



FRENCH SOLIDARITY

MINERS' president Arthur Scargill flew back from Paris yesterday after talks with leaders of the French mining union, the NUM said last night.

And an official of the French union said arrangements were now being made for Christmas presents to be sent to the children of striking British miners.

The NUM said in Sheffield: 'The president has

met leaders of the French miners' union and discussed ways of further extending solidarity and support for the British miners.'

Augustin Dufresne, leader of the mining section of France's General Confederation of Labour, said after his meeting with Scargill that the overturning of 120 wagons of coal at Calais which were bound for Britain was 'a sign of solidarity with the strikers'.

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Transport union fined £200,000

TORIES UPHOLD CLASS JUSTICE



Entertainment and sporting stars have joined politicians to launch a £50,000 appeal to brighten up Christmas for striking miners and their families. Actress Susannah York is seen with Kath Chaplin, wife of a striking miner at Keresley, in London yesterday holding a cheque from Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough

No TUC help for strikers

TUC leaders will tell miners' leaders they have nothing new to offer in the way of physical support when the two sides meet this evening.

Yesterday's session of the TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee was adjourned until tomorrow morning, pending the discussions with NUM leaders.

Committee members left Congress House without speaking to waiting pressmen, leading to speculation that some proposals to put further pressure on the NUM were discussed.

BY BEN RUDDER Our Industrial Correspondent

The TUC General Council will hear the report from the resumed F&GP committee later tomorrow.

General secretary Norman Willis's opening report yesterday stressed the TUC's desire to see negotiations restarted between the NUM and the Coal Board.

And it was made clear there were 'no specific proposals' to put to the miners except a fund-raising campaign for December 13 and 14.

Further appeals will be made tonight by the NUM for physical support in blacking coal imports and halting the movement of coal into power stations. Both demands were granted in words at the TUC Congress in September, but have not been

acted on by the TUC or affiliated unions.

● The £200,000 fine of the Transport and General Workers' Union was not discussed during the main session of the committee, TUC sources said.

● They did discuss holding a rally to mark a year since the union-banning order was announced at GCHQ on January 25, 1983, and reaffirmed the policy of a TUC Day of Action if a worker is sacked from GCHQ for refusing to leave the union.

THATCHER's Bonapartist dictatorship and its judicial arm acted in unison yesterday to drive on with the destruction of the basic rights of the trade unions.

In the morning, a judge fined the Transport and General Workers' Union £200,000 — simply for supporting officially its members at the Austin Rover car group during their pay strike.

If the union maintains its defiance of the anti-union laws and refuses to pay the contempt of court fine within 14 days, then its funds and assets will be seized.

Britain's biggest union would thus join the NUM in having its finances plundered by the capitalist state.

Another union, TASS, whose general secretary Ken Gill is a leading member of the Communist Party, was also before the court yesterday facing a fine for contempt.

Defiance

But in defiance of TUC Congress policy, the union argued that it was not responsible for its members because no responsible officer of the union had declared the strike official (see 'This Morning' page 8).

The attack on the T&GWU came from the state-controlled Austin Rover Group, which without doubt was acting on instructions from Downing Street.

And last night Thatcher herself railed against those in the trade unions and local government who defied Tory class law and the capitalist courts.

She praised the scabs, 'men and women with stout hearts defying violence, scornful intimidation', and in a sinister fashion described these reactionary individuals as 'a new birth of leadership'.

Thatcher linked the 'terrorist gangs within

our borders' with the 'hard left operating inside our system, conspiring to use union power and the apparatus of local government, to break, defy and subvert the law.'

'Their course of action is characterised by a calculated hostility towards our courts of justice.'

Stressing that the war against the trade unions and the working class would be intensified, Thatcher said: 'We must never give in to the oldest and least democratic trick of all, the coercion of the many by the ruthless, manipulating few.'

That was entirely in Mr Justice Hodgson's mind when he said that the T&GWU had deliberately 'thrown down the gauntlet' by declaring the Austin Rover strike official after being ordered by the court to call it off until a ballot had been held.

The judge said: 'If the orders of the courts of law in this country are not obeyed, the only result is an approach to anarchy.'

Worst

He added: 'In my judgement, this is one of the worst cases of disobedience of orders of this court that there can ever have been.'

The judge had been told that the union — which boycotted yesterday's proceedings — had declared that it would not abide by court orders and

not pay any fines imposed.

The T&GWU had refused to implement the latest anti-union laws which state that an official strike which is not preceded by a ballot is illegal.

After it made the strike official, general secretary Moss Evans said he was not empowered by the union to sign cheques to meet any fine imposed under the government's 1984 Trade Union Act.

The original injunctions were made against six unions. But four of them — including the AUEW and the GMBATU — repudiated the strike and won the court's approval.

Overturn

These unions are leading the right-wing move to call a special TUC Congress to overturn policy of non-compliance with the anti-union laws.

Evans was in an angry mood when he arrived at the TUC for a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee.

He refused to comment and stormed through the doors of Congress House. Evans went straight to his car after the meeting.

Bill Keys, general secretary of the print union SOGAT 82 and chairman of the TUC's employment and organisation committee, said:

'I take precisely the same stance as the Transport and General Workers' Union. Bad law is there to be defied.'

No capitulation, Iyyad tells PNC

AMMAN — Co-operation between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Jordan should not be taken as a capitulation to a peace settlement, Abu Iyyad told the Palestine National Council here yesterday.

He said those who complained about the possibility of a link between Jordan and the PLO had not complained when Libya entered into a confederation with Morocco.

The PLO was willing to be reconciled with Syria provided the Damascus regime accepted all the Arab summit resolutions.

The most important of these is the Rabat summit of 1974 which declared the PLO to be the sole legiti-

mate representative of the Palestinian people.

Abu Iyyad made it clear he was not talking merely about a Palestinian mini-state. The Palestinians were as keen to return to Jaffa as they were to go back to Nablus, he said.

He wanted a democratic secular state over the whole of Palestine and he denounced confessional extremism which had never been part of the Palestinian revolution.

He said that as a group, the leadership of the PLO were opposed to Arafat's visit to Cairo following his expulsion from Tripoli, north Lebanon, at the end of 1983.

But Abu Iyyad added that anyone who survived the siege of Tripoli had the right to take whatever step

he wished to rectify the situation, and none of the PLO leaders had ever suspected Arafat of betrayal.

Abu Iyyad also called for a reform committee to examine the working of every department in the PLO. It was the leadership's job to lead this reform.

He was loudly applauded when he called for an investigation into rumours that a number of PLO functionaries had amassed fortunes from the revolution.

The PNC decided yesterday to expel three members representing the pro-Syrian Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

The council voted 149 to two to expel Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Damascus-based faction, and two of his senior aides, spokes-

man Fadul Shurrou and Riyadh Saad.

Jibril's group was responsible for shelling two Palestinian refugee camps near Tripoli at the end of last year in the Syrian warfare against Arafat.

PNC spokesman Ahmed Abru Rahman said the new PLO executive committee would leave three seats vacant for representatives of the Democratic Alliance and what he called 'Palestinian nationalist forces and organisations'.

The seats are widely expected to be for George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Naif Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Palestine Communist Party.

The new executive committee is expected to be elected tomorrow at the end of the PNC session.

FROM JOHN SEPNCER IN AMMAN

Oil prices hit pound

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

re-opened yesterday after a four-day holiday for Thanksgiving, North Sea Brent oil prices had slid by almost 50 cents a barrel to \$27.

This compares with Britain's official price of \$28.60 and was a response to a supplies glut, discount pricing and generally mild weather conditions.

Worried

Worried economists predicted that unsuccessful bidders for British Telecom shares may sell sterling holdings in a matter of weeks, further weakening the pound.

The government was accused of having de-

serted the pound because it had planned its autumn mini-budget on the basis of a weak currency.

Dealers said they were 'nervous' about BT shares. 'A lot of foreign money will go back in to verted into sterling but with the issue likely to be oversubscribed, that money will go back on to foreign currencies,' one of them said.

Dr Paul Neild, chief economist at brokers Phillips and Drew said the government did not care about the pound's level. 'The pound is friendless,' he said.

'It means the government is not in favour of the pound going up. If it was to recover it would hit oil revenues and squash out any room for tax cuts in the budget.'

WEAK oil prices and the strength of the dollar yesterday pushed the pound back towards the record low values reached in the middle of last month.

On the foreign exchanges, sterling fell against a strong dollar to lose nearly two cents and touch \$1.1965. Against a basket of foreign currencies, the pound fell to 74.0, its lowest level.

In London, the pound closed at \$1.20, down 1.8 cents on Friday's position.

When the US market

Campaign for hospital safety

A HOSPITAL safety campaign has been launched by the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union.

It said there was a vast 'number of potential hazards to staff who work in the health service — often more than in most industrial workplaces.'

'Many of these hazards will also directly affect the health and safety of patients.'

The hazards the union lists include:

● FIRE: Each year there are 2,000 fires on NHS premises.

● X-RAYS: Four-in-five patients were not given a protective lead shield to protect their reproduc-

tive organs when X-rayed.

● ASBESTOS: Cleaners had been ordered to sweep up asbestos debris in some hospital wards after contractors had failed to remove it safely.

● SALMONELLA: The outbreak at the Stanley Royd Hospital, which claimed 19 lives earlier this year, was 'only the tip of this potential hazard to both patients and staff'.

● BACK PAIN: One-in-six nurses suffered from back pain at a cost to the NHS of £52 million a year even though the condition was preventable.

John Edmonds, the union's national officer for the health service, said: 'It is ten years since the Health and Safety at Work Act came into force and it has had little impact on the NHS.'

'We aim to see that the next ten years will be different.'

The union has produced a 120-page guide called 'Hazards in the Health Service' for safety representatives among its 60,000 NHS members.

Labourites make Grenada visit

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

TOP Labour Party officials said yesterday the US-backed New National Party, led by Herbert Blaize, was likely to win elections in Grenada on December 3.

Sam McCluskie, party treasurer and national executive member, said there was no other party 'in a political state to win'.

McCluskie has returned from a seven-day fact-finding visit with Alex Kitson, chairman of the NEC's international committee and another Labour Party official, Jim Murphy.

At a press conference in London, they said they had investigated human rights and examined the election campaign.

They met representatives from 12 organisations across the political spectrum and asked about the death of Maurice Bishop and the October 1983 US invasion.

Kitson defended a victory for the NNP on the grounds that 'a lot would go' from the island if one of the other parties won. He was referring to a substantial 'aid programme'



Left to right: Sam McCluskie, Alex Kitson and Jim Murphy at yesterday's press conference

drawn up by the US government — which they will withdraw if any other party takes power.

If Eric Gairy's right-wing Grenada United Labour Party won, aid would continue but not be expanded, he said.

During the visit the US embassy issued a statement disassociating itself from claims by Gairy that his party had official US backing.

Evidence

The only evidence they saw of the US presence was the occasional jeep with soldiers in the street. US officials had also 'taken over' the former Holiday Inn Hotel, now known as the Grenada Beach Hotel.

'You see the odd jeep running around the island with American soldiers. It is not a heavy oppressive presence, it's just visible,' Murphy said.

The left-wing Maurice Bishop Patriotic Front had complained that at least 3,000 people had not been registered to vote in the election, but McCluskie claimed that was because they had missed the deadline date.

He said he believed the elections would be fair as far as humanly possible, and, fairer than any the island had ever seen before, although, he added, he disliked the running of the island by its present interim council.

The interim council was put in charge by the American imperialist invaders.

Cammell Laird rig snatched

THE RIG occupied by workers at the Cammell Laird shipyard, Birkenhead, was snatched on the high tide on Sunday.

It was towed up river to anchorage to wait for better weather conditions before it is taken to Brest in France for completion.

A black had been imposed by Mersey tugmen, members of the Transport and General Workers Union. But at a meeting on Saturday afternoon the decision was reversed.

Two reasons were advanced for the change — first, that Cammell Lairds management had undertaken to observe that the three scab tugs lying outside the port would not be used, and second, that working shop stewards had pleaded for the vessel to be released.

Danny Marr, chairman of the T&GWU tug section, claimed another reason was that the rig would otherwise be imprisoned by low tides for the rest of the winter.

Costs for the delay in moving the rig — already 10 months behind schedule — are running at an estimated £1 million per month.

Sunday's move means that the 37 Lairds workers who served prison sentences in defence of their jobs have lost one of their last bargaining levers.

The war ship 'Edin-

burgh', which was also occupied in defence of jobs, remains at the yard. The ship is due for sea trials next February.

The occupation committee is now looking to other areas for support in their fight to regain their jobs. They are demanding a meeting with the National Shipyard Stewards.

Cammell Laird's workforce has been decreased from 20,000 to 1,600. By March 1986 it faces privatisation and total closure.

TV strike called off

ITV technicians called off their threatened strike and accepted an 8 per cent pay deal.

The Association of Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians said that after a vote by members, it had agreed to accept the management's 'final offer'.

The union had asked the 6,300 technicians to endorse a strike from December 1 in support of a 12 per cent claim, but a majority voted against industrial action.

A national stoppage by the technicians would have disrupted programmes and could have blacked out the entire ITV network.

The 15 ITV companies said in September that they were not prepared to increase their offer and that ACTT members should be aware of 'financial realities'.

The union pointed to the increasing revenues of the ITV companies and said they could afford to 'improve on their offer.'

WEATHER

PARTS of south-east England will start dry, but outbreaks of rain will spread from the west, clearing overnight. Elsewhere there will be rain, heavy at times, but it will become clearer with squally showers, some prolonged, from the west. Winds will reach gale force in most places and in the north and west may reach storm force in exposed places. It will become mild generally.

£8,000 Monthly Fund

November Fund Last four days

RAISE every amount you can. We have only four days left and most of our £8,000 target to raise. With only £1,222.04 in so far, we urge you to take action immediately.

November has been a great month so far. You more than raised our £25,000 Development Fund and we had the biggest rally ever for the Anniversary of the News Line.

But don't stop there.

We are asking you to round off the month with a supreme last-minute effort over these last four days to complete all of our November Fund by this coming weekend. We are confident you can do it. So please — without delay — rush in every amount you can.

Post it to:
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21B Old Town, Clapham, SW4 0JT

Mitterrand in Syria

DAMASCUS — French President Mitterrand flew into the Syrian capital yesterday for a three-day private visit and talks with President Hafez al-Assad.

Mitterrand was accompanied by External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson and Culture Minister Jack Lang.

Shortly after the French President's arrival, the commander-in-chief of the Libyan armed forces, Brigadier-

General Abu Bakr Younis Jabir was received by Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas.

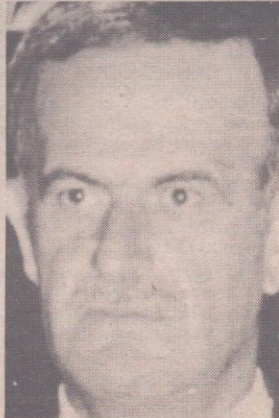
There was no indication if Mitterrand and Jabir would meet. Jabir arrived in Damascus directly from Prague, where he negotiated co-operation with Czechoslovak Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal.

Mitterrand's visit is the second leg of a mission on behalf of a 'European initiative' on the Middle

East he began last July.

He hopes to arrange talks between the Palestinians and the Zionist regime under the joint chairmanship of the United Nations, the United States and the Soviet bureaucracy.

Assad and Mitterrand met briefly for a first round of private talks yesterday afternoon and were expected to outline their policies in dinner speeches last night.



ASSAD

DHSS 'LYING' OVER ASBESTOS CLAIMS

AN 11-month delay in handling a benefits claim from a Glasgow joiner dying from asbestos related cancer was slammed in a report from the Ombudsman yesterday.

The Department of Health and Social Security has now apologised to the family of Ron Hill, who died eight weeks before the DHSS made its first offer in response to his claim.

'Firm action has been taken to ensure that no-

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

thing of this kind happens again,' said the DHSS after hearing the Ombudsman's criticism.

But last night Clydeside Action on Asbestos accused the DHSS of 'lying'.

Victims

The organisation has another 35 cases involving asbestos victims which are already subject to delays of eight months ... and growing.

All 35 cases are — like that of the late Mr Hill's

— connected to the notorious asbestos disaster at the Red Road flats in Glasgow.

Construction workers who built the flats became known as the 'white mice' because of how they became covered with lethal asbestos dust at the site.

Quintin Oliver, Clydeside Action's spokesman told News Line: 'The DHSS took over 11 months on Mr Hill's claim. The Ombudsman was asked to investigate whether

this was too long.

'He then took over 13 months to say yes, it was too long. What use is a watchdog who doesn't bark in time?

Sorry

'The DHSS is saying they are dreadfully sorry and that it won't happen again. But they are lying and the 35 cases still outstanding, and subject to very long delay already, are categorical proof of this.'

The government Ombudsman said in his

report that the complaint of 'excessive delay' by the DHSS was 'amply justified'.

He accused the DHSS's Glasgow city office of 'inexcusable neglect'.

'The failure of the local office to reach a decision on Mr Hill's claim before he died' was the most disturbing aspect of the complaint the Ombudsman said.

The DHSS had failed to act despite a circular to staff emphasising the need for urgency, as most people suffering from Mesothelioma die within two years of it being diagnosed.

