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'SINN FEIN IS A PEOPLE'S PARTY'

Says Councillor Lily Fitzsimmonds – centre pages



SHOWDOWN ON FLEET STREET

STRIKE action seemed certain at The Sunday Times today after the electricians' union rejected a call from the TUC to stop members working on a supplement for the paper at News International's Wapping plant.

Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronics, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU), told print union representatives that his membership could not go back on their no strike agreement with Rupert Murdoch's News International and would therefore print.

The print unions — National Graphical Association, National Union of Journalists and Sogat'82 — have not reached any agreement with Rupert Murdoch's News International to work at Wapping.

Last weekend's Sunday Times carried a front-page story advertising the extra supplement this week which would be printed by EETPU members at Wapping.

Last Monday, at a meeting of over 4,000 Sogat'82 members, general secretary Brenda Dean correctly pointed

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

out that Murdoch was provoking a strike by his actions.

She told the meeting that negotiations with Murdoch regarding four clauses had broken down and were unacceptable. The four clauses were management's right to manage, binding arbitration, closed shop and legally binding agreements.

'We either hit them now or not at all,' Dean told the packed meeting in Brixton.

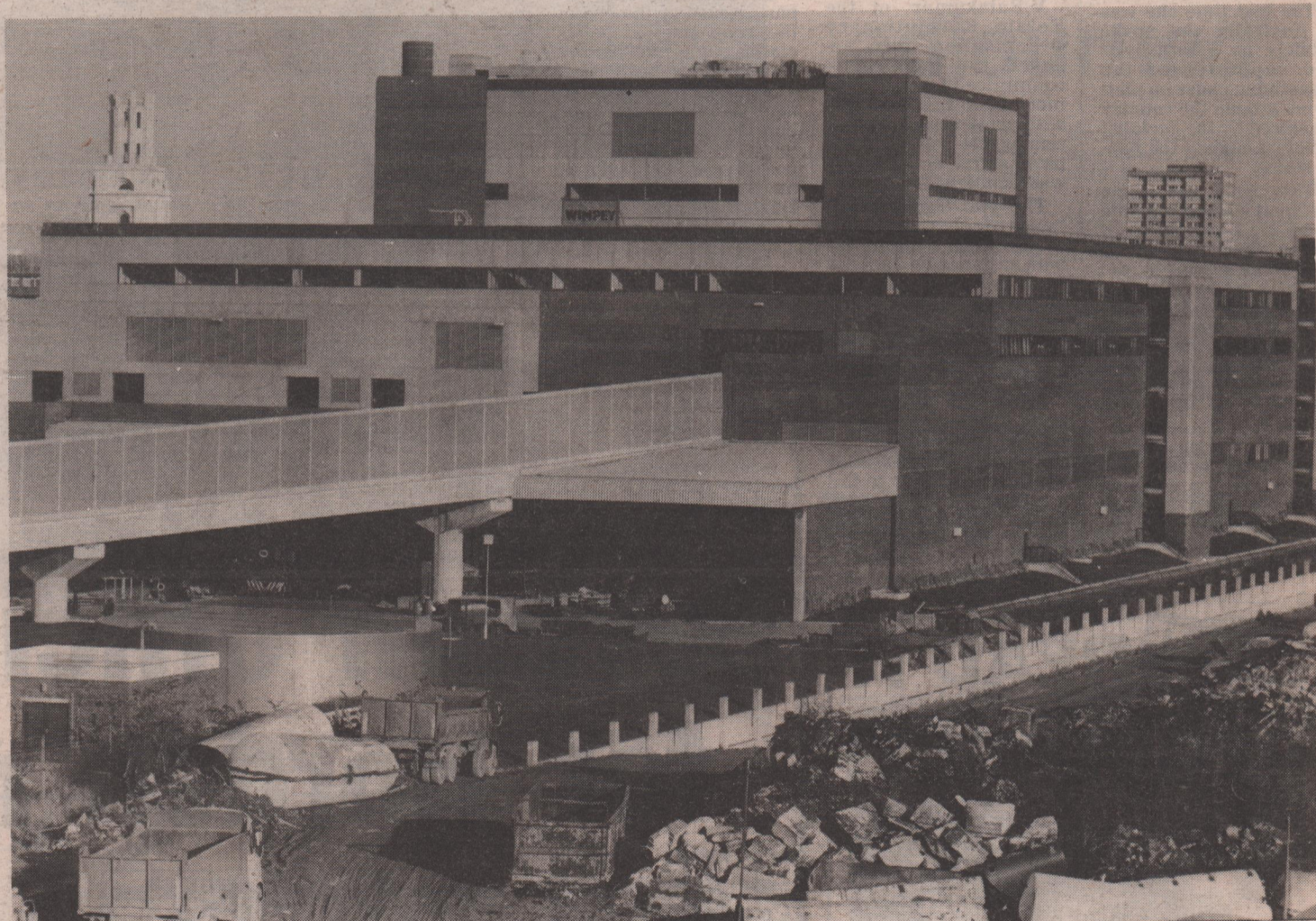
On Thursday TUC general secretary Norman Willis called a meeting of all print unions and the EETPU at Congress House. This followed a formal complaint by Dean.

In her letter to Willis, Dean said: 'Clearly this is a very serious development, and I would be obliged for your immediate intervention to prevent this breach of the TUC constitution.'

Print

With an all-out strike of News International workers on the 'Sunday Times', 'The Times', 'The Sun' and the 'News Of The World' imminent, TUC general secretary called in the print union officials and Hammond.

But neither Willis or other trade unionists could get Hammond to stop the extra supplement being printed and he left Thursday's meeting first saying that there was 'not much we can do' about his members printing this weekend. 'It is very doubtful we could stop the



The new printworks in Wapping where Murdoch plans to operate a single-union no-strike agreement with the EETPU

printing without putting the union legally in jeopardy.'

When asked again if he was prepared to approach his members at Wapping, he added: 'I say that this is a matter which could well get us into difficulties, we are advised by our lawyers. So we have no immediate plans to make that approach.'

It would appear Hammond's 'no-strike' agreement with Murdoch may very well prevent him from even approaching his members before they begin printing at Wapping today.

Sogat'82 members will meet at The Sunday Times early this afternoon before they are due to report for work at

Gray's Inn Road. If printing is begun at Wapping — which seems very likely — then the mood of the Sogat'82 men at last Monday's meeting suggests that may very well strike immediately.

As Workers Press went to print last night the result of an NGA ballot of their 1,500 members on the four News International titles was still not to hand. But general secretary Tony Dubbins was confident that the union would be given a mandate from its members to call strike action.

On Tuesday Sogat'82 will announce the result of its ballot of its 4,500 News International members with Dean also confident that they would vote for strike action.

Ford strike vote

FORD workers have voted two-to-one for industrial action over a proposed pay and productivity deal, it was announced yesterday. Voting was 20,578 to 9,100 with not one of the 12 unions involved accepting the company's 'final' offer.

Later, however, it was revealed that union leaders had averted moves to fix a date for strike action and agreed to meet company officials again early next week in a final attempt to try and come to some agreement.

