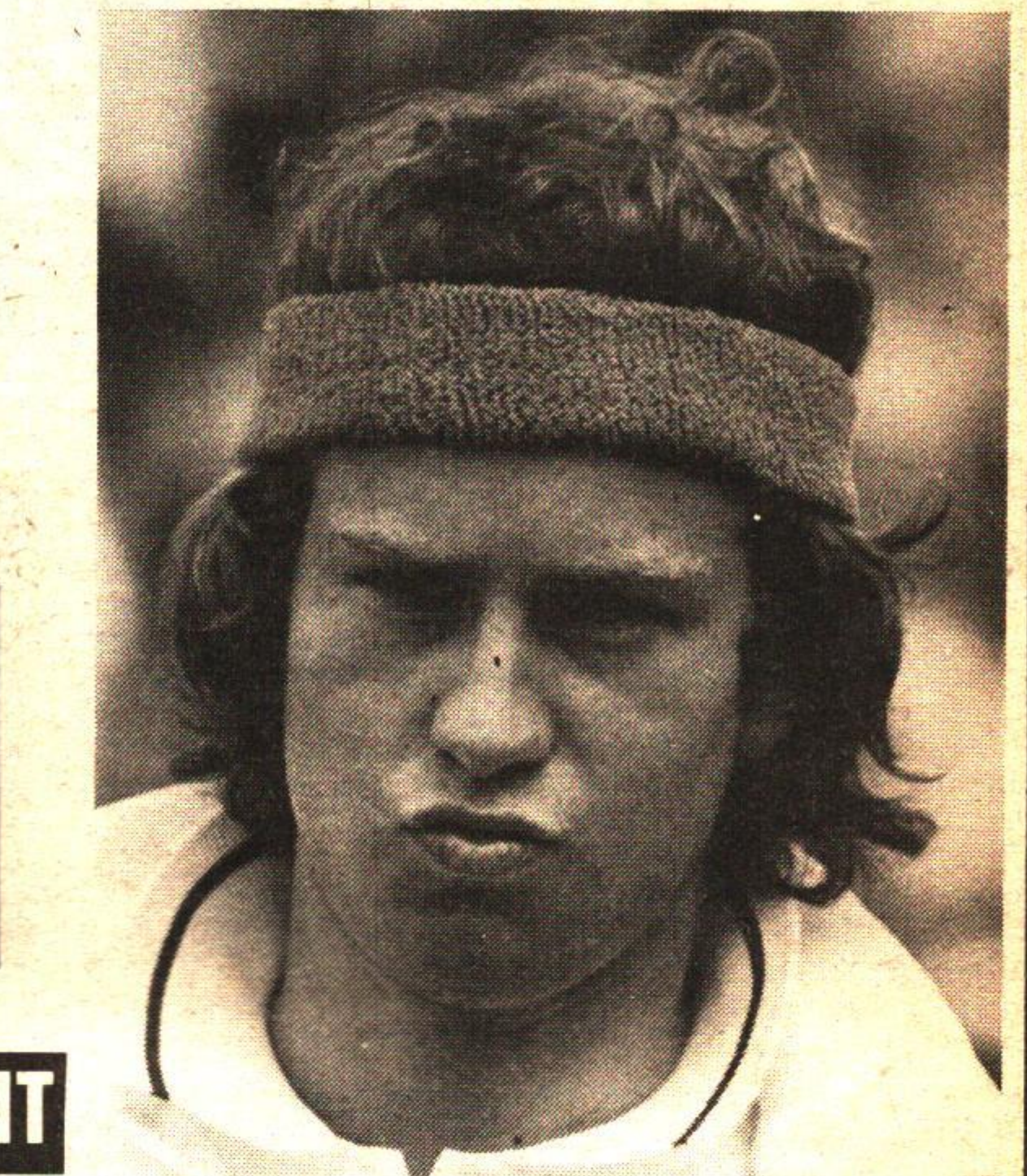
Dowdeswell, currently ranked No.1 in Britain, was then a Rhodesian Davis Cup player and highly ranked in the world.

After a shaky start, McEnroe won the first set 9-7. The young New Yorker's powerful serve destroyed Dowdeswell and John ran out an easy winner, 9-7, 6-3, 6-1.

The world's press began to sit up and take notice.

Karl Meiler, the West German left-hander, proved to be an awkward third round opponent. McEnroe needed four sets this time, eventually winning 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

An American, Sandy Mayer, was his fourth round opponent. No.1 court was packed on the Friday afternoon as McEnroe began to create



McENROE at Wimbledon in 1977



MARY CARILLO . . . Helped lift John's spirits in Paris

a buzz around Wimbledon.

■A FAIRY TALE story began to unfold for the press when after a three-hour battle, McEnroe defeated Mayer, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. His next opponent was Phil Dent, the man who had beaten him in the second round in Paris just six weeks earlier.