New probe into civil servants

FRAUD SQUAD detectives are investigating fresh allegations of bribery and corruption among civil servants.

Civil servants at the Department of the Environment's Property Services Agency (PSA) face allegations of accepting free holidays, money, lavish entertainment and home improvements.

In return, PSA officials, who are responsible for buying and maintaining government property, awarded lucrative contracts to building firms, Scotland Yard alleged.

The claims are the latest in a string of allegations against the PSA which have shaken Whitehall.

They are being investigated by the public sector unit of the Yard's Fraud Squad, headed by Commander William Huckleby.

A file compiled by a Sunday newspaper was passed to police by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Thomas Hetherington.

The Fraud Squad is

already investigating alleged irregularities involving civil servants at the Home Office and the sale of goods made in prison.

The latest allegations against PSA officials are also the subject of an internal inquiry by the Department of the Environment.

It is alleged that civil servants flew to Miami, Florida, for a week's holiday at a luxury hotel, organised by building contractors.

Casinos

Other allegations concern trips to casinos in Las Vegas, expenses-paid weekends in the Channel Islands and the installation of free central heating and fitted kitchens.

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee found widespread fraud and corruption within the PSA four months ago.

Sailor stabbed his tormentor

A YOUNG black sailor pulled a lock knife from his pocket and repeatedly stabbed one of his tormentors when ratings from another ship shouted racial taunts at him, a court martial was told yesterday.

Jamaican-born O'Neill Green, 24, a marine engineering mechanic on board the carrier 'Invincible', admitted, wounding stores accountant Antony Allen of the destroyer 'Liverpool' with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

He was ordered to be dismissed from the navy, kept in detention for 21 months and deprived of one good conduct badge.

Lt Commander Robert Crighton, told the court martial at Devonport the incident happened early on October 11 after a night ashore in Plymouth with two shipmates from 'Invincible'.

As they waited for a late night snack at a hamburger van near the gates of Devonport dockyard, Green thought he heard himself called a 'coon'.

Fight

A fight developed between two men from HMS 'Liverpool' and the three from 'Invincible', during which Green produced a knife and 'proceeded to stab and slash at Allen in a frenzied rage'.

Flt Lt Ronald Gadd, defending, said Green was not subjected to just one taunt — but a continuous stream, including 'coon' and 'black bastard'.

Gadd said: 'Regrettably he has had to put up with this sort of thing before, but he has always managed to keep his cool.'

'On this occasion he lost his temper and took out his knife when he was punched in the face.'

He said Green, whose home is in London, was regarded as a quiet, unassuming rating but on this occasion he had drunk eight or nine pints of beer.



Denise Marshall, with her son Keir, went on a bus ride yesterday to demonstrate the difficulties faced by women with children and shopping when they go on a bus or a tube journey.

There is the wait for the bus of course, and then there is the problem of finding somewhere to put the push-chair and the shopping, and of finding help when it is needed.

Before this 'typical journey',

a group of women and children lobbied the headquarters of London Regional Transport in protest at the new attacks on public transport being carried out by the Tory-controlled administration.

These include cuts in services, fare increases, and cuts in all the expansion and improvement programmes drawn up when London Transport was under the control of the GLC.

Euro-MPs demand inquiry

EURO-MPS from Britain are demanding an inquiry into lavish pay-offs for Common Market staff.

The Brussels Commission has proposed six-figure redundancy terms for a team of scientific researchers employed by the EEC in Italy — it intends to replace many of them with younger people.

The 120 staff will get 70 per cent of their annual salaries until retirement age. This means an average of about £20,000 per worker, at a total cost to the Community of £24 million.

Labour's Glyn Ford, himself a scientist, tried to block the scheme when it was endorsed by the European Parliament's Energy and Research Committee.

Now he wants Britain to veto the redundancy payments when the proposal is put formally to EEC Ministers.

Cowboy contractors warning

COWBOY contractors could soon be running amok in local hospitals, say the West Midlands TUC.

The prospect comes in a report on the West Midlands Regional Health Authority's approved list of suppliers for catering, domestic and laundry services.

There is a total of 47

companies on the list.

The companies were supposed to be chosen on the basis of financial viability and health service experience.

But the report says that many of them were 'sincerely wanting' in at least one of these departments.

It was impossible to investigate the financial status of some of the com-

panies on the authority's list.

Ten of the approved companies are actually breaking the law by failing to file their accounts at Companies House.

Many more have been formed so recently they have not had to file accounts or did not trade at all in the last year they filed accounts for.

Lots of the approved companies are linked and there are constant takeovers and mergers, with firms constantly being bought and sold.

It will be interesting to see if those linked firms bid 'against' each other.

A total of 36 of the 47 listed companies have not got the relevant experience in health work.

Chemicals

THREE beaches in Dorset were cordoned off yesterday after the discovery of large drums containing dangerous chemicals. In the last three weeks about 200 drums have come ashore in Devon.

The local council say a freighter recently lost 2,700 drums of chemicals, including 190 containing highly explosive substances.

Shop pinta cheaper

SHOP SALES now account for about 15 per cent of all milk sold and prices can be up to 5p a pint cheaper than the doorstep pinta, according to a survey published yesterday.

'The average price of whole pasteurised milk in shops has been consistently below the price of doorstep delivery, which has been 22p since June,' said Teresa Whickham, chairman of the Women's Farming Union, which conducted the survey.

'The average price is now 2p a pint cheaper, although the cheapest milk costs only 17p a pint,' she said.

'In general, the larger the pack size, the cheaper the milk, and consumers are having to pay just over 16p a pint if they buy four-pint packs.'

Sterilised and UHT whole milk prices are on average 3p a pint and 1-12p a pint more expensive than pasteurised milk.

The cheapest semi-skimmed milk is 18p, while some pasteurised skimmed milk costs only 14p a pint.

Sales of low-fat milks have increased 'very rapidly' this year and now represent about 12 per cent of all sales.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

==XMAS BAZAARS==

LONDON

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

LEEDS

Saturday December 15
12 noon
The Corn Exchange

PETERBOROUGH

Saturday December 15
12 noon
Taynells Community Centre
Orton Goldhay

LEICESTER

Saturday December 15
12 noon
Stockingfarm Community
Centre
Marwood Road

IPSWICH

Saturday December 15
1p.m.
Stone Lodge Community Centre
Hawthorn Drive
Chantry

COVENTRY

Saturday December 22
12 noon
Sydney Stringer School
Vine Street

GLASGOW

Saturday December 22
12 noon
Rutherglen Burgh Halls
King Street

MANCHESTER

Saturday December 22
12 noon
Edgehill Community Centre
Salford Precinct

LIVERPOOL

Saturday December 22
12 noon
St Finbars Club
Dingle Mount
Liverpool 8

WORLD
SUMMARYBeagle
pact
endorsed

BUENOS AIRES — Referendum results in Argentina have shown overwhelming approval for the Vatican-mediated pact on the Beagle Channel border dispute with Chile. Foreign Minister Dante Caputo was yesterday quoted as saying it would be signed this week.

Extended

DACCA — The term of Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad Ershad as army chief of staff has been extended by one year, starting December 1.

Return

DAMASCUS — Syrian vice-President Rifaat al-Assad, brother of President Hafez al-Assad, returned to Damascus yesterday after a five-month absence and by decree will take over security affairs.

Visit

ATHENS — President Constantine Karamanlis, who as conservative Prime Minister opened Soviet bloc relations between Greece and its neighbours, left yesterday for a three-day official visit to Rumania.

Entry

BRUSSELS — Common Market Foreign Ministers met yesterday to try to settle differences among themselves over key conditions for Spanish and Portuguese entry ahead of today's final round of negotiations with the two applicants.

BARRE PROVOKES HIJACKING ROW

ADDIS ABABA — The Somali regime of President Siad Barre yesterday reversed a decision to execute seven students in custody in Mogadishu on charges of 'illegal association'.

Mogadishu's announcement came as the latest deadline set by Somali hijackers of a Somali Airlines Boeing 707 in the Ethiopian capital passed without incident yesterday.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

But the Barre regime released a provocative statement, charging the Ethiopian regime of President Haile Mengistu Marian with responsibility for ensuring the safety of the passengers.

The hijackers have demanded the release of 20 prisoners, including the students and a former Vice-President and Foreign Minister, Omar Arteh Qalib, jailed on charges of anti-state activities.

Barre's pro-imperialist regime has refused to bow to the hijackers' demands, alleging that it would be tantamount to collaborating with 'international terrorism'.

An Ethiopian government spokesman said the hijackers were 'extremely outraged' by the Somali refusal on Sunday to agree to their demands.

Ethiopian officials said they had interceded to have an earlier deadline extended from 2100 hours GMT on Sunday.

The Boeing 707 was hijacked on a flight from Mogadishu to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, last Saturday.

Yesterday, the gunmen extended once again the deadline that expired at 0900 hours GMT.

The Somali airliner re-

mains parked in a remote corner of Bole International Airport, with the three hijackers holding about 100 people hostage.

The aircraft carried 130 passengers and crew but 19 were freed at the weekend. Of the remainder, most are Somalis but there are also two Italians, three Yemenis, one American and a United Nations diplomat of unspecified nationality on board.

Ethiopian authorities said the Italian govern-

ment of Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, who has good relations with Mogadishu, was mediating.

The Barre regime's decision to execute the seven students was revealed in a broadcast last October by government radio in Hargeisa, provincial capital of northern Somalia.

Charges against them are believed to involve alleged links with two Ethiopian-backed liberation groups fighting to overthrow Barre.



Somali President SIAD BARRE

Bilbao shipyard closed

MADRID — State shipbuilders Astilleros Espanoles yesterday ordered the closure of its Olaveaga yard in the northern port of Bilbao following seven weeks of police provocations against workers fighting proposed job cuts.

The government ordered police to occupy the factory overnight to avoid 'reprisals' from 'minority and radical sectors of the workforce'.

The yard would remain closed until the 'violence' abated, a shipyard spokesman said yesterday.

Olaveaga and other Spanish yards have been the scene of clashes with police over a government plan to restructure the shipbuilding industry that calls for axing almost half the 40,000-strong workforce.

Shipyard workers yesterday called for a general strike in Bilbao to protest against the death of a worker who died of a heart attack during a clash with police last week.

Colorados win polls

MONTEVIDEO — The right-wing Colorado party claimed victory early yesterday in Uruguay's first general elections after 11 years of military rule, but the chief electoral officer said many returns from Montevideo contained serious irregularities.

Colonel Jose Khatheir told a news conference that officials had found serious discrepancies in tallies in about 40 per cent of the polling booths in the capital, which has one million voters.

With 502,415 votes counted, the Colorados had 198,613, or 22,818 more than their traditional rivals, the Blancos.

Manila's anti-Muslim war spreads

MANILA — The Philippine army and police yesterday spread a savage war against Muslim separatist fighters in the southern island of Mindanao.

A Protestant minister and four Muslim fighters were hacked to death near Zamboanga City as the military and police yesterday reported the surrender of 80 members of a Muslim family in the city.

The home of city police officer Lieutenant Abdurassal Alih was besieged by more than 300 police, marine and constabulary troops and civilian militia following a gunbattle and 22-hour army siege at their family compound in

which at least five people were killed and 15 wounded on Sunday.

The siege of Zamboanga City and the incidents reported by Brigadier General Jaime Echeverria are part of a massive campaign in the south against the New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, and the Muslim fighters for secession.

Echeverria alleged the clergyman had been killed by armed men believed to be members of the NPA. He claimed the three NPA fighters were hacked to death by villagers.

But it is a well-known fact that the Philippine army regularly carries out terror slayings as part of a psychological war against peasants, who overwhelmingly support the NPA.

Echeverria did not release the clergyman's identity.

Police said they had shot dead a suspected Muslim separatist when a police outpost in a nearby province was raided, injuring two policemen and three militiamen.

The Mayor of Zamboanga City, Manuel Delipe, said the Alih family, who included eight police-

men but mostly women and children, agreed to surrender as police and army units, backed by armoured vehicles and a helicopter, surrounded the house.

Occupants of the house opened fire with machine guns and grenade-launchers during a police raid officially described as 'a routine illegal weapons' search.

The sprawling compound is about 50 yards from the spot where former Mayor Cesar Climaco was shot dead on November 44.

A 45-second TV clip showing Marcos reading a copy of one of yesterday's issues of a Manila newspaper has failed to scotch persistent rumours over the fate of the president.

North Korea rejects Panmunjom charges

PANMUNJOM — North Korea yesterday rejected charges by the US-sponsored United Nations Command (UNC) yesterday over a 40-minute border gun battle that left three North Korean border guards and a South Korean soldier dead last Friday.

The shoot-out followed the defection of a Soviet citizen who was touring the world's most heavily militarised zone, known as the demilitarised zone (DMZ).

UNC chief delegate Rear-Admiral Charles Horne charged during a meeting of the Military

Armistice Commission that the North Korean guards had intruded at least 50 yards across the military demarcation line into UNC territory.

He accused the North Koreans of firing AK-47 automatic weapons as Soviet tourist Vasily Yakovlevich Matuzok escaped to the south.

Violation

Horne described the alleged action by the North Koreans as 'absolutely unlawful and the gravest violation' of the armistice agreement signed after the end of the US imperialist Korean War of 1950-53 and demanded an apology from Pyongyang.

But North Korea's chief delegate, Li Tae-Hoe, charged that the UNC had fired at Pyongyang's guards indiscriminately and demanded that those responsible be punished.

'It is a premeditated criminal act by US imperial aggressors to heighten tension in the Korean peninsula,' Li said.

Li said the Americans committed the act at a time when North and South Korea were increasing contacts to reduce tension.

The defector, a student, 22, will be sent to Rome for 'processing' by a UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) committee, a procedure adopted when a Czechoslovak soldier defected to the south at Panmunjom in 1981.

Cairo police storm campus

CAIRO — Classes at Cairo's al-Azhar University were suspended for two weeks yesterday after riot police stormed the campus to break up a sit-in protest by more than 2,000 students.

The police action on Sunday night came after four days of demonstrations over demands for improvements in conditions and the death last week of a student in a street accident involving a police truck.

The protesters were demanding a public trial of the driver of the police truck, the implementation of Islamic Sharia laws, better living conditions in student hostels and cheaper books.

Eyewitnesses said a large number of students at the 1,000-year-old cam-

pus were arrested when police moved in to evict them.

Campus streets were littered with debris after the police assault. Eyewitnesses said they saw ambulances speeding away from the al-Azhar campus mosque area.

Sixty-four people were arrested and 11 injured last Thursday, when police attacked students at another campus, in the Cairo suburb of Nasser City.

The students had demanded also that Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali should go to the university to hear their grievances and that university president Mohammed Ferhoud should be removed.

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MOSCOW PUSH FOR EEC DEAL

BRUSSELS — The Kremlin bureaucracy is manoeuvring Comecon, the Soviet block economic grouping, for an unprecedented formal agreement with the Common Market after a break of four years.

The issue was discussed at a secret meeting between Bulgarian Foreign Trade Minister Christo Christov and European Commissioner for External Relations Wilhelm Haferkamp in Brussels on November 2.

Christov told Haferkamp Comecon was con-

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

sidering softening its terms for a proposed agreement for the sake of improving relations and promoting detente in Europe.

Outcome

Comecon's executive committee is considering the outcome of the Christov-Haferkamp meeting and is likely to call for a new round of discussions with the EEC.

Talks between the EEC and Comecon broke down in 1980 when the imperialist trade bloc partners bluntly told the Soviet

bloc negotiators they did not consider the Soviet grouping competent to sign trade agreements.

The real reason was that the EEC feared a formal agreement could disrupt increasingly lucrative bilateral credit and finance arrangements with the individual Comecon members.

But Christov is believed to have assured Brussels of Comecon's preparedness to bend the rules slightly, to negotiate an 'economic information exchange' agreement to be completed later by bilateral trade agreements

between the EEC and Comecon members.

The conciliatory stand follows recent attempts by some of the cash-starved East European countries to improve ties with the EEC to win new dollar credits, despite bitter opposition from their Stalinist counterparts in the Kremlin.

Reason

A key reason Moscow Stalinists have renewed approaches to the EEC is the fact that the East European bureaucracies are already flooding the syndicated West European money markets for loans.

Last week, East Germany trebled the size of its bank credit to \$400 million from the \$150 million initially agreed with the Western commercial banks.

Hungary, which last month launched a \$250-million loan, formally closed the books with an increase to \$300 million, according to the 'International Herald Tribune' yesterday.

The 'Tribune' said Eastern debts were becoming more attractive to the Western bankers because of a slump in borrowing by the west European capitalist economies who were pre-paying their loans.

Hungary, which already has a roaring trade in bonds domestically, last week introduced measures to sell bonds on the Western credit markets.

The Kremlin Stalinists have been alarmed by these moves among their East European counterparts because they threaten Moscow's parasitic hold on the Warsaw Pact grouping.

The Comecon move is triggered also by strident warnings from the Comecon partners that they are prepared to negotiate more deals on their own.

Moscow sacks gold official

ZURICH — The Soviet regime has dismissed a senior official at its gold trading house in the Swiss capital because of a sharp decline in results.