'If we conclude the company is not serious about negotiating we shall embark on industrial action,' said Mick Murphy, the union's chief negotiator.

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We are very appreciative of the feelings expressed by activists in

the labour and trade union movement on the winding-up of Astmoor Litho Ltd (printer of the News Line, forerunner of Workers Press) as a result of court actions by Vanessa Redgrave Enterprises Limited, supported by members of the Healy, Torrance, Mitchell rump, who were expelled by the

Workers Revolutionary Party.

The court cases keep rolling in. This must be unprecedented in the history of the labour and trade union movement. When we are able to make a full report, we will certainly do so (but in the meantime please keep — the donations coming in.

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**Rump
leader's
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FORMER Workers Revolutionary Party central committee member Vanessa Redgrave, made a flying visit to Australia at the beginning of this year to film a television show without making a single public appearance or statement.

Redgrave, expelled from the WRP last October for her support of G. Healy's sexual and physical abuse, and slander, of party members, is presently involved in several court cases against our party.

'Workers News', the twice-weekly paper of the Socialist Labour League, Australian section of the International Committee of the Fourth International, recalls in its issue of January 11, 1986, a previous visit by Redgrave to Australia.

'The last time she was in Australia she spoke publicly as a Trotskyist and supporter of the Palestinian cause on platforms around the country organised by the Socialist Labour League,' the paper stated.

'This time she came and went without a public word and without, of course, answering a single question about why she supports Healy who has been expelled from the WRP and International Committee of the Fourth International for sexual and physical attacks on members of the movement.'

As the Workers News correctly points out: 'Her silence speaks volumes about the class position she has taken with her legal actions against the WRP on behalf of Healy.'

TAMILS FIGHT ON AFTER ARMY KILLINGS

TAMIL guerrillas fighting the Sri Lankan government have ended their cease-fire agreement. They blame continued killings and atrocities by government troops, and say they will take 'defensive action' to protect their people from these attacks

A spokesman for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, V. Thilakar, said the ceasefire agreement had ceased to exist as far as his organisation was concerned, after violations by Sri Lankan security forces.

Steps would be taken to protect the lives and property of the island's Tamils.

Speaking to reporters in Madras, South India, where Tamil exiles have set up base, Thilakar said resignation of Tamil members from the official ceasefire monitoring panel had exposed its ineffectiveness and partisanship

V. Balakumar, of the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation, also accused the monitoring committee of pro-government bias and said that with army atrocities continuing the truce had expired so far as his group was concerned.

The two Tamil members of the ceasefire monitoring committee both resigned on January 10, in protest at what they called the 'killing, mass arrests and displacements of innocent civilians' in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

Among the many incidents officially recorded by the Committee for Monitoring the Cessation of Hostilities prior to this was the three-day rampage by government troops in the town of Batticaloa, on November 13, 14 and 15 last year.

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

After five police officers were injured by a land-mine, government forces broke into homes in the vicinity, assaulting and arresting local people, and killed others in what they later claimed was a 'shoot-out with terrorists'.

The committee's report, issued at the end of the year, queried police claims that nine bodies said to have been recovered from scrubland near the landmine site, had really been killed in 'crossfire'. It noted that a post-mortem showed four had been killed with a single bullet each.

'In the light of the evidence of a Police Sergeant that there was crossfire for about five minutes, it seems to the committee that it was extremely improbable that no less than four of the nine persons had each been hit by a single bullet which went through the heart.'

It also expressed doubt whether the victims had really been on the scrub land at the time of the



Young guerrilla fighters involved in the struggle for an independent Tamil Eelam

blast or immediately after.

'If there had been crossfire between persons on the scrub land and security personnel on the road, it is significant that though there were nine killed outright, no injured survivors were found on the scrub land.'

'Nor were there any casualties among the Security personnel as a result of crossfire. Nor

was there any damage by bullets on the two Police vehicles from where the Police directed fire at the scrubland.'

Witnesses had told the committee of troops firing into homes and paddy-fields, and one man who had been working nearby told of seeing five people being marched along the road, hands raised, by government commandos. He heard gunshots, and saw the

five falling on the road.

Earlier, a representative of the Greater Kallady area Citizens Committee had protested about government attacks in his area in November, when helicopters opened fire at random on people in their fields and villages, while troops carried out search operations.

He accused the media of carrying false reports, labelling young school-

boys as hard-core terrorists, to cover and encourage the troops actions. He said parents were being made to sign declarations that their dead sons were 'terrorists' before the police would release the bodies.

In its report, the ceasefire committee 'evenhandedly' blamed both government troops and 'terrorists' for the renewed violence.

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Durham officials hope for Horden reprieve

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

MINERS' LODGE officials in Horden, County Durham, are hopeful that their pit will win a reprieve from the independent review procedure.

The case put forward by the NUM was as strong as it could be, and Lodge officials felt that the independent assessor, Stewart Shields QC, was impressed by the arguments.

The first hearing under the new independent review procedure took place last week at NCB headquarters, Hobart House in London. It took three days to hear the evidence, and a decision on the future of Horden is expected in two to four weeks.

Shields first heard evidence from NCB witnesses, who included North East area director David Archibald and production manager Harry Burne. They presented evidence that the pit has lost £64m since 1975 and that vital coking coal markets had disappeared.

The case for the union was presented by NUM president Arthur Scargill. He raised the bad management of the pit over the last six years, and said that its present lack of reserves was due to a series of boundary changes to the colliery's 'take'.

These changes had been made unilaterally by management without consultation with the unions.

Scargill went on to argue that there was a

viable life for the pit of two to four years, while the remaining 2.2 million tonnes was extracted.

The case put forward by the NUM was based on 'Mismanaging Horden Report', produced by Durham University's Work and Employment Unit.

The co-ordinator of the report, Huw Benyon, gave evidence supporting the charge of mismanagement. Even in cross-examination this claim was not challenged by the NCB.

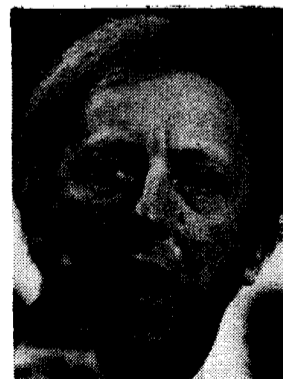
It would cost the board and state £35m to close the pit over the next four years, whereas it would cost only £16m to keep it open at the present rate of loss, said Benyon, who is a Reader in sociology at the University.

He went on to emphasise the devastating effect on employment that closure of Horden would have in the Easington area.

There was further evidence given on behalf of the union by Dr Eric Wade, who told the inquiry about Horden's geology and the social costs of closure.

Horden Mechanics Secretary Derek Gray confirmed many of the management errors outlined in the report, whilst NUM mining engineer Alan Bulmer said that there were enough reserves left in the pit to ensure continued life.

NACODS, the pit deputies union, added to the case by calling on their firm of Newcastle accountants who had compiled a detailed costing of the pit's performance.