Euphoria

'I began to feel a little tired, but the euphoria of reaching the quarter-finals at Wimbledon where my hero Rod Laver had played so many great matches lifted me all the time,' John said at the time.

When he defeated Dent, 6-4, 8-9, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, the statisticians began to reach for the record books. The question being asked everywhere was: When was the last time an amateur won the men's singles title?

Yes, astonishingly, his exploits in Paris and thus far at Wimbledon meant that McEnroe had accumulated well over

£25,000 in prize money but he couldn't touch it because he was an amateur!

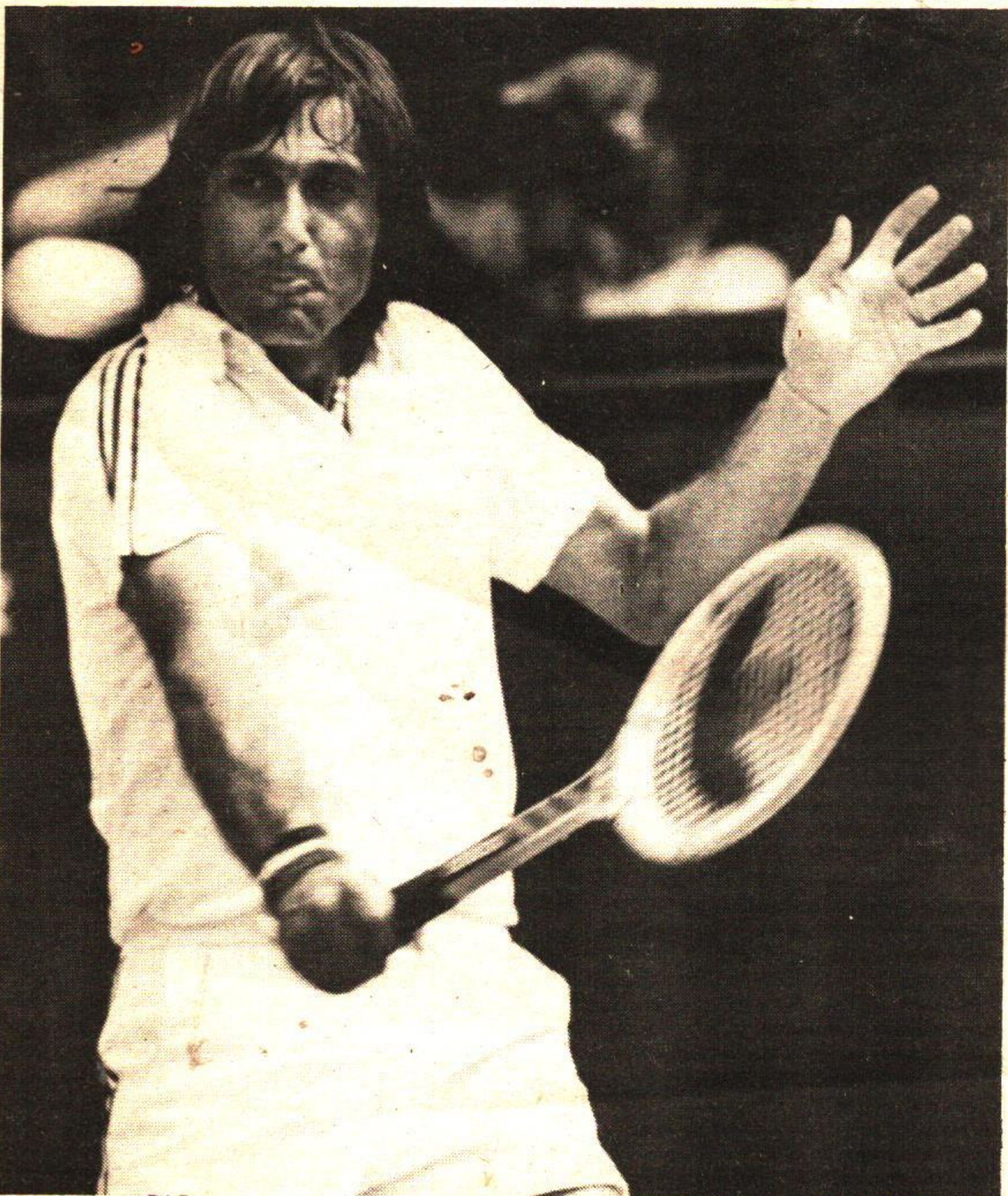
On the last Thursday of the Championships he walked out onto centre court shortly after 2 p.m. to meet Jimmy Connors of the US, a Wimbledon Champion in 1974 and then the world's second best player, for a place in the final.

The fairy tale ended there unfortunately with Connors' experience proving the key factor in a magnificent struggle which McEnroe finally lost 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6.