Werner Peterhans, head of foreign exchange and bullion at Bank Wozchod-Handelsbank, is alleged to have overstepped trading limits set on buying and selling by the bank.

The bank said it took 29.5 million Swiss francs (\$12 million) from reserves to cover losses on gold trading last year.

A spokesman for Wozchod said the bank's action had nothing to do with its other role: that of being one of Moscow's main outlets for supplying its gold produce to the West.

The Soviet Union is the world's largest gold producer after South Africa, and the Stalinist bureaucracy has traditionally used its bullion sales to raise cash in the West to pay for grain and other purchases.

Removal

Peterhans' removal shows the Kremlin is entering deeper into the cut-throat world of capitalist speculative markets to try to offset the economic ravages of the international slump in trading markets.

One Zurich gold dealer said: 'The Russians are ready to make use of any of the financial instruments available.' Zurich will cease to be Moscow's main outlet for its gold.

In September, Moscow's London-based Narodny Bank launched a \$50-million Eurobond issue, the first time since the Bolshevik revolution of 1917 that the Soviet Union had ventured into the foreign bond markets.

Spot

The Kremlin also speculates heavily on the oil spot (speculative) markets, adding to the instability of OPEC's price and production quotas.

Moscow's move on its gold bullion sales is a desperate attempt to fetch high prices, in defiance of market trends.

As one dealer put it: 'The Russians want to sell the gold at the highest price possible. If everybody knows when they are selling, the price goes down and they're working against themselves.'

Moscow's belief that it can beat the imperialist economic system at its own game is a direct outcome of the Stalinists' counter-revolutionary theory of 'socialism in one country'.



DENG XIAOPING

Peasants told 'get rich quick'

PEKING — Thousands of Chinese peasants are being urged by the Deng Xiaoping leadership to prospect for gold to boost the country's bullion output.

The bureaucracy has offered loans to private groups and individual miners as part of its 'get rich — quick' drive among the peasantry.

Deng's officials have been forthright in admitting the programme is

aimed at easing the bureaucracy's financial embarrassment and to help absorb widespread unemployment in the countryside.

The official 'China Daily' newspaper said production had increased by more than 10 per cent a year in the past few years.

Picks

According to the executive director of Consolidated Gold Fields, Michael Beckett, China produces 45 tonnes of gold a year, making it the eighth-largest producer in the world.

About 80,000 peasants have been ordered by the Peking Stalinists to turn ploughshares into picks.



CYRIL RAMAPHOSA

Black miners' leader charged

JOHANNESBURG — Black miners' leader Cyril Ramaphosa has been arrested in the 'tribal homeland' of Lebowa and will be charged today with trying to hold an illegal meeting.

Ramaphosa, a lawyer and one of the best-known leaders of South Africa's emerging black trade unions, is General Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM).

Lebowa magistrate Jeunias Mokgalabone said in Namakgale, 250 miles (400 km) northeast of Johannesburg, that it appeared Ramaphosa had been organising or planning to take part in a

meeting in the town last Sunday.

'On Friday there was a banning order issued by a Lebowa magistrate that no meeting should be held on Sunday.'

'He was arrested on the basis of the banning order,' Mokgalabone said.

Lebowa is one of the 'tribal homelands' set up for black people under South Africa's apartheid system of racial segregation.

Ramaphosa's arrest follows the detention of a number of other union leaders this month, under Draconian security laws allowing indefinite detention without trial.

World Court blow to US

THE HAGUE — The World Court yesterday confirmed it had jurisdiction over Nicaragua's complaint about US military aggression.

The confirmation dealt a blow to Washington's hopes of overturning an

earlier court ruling that it should cease such action.

Judges rejected US arguments that the issue was not an appropriate one for it to judge and that Nicaragua had never properly ratified the jurisdiction of the court.

In an interim judgment last May, the 16-judge court set up by the United Nations to rule on disputes between states, called on the US to end support for any military action against Nicaragua's Sandinist government.



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ZAPU MP killed

HARARE — A member of parliament of the opposition ZAPU party was killed by gunmen at his farm near Zimbabwe's southwestern city of Bulawayo yesterday.

Jini Ntuta was the first ZAPU MP to be killed in a series of political mur-

ders this year in which at least 12 officials of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ruling ZANU party have been slain.

ZAPU, led by veteran nationalist Joshua Nkomo, holds 19 seats in the 100-member House of Assembly.

The semi-official Ziana news agency quoted informed sources as saying Ntuta was approached by three gunmen while working in a field.

He attempted to flee and was chased about two miles (four kilometres) before being shot.

Farm workers call for pay rise

FARMWORKERS called yesterday for 'very significant' pay rises in the New Year and said their employers had no excuse for not meeting their demand.

Jack Boddy, national secretary of the farmworkers' section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said there were dif-

ferences over the national farmers' annual case to the Agricultural Wages Board.

The 250,000 farmworkers have called for agricultural wages to be raised to the average industrial wage, claiming that farmers, with a record cereals and oilseed harvest, can afford to pay.

BY PENNY BLOOR

HUNDREDS of pensioners, unemployed and trade unionists joined a rally in London yesterday and lobbied parliament to protest at vicious social security cuts.

Protesters wore black arm bands and four pall bearers carried a coffin described by organisers as representing the 'passing of the Beveridge ideal', after Lord Beveridge, who founded the present welfare state.

Police stopped a mock procession from Central Hall to parliament.

As part of this year's 'uprating' the government has introduced changes leaving low-paid families receiving family income supplement out of the uprating completely and cutting 50p a week from all those on supplementary benefit with special needs.

Old age pensioners claiming heating allowance lose £1 a week, as do striking miners and their families.

Attacked

Speakers attacked the Whitehall review into social services and demanded the publication of its contents.

The government has cut £6 billion from payments since coming to power, Mike Perkins, chairman of the Society of Civil and Public Servants told the rally.

'The most amazing thing they decided was to close some Job Centres and to introduce job points in supermarkets,' he said. 'This to me sums up the contempt this government has for the unemployed of this country.'

Perkins condemned the benefit cut for striking miners as 'a cruel, callous and calculated action'.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, NUPE general secretary, reminded the audience how Thatcher had stood with 'Saatchi and Saatchi sincerity' on November 11, Remembrance Day to reminisce about the war.

Lecture

'Millions of people who lived through that World War II who are 65 now are living in disgraceful conditions,' he said. 'How dare she lecture us on democracy and freedom?'

Bickerstaffe said the attack on the miners was the same as that 'on the pensioners, sick and disabled, on the GLC and the metropolitan counties, on the trade union movement and all working people and their families'.

Labour health spokesman Michael Meacher said the government had found £2 billion to fight the miners with, enough to add £4 a week for every pensioner in the next year.

He called the Tory Social Security review a 'camouflage and cover up for what is intended to be the biggest attack on the welfare state in 50 years'.

Labour MP for Dunfermline East, Gordon Brown, said miners' families were getting £40 a week less than the unemployed, £30 a week less than if their fathers had

TORY BENEFITS RISE A 'CON'



The coffin symbolising the death of the welfare state

walked out and £20 a week less than if their fathers were in prison.

There was heckling for right-wing Civil and Public Services Association general secretary Alis-tair Graham, who said the government wanted to dismantle the welfare state without debate and that 'we must provide that public debate'.

Anne Gilbert, of the SCPS and a miner's wife representing South Yorkshire, said the benefit cut for strikers was 'vicious and disgusting', adding: 'Now you understand why our support groups are so necessary.'

Margaret Beckett, Labour MP for Derby South, and Labour's Social Security spokesman, said the government was lying to say it could not afford to pay higher benefits.



RODNEY BICKERSTAFFE



ANNE GILBERT

Children cheated over benefits

MORE than a million poor children are being cheated under the system introduced yesterday for increasing Social Security benefits, according to the Child Poverty Action Group.

The group says more than 400,000 families, containing some 840,000 children, will be 'short changed' each year because of a change in the method of uprating National Insurance benefits.

Had the addition been uprated by the old method, families would get nearly £2 more per child each week, it says.

CPAG also claims: ● ABOUT 200,000 poor families, including 400,000 children, will not benefit from the increase in Family Income Supplement.

They will have to wait until their claims are due for renewal to get the new rates. Some families will lose more than £100.

● A FURTHER 150,000 children, members of the 100,000 families, will receive less than the full 5.1 per cent uprating of benefits because of a cut in weekly payments for heating and other additional needs.

Fumes make 14 ill

FOURTEEN people were detained in a Birmingham hospital on Sunday night after being overcome by fumes from a faulty heating system.

In all 22 people who were staying at the Methodist Overseas

Tube 'dust free' — LRT

LONDON Regional Transport told Tube train passengers there were no asbestos dust particles in the air at the Oxford Street station following Friday night's blaze there.

As contractors began repair work an LRT spokesman said: 'We have been issued with a certificate of 'freedom from asbestos' by a spe-

cialist firm which inspected the station over the weekend.

'This means there is no free-floating asbestos in the air, there is no danger to the public from the panels uncovered by the fire,' specialist contractors examined the asbestos panels on the north-bound Victoria line platform at the station yesterday they will either remove them or re-cover them, the LRT spokesman said.

Repair work should take several days and the area will be sealed off.

No Victoria line service is operating between Warren Street and Victoria, and Bakerloo line trains will not stop at Oxford Circus while work is carried out.

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TANNOCHSIDE: Thursday December 6, 7.30p.m. Tannochside Miners Welfare Club, 416 Old Edinburgh Road, Viewpark.

Speakers: Barry Huyton (YS National Committee); Terry Brotherton (Edinburgh WRP)

COATBRIDGE: Wednesday December 12, 7.30p.m. Dundyan 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 December 19, 7.30p.m. Glasgow Youth Training Centre, Tobago Street, off London Road.

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

WEST MIDLANDS

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Ladywood Community Centre, Ledbury Close, Ladywood.

Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee)

YORKSHIRE

WAKEFIELD: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Community Hall, Bullenshaw Road, Hemsworth.

Speakers: Maxine Cresswell (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Bob Mitchell (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

HUDDERSFIELD: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Friendly & Trades Club, Northumberland Street.

Speakers: Stephen Wey (YS Regional Committee); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Ernest Fairburn (NUM Emley Moor, in personal capacity)

STAFFS

STOKE ON TRENT: Wednesday November 28, 7.30p.m. Tunstall Town Hall, Tunstall.

Speakers: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); In personal capacity: Mick Finney (Secretary Silverdale NUM); D. Anderson (Wolstanton NUM); plus exhibition of News Line photos

NORTH EAST

NEWCASTLE: Wednesday December 12, 7.30p.m. Bridge Hotel, Castle Square, Newcastle 1.

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

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Thursday December 13, 7.30p.m. Whitehawk Youth Centre, Whitehawk Road.

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

LONDON

BATTERSEA: Tuesday November 27, 7.30p.m. Battersea Park Library, Battersea Park Road.

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Simon Vevors (WRP Central Committee)

MILLWALL: Thursday November 29, 7.30p.m. Old Council Offices, Poplar High Street, E14.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Ray Rising (News Line editorial board); Cllr Teresa Shanaghan (in personal capacity)

HACKNEY: Tuesday December 18, 7.30p.m. Hackney Town Hall, Reading Lane entrance, off Mare Street, E8.

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

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

NEED TO COMBAT NCB LYING PROPAGANDA

ST HELENS miner Dennis Pinnington is a member of Bold Strike Committee. He has been arrested 5 times and has been beaten up by police.

He has travelled widely, including France, Belgium and Germany, fund-raising and explaining the miners' case.

He is now very concerned that the miners, particularly those in his own branch which is the most militant in the Lancashire coalfield, immediately and consistently answer the lying propaganda assertions of the NCB.

He is incensed by the officially unchallenged claim by North West Area Director Northard that Bold colliery is producing coal.

'Northard claims 22 per cent of the men are working at Bold which would be 213 out of about 970 miners, says Pinnington, 'I've counted at most 70 going in and 11 of those have come back out!'

'From a previous analysis of the NCB's figures by Dr David Howell at Manchester University we know they're including over 65 NACODS and 65 COSA. So that's 65 plus 65 and 70 gives 200. That's how they've made up the 22 per cent. In reality, 59 out of 970 men is nearer two per cent working!'

'They're mostly surface workers, bath attendants and the like. They haven't got enough skilled men to cut coal. All they're shown on television is about six cwt being brought up which is spillage they've shovelled into bags.

Safe

'This man, Northard, said three years ago that every pit in the Western area was safe. We had a guaranteed market for our coal — we couldn't supply the market! He said that in the yard of Cronton colliery which closed in August of this year!'

'We arranged for a striking miner to make a bogus call to Bold General Manager Carey to discuss returning to work. We're now putting out a leaflet claiming the following points.

● If he returned before 22nd November 1894 he would get two days pay for that week.

● After four weeks work he would receive his holiday pay plus Christmas bonus.

● He must accept the 5.2 per cent pay rise offered by the NCB last November.

● Any pay rise (increase over 5.2 per cent offer) negotiated by NUM would not be applicable to men returning earlier than 22nd November 1984.

● No trade union representation

● Manager implied that there would be a 'no strike' agreement on returning to work.

These are 19th century conditions of employment

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against which our forbearers fought and died.

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'At Bickershaw pit (and Sutton Manor) they're signing contracts to accept the 5.2 per cent



DENNIS PINNINGTON

offer and no trade union representation.

'A lot of those returning are from outlying, isolated areas. We should be going 'on the knocker' to them.

'MacGregor's remarks about no guaranteed jobs was on the cards all the time. Voluntary redundancy is not a statutory right. That's why older



Picketing at Bold colliery

men have gone back to work.

'What a coincidence the story of the working miner being beaten by 20 men with base-ball bats came out at the same time!

Slashed

'Brenda Stout, who goes to the picket line in a wheel-chair, was attacked in her home by scabs: slashed with a Stanley knife and garrotted — Thatcher was not horrified by that!

'Kinnock's statements in Moscow are nonsense.

I know within my own branch of a 22-year-old single miner, who during the course of the strike became custodian of his 12 year old brother.

'The young lad collapsed at school and it was diagnosed at Wigan infirmary as malnutrition. The striker also collapsed later.

'There's another case of a striking miner with several children and his wife expecting who collapsed.

'Now they're knocking another £1 off!

'In St. Helens we get a

food parcel once a week — it makes about two meals. You couldn't live off it for a week! Everybody gets the same — to avoid arguments — irrespective of size of family.

'You have to live off family, friends and neighbours.

'I'm certain Kinnock hasn't been in the coalfields for nine months. He's unbelievable.

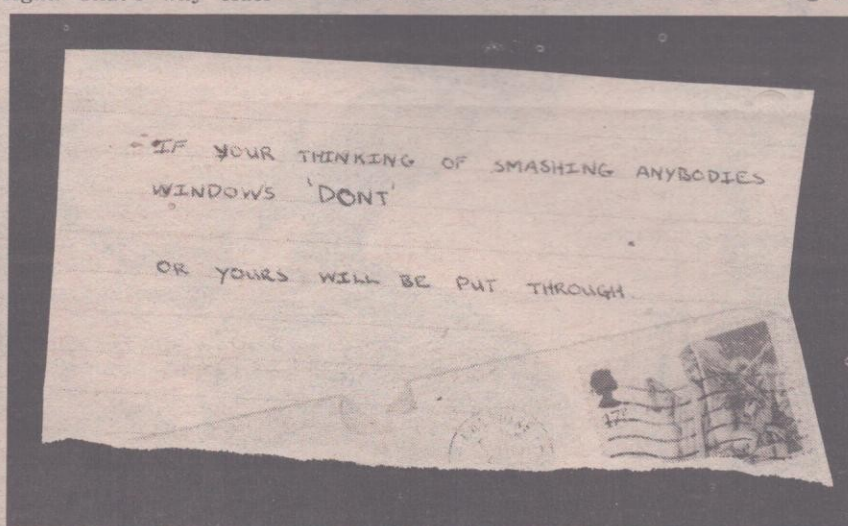
Voted

'These super-democrats. Who gave the order for 300 police to bring in six scabs into a branch which voted over 60 per cent for the strike — so much for democracy.

'This so-called mass picketing isn't. You just get arrested, hammered. It demoralises the members. You need to mobilise other sections of workers. At Saltley Coke Depot it was engineers that joined the miners.

'Anyway, the police would bring the scabs in by centurion tank if needs be.

'Most of the NACODS in this area are an absolute shower. They've stabbed us in the back and now they're twisting the blade — they're transporting scabs in'.



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TASS makes a rotten compromise

BY ENTERING an appearance in the High Court yesterday in the contempt proceedings against the Austin Rover unions, TASS general secretary Ken Gill has violated the decisions of the special TUC Wembley conference and September's TUC congress in Brighton.

While the Transport and General Workers Union upheld TUC policy, refused to attend Mr Justice Hodgson's court and earned a £200,000 fine, TASS sent its lawyers scurrying into court.

Extraordinary scenes took place. As BL's barrister began opening his case against TASS, the white collar section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW), the judge ordered the press and public out of court and went into secret session.

Judge Hodgson explained his curious decision by saying that as the injunction against the union had been granted at a private hearing, an application by the union to discharge it should also be heard in private.