ARTHUR SCARGILL

Durham Miners' General Secretary, Dave Hopper, said: 'The case we put forward could not have been better. We are hoping that the assessor will come to the right decision, and is convinced by the correctness of our argument. I feel confident that he has taken account of the social costs of closing the pit.'

Pickets at Speke depot

TRANSPORT Union lorry drivers have been picketing outside Tritan, a haulage and distribution company in Speke, Liverpool for over a week over the company's attempt to force them out of work.

Tommy Kennedy, spokesman for the men said: 'The company started talks with us two months ago about buying the vehicles we drive, they said they couldn't afford to pay for them.'

Global meeting of GM stewards

GENERAL MOTORS shop stewards from around the world are to hold a unique conference in Liverpool in March.

Over 650,000 workers are employed by General Motors throughout the world.

The conference has been called by representatives of unions in General Motors' factories in Britain, which include Vauxhall Motors at Luton and at Ellesmere Port.

The Liverpool Trades Council has circulated all delegates with a letter from W. Wainwright, AUEW convener of AC Spark Plugs at Kirkby, a factory in the General Motors combine.

The letter asks for finance to assist with the organisation of the conference and to help with 'fares for delegates from some of the poorer countries such as Brazil, South Africa, Venezuela, the Philippines and Korea'.

'The idea of the conference,' says the letter 'is to try to promote international trade union co-operation in view of the global strategy being adopted by multi-nationals such as General Motors.'

'This is a rate-free zone until 1991, and this company has been able to undercut other firms in the city because of this.'

'The real motive behind their moves, is to eliminate all expenses for drivers, maintenance of vehicles, tax, services etc. So they began to press us to buy the lorries we drive.'

'They are offering the lorries to the unemployed drivers who are willing to take the chance of buying them, but they will carry the company name on them as if they belong to the company.'

'We've had a good response to the picket especially from the drivers in Liverpool. The local dockers in Garston are supporting us. We'd especially like to thank Silcock and Collings, and all other unions who have supported us.'

Police smash into factory occupation

POLICE smashed their way into a factory occupation at Contracts in South Shields, on Thursday night, to remove women and young girls who had, only one hour earlier, seized and secured the factory in an attempt to step up their struggle for trade union recognition.

Irene Pringle (strike

committee), told Workers Press: 'When they started with crow-bars on the doors I shouted we are only women and girls in here it is a peaceful occupation.'

'When they couldn't get in with crow-bars the scab driver who injured one of our girls, young Lisa, by driving the van into the picket line earlier in the strike, smashed the window and the police piled in with the management.'

'We then retreated to the factory canteen and barricaded the doors. The

police kicked the doors in and told us we would have to leave or be arrested. We decided because of the young girls involved and the risk of injury to leave the premises.'

Local miners who were told of the occupation at their meeting that evening of the Durham Mechanics Westoe Lodge, rushed down to the picket line gathering outside of the factory and saw the police smash their way in. Loud shouts of protest were heard as the forced entry began.

Janye Kingsland (shop steward NUTGW), told our reporter: 'The police

told us we could get ten years jail for this and they later quoted the trade union act of 1974 on picketing and strikes and said we were not allowed to unlawfully enter premises.'

'He said a window had been broken and therefore a forceful entry had been made but we said we did not do it we only walked through the doors and occupied the factory and it was an industrial dispute.'

While the occupation by the 12 women was in progress, shop steward Billy Edwards met the police outside the factory as

they arrived. He informed them that it was an industrial dispute.

'The police then threatened me with ten-years for conspiracy and being involved,' he said. The whole episode was witnessed by local trade unionists and council officials who had been rushed down once the news got out about the occupation.

The Contracts strikers are to raise this whole issue before the trade union movement on Tyne-side at their public meeting next Wednesday at the Armstrong Hall.



Members of the Association of University Teachers picketing Strathclyde University during their one-day strike last week

O'Shea trial adjourned

THE TRIAL of two men and a woman for an alleged bomb plot was adjourned yesterday after one of the defendants was taken ill.

The judge, Justice Mann, told the jury at Manchester Crown Court that William Grimes, 43, of Cherryfield Road, Dublin, was 'indisposed' and

that the trial, in its third day, would be adjourned until Monday.

Grimes, unemployed, together with seaman Patrick Brazil, 34, of Belcamp Avenue, Dublin, and retired consultant psychiatrist Maire O'Shea, 66, of Solihull Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, deny conspiring to cause an explosion likely to endanger life.

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WHY DR HOWELLS WAS HORRIFIED

RADIO announcers could scarcely conceal their glee as they urged us to tune into the December 19 'Profile' programme on Radio 4 to hear none other than 'Kim Howells, Welsh NUM official, the former Communist who did not like what he saw when the proletariat rushed into action'. Another Jimmy Reid? How satisfying.

The establishment will not have been disappointed to hear that Howells, research officer of South Wales NUM, former student protest leader of the 1960s, former member of the CPGB, is now firmly entrenched in Kinnock's camp.

Whilst this path is not unknown in the British Labour movement the spread of degeneration is truly amazing. Howell's only virtue being that in his love affair with the media he blurts out the truly reactionary nature of his philosophy.

His story began in the 1960s as a student with an idealist concept of what the working class should be like. In his words, miners had a 'sensitive and creative culture'. But when they emerge in struggle 'singing the songs of the football terraces' they 'cheapen the issues', the sensitive and creative culture is gone and the vacuum filled with a degenerate form of culture'. The great doctor is horrified.

Yes, the sight of the wasted energy on the terraces being turned against the government and the state in a political movement strikes fear into the heart of all who are concerned for the future of capitalism.

No doubt keen to impress Kinnock of his witch-hunting ability, Howells informs us:

'The trouble with the strike was that the agenda was set by the ultra-left and too many of our national leaders listened to them. I have had experience of these people in the 1960s and they are prepared to fight to the

review by
DAVE TEMPLE

last drop of someone else's blood'. The Sun could not have put it better.

'The last drop of someone else's blood' is a phrase that many miners will find ironic coming from Howells, particularly those who heard the following argument coming from his camp in November 1984, the logic of the argument was as follows:

Prior to the strike South Wales had many small loss-making pits. The NCB never closed these pits because they were frightened by the solidarity of the Welsh NUM. If we go back to work before the Welsh NUM crumbles as is beginning to happen in other coalfields the NCB will still be frightened of the Welsh miners, will keep our pits open and close them in the weaker areas.