Arrived

But John McEnroe had arrived. He made his decision to become a professional, but travelled home to Douglaston that weekend to take a rest — and to spend the next year on a scholarship which he had won at the prestigious Stanford University.

● TOMORROW: McEnroe wins his first professional title — and his now famous problems with the press begin.



ILIE NASTASE . . . 'My first two encounters with him ended in defeat'

Sports Line

KENNEDY KEEN
FOR VICTORYBY A SOCCER
CORRESPONDENT

ALAN KENNEDY is confident Liverpool will make a winning farewell against Coventry at Anfield tonight before flying to Tokyo for Sunday's World Club Championship clash against Argentine side Independiente.

Liverpool's unbeaten five-match title revival suffered a setback at Stamford Bridge on Saturday when Chelsea beat the champions 3-1.

'We gave away three silly goals,' said England, full-back Kennedy. 'We are happy with the way we performed, but we aren't carrying a lot of luck at the moment.'

'Hopefully that will change against Coventry. They have some good players, never stop running and have given us some hard games in the past.'

'But we have the opportunity to bounce back before we go to Tokyo and if we play as we did against Chelsea then I don't think we will go far wrong.'

The Merseysiders' manager, Joe Fagan, may very well use tonight's match to introduce his recent signing from Leicester City, Kevin McDonald, into the side.

Although Fagan acquired the Leicester midfielder over three weeks ago he has been unable to use him as the player had to serve a three-match suspension.

European Champions Liverpool lost 3-0 to Flamengo in 1981 in their only previous attempt to lift the World Club Crown.

Celtic, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa have also failed and Kennedy observed: 'It's important for British football that we win in Tokyo this time.'

Liverpool's Merseyside rivals Everton, the First Division leaders, could be without top scorer Adrian Heath for much of the season.

He had an operation on Sunday after damaging knee ligaments in the home draw with Sheffield Wednesday and the leg is now in plaster.

Tottenham are fighting to have Republic of Ireland winger Tony Galvin fit for tomorrow's Milk Cup fourth round replay against Sunderland at White Hart Lane.

Galvin returned for Saturday's 1-1 draw at Coventry after a four-match injury absence, but limped off with a recurrence of hamstring trouble.

Meanwhile Osvaldo



ALAN KENNEDY... Coventry victory would be a real lift-off for Tokyo

Ardiles came over another important hurdle on the road to recovery with an encouragingly influential performance in Spurs' 2-1 victory over the touring Australians at Cheshunt yesterday morning.

The tiny Argentinian, in his second comeback game in three days, provided the pass for another famous name, Garth Crooks, to put Tottenham ahead in the 34th minute with a coolly taken left-foot shot.

Tottenham boss, Peter Shreeves, is hoping that Ardiles will be fit enough

to figure in the Club's UEFA Cup return against Bohemians in Prague — and the New Year Milk Cup quarter-final at Watford if Spurs win tomorrow.

Sunderland have not won in 11 away games this season and have Nick Pickering and Mark Proctor struggling for fitness in time for tomorrow night's date with Spurs.

Both missed Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Aston Villa, manager Len Ashurst remarking: 'We will have to play a darn sight better at Spurs if we are to come away from there with a result.'

Australian Open

Lendl eases
throughBY A TENNIS
CORRESPONDENT

WORLD NO.2 Ivan Lendl, chasing his second Grand Slam title of the year, reached the fourth round of the Australian Open tennis championships yesterday when he completed a 2-6 6-2 6-4 6-4 win over Algerian-born Frenchman Tarik Benhabiles.

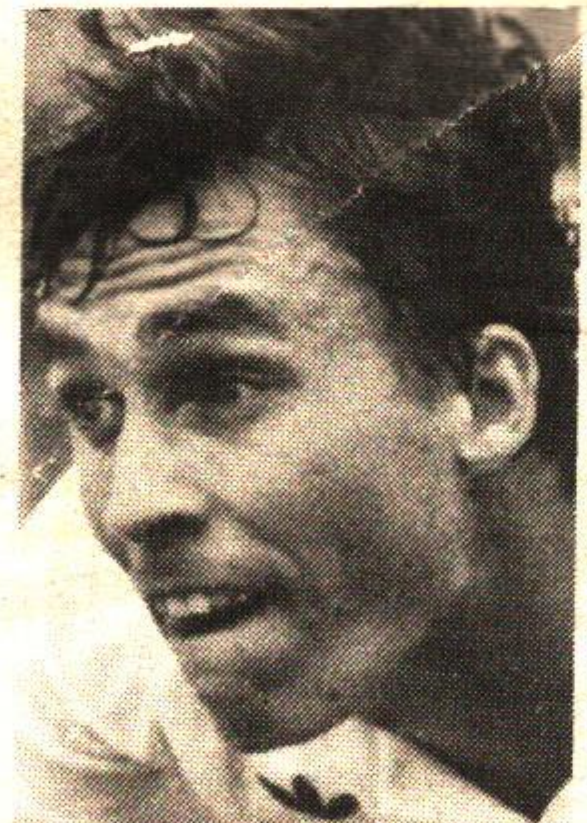
The top seed wasted no time in securing his place in the last 16 — where he meets No.9 seed Kevin Curren of South Africa — when he resumed his match against Benhabiles, which was halted on Sunday night because of rain with the French title holder leading 4-2 in the third set.