Later the judge reversed his 'closed court' order and the press and public were re-admitted. They heard Mr Stephen Sedley, QC, for TASS, argue that the union could not be ordered to lift the strike because it had never called an official strike at Austin Rover.

The strike call had come from the Joint Negotiating Committee of the unions at Austin Rover and from the shop floor, Sedley argued. The strike had not been given official status by TASS.

This is the same line of argument used at the very beginning of the strike by the TUC's leading right wingers — electricians' union leader Eric Hammond and AUEW president Terry Duffy. They used it to escape Austin Rover's injunction under the Tory anti-union laws.

By attending the court and by arguing the pros and cons of the 1982 Employment Act, the TASS leadership is acquiescing to the Tory state attack on the unions and the basic democratic rights of the working class.

This is all the more significant because Gill, a member of the TUC General Council, is also a leading member of the Communist Party. He is chairman of the People's Press Printing Society management committee, the base of the so-called 'hardliner' faction in the Stalinist split.

At the Brighton congress three months ago Gill demagogically opposed the restoration of links between the TUC and the National Economic Development Council (NEDC) saying it was 'a rich man's monetarist club'. The same Mr Gill, who gave a pretence of wanting to break with Neddy, is now capitulating to the anti-union laws and the Tory class-war courts.

His fellow Stalinist on the TUC General Council, Mick McGahey, spoke in the Brighton debate on the fight against the anti-union laws saying: 'If the Tolpuddle Martyrs had abided by the law, we wouldn't be here today.'

In words which today apply to his colleague Mr Gill, NUM vice president McGahey added: 'The movement has to learn that if we stop running they won't chase us. Stand firm and fight.'

Yesterday's massive fine on the Transport and General Workers Union places it under the shadow of state sequestration, further contempt fines and the jailing of its leaders. It now stands in the Tory dock alongside the National Union of Mineworkers.

There are two choices: either a complete retreat and rout as recommended by the Labour Party, TUC and Stalinist (mis)leaders, or the organisation of an indefinite General Strike against the Thatcher regime and the capitalist state.

The Workers Revolutionary Party calls for immediate action throughout the labour and trade union movement in defence of the NUM, the TGWU and all basic democratic rights. The rotten retreat of Mr Gill and the Stalinists must be repudiated in action!

ORGANISE A GENERAL

NCB BRIBES DON'T WORK IN YORKSHIRE

THE failure of the Coal Board's campaign to bribe men back to work was underlined yesterday at Wheldale colliery, near Pontefract, Yorkshire.

Last week the NCB claimed that nine scabs were being smuggled into the pit. Yesterday just two men, shadowed by vanloads of police, were taken into the colliery.

Yards

The two blacklegs had to pass within yards of an angry line of pickets who had managed to force their way through a police cordon.

For the last few days the Wheldale strikers have had to withstand a barrage of hostile propaganda in the

BY SIMON VEVERS

capitalist press since the home of scab Stewart Spencer was burned down at the weekend.

The local NUM branch has strenuously denied that any of its members had anything to do with the incident.

Six scabs were brought in at the Ackton Hall pit in North Yorkshire for the first time. The operation, mounted by the police in close liaison with the NCB, provoked a fierce response from pickets.

They cut down trees and tore down lamp posts to make a series of barricades to try and halt the bus carrying the scabs.

Strikers also attempted

to blockade the Hatfield and Askern collieries in the Doncaster area where only a handful of scabs are getting in.

Dave Windle, branch president at the Yorkshire Main pit, has lodged a complaint with the police after the savage beating of a picket from the colliery.

Beaten

Stephen Hamshaw was chased into an alleyway and then mercilessly kicked and beaten with a truncheon.

Wayne Connolly, son of a local SDP councillor, said he, too, was beaten up by police. Both incidents occurred when pickets arrived in Askern last Friday morning.



PICKETS managed to get close to just two scabs who entered the colliery.



Police pushed against pickets at Goldthorpe colliery, Yorkshire, yesterday who began chanting as scabs arrived at the pit

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



tered Wheldale pit yesterday



We won't be moved again CADEBY STRIKERS

NOWHERE illustrates the life-and-death character of the miners' fight for jobs more vividly than the pit community of Cadeby in South Yorkshire.

In 1968, with the closure of the neighbouring Denaby Main pit, men were transferred to Cadeby with the promise of an expanding pit, good wages and 'a job for life'.

The Coal Board's pledges of job security proved worthless. From a peak of 2,200, the num-

ber employed there steadily declined, recruitment dried up and with it went the hopes of a whole generation of youth in the village.

Just before the miners' strike was provoked with the announcement of the closure of Cortonwood pit, another 400 men were transferred. The Cadeby men are determined they will be the last.

'I'm prepared to stay out 18 months or two years if that's what it takes to win this fight,' Cadeby picket Kevin Farrell told News Line yesterday.

'If the TUC don't call an all-out national, general strike, they might just as well shut up shop, because there

won't be any trade unions left if we lose.'

Farrell was among the 60 local strikers who stood on the picket line at lunchtime to jeer the two scabs — both COSA members — who were whisked out of the pit yard in a mesh-covered van driven by a man wearing a balaclava over his head.

'We'll never forgive them, how can we? They have betrayed our forefathers who gave their lives for this union,' said one picket.

He pointed to the village cemetery and added: 'There are 86 men buried there who died in an explosion in 1911. These are not just mounds of earth round

here. They represent blood and people's lives.'

Earlier in the morning four pickets were arrested — including branch secretary David Southwell — when police waded into the strikers. Throughout the picket a police spy camera located in the pit's wages offices kept the miners under surveillance.

Wall

Branch committee member Ray Carter is an 'industrial gypsy'. He came down to Yorkshire from Northumberland when Morden Eccles colliery closed. 'Some of the men who lost their jobs all those

years ago have never found another one,' he said bitterly.

'Thatcher isn't a Prime Minister, she's a dictator. Down in that graveyard are the bodies of men who died in the war fighting Nazism, but we've got the Gestapo on our picket lines,' Carter added gesturing at the police vans.

'Every trade unionist must realise that he will be put up against the wall like us under this government.'

Eddie Barnes believes that right-wing TUC leaders would serve the miners better 'by shutting their mouths so that they can't condemn us'.

He was also sharply

critical of the Labour leadership. 'How many leaders have we seen down on the picket lines? Hardly any in the last nine months, it's a disgrace.'

Barnes revealed that in the welding shop where he is a foreman, no apprentices have been taken on for the last eight years.

'Those that do finish their apprentices in other areas are put to work on the surface and therefore don't get the pay they are entitled to as skilled workers.'

'But for the majority of youth, the situation is even worse, they just won't get a job at all. That's why we've got to win this strike and not give in.'



Women were on picket duty at Cadeby yesterday with miners who pledge they will fight for 18 months to two years to win their fight

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



The case for Community Councils

EVERY trade unionist and worker must come to the aid of the miners in their struggle for jobs against the capitalist state, the Thatcher dictatorship and the National Coal Board.

The working class as a whole and their professional allies must share the burdens and sacrifices of the fight which the miners are waging in defence of the most basic of rights — the right to work and to organise freely in trade unions independent of the state.

Trade union branches, shop stewards' committees, trades councils and other labour movement organisations must take the initiative now in the setting up of Community Councils which will act immediately to meet the needs of the miners.

Thatcher and the state are out to smash up pit communities, driving families into destitution and starving the miners back to work. Their aim is not only to destroy the miners' union, but all trade unions.

Miners are, therefore, fighting on behalf of the whole working class. They cannot be left to shoulder the burdens of the strike alone. All workers must ensure that the miners can continue the struggle under the best conditions, and that a common front is presented to the class enemy.

As well as the trade unions, the Community Councils must draw in representatives of every section of the working class and their middle-class and professional allies involved in the anti-Tory fight — miners' wives, youth groups, voluntary organisations and local Labour councils.

At the very same time the Tories are attacking the miners, they are also establishing a central government dictatorship over local Labour councils, threatening cities like Liverpool with financial destruction and abolishing seven authorities covering the major industrial areas of England. Community Councils will take responsibility for the defence of local councils, jobs and services.

There are immediate and practical tasks which flow from the defiant resistance of the miners to the provocations of the NCB, an unprecedented military-style police operation directed by the Home Office through Scotland Yard and the organised harassment by social security, gas and electricity bureaucrats.

The Workers Revolutionary Party believes that the tasks of Community Councils, which should extend beyond mining districts, will be to:

- Provide food for families and children of those on strike. No miner to be starved back to work by the Tories.
- Pay urgent bills for electricity and gas, calling on workers not to carry out cut-offs as an act of solidarity with the strike. Raise funds for new clothing and footwear for strikers.
- Ensure that no miner is evicted by local councils for not being able to pay rent or rates. Make certain that medical supplies are paid for so that miners and their families can get the treatment prescribed.
- Arrange for the care of the elderly dependent on support from miners' families, ensure nursery provision so that miners' wives can participate fully in winning support for the strike.
- Organise the provision of free legal representation for miners who need it. Provide accommodation for miners from other areas.
- Watch out for and organise against provocateurs. Organise the defence of union offices and funds from state attacks.
- Rally other workers to support and back up miners' pickets and organise marches and rallies.

LABOUR COUNCILS must be asked to:

- Provide free school meals and transport for miners' children.
- Make office accommodation in council offices available to miners, with facilities for printing and communications.
- Make sure that no evictions take place because of mounting debts. Wipe out rent and rate arrears.
- Provide free public transport for strikers and their families. Make all council facilities available free to miners. Lay on entertainments and outings for miners' families.
- Resist having to foot the bill for the cost of the Downing Street directed police operation against the miners' union.

This is the best way to answer the challenge of the capitalist state, and the Tory dictatorship. Community Councils — as Soviet-type organisations — will give the working class confidence in its own independent strength to defeat the class enemy and provide the basis for the successful struggle for power which has now been joined.

Yorkshire strikers in court

ELEVEN striking miners charged in connection with an attack on Michael Fletcher appeared before magistrates yesterday.

Six of the men were remanded in custody by the Pontefract bench.

Two brothers, Nigel Hodgson, 23, and Martin Hodgson, 20, from Wakefield, were charged jointly with causing grievous bodily harm and possessing offensive weapons.

Garry Millward, 22, of Castleford, and Roy Dean Wadsworth, 23, from Normanton, were accused of causing grievous bodily harm.

Wayne Jones, 22, of Castleford, and Stephen Alan Jones, 20, of Castleford, were accused of causing an affray.

All four were remanded in custody for seven days.

● A STRIKING miner yesterday pleaded guilty to committing arson at a potteries coach company — which had been ferrying scabs across picket lines — and causing damage estimated at £65,000.

Michael Jones, 25, of Longton, Stoke on Trent,

employed at Hem Heath colliery, Stoke, was appearing at Stoke Crown Court.

He admitted destroying by fire two coaches, a Ford coach and a Leyland minivan, belonging to Slatepearl Ltd.

Sentence was deferred as five striking colleagues pleaded not guilty.

● THE father of George Bolton, vice-president of the Scottish NUM, was in court yesterday charged with a breach of the peace.

Gavin Bolton, 77, from Fishcross, Clackmannanshire, and William Muir, 49, also from Fishcross, both denied banging on a boarded window of the

house of scab John McDonald, and committing a breach of the peace.

The trial was set for March 12 next year.

Five people from Tullibody who denied maliciously breaking a window at McDonald's home were granted bail on condition that they do not go within a quarter of a mile of the house.

● A POLICEMAN accused of being a soldier on picket duty at a Yorkshire pit told South Yorkshire police committee yesterday he had never been in the army.

South Yorkshire chief constable Peter Wright invited Pc Bob Yates to the meeting in Barnsley.

Labour MP for Don

Valley, Martin Redmond, had tabled a Commons question after one of his constituents claimed that a photograph published in the 'Guardian' and 'Daily Mirror' of the policeman at Cortonwood colliery was that of a military officer.

Yates, who was pictured on November 13, said: 'I suppose this sort of thing can happen. I have never seen the man who they claimed was in the picture.'

Brian Welsh, tenants' liaison officer for Doncaster council, had told his MP the picture was that of Tony Allen, a lance corporal and military policeman stationed in Berlin. Welsh had been best man at his wedding.

More injunctions against NUM



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SAY LANCASHIRE MINERS

THE STRIKE will go on till at least January and February — or as long as it takes to get victory, Lancashire miners told News Line defiantly.

Mick Shaw, 25, a miner at Bickershaw colliery in Leigh, disclaimed the Coal Board's return-to-work propaganda figures.

'There never has been a surge back to work,' he said. 'It works out at about 2.5 per cent nationally.'

'It wouldn't surprise us if the next move by the Coal Board is dismissal notices but this will only harden our resolve.'

'We are fighting for jobs not for ourselves but for our sons and for the whole labour movement.'

'And it's about time that other trade unionists realised what we are fighting for and threw their whole weight behind us to ensure a secure future under a socialist government.'

Mick lives in Atherton, near Wigan. Also from Atherton, Bold miner Terry Bibby is just as determined.

'You should ask how

many deserters there were during the war when the going got hard and Lord Haw Haw started talking to them,' he said.

'They are playing on people's sympathy with it being Christmas time. But people should ask what they are giving them next Christmas.'

After a lot of struggles Atherton and Tyldesley miners' support group has been set up.

'The Atherton Labour club has been very good,' Mick said. 'Every day the women come into the Labour club and cook meals. Also we give food parcels to every family.'

Strike hits Ravenscraig

THE MINERS' strike is costing the giant Ravenscraig steel plant £350,000 a week in extra costs. But BSC management at the works said yesterday they will keep the production going and 'pay the penalty'.

Ron Mercer, who takes over as plant director in the New Year, said the dispute was costing £10 per tonne for the 35,000 tonnes of steel being turned out each week.

Huge road convoys have been bringing scab coal and iron ore from the Hunterston terminal 60 miles away. This means a transport penalty of £10.95 for every tonne of steel produced.

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News Line Science News

Power stations safety fears

SAFETY OFFICERS at the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate are still privately expressing concern over the delays in routine safety checks and high use of nuclear power stations during the miners' strike.

Despite statements by the Central Electricity Generating Board that the 24-monthly shutdowns of nuclear power plants are taking place within the statutory schedule, there are suspicions of a government cover-up.

Although the CEBB claim they have not yet broken official regulations requiring a two-week shutdown, they refuse to give any detailed information to the public about those stations due for safety checks and their inspection schedules.

In fact, they have refused any information about the state of the nuclear power industry since the early summer when the 'New Scientist' journal carried a report showing that routine inspection dates had been put back to a point that threatened to break statutory regulations.

There is doubt amongst experts who spoke to News Line that the NII is capable of carrying out a large number of inspections in a short space of time.

The current staff is under 100 following a series of resignations by inspectorate members over a government plan to move their offices from London to Booter.

The inspectors are bitterly opposed to the government plans and have been leaving their jobs in considerable numbers.

The small staff of the nuclear inspectorate has been under a heavy work-

load reviewing all safety aspects of the planned Sizewell B pressurised water reactor currently the subject of a public inquiry in Suffolk.

The anxiety over the state of the industry is compounded by the fact that the government has instructed the CEBB to use the ageing Magnox powerplants to their full capacity, higher than ever before, even though they are nearing the end of their safe life span.

The CEBB refused to tell News Line yesterday whether or not the inspections were still being defer-

red and which power plants were involved.

They would not give any information on the legal mechanism for avoiding the shutdowns, and would not go any further than denying any breach.

Greenpeace spokesman George Pritchard said: 'It is very difficult to obtain any information. But we do know they are really pushing the nuclear industry to the limit, and have been shutting the plants down at the last moment.'

'There are of course safety concerns involved, especially with the older stations.'

TV goes digital

COMPUTER technology will be applied to domestic television sets in the near future to give better pictures, the ability to freeze frames, zoom in for close-ups, and watch two channels at the same time on a split screen.

The first such 'digital' televisions are already on the market and are likely to become very popular, according to scientists who developed the system at the West German semiconductor manufacturer, Intermetall.

The system grew out of efforts to develop a digital telephone switching circuit.

After a five-year effort, the company developed a group of seven semiconductor chips that can replace as many as 500 components in the traditional analogue television set.

ITT, the US multinational, are now selling the chips to television companies around the world. General Electric, RCA, Zenith, Sony and Matsushita Electric are all expected to produce their own digital televisions within the first three months of next year.