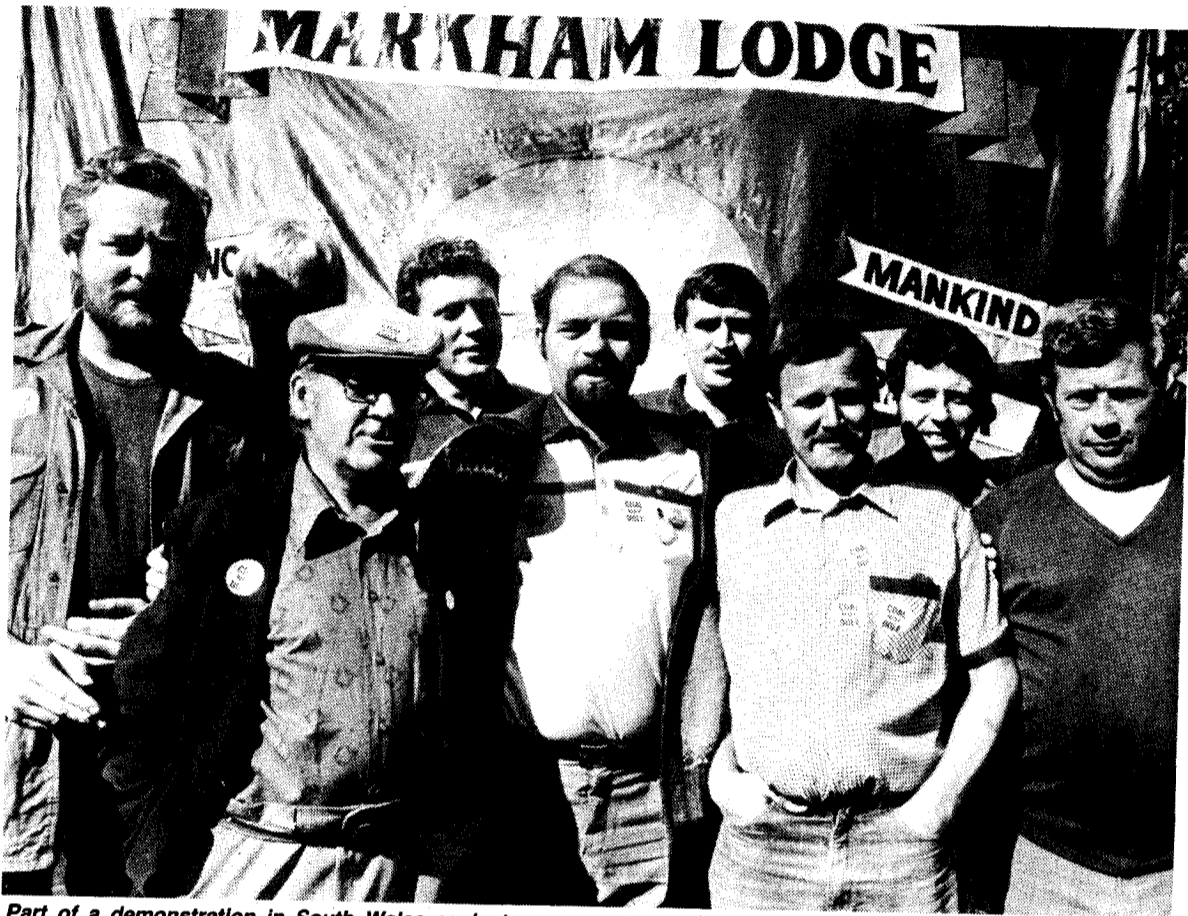
No doubt this was why, as Howells says, 'By Christmas the South Wales executive had taken the decision to argue for a return to work without an agreement. This was strongly opposed by many Welsh miners.'

Howell's role was to orchestrate a campaign in the media which undermined the resolve to 'stick it out' in the other areas and materially aided the NCB's back to

work campaign. The media campaign ended with the entire CP leadership of the Mardy Lodge appearing with the lodge banner and all on BBC's 'Newsnight' the night before the last delegate conference of the strike.

Although condemned by many South Wales lodges, the judge in lifting the sequestration order on the South Wales NUM certainly had no doubt about the role Howells and his officials had played: 'An apology would be a hollow gesture, what we have to recognise is the role the South Wales NUM played in leading the strike'.

What of the NCB fear of the Welsh solidarity? All sacked men were reinstated and 12 pits closed.



Part of a demonstration in South Wales against sequestration of NUM funds during the strike

The case of Dr Savage

BY SARAH HANNIGAN

'DOCTOR ON TRIAL'
LWT 10.30pm, Jan. 10

EARLY next month a leading London obstetrician who has campaigned for a woman-centred

approach to childbirth faces a inquiry into allegations of clinical incompetence.

The case of Mrs Wendy Savage, a consultant at the London hospital in Tower Hamlets, has given rise to sharp conflict.

While her former colleagues have been part of the campaign against her, she has received unprecedented support from local mothers and general practitioners.

Thousands marched to demand her reinstatement after her suspension last April and to protest at the threatened closure of the local Mile End unit where she worked.

Last weekend LWT's London Programme revealed some of the issues behind the moves to remove Mrs Savage from the staff of the London Hospital.

The special inquiry in three weeks which will decide her fate is allegedly about five cases of clinical incompetence.

Yet in only one of the cases has there been any complaint from the family involved. In others, the mothers are supporting the campaign to have Mrs Savage reinstated!

Professor Ron Taylor of St Thomas's Hospital in Lambeth, himself a pioneer in the field of shared obstetric care, is

quite clear what the inquiry is about.

'I don't think there is any question of professional incompetence,' he told LWT reporter Laurie Taylor. It was, he said, 'a difference of opinion, a philosophical question about the management of obstetric cases.'

His opinion is borne out by reports that Mrs Savage was due to be made a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians, one of the highest honours in her profession, in the week when she was notified of her suspension by the Tower Hamlets Health Authority.

Central

Jo Richardson, MP for Barking and Labour Party spokesperson on women's affairs, says the Savage case 'has become a very central one'.

In fact, some health workers see it as a test case with one side supporting the maternity services mothers want and the other a high technology approach favoured by hospital consultants with careers and prestige at stake.

There is another issue not raised by the LWT programme — the use of NHS paid time by consultants who are seeing private patients for high fees. When balance

sheets are drawn, any portion of these fees that finds its way into the NHS is minimal.

Many mothers, GPs and midwives are concerned that too many babies are being born by Caesarian section. They regard this as a negative aspect of the interventionist 'high-tech' approach favoured by many hospital consultants under the guise of safety.

It may be more convenient and quicker for the obstetricians, but not for mothers who then have to spend ten days in hospital recovering from the trauma of an operation, an additional complication to looking after a new baby.

So far there is no overwhelming medical evidence confirming that this approach is safer. In one case highlighted in the programme, a young mother suffered brain damage during the operation and will now have to be cared for as long as she lives.

Mrs Savage has supported an obstetric philosophy based on the best possible antenatal care for mothers, minimum intervention in childbirth, provided there are no complications that require urgent attention, and a commitment to listening to the parents' requests.

This has led to a form of treatment known as shared care, where GPs and obstetricians collaborate in providing antenatal services that are aimed at achieving high rates of maternal compliance in monitoring health.

Early blood tests and checks are an important part of ensuring the health of mothers and babies and in pinpointing women at risk of giving birth to a handicapped or sick child.

For women in poor inner-city areas, who already have to cope with bad housing, lack of money for proper diet and who have other children to look after, this sort of service is vital.

Anxiety

One of the causes of anxiety in Tower Hamlets over the district strategy to centralise its obstetric services at the London Hospital is the fear that infant mortality rates could well rise.

Whatever the outcome of the special inquiry into the allegations against Mrs Savage, it is not her alone who is under attack.