Chris Evert-Lloyd was equally impressive as she swept into the semifinals of the women's singles, chalking up the 1,001st victory of her career with a smooth 6-2 6-1 win over Sophie Amiach of France.

Now only Australian Wendy Turnbull stands between Lloyd and another crack at Martina Navratilova, who is seeking her seventh successive Grand Slam triumph.

Turnbull, who has only one win over Lloyd in 19 meetings, beat veteran American Sharon Walsh 7-5 in another quarter-final match.

Lendl, who beat the in-



IVAN LENDL... On course for his second Grand Slam title

jured John McEnroe in five sets to win his first major title in the French Open in June, was not wholly content with his form against Benhabiles, ranked 124 places below him on the computer rankings.

Serve

'I wasn't happy with the way I returned serve, but I put them in on the important points,' said Lendl.

But the Czechoslovak was pleased with his serve and volleying, two weapons he will need against Curren, one of the hardest hitters in the game.

Defending champion Mats Wilander, seeded to meet Lendl in the final, was one of two Swedes to secure a quarter-final berth, though he had to fight all the way against compatriot Stefan Simonsson before winning 2-6 6-1 5-7 6-2 6-3.

Wilander said he was becoming accustomed to playing his fellow-countrymen, adding: 'It happens at least once in every tournament these days.'

Teenager Stefan Edberg, who may turn out to be the best of the current crop of Swedes, had a far easier passage into the last eight when he cruised past American Lloyd Bourne 6-2 6-2 6-2.

Joakim Nystrom will bid to become the third Viking in the last eight when he meets 14th seeded American Ben Testerman today.

Local favourite Pat Cash raised hopes he could be the first Australian to win the title since Mark Edmondson's unexpected victory in 1976 when he moved into the quarter-finals with a 7-6 6-4 7-5 victory over John Sadri of the US.

Cash's opponent for a semi-final place will be South African 1981 and 1982 champion Johan Kriek, who overpowered Australia's John Frawley 6-4 6-3 6-2.

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton.....	17	5	3	1	21	10	5	0	3	14	13	33
Man Utd.....	17	6	3	0	22	6	3	2	3	11	15	32
Arsenal.....	17	7	2	0	19	6	3	0	5	15	18	32
Tottenham.....	17	5	2	1	22	9	4	1	4	12	8	30
Southampton.....	17	5	2	1	9	5	2	5	2	12	12	28
Chelsea.....	17	7	0	2	23	8	0	5	3	6	10	26
Sheff Wed.....	17	5	2	1	19	10	2	3	4	9	10	26
West Ham.....	17	5	2	2	12	6	2	3	3	11	18	26
W.B.A.....	17	5	2	1	20	8	2	2	5	10	15	25
Liverpool.....	17	2	4	2	8	6	4	2	3	13	12	24
Nottm For.....	17	5	1	2	15	9	2	2	5	11	15	24
Newcastle.....	17	5	2	2	16	10	1	4	3	14	21	24
Sunderland.....	17	6	2	0	16	5	0	3	6	9	17	23
Norwich.....	17	5	3	0	17	8	1	2	6	8	17	23
Watford.....	17	3	3	3	20	18	2	3	3	15	16	21
Aston Villa.....	17	4	3	2	13	12	1	2	5	8	20	20
Leicester.....	17	5	1	3	21	13	0	2	6	22	18	
Q.P.R.....	16	4	2	1	17	10	0	4	5	4	19	18
Ipswich.....	17	3	4	2	13	11	0	3	5	4	13	16
Coventry.....	17	3	3	3	8	10	1	1	6	8	19	16
Luton.....	17	2	4	2	12	11	1	1	7	8	25	14
Stoke.....	16	1	2	5	11	19	0	2	6	2	19	7