The most noticeable difference between the digital television and the old-fashioned analogue television is the quality of the

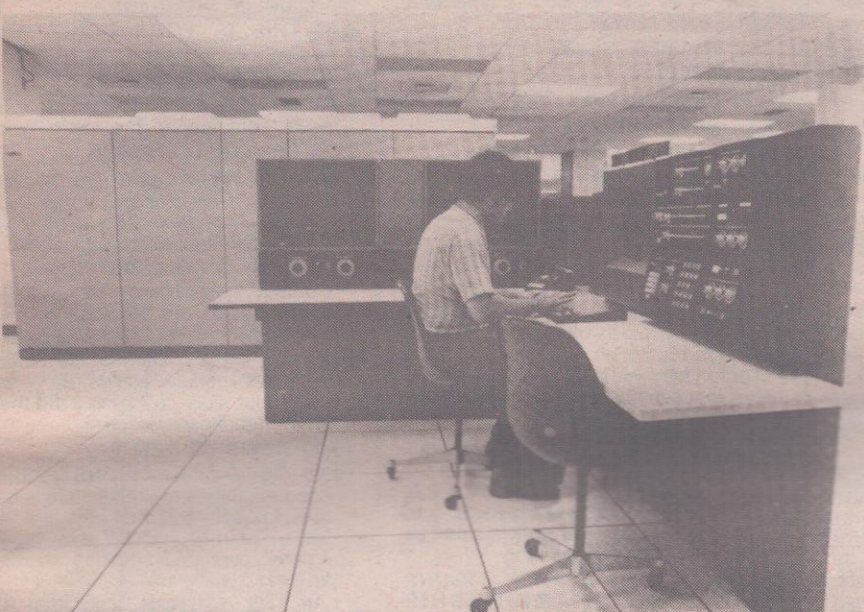
picture. An analogue television shows an image of the radio waves just as they are received — with all the interference and static picked up along the way from traffic, electrical cables and buildings. This interference is the cause of ghosts and flickering on the screen.

The digital set first breaks the radio signal down into 'bits' of information in the form of electronic impulses — filtering out the effects of interference. The resulting picture is almost as good as the original in the television studio.

The first types of the new television will cost as much as £600, but the companies say the price should fall rapidly. They also promise a series of new features on the sets.

The televisions will have their own memories, so that a picture can be stored and then frozen.

By 1986, even greater improvements in picture quality are expected.



A large mainframe computer. The units that can perform the same tasks are continually getting smaller

Computer museum

COMPUTERS are now old enough to be granted their own museum, according to the group who have opened the first in the world in the US city of Boston.

The museum covers the 40 years since they were invented, and includes examples of the first valve-driven machines which would occupy a whole room, down to the tiny personalised computers of today.

There are films, computers for visitors to try out and a 1951 videotape of pioneer television broadcaster Edward Murrow interviewing a computer.

Exhibit

The biggest exhibit in the museum is the Sage computer designed in the 1950s. It weighs over 175 tons and cost over \$5 million to build at the time. It was used until last year by the US Air Force as part of the air defence network. It has been replaced by a computer smaller than a refrigerator.

The first commercial computer, the Univac, is displayed, along with a videotape of the first time it was used to predict the outcome of the 1952 presidential election.

The exhibits continue through the transistor age of the early 1960s to the advent of the integrated circuit, or microchip, which led to the invention of the first 'microcomputer' in 1964.

The Digital PDP-8 cost less than \$18,000, weighed 250 pounds, and could be plugged into a domestic power outlet.

In sharp contrast with the museum's first floor with only two computers, the personal computer gallery has over 10 machines with plans for more. Visitors are encouraged to use these exhibits, which include a computer that can talk back to the user.

Kenya fossils not human

A JAPANESE research team looking for fossil apes in the Baragoi area of Kenya says that the Kenyapithecus creature, dating back 15 million years, was definitely not human in form.

Although the animal might have been an early forerunner of the first bipedal apes five million years ago, Kenyapithecus was more like an ape than these early human forms, Hidemi Ishida told reporters.

He said his expedition

had accumulated enough specimens of the species to disprove the theory announced by another team two years ago that Kenyapithecus was man-like.

He said a key factor in deciding whether the fossils were like early humans was the size of the canine teeth. Finds made in 1982 showed small canine teeth like man. But the new fossils included both large and small canines.

The Japanese scientists said the small ones

must have come from young animals — the first time these have been identified.

The original Kenyapithecus fossil was discovered by the Leakey family, and formed a vital part of the theory held by Louis Leakey that human-like creatures were living in Africa many millions of years before the first true humans appear in the fossil record about two million years ago.

However, the discovery of a bipedal animal

with the brain of an pre-human Australopithecine dating back almost five million years in the Afar region of Ethiopia in the 1970s threw doubt on Leakey's theory.

The latest discoveries by Ishida's team seem to confirm that the five-million year old Ethiopian Australopithecus afarensis is a genuine link between ape and man, and that the evolution from ape to man happened much more rapidly than Leakey believed.

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Roy Kinnear as the hospitalised Arnold Bristow being visited by his girlfriend Lily, played by Sandra Dickinson in 'The Clairvoyant' on BBC2 at 9.00pm



Mick Ward as Joey with Tom Davidson as Spansky in 'The Punters', a play set around Doncaster and Maltby on BBC1 at 9.25pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. 9.10 Mastermind. 9.40 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London 7/8 SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. 2.00 Championship Snooker. 3.48 Regional News for England (except London). 3.50 Playschool: It's Tuesday. 4.10 Wacky Races. 4.20 A Little Princess. 4.35 Captain Caveman. 4.45 So You Want To Be Top. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Star Trek. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 LONDON PLUS (with regional variations)

6.55 THE DISTRICT NURSE Nerys Hughes as nurse Megan Roberts

7.25 CHAMPIONSHIP SNOOKER The Coral United Kingdom Championship from Preston

8.10 CAGNEY AND LACEY *An Unusual Occurrence*

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 PUNTERS What's the secret of Joey and Spansky's success at the races? Mick Ward and Tom Davison play the punters in this play by Stephen Wakelam

10.35 THE OTHER HALF Another of six stories about people in the public eye and their partners, with John Pitman. *Claire and Desmond Rayner (Regional variations)*

11.05 CHAMPIONSHIP SNOOKER Second-round highlights of the Coral United Kingdom Championship from the Guild Hall, Preston

12.10 News Headlines; Weatherman

BBC WALES: 5.10 Gloria. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Tomorrow's World. 10.35 Music Makers. 11.25 Join BBC1 Championship Snooker. 12.10-12.15 News Headlines; Weatherman; News of Wales Headlines and Weather.

BBC2

9.00-3.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.00 Shakespeare in Perspective. 9.26 Twentieth-Century History. 9.48 Mathscore Two. 10.10 Look and Read. 10.35 Update USA. 11.00 Watch. 11.17 English 11-13. 11.40 Job Bank. 12.00 Une Annee Chez Les Français. 12.30 Pages from Ceefax. 1.00 Maths Help. 1.15 Science Topics. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 You and Me. 2.15 Near and Far. 2.40-3.00 Junior Craft. Design and Technology.

3.00 The Tribal Eye. 3.50 Championship Snooker.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; weather

5.30 TRAVELLERS IN TIME Duncan Carse introduces the fourth of six films of early exploration *Amazon Explored (1924)*

6.00 THE ROCKFORD FILES With James Garner as private eye Jim Rockford in *Sticks and Stones May Break Your Bones, But Waterbury Will Bury You*

6.45 CARTOON TWO *Getting Started*

7.00 ROWAN AND MARTIN'S LAUGH-IN

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

8.30 CHAMPIONSHIP SNOOKER Further coverage of today's play from Preston in the Coral UK championship

9.00 THE CLAIRVOYANT Written by Roy Clarke, with Roy Kinnear and Sandra Dickinson

9.30 FILM: *Citizens Band* (1977) With Paul Le Mat, Candy Clark and Charles Napier. 'Spider' helps out a trucker and starts off a series of events all linked to CB radio and breakers Electra, Portland Angel, Dallas Angel to name only a few. Directed by Jonathan Demme

11.00 NEWSNIGHT

11.45 TOP GEAR RALLY REPORT Live Lombard Rally report from Chester

12.00 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 DEATH AT BROADCASTING HOUSE (1934) When a radio actor is throttled during the transmission of a BBC play there is no lack of suspects as everyone at the BBC has good reason to hate the dead man. With Donald Wolfitt, Ian Hunter and Jack Hawkins

3.45 YEARS AHEAD Robert Dougall today looks at the work of Cambridge Age Concern and safety in the garden

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE HUMAN JUNGLE *Struggle for a Mind* Joan Collins plays a girl obsessed with winning her father's love and Herbert Lom is the psychiatrist who helps her

6.00 THE AVENGERS *Death at Bargain Prices* The avenging duo Patrick MacNee and Diana Rigg uncover a plot to turn a department store into a giant atom bomb

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by Frances d'Souza, of the International Disaster Institute; followed by Weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

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

9.00 WAIT 'TIL YOUR MOTHER GETS HOME (TVM 1982) A macho high school football coach finds coping with three small children more than he can handle when he is forced to swap roles with his wife

10.50 HERE AND NOW ON 4 *Nice* Norman Beaton reads a monologue telling the tragicomic story of a prison inmate

11.15 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS *A Dip in the Pool* A passenger on an ocean liner places a bet on the distance the ship will travel and then attempts to alter the outcome

11.40 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 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 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS

6.20 HELP!

6.30 CROSSROADS

6.55 REPORTING LONDON

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT Des O'Connor meets and presents some of the big names in the world of showbusiness providing plenty of comedy and music plus a few surprises

9.00 THE BILL *A Dangerous Breed* PC Litten has the misfortune to cross the path of an informant — that potentially most dangerous animal — in a story concerning the theft of a diamond necklace

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 GOOD COMPANIONS A look at relationships between people and their pets and why they treat them as members of the family

11.30 TUBORG BRITISH FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP Tonight, we see the short programmes in the Mens, Ladies and Pairs events

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Hwnit Ac Yma. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Daearyddiaeth. 3.00 Film: *Three Smart Girls Grow Up*. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Supered. 5.05 Billdowcar. 5.35 Project UFO. 6.30 Larwm. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Jambo Bwana. 8.05 St Elsewhere; News Headlines. 9.05 Gwyl Lrient '84. 9.45 Snewer. 10.15 Muck and Brass. 11.15 The Eleventh Hour: *Unsuitable for Children*. 12.25 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 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).

VHF: 9.00 The Danish Radio Big Band. 9.55-10.00 Sports Desk.

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 Russell Harty (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 (S). 9.00 Big Fight Special: Tony Sibson v Mark Kaylor. 10.00 Where Were You in 62? 10.30 Rolf's Walkabout. 11.00 Brian Matthews. 1.00 Bill Rennells (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Vivaldi, Mozart, Beethoven,

Faure, Debussy, Leopold Koze-luh (8.00 News) Suk, Roussel, Martinu. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Lassus. 10.00 Delius Concertos (S) Butterworth, Gurney, Delius. 10.40 BBC Singers (S) Coleridge-Taylor. 11.30 Bochmann Quartet (S) Haydn, Ravel. 12.25 Midday Concert (S) BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Mozart (1.00-1.05 News) Bruckner. 2.10 Guitar Encores (S) Jan Arpin, Peter Fiala. 2.25 A Slight Foreign Accent (S) Graham Whettam, Britten (2.55-3.00 Interval) Francis Burt, Tippett. 4.00 Hamish Milne (S) Piano recital: Mendelssohn, Schubert arr. Milne, Tchaikovsky. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Laments of Ariadne (S) Antonio Il Verso, Monteverdi. 7.00 Schumann (S) String quartet op.41 No.1. 7.30 London Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Elgar, Prokofiev (8.05-8.25 A Memorable Scene) Vaughan Williams. 9.20 Roger Lancelyn Green. 10.00 Jazz Today (S) Pete King Quartet. 11.00 Mendelssohn and Weber (S) Chamber music. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55

Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Morning Story: *Someone Special*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Law in Action. 11.33 Wildlife. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Yes Minister (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) *Tom Tiddlers Ground*. 4.00 News; Life with the Lindsays (S). 4.40 Story Time: *Pierre et Jean*. 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.

VHF: 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4. 12.30-1.10 School Night-Time Broadcasting.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News. 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 CBTV. 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 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Good Companions. 11.30 Ice Skating Championships. 12.30 Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 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 CBTV. 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 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Good Companions. 11.30 Ice Skating Championships. 12.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 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 CBTV. 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 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Good Companions. 11.30 Ice Skating Championships. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 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 CBTV. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Televisions. 6.30 Robinson Country. 7.00 The Bouncer. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Good Companions. 11.30 Ice Skating Championships. 12.30 South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 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 CBTV. 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 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Good Companions. 11.30 Ice Skating Championships. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 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 CBTV. 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 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Good Companions. 11.30 Ice Skating Championships. 12.25 HTV Weather; Closedown. HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six. 11.30 Championship Pool. 12.00 The Adventurer. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 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 CBTV. 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 Des O'Connor Tonight. 9.00 The Bill. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News and Weather. 10.30 Good Companions. 11.30 Ice Skating Championships. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Bucklow Hill — winning debut over sticks

BUCKLOW Hill (3.25) whose last appearance on a racecourse was with Steve Cauthen on his back, starts a new career over hurdles at WETHERBY today.

Jimmy Fitzgerald's seven-year-old has some useful form to his name on the level, and ought to be fit enough to make a winning debut over timber in the Leeds Novice Hurdle.

His final run with Cauthen was in the William Hill November Handicap on the last day of the flat season at Doncaster, but it was not one

of the American's most memorable rides.

Earlier in the season, Bucklow Hill had run well, most notably when third to Crazy in the Tote Ebor Handicap, and when beaten by a head by Afzal at Redcar.

With 24 opponents today, jockey Ron O'Leary will have no room for error, but Bucklow Hill should outstay the likes of Roman Dusk and Keycorn.

Denys Smith's horses are in good form and the Bishop Auckland trainer can win the

sticks

Harrowgate Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase with Victory Prize (1.15).

The six-year-old has a much easier task in this race than the Rufforth Handicap Chase, where he was also entered.

Blackwell Boy (2.20) sold out of Geoff Wragg's stable for 8,400 guineas at the recent Newmarket Autumn sales, could be another to make a winning debut in the

Tadcaster Novice Hurdle.

The three-year-old will have most to fear from super-fit Secret Walk and Worling-Pearl.

The Tsarevich (3.00) badly in need of a run behind Artifice on his Ascot comeback earlier in the month, can make forcing tactics pay in the Peterborough Chase at HUNTINGDON.

Nicky Henderson's eight-year-old had several kinks in his armour until John White straightened him out to win three chases last winter.

Perhaps his best effort

came in defeat by Fifty Dollars More in the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup

Warner For Leisure (1.00), lucky to be alive after suffering a crashing fall through the wing of a fence at Kempton earlier in the month, should at last reward his supporters by winning the Netherkelly Novice Chase.

SELECTIONS

WETHERBY:
12.45 Not Easy, 1.15 Victory Prize, 1.45 Cornering, 2.20 Blackwell Boy, 2.50 Orp Baltic, 3.25 Bucklow Hill (nap).

HUNTINGDON:
1.00 Warner For Leisure, 1.30 Hall's Prince, 2.00 Sonny May, 2.30 Wildwood Moss, 3.00 The Tsarevich (n.b.), 3.30 Paulatin.

NEWTON ABBOT:
1.00 G W Supermare, 1.30 Rook Wood, 2.00 Majuba Road, 2.30 Red Report, 3.00 Scots Nogger, 3.30 Saratino.

WETHERBY

12.45 SHEFFIELD SELLING H'CAP HURDLE

£1,000 2m (11 runners)		
3 330002-	LITTLE GINGER (D) B A McMahon 5 11 11	Mr E McMahon (7)
4 022-332	NO FLUKE (D)(BF) F J Yardley 4 11 5	R Crank
5 130034-	ALL THE QUEENS MEN M J Lambert 4 11 4	P A Charlton
6 34F0-01	NOT EASY (D) E Carter 4 10 13 (5 ex)	C Pimlott
7 000-111	THE BEGINNING (D) M T Bowker 6 10 7	C Grant
8 000-000	GENEROUS HEART R D Woodhouse 4 10 5	NON-RUNNER
9 00-0P42	TEUCER (C-D) V Thompson 4 10 0	Mr M Thompson (7)
10 04000-P	NOBLE LEGEND J C Doyle 6 10 0	J C Doyle
11 0000-00	RAMPANT R E Barr 5 10 0	
12 0/F000-0	LEAWELL J N Dalton 5 10 0	
13 04-000F	HEAVENLY PRINCESS A Watson 4 10 0	K Whyte

BLINKERS: 5, 9
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Not Easy, 3-1 Teucer, 9-2 All The Queens Men, 6-1 The Beginning, 8-1 No Fluke, 10-1 Little Ginger, 12-1 others.

1.15 HARROGATE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP

CHASE £3,000 2m 4f (4 runners)		
1 0-03122	POYNITZ PASS R F Fisher 9 11 10	K Ryan
2 2-12111	SPRING CHANCELLOR W A Stephenson 9 11 9 (4 ex)	A Merrigan
6 4-13212	VICTORY PRIZE (C-D) Denys Smith 6 10 1	D Leadbitter
7 10P-R03	SWIFT ALBANY R Robinson 10 10 0	Mandy Harrison

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Victory Prize, 7-2 Spring Chancellor, 4-1 Poyntz Pass, 5-1 Swift Albany.