Her case is part of the political fight for the right to proper health care for all — a right that the Tory government and its servants daily seek to strip away from the present generation of workers, and from future generations also.

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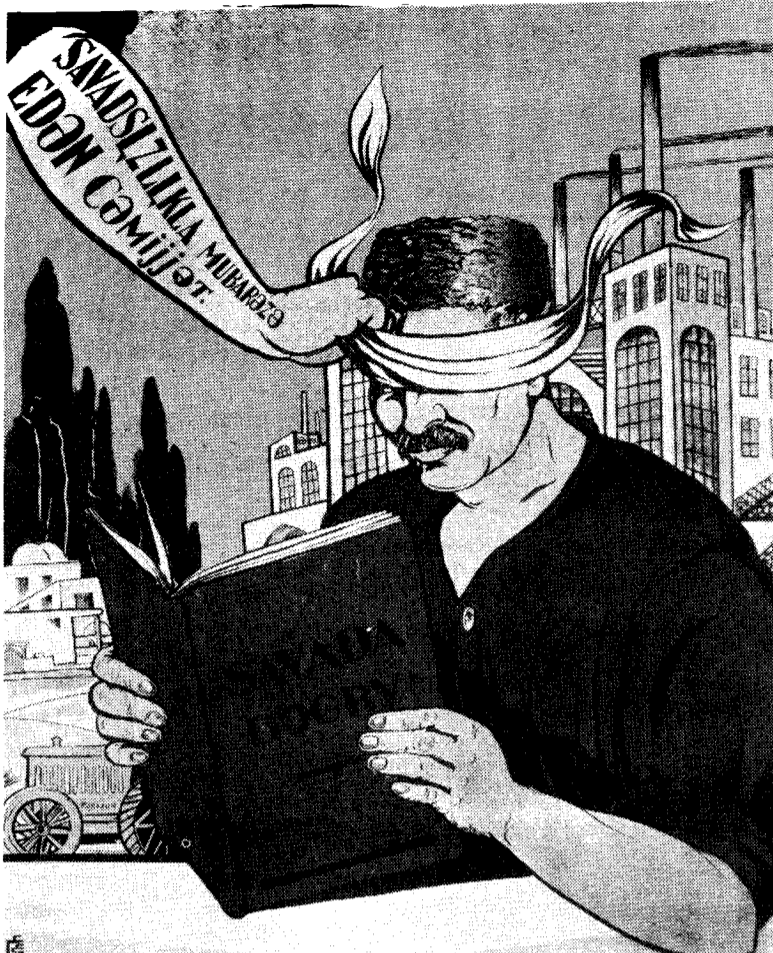
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Revolution of the slaves

History of Negro Revolt. By C.L.R. James. Race Today Publications, £3.50.

NEARLY 50 years ago, C.L.R. James published two books which remain powerful and inspiring statements about the struggles of black people, in which they are not 'constantly being the object of other peoples' exploitation and ferocity' but take action themselves in the fight for freedom.

'The Black Jacobins' is his best-known work, dealing with the only successful black revolt in history, the seizure of San Domingo (Haiti) by former slaves under the leadership of Toussaint L'Ouverture.

'Race Today' has just republished 'The History of Negro Revolt', which starts from that historical landmark, 1789, and concisely outlines subsequent struggles.

James sets out to explain the conditions under which that successful revolt took place.

'First the blacks fought magnificently and glowing tributes have been paid to them by their opponents.

'But many had fought well before and have fought well since. They were fortunate in that

they had time to organise themselves as soldiers. And this was due to the fact that they not only received inspiration from the revolution in France, but between 1794 and 1797 had active support from revolutionary France.

'Such supplies and reinforcements as did actually arrive were comparatively small, but were directed towards assisting and not retarding the slave revolution. This was the decisive factor.

'The international situation also helped them. But the conflict between Britain and France, and then between France on the one hand and Spain on the other was also a result of the revolution.'

Crushed

James pays tribute to the skilful manoeuvres of the blacks, and particularly those of their leader Toussaint, who played off one imperialist power against another when revolutionary France, crushed, was no longer able to assist him.

But he also describes the material conditions within which the revolt took place. The real wealth of San Domingo, like the other Caribbean islands, was the labour and skill of the slaves themselves.

While the rich whites, the poor whites and the mulattoes fought amongst themselves, interpreting the slogans of the French revolution in their own interests, the slaves were plunged into a revolution for which their circumstances prepared them.



TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE

'The slaves worked on the land, and, like revolutionary peasants everywhere — and living together in gangs of hundreds on the huge sugar-factories which covered the North Plain, they were closer to a modern proletariat than any group of workers in existence at that time, and the rising was, therefore, a thoroughly prepared and organised mass movement.'

In subsequent chapters, James writes about slave revolts in America. Leaders like Nat Turner come to life in his writing. He shows that the real significance of Turner's revolt was that it raised for the first time the unity of blacks and poor whites.

Blacks fought with courage and confidence in the civil war. But the American blacks failed to seize the land, James argues, because the northern bourgeoisie successfully split the southern blacks from the majority of poor whites.

What is most powerfully expressed in the writing of C.L.R. James is the enormous resistance of the slaves.

'Slavery degrades,' he writes, 'but under the shock of great events like a revolution, slaves of centuries seem able to conduct themselves with the bravery and discipline of men who have been free a thousand years.'

What James achieves in his writing is both an inspiration to all oppressed people, and a model of popular historical writing.

He first published this book in 1938, but he added a chapter in 1969. This postscript is full of enthusiasm for the co-operative experiment and anti-imperialist rhetoric of Nyerere's Tanzania.

While the best sections of the book makes clear that the question of revolution is an international one, this chapter leaves open the possibility of a socialist society in Africa somehow separate from world revolution.

Links

It would be misleading to overstate this criticism, for generally the book not only recognises the connections historically as each oppressed people owes debts to earlier struggles, but actively takes part in the building of those links.

It is also crucial that James writes not simply about and for the black people of the world, but for all oppressed people. He shows how the particular sufferings of blacks actually placed them in the forefront of previous revolutions, like San Domingo, and indeed in the formation of the United States, and of course in the revolutions of today.

He does this without losing sight of the primary importance of class rather than race. For example, he shows how the emergence of a black middle class in Trinidad, who increasingly sided

with the white rulers, clarified for the majority of the poor blacks in the trade unions even in the 1920s that they had common interests with other workers, whatever their racial origin.

There is a chapter on the largest black movement ever, that led by Marcus Garvey in America in the 1920s. His 'Back to Africa' demand, says James, was 'pitiable rubbish.'

But he says this not to belittle the movement, which grew out of unbearable conditions of racial discrimination and prejudice, in which desper-

ate men heard their own thoughts, not what the orator was saying.

The positive and progressive side of Garveyism for James was that it 'showed the fires that smouldered in the Negro world, in America as in Africa' and created a proud feeling of international solidarity.

James ends the book absolutely clear on the prognosis for South Africa: 'History in general, and the particulars of this history, indicate a violent end to this regime sooner or later, and sooner rather than later.'

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BOOKS

Workers Press COMMENT

Iron Lady shows signs of rust

AS THE WESTLAND crisis continues unabated, the Tory Cabinet is in a state of disarray.