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfld.....	17	7	2	0	22	8	4	3	1	12	6	38
Bury.....	18	6	2	1	18	8	5	3	1	11	6	38
Darlington.....	18	7	1	1	17	5	3	6	0	10	7	37
Hereford.....	18	7	1	1	13	4	4	2	3	15	9	36
Peterboro.....	18	8	1	0	18	5	1	3	5	8	13	31
Crewe.....	18	6	0	3	17	11	4	1	4	12	14	31
Blackpool.....	18	6	3	0	15	4	2	2	5	11	16	29
Colchester.....	18	5	2	2	19	13	3	3	3	14	17	29
Tranmere.....	18	6	0	3	18	10	3	1	5	13	17	28
Hartlepool.....	18	4	4	1	14	10	3	2	4	8	12	27
Port Vale.....	18	4	3	2	12	8	3	2	4	10	11	26
Scunthorpe.....	18	4	3	2	21	14	2	3	4	10	12	24
Swindon.....	18	4	2	3	14	11	2	3	4	8	13	23
Mansfield.....	18	4	2	3	9	6	1	4	2	7	21	
Southend.....	18	3	4	2	12	13	2	1	6	12	21	20
Stockport.....	17	4	2	2	12	7	1	2	6	7	23	19
Halifax.....	16	3	0	4	6	9	3	1	5	6	14	19
Aldershot.....	17	3	3	3	13	10	2	0	6	7	15	18
Torquay.....	18	2	4	3	8	10	2	1	6	7	15	17
Exeter.....	17	2	5	2	11	9	1	2	5	7	17	16
Northampton.....	18	2	1	6	10	13	3	0	6	12	18	16
Chester.....	17	2	2	4	10	12	1	4	4	6	12	15
Rochdale.....	17	1	3	5	6	11	1	3	4	7	14	12
Wrexham.....	16	2	2	4	13	14	1	0	7	10	19	11

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	17	7	1	0	20	4	3	3	3	15	12	34
Oxford	16	7	1	0	25	9	3	3	2	10	7	34
Portsmouth	17	5	3	1	15	8	4	3	1	13	9	33
Barnsley	17	7	0	2	15	6	2	5	1	4	2	32
Birmingham	17	3	3	2	7	5	6	0	3	12	7	30
Leeds Utd	17	6	2	1	21	7	3	0	5	11	15	29
Man City	17	6	1	1	14	7	2	4	3	8	7	29
Grimsby	17	6	0	3	18	12	3	2	3	17	16	29
Huddersfild	17	4	2	2	11	13	4	2	3	10	7	28
Fulham	17	5	0	3	15	12	3	1	5	13	18	25
Brighton	17	4	2	2	8	4	3	1	5	9	9	24
Shrewsbury	18	4	3	1	18	10	2	3	5	13	18	24
Wolves	17	4	2	3	15	12	2	1	5	11	21	21
Wimbledon	17	4	2	2	15	13	2	1	5	15	25	21
Charlton	17	3	4	2	16	13	2	1	5	8	10	20
Carlisle	17	4	2	2	8	5	1	2	6	6	19	19
Oldham	17	4	2	3	11	11	1	2	5	6	21	19
Middlesbrough	17	3	3	3	12	16	2	0	6	9	14	18
Sheff Utd	17	3	2	4	12	12	0	5	3	11	17	16
Crystal Pal	17	2	4	2	12	10	1	2	6	9	16	15
Cardiff	17	2	1	6	12	22	1	0	7	9	17	10
Notts Cnty	17	2	1	6	8	17	1	0	7	9	21	10

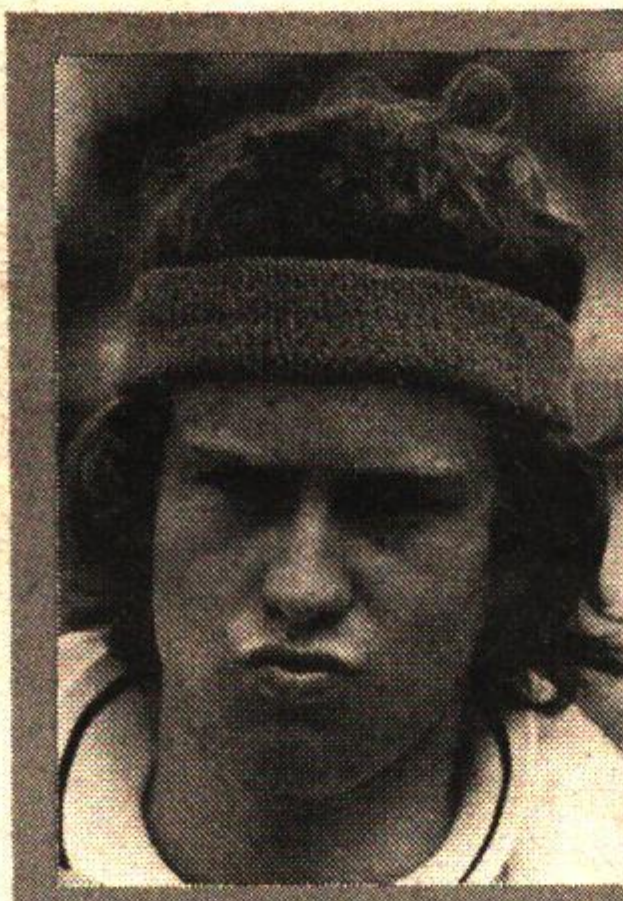
SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	16	6	1	0	19	4	8	0	1	19	5	29
Celtic	16	7	1	0	26	4	4	3	1	15	8	26
Rangers	16	3	4	1	6	2	4	3	1	12	6	21
Dundee Utd	16	5	1	3	20	13	2	2	3	6	5	17
St Mirren	17	4	1	4	10	11	3	1	4	10	17	16
Hearts	17	3	1	5	8	13	4	0	4	10	14	15
Dumbarton	17	2	2	4	9	11	1	3	5	10	11	
Dundee	17	2	1	5	8	12	2	2	5	12	18	
Hibernian	17	2	3	3	10	11	1	2	6	9	19	
Morton	17	3	1	5	12	19	1	0	7	6	26	9