1.45 VAUX BREWERIES NOVICE CHASE (QUALIFIER)

£2,000 3m (17 runners)		
1 32-01P0	CALDWELL CASE R W Swiers 9 11 8	Mr N Tutty (7)
2 2304-21	JOCKAMBLE D M Thomson 8 11 8	T G Dun
3 0U1P34	BITTERMAN J M Jefferson 7 11 5	C Grant
4 00-U2F2	ANTIGUAN MOON J W Blundell 6 11 0	D Dutton
5 2PP-PF0	AUCHENCRIUE A Watson 9 11 0	K Whyte
7 000-422	BALLYWELL F J Yardley 9 11 0	R Crank
10 43FFP-2	CORNERING M H Easterby 8 11 0	A Brown
11 0003-0P	FORT NELSON W A Stephenson 6 11 0	Mr P J Dun (4)
12 41F010	INKLING H Wharton 7 11 0	S Youlden (4)
14 2P0-012	PALM CROSS Miss J Eaton 7 11 0	P Barry
15 42-0434	THE LAST PRINCE M H Easterby 7 11 0	P Tuck
16 00-	WOODBURGH Mrs P Stevens 6 11 0	S Keightley
17 00-	LITTLE MIDGE R D Woodhouse 5 10 12	
18 0-	MYSTY SPIRIT D Lee 5 10 12	A Stringer
19 3202-P	RUN A MILE W A Stephenson 5 10 12	E Jones
20 00-	GAMEWOOD Miss C Mason 6 10 9	C Pimlott
21 4	ZAMANDRA J G FitzGerald 9 10 9	R O'Leary

BLINKERS: 1, 3
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Cornering, 3-1 Jockamble, 4-1 Zamandra, 11-2 Bitterman, 8-1 Palm Cross, 10-1 Caldwell Case, 12-1 The Last Prince, 14-1 others.

2.20 TADCASTER NOVICE HURDLE

£800 (3-Y-O) 2m (25 runners)		
1 20114	SECRET WALK (D) W A Stephenson 11 7	K Jones
3	ATKINSONS R Hollinshead 10 7	
5	BLACKWELL BOY (USA) M J Lambert 10 7	A Charlton (7)
6	CAMPUS BOY Mrs J Ramsden 10 7	S Charlton
8	DRUMAPORT P Wigham 10 7	C Hawkins
9	FAST FORWARD T H Caldwell 10 7	P Caldwell (7)
12	LANHYDROCK M J Camacho 10 7	R Forsyth
13	MAHOGANY HALL Mrs G Bartle 10 7	Mr R J Beggan
15	MIAMI HOLIDAY M W Easterby 10 7	P Tuck
18	MOHAR N Tinkler 10 7	N Tinkler
19	QUARRYMAN W C Watts 10 7	P Armitage
20	RIVER LUNE K Stone 10 7	A Brown
21	SAVOIR VIVRE M W Easterby 10 7	A Dickman
23	SMART JACK R F Fisher 10 7	N Doughty
25	SQUIRES GOLD P S Felgate 10 7	J A Harris
28	TABERNA LORD D J Moorhead 10 7	D Conell (7)
30	YALISKARI Miss J Eaton 10 7	P Barry
32	DUVAVARNA C W Gray 10 7	M Pepper
33	HELEN'S CHOICE A Smith 10 2	C Grant
34	LITTLE NEWINGTON N Bycroft 10 2	M Dwyer
35	MISS JAY CEE J Parks 10 2	R Balfour (7)
37	PENTLAND BEAUTY R Hollinshead 10 2	D Carcary (7)
38	QUALITAIR PRINCESS K Stone 10 2	A Stringer
39	RIVER LINNET M J Lambert 10 2	P A Charlton
42	WORLING-PEARL E J Alston 10 2	K Doolan (4)

BLINKERS: 5
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Blackwell Boy, 4-1 Qualitair Princess, 5-1 Worling-Pearl, 6-1 Miami Holiday, 7-1 Secret Walk, 8-1 Lanhydrock, 10-1 River Linnet, 12-1 others.

2.50 RUFFORTH HANDICAP CHASE

£3,000 2m (6 runners)		
2 020-000	ORP BALTIC E J Alston 6 11 12	K Doolan (4)
3 1-02301	FAIR BABU S N Burt 10 11 4	Mr L Kirby
4 341003-	VILLIERSTOWN J Hanson 5 11 2	C Pimlott
5 000-030	TOM SAWYER A Watson 10 11 0	K Whyte
6 04U00-0	STARLIGHT LAD R A Bethell 10 10 10	P Tuck
7 4334-22	TIERENEE W A Stephenson 6 10 5	Mr P J Dun (4)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Orp Baltic, 5-2 Fair Babu, 7-2 Tierenee, 5-1 Villierstown, 10-1 Tom Sawyer, 14-1 Starlight Lad.

3.25 LEEDS NOVICE HURDLE

£800 2m (25 runners)		
4 F-41	ROMAN DUSK (D) J I Charlton 4 11 5	B Storey
5 0	ASCENBAR S R Bowring 4 10 12	D Shaw
6	BISHOP'S ROYAL (USA) A W Potts 4 10 12	S J O'Neill
7 33P-0	BOARDMANS CORONET G Richards 6 10 12	N Doughty
8	BUCKLOW HILL J G FitzGerald 7 10 12	R O'Leary
11	DON'T ANNOY ME R M Whitaker 4 10 12	Mr R J Beggan
12	ESTEEM (FR) D W Chapman 4 10 12	S Keightley
14 402	GREEN GORSE N F Crump 4 10 12	C Hawkins
16 232F-24	KEYCORN (BF) J W Blundell 4 10 12	D Dutton
18	LOAT LAND P S Felgate 4 10 12	J A Harris
19	LUCKY FEN K Stone 4 10 12	P Tuck
20 0	MARSHALL RED J Mason 4 10 12	M Pepper
25 0	PALLAS PRINCE M H Easterby 7 10 12	A Brown
26 0-	PAYZONE J Hanson 4 10 12	C Pimlott
27	PHOENIX GOLD J G FitzGerald 4 10 12	M Dwyer
31 BU	ROTHERLEIGH J P Leigh 4 10 12	P Blackburn (7)
33	SEATELL Denys Smith 4 10 12	C Grant
36 23-	VERBARIUM (USA) Mrs J Ramsden 4 10 12	S Charlton
37 03-0	WHITLEY BURN A Smith 5 10 12	P A Farrell (7)
41 034	JARALL J Mitchell 4 10 7	D McCaskill
42 0	KARAMELANNA Mrs S Bramall 4 10 7	K Whyte
44 042-0	RIBBONS OF BLUE (BF) J W Watts 4 10 7	D Browne
45 0	SPLASH R Tate 5 10 7	G P Kelly
46	TAX CODE N F Crump 4 10 7	K Adshead (4)
47	VALIENT VISION M J Camacho 5 10 7	R Forsyth

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Bucklow Hill, 7-2 Roman Dusk, 4-1 Keycorn, 5-1 Green Gorse, 6-1 Ribbons of Blue, 8-1 Pallas Prince, 12-1 Verbarium, 14-1 others.

NEWTON ABBOT

1.00 ST JUST JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE

£650 (3-Y-O) 2m (16 runners)		
2	HILLYBILLY A Brisbane 11 0	G McCourt
3 0	INVISIBLE RING R Holder 11 0	P Richards
4	KEYBOARD KING D A Wilson 11 0	Steve Knight
5	MARSTON MOOR (USA) B Palling 11 0	Mr P Morgan
6	MILLTOWN BOY B Wise 11 0	
7	MR BENNINGTON D Wintle 11 0	A Carroll
8	MR MENACING J Jenkins 11 0	P Barton
10 00223	PANTO PRINCE L Kennard 11 0	B Powell (4)
11	TELETRADER J Hoare 11 0	S Earle (7)
12	BETTER JUDGEMENT P Bailey 10 9	R Stronge
13	CRIMSON SOL G Thorne 10 9	P Barton
14	DANAGO R House 10 9	Philip Hobbs
15	FULL PRICE P Wakely 10 9	P Stone (7)
16 0	G W SUPERMARE D Elsworth 10 9	C Brown
17	KABUTI O O'Neill 10 9	M Caswell (4)
18 00	LYDACOTT MOON D Gillard 10 9	R Millman
19 0	MAYSPIRING Lady S Brooke 10 9	R Hyett

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Panto Prince, 3-1 Mr Menacing, 4-1 G W Supermare, 9-2 Crimson Sol, 10-1 Marston Moor and Better Judgement, 16-1 others.

1.30 LAND'S END HANDICAP CHASE

£3,500 3m 2f (7 runners)		
4 04331-3	ROYAL NORMAN A Brisbane 8 10 7	G McCourt
5 P32-210	PAY FREEZE S May 8 11 2	S May
6 0PP40-P	GILDED GOLD L Waring 8 10 11	George Knight
8 P030-03	CHEADLE GREEN K Dunn 7 10 7	J Frost
9 00100-4	ROOK WOOD B Scriven 8 10 1	B Powell (4)
10 344200	MATER SMUDGE (C-D) A Barrow 12 10 0	R Hoare
11 F0-04	ROYSCAR J Channin 7 10 0	R Millman

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Rook Wood, 11-4 Pay Freeze, 7-1 Royal Norman, 9-1 Cheadle Green, 10-1 Mater Smudge, 14-1 others.

2.00 MALDEN TIMBER NOVICE HURDLE

Q'F'R £1,000 2m (16 runners)		
2 4-12320	AIR SPACE (C) R Frost 5 11 5	J Frost
3 00P0-F1	CATS EYES M Pipe 4 11 5	Pleach
5 4	CELTIC BOB O O'Neill 4 11 0	M Caswell (4)
6 FF	CROWMAN N Mitchell 6 11 0	W Knox (7)
9	GOLDEN DELICIOUS (NZ) D Barons 4 11 0	Mr M Armytage (7)
12 2220-13	MELDON LADY T Hallett 5 11 0	B Wright
13 000-P	PEARLROY Mrs J Fraser 5 11 0	J Southern
14 0000F-0	SEVENTH SEASON D Gillard 4 11 0	R Millman
16 0	SUNDAY GANG (NZ) D Barons 4 11 0	Philip Hobbs
17	FRIDAY JANE K Bishop 4 10 9	P Richards
18	GREAT WESTERN RYME P Haynes 4 10 9	J Lovejoy
19 0-	JOSCILLA L Kennard 5 10 9	B Powell (4)
21 002-342	MAJUBA ROAD D Barons 4 10 9	C Brown
24 00-PB0	ROYAL BUCKINS N Mitchell 5 10 9	N Coleman (4)
27 0P000-	SOMERVILLE STAR J Spearing 5 10 9	P Carvill
28 FP-P	TOM'S COMEDY W R Williams 4 10 9	A Jones (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Meldon Lady, 7-2 Air Space, 5-1 Cats Eyes, 11-2 Celtic Bob, 6-1 Majuba Road, 8-1 Great Western Ryme, 12-1 others.

HUNTINGDON

1.00 NETHERKELLY NOVICE CHASE

£1,500 2m (12 runners)		
1 2123	JOHN STANDISH K Bailey 8 11 11	Mr I McKie (4)
4 000-300	BLEATHWOOD K White 8 11 4	P Finch
6 PR	DURAN (NZ) D Grissell 6 11 4	R Goldstein
9 40B/P-PP	ROYAL RICHES G Gracey 9 11 4	M Furlong
10 42032-2	STRAY SHOT (BF) J Gifford 6 11 4	R Rowe
11 034433-	ST WILLIAM R Hodges 7 11 4	Peter Hobbs
12 0P/043F	TONY OWEN K White 8 11 4	A Webber
13 22-F20F	WARNER FOR LEISURE (BF) D Gandolfo 6 11 4	R Earnshaw
14 P044-11	WORK MATE (USA) G P-Gordon 5 11 2	S Smith Eccles
15 40-1F20	STAGGERERS LADY W Wharton 7 10 13	M Brennan
16 3-P	SOUTHERN BIRD D Grissell 5 10 11	J Akehurst
17	BRIGHTLINGSEA P Poston 4 10 7	C Mann

BLINKERS: 6, 13
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Warner For Leisure, 3-1 Stray Shot, 4-1 Tony Owen, 11-2 Work Mate, 10-1 Staggerers Lady, 12-1 John Standish, 16-1 St William, 25-1 others.

1.30 HOUGHTON SELLING HURDLE

£1,000 2m (12 runners)		
1 0D	GOLD HUNTER R Hodges 4 11 5	R Linley
2 0003	AMILLE G Balding 4 11 0	D Hyde
4 P0-00	IN A DREAM Mrs A Ratcliffe 4 11 0	Mrs A Ratcliffe
5 04	MAIDAID D Gandolfo 4 11 0	M Harrington
6 P0	PAT ON THE BACK G Blum 4 11 0	S Smith Eccles
7 43000	HALL'S PRINCE G Balding 3 10 7	B Reilly
8 F	HAVE YOU TIME W Wharton 3 10 7	M Brennan
11	ORANGE NEST R Hoad 3 10 7	H Hoad (7)
12 04	CALICO GIRL J Bosley 3 10 2	Mr M Bosley (7)
14 0	LUCKLIFFE M Ryan 3 10 2	J McLaughlin
15 F0	MOOBER STAR P Butler 3 10 2	R Goldstein
17	SOIXANTE QUINZE W Musson 3 10 2	C Smith

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Hall's Prince, 7-2 Maidaide, 9-2 Gold Hunter, 11-2 Calico Girl and Amille, 12-1 Luckcliffe and Soixante Quinze, 16-1 others.

2.00 BBC RADIO CAMBRIDGSHIRE H'CAP CHASE

£1,750 3m (4 runners)		
1 2134-14	W SIX TIMES (C-D) Mrs A Dickinson 7 12 7	R Earnshaw
5 4220-02	LEANDER BLUE D Nicholson 7 10 9	P Scudamore
6 3-4143F	EBONY BILL K Bailey 9 10 4	M Perrett
7 121-004	SONNY MAY J Gifford 8 10 2	R Rowe

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Leander Blue, 15-8 Six Times, 11-2 Ebony Bill, 13-2 Sonny May.

2.30 ELMS STUD NOV HURDLE (HOECHST REGUMATE

QU'FIER) £1,100 4f (22 runners)		
2 0	BELLONA'S EMMA Mrs J Barrow 5 10 12	Peter Hobbs
3 F	BIG TIME Mrs A Ratcliffe 4 10 12	Mrs A Ratcliffe
4 0	CELTIC BURN T Forster 4 10 12	R Dunwoody

2.30 MOUSEHOLE SELLING H'CAP HURDLE

£500 2m (10 runners)		
1 43F030	TOP REEF (BF) J Jenkins 6 12 0	Miss S Waterman
3 0100-P-0	SMITHY LANE Miss S Waterman 6 11 6	R Muggeridge
5 0300-00	MOPSY LOVEJOY B Stevens 4 11 2	G McCourt
6 0000-00	SANDICLIFFE AGAIN (FR) D Laing 5 10 5	C Brown
8 000P-04	GETTING PLENTY (C-D) J D Roberts 5 10 3	Miss T Turner (7)
9 040-000	INSPIRED W G Turner 4 10 2	S May
10 4014-	MISS BLACK GLAMA (C-D) S May 4 10 2	Sharron James (7)
11 F-00003	RED REPORT J M Bradley 6 10 0	George Knight
15 3-00U0P	DUSTY DORA T Keenor 4 10 0	P Warner
16 000-P0	DRUM MAKER P Clifford 4 10 0	

BLINKERS: 1, 6, 11, 15
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Top Reef, 11-4 Getting Plenty, 9-2 Miss Black Glama, 5-1 Red Report, 8-1 Mopsy Lovejoy, 12-1 others.

3.00 NEWTON ABBOT NOVICE CHASE

2	0-00241	SCOTS NOGGER J Spearing 9 11 5	P Warner
3	0000-0U	ARCTIC MARINER W G Turner 6 11 0	A Geering (4)
4	00-404F	BRACKLEY (NZ) D Barons 6 11 0	
5	P/FPPP-	CALL THE GUARDS K Bishop 6 11 0	P Richards
8	013-43P	FER-KIL B Forsey 8 11 0	George Knight
10	4223-04	GREAT HAYS C Trietline 8 11 0	R Stronge
12	0-3PP03	GROCKLE (NZ) D Barons 7 11 0	P Barton
15	0211-0F	PERHAPS LUCKY (BF) D Elsworth 7 11 0	C Brown
19	PP	CLEAVILL POINT N Mitchell 5 10 13	B Powell (4)
20	023BP-3	IVACOP B Stevens 5 10 13	G McCourt
24	44FF34	FRA MAU Lady S Brooke 8 10 9	R Hyett
25	PF	GILDEN GAMBLE J Wilkinson 7 10 9	Mrs J Mills
27	334323	MAGGIE DEE R Frost 7 10 9	J Frost
28	00/F043-	MY ALWAYS N Kernick 6 10 9	M Yeoman (7)

Sports Line

Aussie cricket hits new low

KIM CALLS IT A DAY

AUSTRALIAN cricket captain Kim Hughes resigned yesterday after the West Indies defeated his team by eight wickets in the second Test in Brisbane to go 2-0 up in the five-Test series.

Hughes attempted to read a prepared statement to a packed news conference but was too upset to complete it.

He left the room, head bowed. Australian manager Bob Merriman completed the statement in which Hughes said he had been subject to increasing innuendo and criticism from certain sections of the media and this had taken its toll.

He had told the Australian Cricket Board of his decision but would be available for selection in future teams as a batsman.

Hughes, who made 34 and four in the just completed Test, faced a barrage of questions at the news conference where he tried to explain Australia's second crushing loss in a row.