To the amazement of those who thought that Thatcher was all-powerful, her government is rocking after the resignation of Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine. Trade secretary Leon Brittan may have to go, after his grovelling apology to the House of Commons.

Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo had accused him of lying about their meeting to discuss the future of Westland.

Heseltine, former darling of Tory Party conferences, has been on television every night this week claiming Thatcher has deliberately falsified Cabinet minutes and exerted improper pressure on the British Aerospace Board.

The government is able to cling onto office because of one thing: the inability and refusal of the Labour and trade union leaders to mobilise the strength of the working class and strong middle class opposition against the government.

The latest events have revealed the deep weaknesses of the Thatcher regime. They have also exposed the theoretical bankruptcy of the renegade Healy group. In their bogus 'News Line' of Wednesday, January 15 an editorial 'Smash the Tory regime' makes a ludicrous attempt to force these events into the bizarre political line which Healy has peddled for several years.

This claimed that since 1977 we have been living in a revolutionary situation and for most of this period under a Bonapartist regime.

The nature of this Bonapartism was never defined. Nor was the meaning of the concept 'revolutionary situation' ever explained.

The latest effort from editor Alex Mitchell repeats these same shrill notes.

First Mitchell picks at random a few points from the City pages to demonstrate to his readers that the economic crisis has once again reached its final stage. Last month it was tin prices. Now Mitchell cites for his latest 'evidence' the fall in the price of North Sea oil and the rise in interest rates.

On another occasion, we shall be told that a rise in the price of oil and a fall in interest rates are also symptoms of the 'final crisis'.

He then strikes a massive blow at the Tories by calling them 'dimwits' and 'snivelling gits'.

Having once more told us that we are living under a Bonapartist regime Mitchell is now able to analyse Heseltine's resignation in the following terms:

'He is a rodent leaving a sinking ship. As head of the Ministry of Defence he has access to the reports of the service chiefs, MI6 and Military Intelligence. He has taken a look into the next stage of Thatcher's regime and decided that it is time to quit in order to further his own Bonapartist political ambitions.'

This is infantile babbling. We now have a unique political situation in Britain: we have not one Bonaparte but two, and presumably should Brittan resign we shall have three!

Behind all the left-sounding rhetoric about the 'undefeated strength of the working class' lies a profound belief in the omnipotence of Thatcherism which goes hand in hand with a fear of the ability of the independent movement of the working class to defeat her.

In using the word 'Bonapartism' Marxists draw an analogy with the history of the French nineteenth century bourgeois state. In his 'Origin of the Family', Engels says:

'By way of exception, however, periods occur in which the warring classes balance each other so nearly that the state power, as ostensible mediator, acquires, for the moment, a certain degree of independence of both.'

When Marxists have used the word, they have had in mind a dictatorial form of state, based on the military, police and state bureaucracy ruling by decree and sometimes in opposition to the ruling class itself.

We have expelled Healy, Mitchell and company and broken with their reactionary conception of the political situation. 'Workers Press' believes that this is NOT a Bonapartist regime and the events of the last week richly confirm this. Far from being all powerful, the Tory government is at its weakest, and will be smashed by the working class and its middle-class allies.

Chris Corrigan reports

'SINN FEIN HA

PEOPLE'S PARTY'

Says councillor Lily Fitzsimmonds

LILY FITZSIMMONS, a Sinn Fein councillor in Belfast, insists Sinn Fein is a real 'People's Party'. In an interview with Workers Press at her home in the Turf Lodge area of the city this week, Lily explained how this came about, the crucial role of the hunger strike in 1981 and how she herself became involved. . .

'I HAD BEEN involved from the beginning of the present campaign — from the introduction of internment in 1971, right through to the blanket protests in 1976, and through to the hunger strike in 1981.

It was at the end of the hunger strike that I joined Sinn Fein. I'd not been in any political party before.

The hunger strike was an extremely emotional time. People, nationalist people, who had not until then become involved, became very emotional and very concerned. This is when Sinn Fein really expanded.

There had always been the hard core of Republicans, but many people had sat on the sidelines. With the hunger strike, they realised what was happening.

If you think of one man dying on hunger strike

you can imagine the effect of ten men dying on hunger strike.

People were really horrified. They couldn't believe it, that the British government, who had the power to stop it, allowed it to go on — and one after another they died. It was just horrifying.

People became more politicised. They realised the political implications. It had not been a case of impossible demands — but five basic rights.

It was seen as the British government versus the hunger strikers; as the British government refusing to give into five reasonable demands, not privileges but rights, to be treated with dignity and with humanity.

One was the right to wear their own clothes, to have free association with one another, to be able to write as many let-

ters as they wanted, because they were only being allowed one letter a month and one visit a month. Another demand was the right to facilities for education and not to have to do useless prison work.

They were not asking for anything out of the ordinary, but the rights due to any human being. Myself, I believe the biggest denial of rights was to be locked up.

After joining Sinn Fein in 1981, the obvious position for me was to work in the areas, and right away I started doing advice work. Although I'd not been in any party before, I'd sat on different committees.

First of all, I worked from Sevastopol Street off the Falls Road. People came in with problems, particularly housing problems.

It was developing all the time, and people were coming in with other problems to do with unemployment and social security. In fact, any problem to do with day-to-day living. We dealt with them all and we didn't turn away anyone.

Together with another Sinn Fein councillor, Sean Keenan, we represent Springhill, Ballymurphy, Whiterock, New Barnsley, Moyard, Dermot Hill and Turf Lodge. In this area, four out of every five men are out of work.

This, of course, is not new. The nationalist areas had been suffering for a long time. Even when there were more jobs than there are now, the loyalist areas got the bulk of them, because the unionist politicians dominated the six counties.

Sinn Fein is very much a People's Party. Up until Sinn Fein went into the political field, the nationalist people were never properly represented. Fifty per cent of the people voting now, didn't vote at all until Sinn Fein entered the political arena.

Councillor Lily Fitzsimmons, Sinn

I would say in fact that the people feeling unemployment worst now are the loyalist people, because the nationalist people have already suffered.

Now, the people feel, through the election of Sinn Fein councillors, they have someone to represent them. Before that, people were used to being treated as second class citizens because we came from the Falls Road.

People are up off their knees now.

Sinn Fein has become firmly established as a credible party. This year we have opened another advice centre in this area. In West Belfast we now have five permanent advice centres. No other party has anything like this. This is how successful Sinn Fein has become.

£100,000 bribe for informer

THE RUC offered a man £100,000 to turn supergrass against Sinn Fein leader Martin McGuinness.

The Sinn Fein assembly man said in a statement from his home town of Derry this week: 'Only a fortnight ago, a Sinn Fein worker from Derry was offered £100,000 to link my name to incidents suggested to him by the Special Branch in Castlereagh.'