SCOTTISH DIV I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	17	7	0	2	19	11	4	2	2	14	8	24
Clydebank	17	7	1	1	16	4	2	4	2	10	10	23
Forfar	17	5	3	1	17	5	3	1	4	16	17	20
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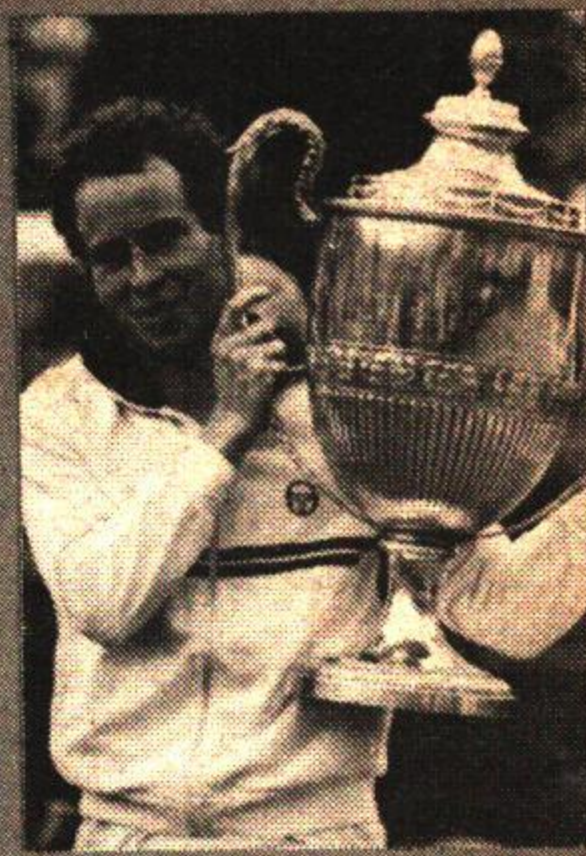
The real John McEnroe

NO OTHER sports personality is as well known as John McEnroe these days. This morning on page 14, News Line continues its in-depth look at the man billed by the world's press as sport's most notorious character.

Our insight into the world's No.1 tennis player will smash a few myths, bury many more — and lift the lid to reveal the REAL McEnroe. For months our sports staff have been compiling this week-long feature on the Wimbledon and US Open champion who has won an incredible 82 matches this year and lost but two.

We have also talked to Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors, the men who have been involved in some of the most thrilling matches with McEnroe in recent years. This is a series that cannot be missed.

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Downton gets a vote of confidence

THUMBS UP!

WICKET-KEEPER Paul Downton received a big vote of confidence last night after helping England salvage some pride from their eight wicket defeat by India in Bombay.

Downton was heavily criticised on Saturday for a missed stumping that proved crucial.

He failed to gather the ball when Ravi Shastri had made 38 in India's first innings. Shastri went on to score 142 and along with Syed Kirmani put the game beyond England's reach.

But England Captain David Gower said yesterday: 'I have a lot of faith in Paul. He's disappointed that the missed stumping turned out to be crucial, but I am not going to criticise my wicketkeeper.'

Gower certainly could not complain about Downton's batting which proved the major reason why England avoided the shame of an innings defeat.

Overnight at 228 for seven in their second in-

nings, England still required 42 runs to make India bat a second time with all their major batsmen dismissed.

Indian fans ignored the Wankhede Stadium yesterday expecting the end to be swift and painless.

SCORECARD

OVERNIGHT: England 195 (Sivaramakrishnan six for 64) and 228 for seven (Gatting 136, Fowler 55); India 465 for eight dec (Shastri 142, Kirmani 102)

ENGLAND 2nd innings cont: Downton lbw b Sivaramakrishnan..... 62
Edmonds c Kapil Dev b Sivaramakrishnan..... 28
Pocock n.o..... 2
Cowans c Vengsarkar b Sivaramakrishnan..... 0
EXTRAS..... 16

TOTAL..... 317
FALL cont: 8-255, 9-317
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 21-8-34-

1; Sharma 9-2-39-0; Sivaramakrishnan 46-10-117-6; Yadav 28-9-64-2; Shastri 29-8-50-1; Gaekwad 1-0-1-0

INDIA 2nd innings
Gavaskar c Gower b Cowans 5
Gaekwad st Downton b Edmonds..... 1
Vengsarkar n.o..... 21
Amarnath n.o..... 22
EXTRAS..... 2

TOTAL (2 wks)..... 51

FALL: 1-5, 2-7
BOWLING: Edmonds 8-3-21-1; Cowans 5-2-18-1; Pocock 2-1-0-10-0

But Downton, with help from spinners Phil Edmonds and Pat Pocock, made sure another 89 runs were added before the innings closed just before lunch.