The West Indies defeated Australia by an innings and 112 runs in the first Test in Perth two weeks ago.

Hughes' abdication leaves Australian cricket in tatters. The board and the selectors must find a new captain before the third Test starts in Adelaide on Friday week.

Hughes said the pressure he had been under had taken its toll and was

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

preventing him from enjoying the game he loved so dearly.

West Indies captain Clive Lloyd told reporters he was surprised and disappointed at Hughes' shock announcement.

'In this job you have to learn to take the good with the bad,' Lloyd said.

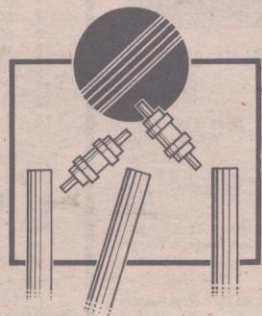
He said his own head had been 'on the chopping block' when he led an unsuccessful tour to Australia some years ago, going down 5-1.

'Obviously the pressure of the last few years has built up for Kim and he finds now he must get out,' Lloyd said.

Hughes' statement said: 'The Australian cricket captaincy is something that I have held very dear to me.

'However playing the game with total enjoyment has always been of greatest importance.

'The constant speculation, criticism and innuendo by former players and sections of the media



over the last four or five years have finally taken their toll.

'It is in the interest of the team, Australian cricket, and myself that I have informed the ACB of my decision to stand down as Australian captain.

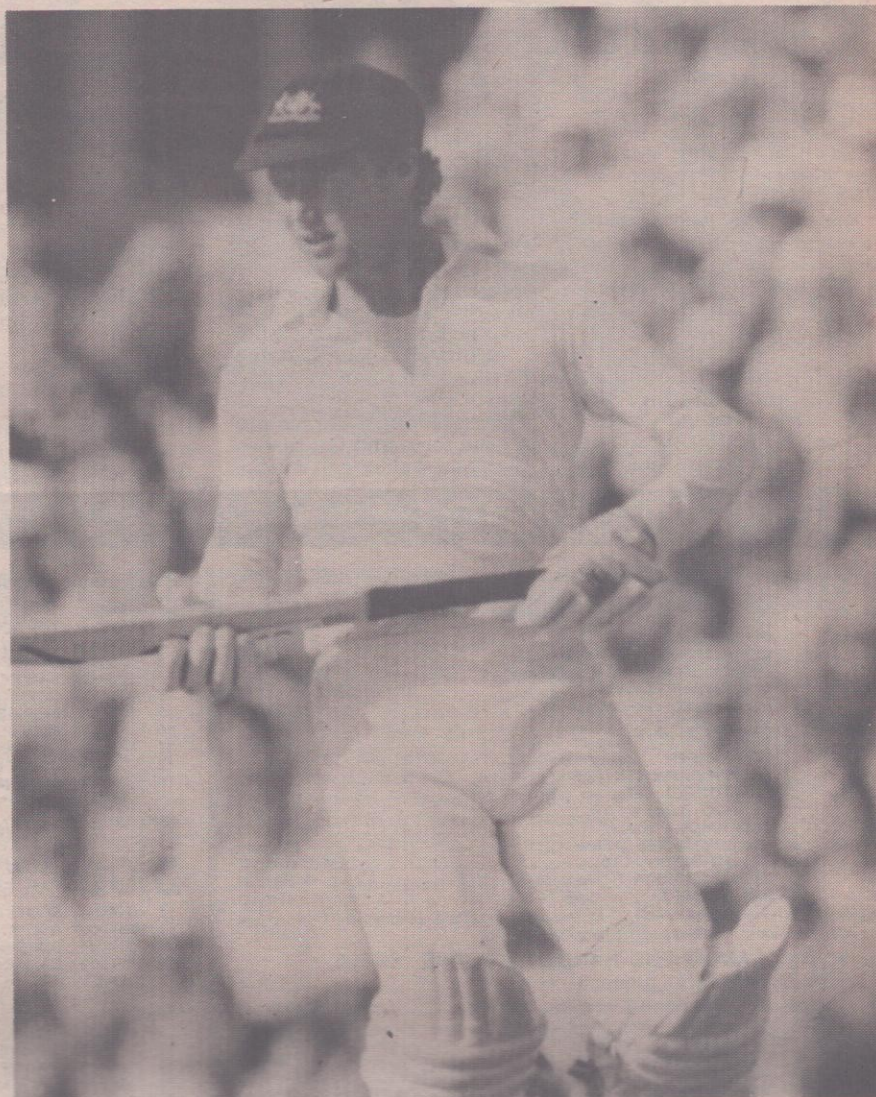
'I look forward to continuing my career in whatever capacity the

selectors and the Board see fit with the same integrity and ability I have displayed as Australian captain.

'Gentlemen I wish not to discuss this matter any further and I will not be available to answer any further questions.'

Former Australian wicketkeeper Rod Marsh, a long-time critic of Hughes, said in Perth he was shocked to learn of the Test captain's resignation. But he did not hint at coming out of retirement and returning to first class cricket.

He said: 'The burdens of captaincy get a bit much. Both Ian and Greg Chappell found the pressure of leading Australia too much in the end. Perhaps Kim found the pressure too much — he's probably had enough.'



KIM HUGHES . . . So upset he was unable to read out a prepared statement

Golf ••• Golf ••• Golf ••• Golf ••• Golf •••

Nicklaus' greatest

putt

JACK NICKLAUS putted for a \$240,000 birdie on the 18th hole on Sunday to win the \$360,000 invitational golf tournament at Scottsdale, Arizona.

The eight-foot putt was the richest in the history of golf.

It was the only hole won on Sunday. Tom Watson dominated on Saturday, taking all of the \$120,000 at stake in the first nine holes.

Gary Player, last year's winner, and Arnold Palmer left the course with no money.

The first six holes were worth \$10,000, the next six \$20,000 and the last six \$30,000.

The foursome began the day with no carryovers. Palmer, with a 15-foot putt, and Player, sinking a five footer, halved the tenth hole.

Nicklaus and Player tied the 11th hole, allow-

ing the pot to swell to \$60,000. On number 12, Watson's 20-foot bid for a birdie hung on the lip of the cup and Player tied him.

On the thirteenth tee Watson made a 10-foot birdie as Player was awaiting a two-foot tap-in.

Little

Up to that point, Nicklaus had done little. His left knee, which had been operated on 19 days ago, appeared to be a problem. But he began a comeback on number 14 as Watson was standing beside a three-foot putt for a birdie.

Nicklaus, blasting from a bunker, hit the pin with

his shot, leaving only a tap-in for a birdie. Player followed with a birdie of his own and Watson did not even get to tap in.

On number 16, Watson had a chance to walk off with the pot, which was then \$180,000, when he rolled in a 25-foot chip shot from the fringe. Nicklaus, seven feet away, made his putt to force another carry-over.

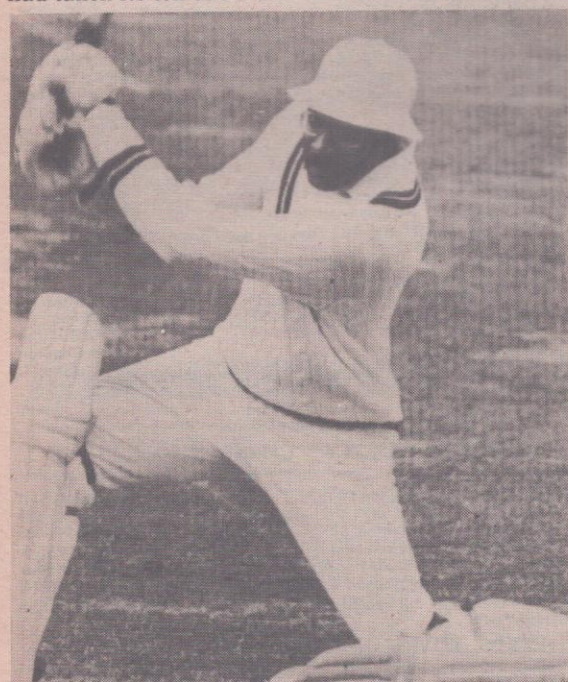
Watson was within four feet of collecting \$210,000 on number 17 but Nicklaus made a seven-footer and the foursome went to number 18 seeking \$240,000.

All four were within striking distance of the 524-yard hole after their second shots and reached the green with their third shots. Watson missed a 20-foot putt. Player missed from 18 feet. Palmer, just inside Player, missed too.

Then Nicklaus made his eight-footer to end the match.



JACK NICKLAUS . . . Another big win of the 'Golden Bear'



CLIVE LLOYD . . . Understood the pressures — but surprised Hughes quit

RACING RESULTS

SOUTHWELL

12.45 (2m): SAUCEPOT N Doughty (evens fav) 1; Awning (33-1) 2; Baloyd (14-1) 3; Baloyd (14-1) 3; Moon Gazer (33-1) 4. 7 ran. CSF: \$24.58. NR: Pasquier.
1.15 (2m): QUDESA R O'Leary (7-2) 1; Greenacres Joy (11-4 fav) 2; Rhy-marc (7-1) 3; Baton Match (5-1) 4. 10 ran. 8, 12. (C Tinkler) T: \$4.60; \$2.20. \$1.10. \$2.70. CSF: \$13.95.
1.45 (3m2f): RUN AND SKIP P Warner (14-1) 1; Holborn Head (7-1) 2; Playfields G Charles Jones (11-2) 3; Northern Bay (7-4) 4. 6 ran. 12. (J L Spearing) T: \$14.20; \$6.30. \$4.20. CSF: \$88.15.
2.15 (2m): CARNEADES M Hill (6-4 fav) 1; Aboushabun (7-4) 2; Falcner Lady (33-1) 3; Collaroy (5-1) 4. 13 ran. 10, 5, 20. (M H Easterby) T: \$3.50; \$1.20. \$1.60. \$1.40. CSF: \$5.37.
2.45 (2m): POSTDYNE P Carvill (8-

1) 1; Royal Manx (11-2) 2; Legal Emperor (5-4 on fav) 3; Another Flame (13-2) 4. 8 ran. 25, 6. (W G Mann) T: \$9.00; \$1.80. \$1.80. \$1.30. CSF: \$50.81.
3.15 (2m 4f): RAWDY P Warner (7-1) 1; Mollington (4-1) 2; American Girl (6-1) 3; Paperacer (13-2) 4. 11 ran. 1 1/2, 1 1/2. (J L Spearing) T: \$10.10; \$3.20. \$2.50. \$3.20. CSF: \$34.88.

WOLVERHAMPTON

1.00 (2m 7f): ASHLEIGH BOY G Heaver (10-1) 1; Derbyshire Filet (17-2) 2; Light Sentence (100-30 fav) 3; Lift High (8-1) 4. 12 ran. 1 1/2, 12. (J D Davies) T: \$25.50; \$5.50. \$1.80. \$2. CSF: \$81.80. NR: Captain Fantastic.
1.30 (2m 4f): REMEMBER ROCK S Morshead (15-2) 1; Greenore Pride (7-2) 2; Seven Acres (20-1) 3; Gold Epee (20-1) 4. 12 ran. 15, 10. (P G

Bailey) T: \$8.70; \$2.20. \$1.40. \$3.20. CSF: \$33.64.
2.00 (2m 4f): CELTIC BREW S Mors-head (2-1 fav) 1; Smith's Man (10-1) 2; Comedian (7-1) 3; Doubleagain (3-1) 4. 8 ran. 6, 3. (Mrs M Rimell) T: \$2.50; \$1.40. \$2.80. \$1.10. CSF: \$19.99. NR: Pomposity.
2.30 (3m): BIG BROWN BEAR G Bradley (6-4 on fav) 1; King's Brig (7-1) 2; Fortstar (10-1) 3; Pride of Fife (33-1) 4. 10 ran. 15, 3. (G Barlow) T: \$1.80; \$1.30. \$2.50. \$2.90. CSF: \$6.83.
3.00 (2m 4f): INISHARRAN S Mors-head (7-1) 1; Play Boy (11-8 on fav) 2; Voyant (7-1) 3; Winter Measure (7-2) 4. 8 ran. 2, 5. (Mrs M Rimell) T: \$7.50; \$1.90. \$1. \$2. CSF: \$12.12.
3.30 (2m): BOSSANOVA BOY P Scudamore (7-1) 1; Rachel's Delight (6-4) 2; Cawarra Lad (10-1) 3; Outlaw (33-1) 4. 7 ran. 4, 8. (P Makin) T: \$6; \$3.60. \$1.10. CSF: \$16.87.

Boost for Grand National

THE Grand National meeting is to get a three-year sponsorship boost from Whitbread's brewers, it was announced yesterday.

Starting next year, Aintree's Thursday card will have added prize money of £42,000, which will be increased over the following two years. By 1987, Whitbread will have contributed £250,000 in prize money.

The Kaltenberg Pils Chase now becomes the

£12,000-added Whitbread Trophy, one of only three races run over the national fences, and Whitbread are also sponsoring a three-mile, one-furlong chase worth £10,000, and called the Gold Label Chase.

It is hoped this will provide an opportunity for Gold Cup horses, another major prize at level weights.

Sports Line

Higgins
beats
the 'boss'

ALEX HIGGINS handed his 'headmaster' a 9-7 beating as he took another step towards successfully defending his Coral UK snooker title at Preston on Sunday night.

The 35-year-old Manchester Irishman, claimed a quarter-final against Willie Thorne, at the expense of Rex Williams who, as chairman of the Players' Association has had the task over the years of handing Higgins an assortment of punishments for his occasional misdemeanours.

Higgins was on his best behaviour in a superb match of humour, sportsmanship, brilliant safety play and all punctuated by some equally fine break-building and marred only by spectators coughing and crackling sweet papers in frame 14 which added up to Williams, Stourbridge's snooker world No.31, missing a crucial black and losing the frame.

Fortune

'Those phantom coughers and sweet eaters definitely cost me the frame at a very important time — because I should have gone 8-6 ahead there,' lamented Williams.

But fortune had hardly smiled on Higgins earlier. In a 50 minutes 11th frame of absorbing snooker he finally and unluckily sank the cue ball off the pink leading 76-55 and lost 84-76 and then in frame 13, was 42-11 ahead, he put the cue ball down again after sinking a spectacular red to fall 7-6 behind.

Higgins took the next three frames — although he had the help of a fluked red in the last — for a fine victory that only he — and perhaps Williams — failed to appreciate.

Higgins said: 'I wanted to win in style but I was in a different world tonight. I didn't think my safety was very good and it really upset me to fluke that red in the last. Rex didn't deserve that.'

Today, Dennis Taylor and David Taylor share more than their surnames, for struggling world No.16 David has now adopted the famed headlamp-size glasses that rescued Dennis's game.

David Taylor takes on former world champion Ray Reardon while Dennis Taylor plays third seeded Tony Knowles.

TONIGHT'S
FIXTURESMILK CUP
FOURTH ROUND REPLAY

(7.30 kick-off unless stated)

QPR v Southampton.....

DIVISION III

Newport v Brentford.....

EUROPEAN YOUTH C'SHIP
QUALIFYING ROUND

England v Scotland.....

(at Fulham)

FRIENDLY

Arsenal v Australia.....

CUP COMES
FIRST — McMenemy

SOUTHAMPTON manager Lawrie McMenemy is determined that the club's chances of reaching the Milk Cup quarter-finals will not be undermined by their much-publicised off-the-field problems.

Mark Wright and Steve Williams, both current England internationals, have asked for transfers and seem likely to miss tonight's fourth round replay at Queen's Park Rangers.

McMenemy said yesterday: 'There will be a statement on Wednesday but the replay is the most important thing for us at the moment.'

'It's a big game for the club. That takes priority and my duty is to see that everyone is in the right frame of mind until then.'

McMenemy is ready to sell Williams, the 24-year-old Southampton captain, but is not prepared to release 21-year-old Wright, who signed a five-year contract during the summer.

A long-running feud between McMenemy and Wright boiled over when they were reportedly involved in a fight at half-time during last week's Milk Cup tie against QPR.

Training

Wright did not turn up for training on Friday and both he and Williams were left out of the team which beat Newcastle 1-0 in Saturday.

Williams said then: 'I've asked for a move.'

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT



LAWRIE MCMENEMY

This is nothing to do with Mark Wright — I've had a row of my own with the manager. I don't want to play for this club again.'

Arsenal have already made one approach for Williams and will be firm favourites to sign him for a fee which is likely to be at least £500,000.

Rangers have also had their problems off the pitch with four players — Simon Stainrod, Gary Micklewhite, Mike Fil-

lery and Alan MacDonald — demanding transfers in the past fortnight.

But QPR captain Terry Fenwick attempted to take the heat off manager Alan Mullery at the weekend by saying: 'We as players must take responsibility for the goals we have given away.'

Mistakes

There have been mistakes by individuals, myself included. We have let the team down. But having said that, the performances in the last four games have been outstanding.

'The players on the list must make their own decisions but I cannot see them going. What has happened between them and the manager has never been brought into the dressing room.'

Rangers have no injury worries and are likely to keep the line-up which beat Aston Villa 2-0 at Loftus Road on Saturday.