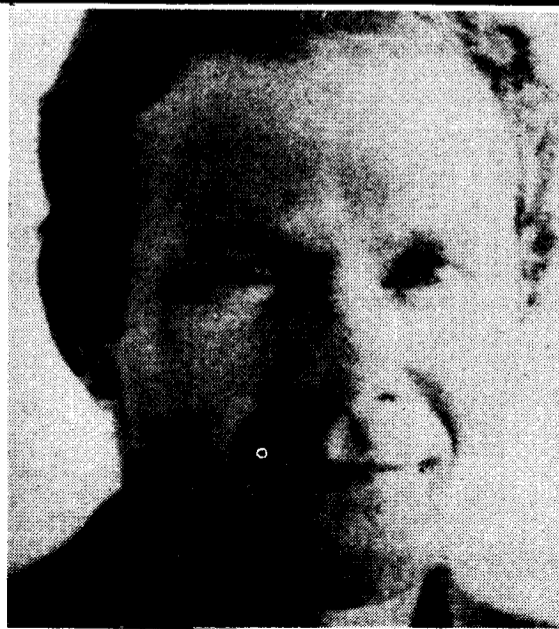
'So much for reform within the RUC. It is a fact of life in the six counties that the RUC has used any

talk of internal reform or restructuring to increase its efficiency.

'RUC reform has led inevitably to increased sophistication, more technology, and more powers of arrest and intelligence.'

McGuinness said that demands by the SDLP and the Dublin government for the scrapping of the informer system had cut no ice with the RUC.

No amount of reform could change the status of the police as defenders of the British presence in Ireland.

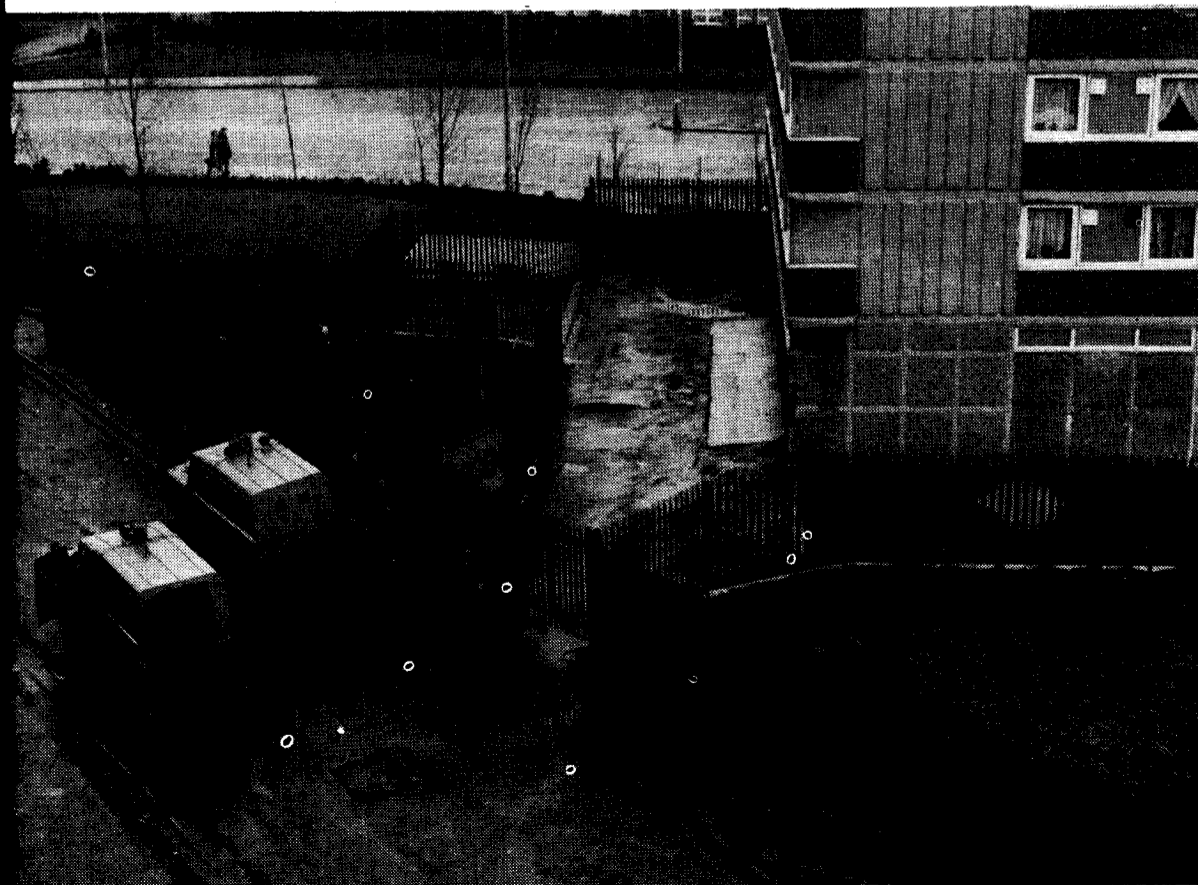


MARTIN MCGUINNESS

on the north of Ireland election S BECOME A A guide to the Falls — by Gerry Adams



representative, at her home in Belfast last week



oured cars outside the Divis Flats estate during a police raid last week

REVIEWED
BY JIM BURNS

'FALLS MEMORIES', by Gerry Adams; Published by Brandon Book Publishers Ltd., Dingle, Co Kerry.

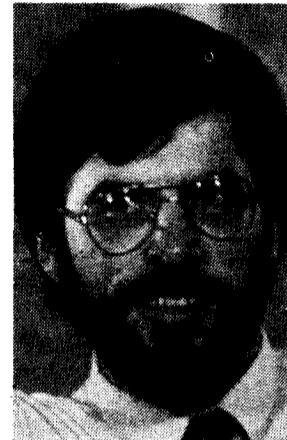
GO OUT and buy this most enjoyable book and take a wee dander through the streets of West Belfast in the very knowledgeable company of Gerry Adams.

He opens by establishing the fact that although early history of the north eastern counties is largely unrecorded, there still remains some physical evidence that the Belfast area and the counties of Antrim and Down were inhabited by early man (and woman of course) for many centuries BC.

Start

For example, in many parts of Ireland neolithic graves, dating from 3700 to 2000 BC like the fascinating New Grange in Co Meath, serve as markers to the ingenuity and skills of this earlier civilisation.

Among other things, the author recalls the many happenings, some



GERRY ADAMS

the context of Belfast, the women mill workers in particular. He wrote in 'The Reconquest of Ireland', 1915:

'In these industrial parts of the North of Ireland the yoke of capitalism lies heavily upon the backs of the people . . . In this part of Ireland the child is old before it knows what it is to be young . . . In their wisdom our lords and masters often leave full grown men unemployed but they can always find use for the bodies and limbs of our children . . .'

Expression

Homage is paid — and quite rightly so — to the Belfast Presbyterians who formed the United Irishmen and fought alongside their neighbours in the 1798 Rebellion for national independence and political democracy.

That fact so frightened the landed gentry that one Hugh Boulter, Lord Chief Justice, warned the London government in the eighteenth century, that such a union would mean 'farewell to English influence in this country'.

How well the ruling class have learned that lesson. British workers — take note.

very amusing and others less so, though all of course, character-forming (perhaps those less politically able than he should study the recipe).