Downton made 62, his highest Test score and with his 32 in the first innings batted for a total of 365 minutes in the match — more than any other Englishman.

His effort left India to score 48 to win in three and a half hours, a target that was not achieved without some difficulty.

After Edmonds had deceived Anshuman Gaekwad to finally reward Downton with a stumping Norman Cowans bowled five overs of frightening pace.

He had Sunil Gavaskar ducking and weaving before the Indian Captain

lashed at a ball outside the off stump and David Gower took a stunning gully catch to confirm the high standard of England's fielding in the match.

Cowans also struck Dilip Vengsarkar on the shoulder as a warning that in top gear on helpful pitches he could be a menace all winter.

But once he had retreated from the attack, Vengsarkar and Mohinder Amarnath knocked off the runs without difficulty.

They ended India's run of 31 Tests without a win, stretching back to the 138 run victory over England in Bombay three years ago.

At the same time it extended England's run without success to a record 13 matches and Gower is still looking for his first win after leading England 11 times.



PAUL DOWNTON... A word of praise from captain David Gower

Gavaskar opens umpire debate

SUNIL GAVASKAR is ready to launch an international campaign for the appointment of neutral umpires in Test matches.

He began his crusade in Bombay last night as bitterness surrounded England's eight-wicket defeat in the first Test of the winter.

As England Captain David Gower went away promising to write a 'long' report on umpires Bhatrar Gangul I and Swarup Krishen, Gavaskar said: 'Umpires can make mistakes, like batsmen bow-

lers and fielders can make mistakes.

'But if the umpires are neutral and make mistakes then the finger of bias will not be pointed.'

Gavaskar hopes to drum up support by talking to all the other Test captains during the seven-nation tournament in Australia in February.

'Hopefully if we can all agree to press for neutral umpires then our Boards will take it up at the meeting of the International Cricket Conference in London next July.

'Once the captains speak out then surely the boards will have to act.'

Gavaskar's decision to launch the campaign follows his public complaints about umpiring during India's tour to Pakistan last month.

However he may find difficulty in having the measure passed by the ICC, which rejected the idea after a lengthy investigation two years ago.

The sheer size of the costs involved in flying umpires around the world would be enormous, they said.



SUNIL GAVASKAR



ALLAN BORDER... Aussie's new captain

Border is the Aussies skipper

ALLAN BORDER has been appointed to succeed Kim Hughes as skipper of the Australian cricket team, it was announced last night in Sydney.

The Queensland state captain will lead the Australians in the third Test against the West Indies starting in Adelaide on Friday — if he is fit.

Hughes, who resigned in tears after a heavy defeat in the second Test in Brisbane last week, is included

To lead third test

in an unchanged side.

He cited constant pressure from the press and commentators as a major reason for standing down after leading Australia to only four victories in 28 Tests.

The team is: Allan Border (captain), Rodney Hogg (vice captain), Terry Alderman, Murray Bennett,

David Boon, John Dyson, Robert Holland, Kim Hughes, Geoff Lawson, Wayne Phillips, Kepler Wessels, Graeme Wood.

The 12th man will be named on the morning of the match.

Border and Phillips, the wicketkeeper, both have hand injuries from recent state matches and are to undergo fitness tests, probably tomorrow.

The selectors have placed Greg Ritchie of Queensland on standby for Border should he not be fit.

WRIGHT BACK IN TRAINING

MARK WRIGHT, Southampton's stay-away defender, was back in training at the Dell yesterday.

England international Wright had demanded a move after his much-publicised row with manager Lawrie McMenemy — but he has now admitted he was in the wrong.

Wright made his peace with McMenemy in a telephone call from Saudi Arabia where Southampton are this week playing two friendlies.

Chairman Alan Woodford announced the news yesterday morning, saying: 'Fol-

lowing discussions with the manager, Mark Wright has accepted that he was out of order in his recent differences with the club.

'Mark is training this morning in order to regain fitness and be available for selection as soon as possible.

'I'm pleased that this local difficulty has been satisfactorily resolved.'

Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, had acted as mediator in the dispute.