TENNIS ••• TENNIS
Bassett bows
out

CARLING BASSETT of Canada and Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist, the seventh and eleventh women's seeds, paid for their lack of grass-court experience when they lost in the first round of the Australian Open Tennis Championships yesterday.

Bassett, 17, a quarter-finalist a year ago, was beaten 6-1 4-6 6-4 by South African Beverly Mould. Lindqvist also failed after pulling back to one-set all, going down 6-0 3-6 6-2 to Anne Minter, who was playing in front of her home crowd.

Other seeded women players avoided upset, including Andrea Temesvári, eighth-seeded Hungarian, who beat Louise Field of Australia 6-4 6-4, and Jo Durie of Britain, the 13th seed, a 6-3 5-7 6-0 winner over American Anne White.

Bassett has had a dismal trip to Australia this year, her loss yesterday following a first-round defeat in Sydney last week.

She has been training for the past two weeks with former Australian

Davis Cup player Tony Roche. 'He has taught me a lot that I didn't know about the game, but it's not a nice feeling when you train really hard and get up for a match and then lose,' she said.

'You have to have experience on grass if you want to become a great player, because Wimbledon is so important, but it's just not fun,' Bassett added.

Recovery

Lindqvist made a determined recovery in the second set against Minter, breaking the Australian's service in the first game and capturing it twice more to level the match.

But Minter, 21, a former Australian junior champion who learned to play on the Kooyong grass courts where this tournament is being played, re-asserted her authority in a one-sided third set, dominating the front-court as Lindqvist



CARLING BASSETT

tried unavailingly to win from the baseline.

'When you win the first set 6-0 you know your opponent can only improve and I tensed up a bit knowing she could come back,' Minter said.

Pascale Paradis of France, 18, the world's No.1 junior last year, made an impressive start, beating American Beth Herr 6-2 6-3.

Paradis is coached by Virginia Wade, the British player who won Wimbledon and the US Open. 'Virginia has helped me a great deal,' she said. 'I am working on all areas of my game — the serve, the volley and my mental approach. That is very important.'

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I													DIVISION IV												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton.....	16	5	2	1	20	9	5	0	3	14	13	32	Chesterfld.....	16	6	2	0	19	8	4	3	1	12	6	35
Tottenham.....	16	5	2	1	22	9	4	0	4	11	7	29	Bury.....	17	5	2	1	15	7	5	3	1	11	6	35
Man Utd.....	16	5	3	0	20	6	3	2	3	11	15	29	Darlington.....	17	6	1	1	16	5	3	6	0	10	7	34
Arsenal.....	16	6	2	0	16	5	3	0	5	15	18	29	Hereford.....	17	7	1	1	13	4	3	2	3	12	9	33
West Ham.....	16	5	2	1	12	4	2	3	3	11	18	26	Peterboro.....	17	8	1	0	18	5	1	3	4	7	10	31
Sheff Wed.....	16	5	2	1	19	10	2	2	4	8	9	25	Crewe.....	17	6	0	3	17	11	3	1	4	10	14	28
Southampton.....	16	5	2	1	9	5	1	5	2	11	12	25	Hartlepool.....	17	4	4	1	14	10	3	2	3	8	11	27
Liverpool.....	16	2	4	2	8	6	4	2	2	12	9	24	Blackpool.....	17	5	3	0	14	4	2	2	5	11	16	26
Nottm For.....	16	5	1	2	15	9	2	2	4	11	13	24	Port Vale.....	17	4	3	2	12	8	3	2	3	9	9	26
Chelsea.....	16	6	0	2	20	7	0	5	3	6	10	23	Colchester.....	17	4	2	2	16	12	3	2	3	14	17	26
Sunderland.....	16	6	2	0	16	5	0	3	5	9	16	23	Tranmere.....	17	6	0	3	18	10	2	1	5	10	15	25
Norwich.....	16	5	3	0	17	8	1	2	5	8	15	23	Swindon.....	17	4	2	3	14	11	2	3	8	12	23	
West Brom.....	16	5	2	1	20	8	1	2	5	8	16	22	Scunthorpe.....	17	3	3	2	16	12	2	3	4	10	12	21
Newcastle.....	16	4	2	2	14	9	1	4	3	14	21	21	Mansfield.....	17	4	2	3	9	6	1	4	3	2	6	21
Watford.....	16	2	3	3	18	18	2	3	3	15	16	18	Southend.....	17	3	4	1	10	10	2	1	6	12	21	20
Q.P.R.....	15	4	2	1	17	10	0	4	4	4	15	18	Stockport.....	16	4	2	2	12	7	1	2	5	7	20	19
Aston Villa.....	16	3	3	2	12	12	1	2	5	8	20	17	Torquay.....	17	2	4	3	8	10	2	1	5	6	12	17
Ipswich.....	16	3	4	1	13	10	0	3	5	4	13	16	Northampton.....	17	2	1	5	10	10	3	0	6	12	18	16
Leicester.....	16	4	1	3	17	13	0	2	6	6	22	15	Exeter.....	16	2	5	1	11	7	1	2	5	7	17	16
Coventry.....	16	3	2	3	7	9	1	1	6	8	19	15	Hull.....	16	2	0	4	4	8	3	1	5	6	14	16
Luton.....	16	2	4	2	12	11	1	1	6	7	22	14	Aldershot.....	16	2	3	3	12	10	2	0	6	7	15	15
Stoke.....	15	1	2	5	11	19	0	2	5	1	17	7	Chester.....	17	2	2	4	10	12	1	4	4	6	12	15
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													Wrexham.....	15	2	2	4	13	14	1	0	6	8	14	11

DIVISION II												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford.....	15	7	1	0	25	9	3	3	1	10	5	34
Blackburn.....	16	7	1	0	20	4	3	2	3	13	10	33
Portsmouth.....	16	5	2	1	13	6	4	3	1	13	9	32
Barnsley.....	16	6	0	2	14	6	2	5	1	4	2	29
Birmingham.....	16	3	3	2	7	5	0	3	10	6	27	
Leeds Utd.....	16	5	2	1	16	5	0	3	5	11	15	26
Grimsby.....	16	5	0	3	16	11	3	2	3	17	16	26
Man City.....	16	6	1	1	14	7	1	4	3	6	7	26
Fulham.....	16	5	0	3	15	12	3	1	4	13	17	25
Huddersfield.....	16	4	2	2	11	13	3	2	3	8	7	25
Shrewsbury.....	17	4	3	1	18	10	2	3	4	12	16	24
Brighton.....	16	4	2	2	8	4	2	1	5	8	9	21
Wimbledon.....	16	4	2	2	15	13	2	1	5	13	20	21
Wolves.....	16	4	2	2	15	11	2	1	5	11	21	21
Charlton.....	16	3	3	2	15	12	2	1	5	8	10	19
Oldham.....	16	4	2	2	11	9	1	2	5	6	21	19
Carlisle.....	16	4	2	2	8	5	1	1	6	5	18	18
Middlesbro.....	16	3	2	3	11	15	2	0	6	9	14	17
Sheff Utd.....	16	3	2	3	12	10	0	5	3	11	17	16
Crystal Pal.....	16	2	4	2	12	10	1	1	6	8	15	14
Cardiff.....	16	2	1	5	11	20	1	0	7	9	17	10
Notts Cnty.....	16	1	1	6	6	17	1	0	7	9	21	10

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THE BIG ONE!

And Sibbo can shade it

IF Tony Sibson believes that tonight's showdown with Mark Kaylor is really worthy of his interest and attention, he can hardly fail to come away from Wembley as middle-weight champion of Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth.

Sibson, who stakes his European title in the most significant domestic battle since September 1981, when he ended Alan Minter's career in three rounds, would start outstanding favourite if known form was the only yardstick.

But there are so many erratic episodes in his professional history that nothing is certain. Sibson has risen to great heights, but he has also got himself bogged down so often that his form can never be assessed in advance.

The main reason for his inconsistency is his tendency to lose interest, skimp training and occasionally even disappear if the thought of the coming fight does not interest him. And if it is that sort of event, it does not take long for him to transfer the boredom across the ropes to the paying customers.

That is the uncertain side of Sibson, strip it away and there remains a

highly-talented and widely experienced middleweight with a sledgehammer left hook and a right hand that spread Minter's nose across his face in 1981. It was the last punch Minter took in his whole career and probably the hardest.

Outpointed

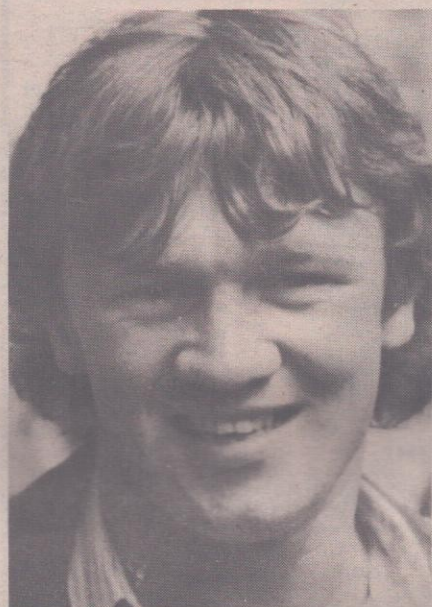
Sibson is not just a puncher, however. He has outpointed boxers as well, notably America's Dwight Davidson in a world title final eliminator in 1982, and the Frenchman Louis Acarie on his own home ground, when he won the

European championship earlier this year.

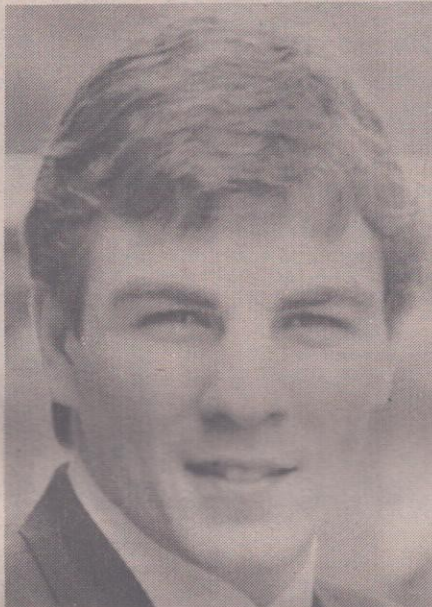
Kaylor is brave but predictable, with a career that seemed set fair until things began to go wrong six months ago. His first defeat was self-inflicted — a disqualification brought about by recklessly hitting an opponent after the bell.

Then, two fights later, he lost again and this time in style, when an American light middleweight, Buster Drayton, floored him five times.

It was a hammering he could have done without, with the Sibson fight only



TONY SIBSON . . . IS he ready?



MARK KAYLOR . . . Everything to lose

just over the horizon, and in the gymnasium he has shown a tendency to be hit by sparring partners' left hooks, in his desire to carry the fight to the other man.

In both instances, he looks tailor-made for the European champion — subject to the usual doubts and qualifications

that arise every time Sibson goes into the ring.

Kaylor stakes the British and Commonwealth title he won so bravely from Roy Gumbs last year. At 23 he has everything to gain by beating an opponent who has won everything but the world title, but if Sibson really wants this one, Kaylor

will leave empty-handed.

Frank Bruno takes a supporting role for a change when he meets Phil Brown of New Orleans over 10 rounds. This a mark-time exercise on the way to a European championship date with Steffan Tangstad and is likely to be just another brief Bruno formality.



KEVIN MORAN

Moran is United's worry

KEVIN MORAN last night upset Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson's plans for tomorrow's UEFA Cup tie against Dundee United at Old Trafford.

Atkinson looked set to recall Republic of Ireland international Moran in central defence after a three-match absence for the first leg of United's third round Cup tie.

The United manager, however, had to put his selection on ice when Moran reported a twinge in the hamstring injury that has seen him sidelined recently.

'Kevin tried training today, but the hamstring was still giving him some pain,' said Atkinson, who also has full back Arthur Albiston struggling for fitness.

Scottish international Albiston is rated 'very doubtful' after missing last Saturday's defeat at Sunderland with back trouble.

Injury

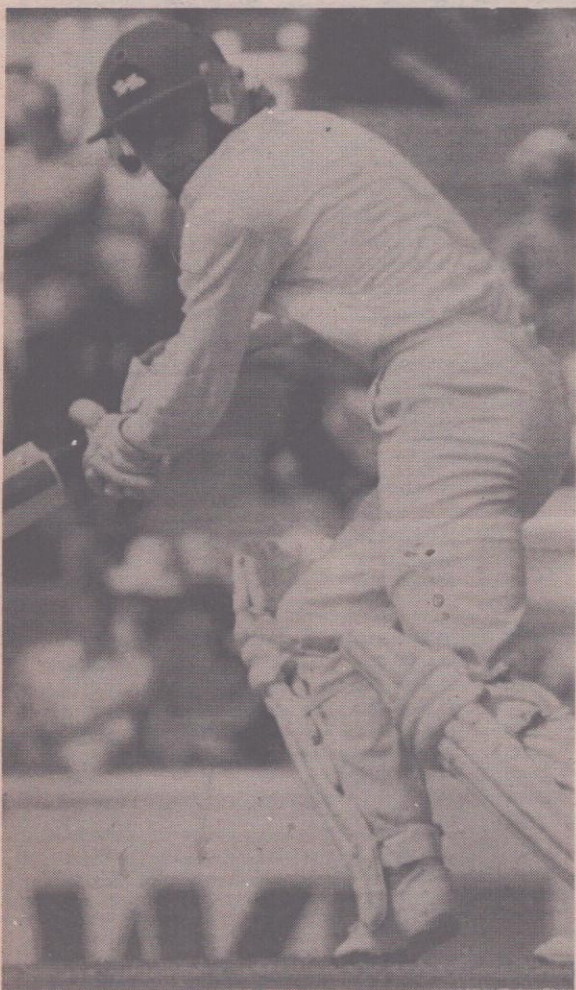
'I haven't trained since the game against Luton,' confirmed Albiston. 'I was hoping that the injury would have cleared up by now, but it's still very painful after some exercises.'

If Moran and Albiston are both absent, United will probably stick with a back four of Mick Duxbury, Gordon McQueen, Billy Garton and John Gidman.

Atkinson, however, admitted there is a 'slight possibility' that Graeme Hogg could come into contention after missing two games with hamstring trouble. Hogg had been Moran's regular partner at the heart of United's defence until the club's defensive injury crisis recently.

The rest of the side for tomorrow night's tie is likely to pick itself, with Dutchman Arnold Muhren back on the substitute's bench after replacing Jesper Olsen at Roker Park on Saturday.

'My only problems are in defence,' Atkinson added last night.



GRAEME FOWLER . . . Optimistic about the first Test

Fowler full of confidence

GRAEME FOWLER is preparing to welcome his seventh different opening partner in 17 Tests when England meet India at the Wankhede stadium in Bombay tomorrow.

But the chirpy Lancastrian has no worries about the new boy Tim Robinson.

The 26-year-old Nottinghamshire batsman has been lined up for his Test debut ever since Martyn Moxon was ruled out of all England's warm-up games, first through illness and later by returning home for his father's funeral.

Peak

In four matches Robinson and Fowler had built an understanding which reached a peak with their 190 run stand against West Zone at Rajkot last week.

'It can be difficult batting with someone for the first time, but it just seems to have clicked with Tim,' Fowler said yesterday. 'I know already where he is looking to score his runs, he

knows where I play and how I play, so calling for runs is not so necessary.'

'Now we just look up, nod and set off. In fact, it's now just like batting with Tav or David Lloyd at Lancashire.'

Fowler and Robinson were boosted by hitting their first centuries of the tour at Rajkot.

'I know it was an easy wicket but you have still got to play well to reach

three figures against any opposition,' added Fowler.

'I'd felt good since the start of tour but when I was getting out in the 20's and 30's there was always a doubt about my form.'

Confidence

'But to bat for four hours at Rajkot gave me so much more confidence

Kiwis fight back

NEW ZEALAND snatched three wickets for six runs in the last three overs of the day to wrest the initiative from Pakistan on the second day of the second cricket Test in Hyderabad yesterday.

After cruising along on the foundation of a third wicket century stand between Javed Miandad and Qasim Omar, Pakistan slipped from 153 for two to 159 for five at the close.

Panic appeared to set in as Qasim, nightwatchman Anil Dalpat and captain Zaheer Abbas all suc-

cumbed to the wiles of Stephen Boock and John Bracewell.

Left arm spinner Boock took three for 57 off 21.5 overs, but Javed, back to his best, was still there at the close on 73. It was his first 50 since returning to Test cricket after being struck on the head by a bouncer earlier this year.

New Zealand, who resumed on 239 for seven, could muster only 28 more for the last three wickets and were all out half an hour before lunch. John Reid, hampered by cramp, fell leg before to medium

pacer Azeem Hafeez.

Leg spinner Abdul Qadir removed Bracewell and Bopock to end with five for 108 in 40.3 overs.

Pakistan lost openers Mohsin Khan for nine and Mudassar Nazaar for 28 while the score progressed to 50, but the third wicket stand between Javed and Qasim tilted the balance in their favour.

Then Boock, who had dismissed Mohsin, started the mini-collapse by sending back Qasim and Zaheer in successive overs while off spinner Bracewell bowled Dalpat.