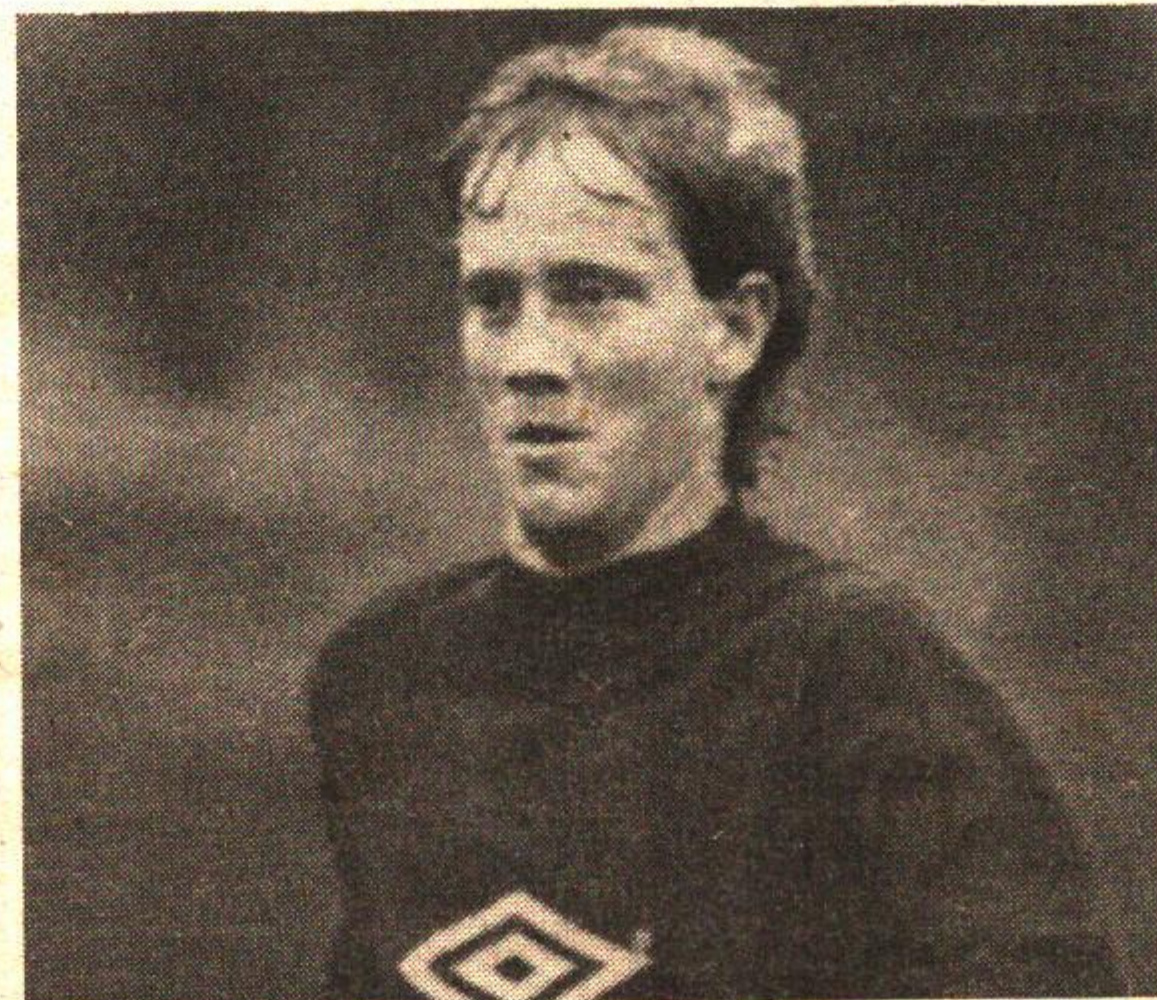
'I spoke to Mark and Lawrie over the weekend

and I'm glad their differences have been resolved,' said Taylor.

Wright, 22, had not been near the club since his bust-up with McMenemy at half-time during the Milk Cup third round tie against QPR a week ago last Tuesday.

England colleague Steve Williams also demanded — and was granted — a move, with Arsenal favourites to sign him.

If the deal goes through this week, Wright and Williams could face each other at Southampton on Saturday.



MARK WRIGHT... Back in training at the Dell

Sibson 'afraid'

TONY SIBSON was last night accused of being scared to fight British middleweight rival Herol Graham.

Sibson, who last week added the British and Commonwealth crowns to his European title, is already pencilled in for three lucrative bouts next year, with the third against Graham for the British title.

But Graham's manager, Brendan Ingle, claimed: 'Sibson is running scared of meeting us. He knows what the outcome will be and he is no match for Herol. He has got too much to lose. My bet is that Sibson will

find some late excuse to call off the fight with Herol, or he will give up the British title.'

Sheffield-based Graham, with 30 straight wins under his belt, added: 'He (Sibson) knows that I can cost him his fortune and his career and there is no way he is prepared to risk it.'

TONIGHT'S GAMES

(7.30p.m. kickoff)

DIVISION I

Liverpool v Coventry.....
QPR v Stoke.....