Those lighter moments were attributed to the local Falls 'characters'. For example, in childhood days 'Patsy with the glass eye' would be taunted to 'say a prayer for our mothers' and as a result of this request was held in some awe by the author when not only did his ailing mother recover — but also produced a baby!

The great Scot James Connolly is remembered for his tireless efforts on behalf of industrial workers everywhere, but in

RELEASE THE JAILED MINERS

NORTHUMBERLAND

WILLIAM SMITH: Whittle — 2½-year sentence from February 1985. E44975, Durham Jail, Old Elvet, Durham DH13HU.

DURHAM

JOHN MATTERSON: Murton — Two years and three months youth custody from December 1985.

JOHN HEMINGWAY: Murton — One year and three months from December 1985.

JOHN ROBSON: Murton — One year and three months from December 1985.

ROBERT HOWE, 22, miner, affray, attempted not guilty (judge refused to allow change of plea), 21 months

ANTHONY RUTHERFORD, 24, miner, affray attempted not guilty, 18 months

JOHN ROBINSON, 21, affray, attempted not guilty, 18 months jail

GARY BLACKMORE, 19, charge affray, attempted not guilty, 2 years youth custody

ANTHONY HOWE, 19, affray, attempted not guilty, two years youth custody

WILLIAM BELL, 20, affray, attempted not guilty, 18 months youth custody

YORKSHIRE

MARTIN HODGSON: Wakefield — Three-year sentence from November 1985. Armley Jail, Leeds.

NIGEL HODGSON: Wakefield — Three-year sentence from November 1985. Armley Jail, Leeds.

PAUL WRIGHT: Saville — 18-month sentence. G76424 Kirkham Jail, Freckleton road, Preston Lancs.

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

Not miners but sentenced in connection with the miners strike:

DAVID TEASDALE: Student — Nine-month sentence from April 1985. HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks LS22 5ED

N. DERBYSHIRE

PAUL BROTHWELL: 12-month sentence.

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

KENT

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

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

SOUTH WALES

DEAN HANCOCK: Oakdale — Eight-year sentence. Gartree maximum security prison, nr Market Harborough, Leicesters.

RUSSELL SHANKLAND: Taff Merthyr — Eight-year sentence. Gartree maximum security prison, Leicesters.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Healyism and 'single issues'

PHIL PENN in Workers Press for Saturday January 11, '86 speaks of the mis-education of the WRP under Healy.

This mis-education was partly expressed mainly in the Healyite approach to political struggle, which was thoroughly anti-Leninist.

The main feature of Healyism was its wrong attitude towards concrete political struggles, and in particular campaigns over single issue demands.

Those political groups who engaged in, or conducted single issue campaigns, for example on racism, or against nuclear waste, were constantly denounced for practicing, 'single issue politics', or 'protest politics'.

Healyism in practice resulted in a mechanical separation between cam-

paigns conducted around single issue demands and the struggle for the ultimate goal, ie, socialism. Healyism became notorious for its opposition to struggles or campaigns conducted around single issues.

Breaking from Healyism, in my view, means breaking particularly from this opposition. a

Healyite opposition, to single issue campaigns.

In Lenin's time, the communist approach to the actual relationship between campaigns based on single issues and the ultimate goal of socialism was outlined in the following way:

'The objections raised against single issue demands and the accusation

that campaigns on single issues are reformist reflect an inability to grasp the essential conditions for revolutionary action. . . It is not a question of appealing to the proletariat to fight for the ultimate goal, but of developing the practical struggle which alone can lead the proletariat to struggle for the ultimate

goal.'

(Theses, Resolutions and Manifestos of the first congress of the Third International, editorial by A Adler p.287).

Healyite opposition to campaigns conducted around single issues led to appealing to the working class to fight for the ultimate goal. By taking hold of the wrong end of

the stick Healyism led to sectarianism. It is therefore not surprising that the Healyites cannot tell the difference between a 'revolutionary' and a 'non-revolutionary' situation. What we have instead is a leftist distortion of Leninism.

Now that the WRP has correctly broken from Healyism I hope that you

shall also reject the Healyite approach to political struggle, so as to be able to conduct your future struggles on the basis of correct understanding of the relationship between single issue campaigns and the struggle for the ultimate goal, socialism.

Tony Miller
Tooting

Solidarity and the Azanian revolution

I HAVE just finished strangling an effigy of your Goddess Vanessa Redgrave after reading some of your excrement.

I have had approximately two decades of experience of the so-called white left, but I am still amazed by the depth to which some of you will sink in your attempts to hi-jack, discredit or sabotage any independent legitimate action by a black person or group, whether political or otherwise.

In that and many other ways you are no better or different from the British racist state and their agents.

I feel compelled to make some comment about your 'This Morning' article entitled 'Apartheid' in the January 4 issue.

Firstly, the article you refer to which appeared in your ex-comrades' last issue as News Line (December 10 and 13), was about the Positive Boycott Campaign mounted by the Cultural Awareness Programme. It is based on an action which has been employed mainly by college students in the USA with varying degrees of success.

What we have done is taken it to another, more effective, level by making a positive contact not only in the store but in their management and accounting procedures as well.

Trolleys Against South African Savagery, the ones you call Stalinist and Communist, are yet another 'white left' group seeing a good idea, hi-jacking it and capitalising without giving credit to the source.

But we don't mind if in trying to further their own political careers they unwittingly and unintentionally help to raise the level of awareness of a few of the white population who so far seem to be lobotomised by their own entrenched racism and greed.

We do not want to enter into the controversy between you and your former colleagues, but the fact that they saw a group

THIS LETTER was written to the bogus News Line of the Healy-Redgrave rump by Spartacus R, organiser of the Cultural Awareness Programme in Brixton, south London, following their criticism of the Programme and solidarity action by members of the Workers Revolutionary Party in their anti-apartheid activities. The letter has not yet been printed in the Healy News Line.



Spartacus R of the Cultural Awareness Programme being warned by the manager of a store in Brixton, south London, about trespassing on their property while handing out leaflets about South African goods being sold in the store

of African people doing something positive and came not to hi-jack it or sabotage it or discredit it, but to support it on our terms, says a lot more for their credibility than your own reactionary dribble.

Nowhere in our leaflet do we say or give the impression that the Positive Boycott campaign is the 'sharp end of the struggle'. We state quite clearly that this is just 'one of the ways in which you can register your anger and objection to such inhuman and barbaric behaviour'.

If you were truly revolutionaries, as you insist on calling yourselves, you would understand that a revolution is fought on many different levels and in many diverse ways, and any action (no matter how small it may seem) which raises the consciousness of the people or removes even a single brick from the house of the oppressor must be supported — or at least not denounced and derided by bed-room revolutionaries as 'howling liberalism'.

As far as we are concerned, you people can carry on calling each other names or slinging rhetoric at each other till

you turn Tory blue in the face if that's the best you can do.

But please, please don't wipe the shit on our programme.

You talk about getting your TUC and the labour movement to mobilise against the South African regime. Good idea. But are you seriously suggesting that the racist, capitalist British TUC and labour movement would consider any action that would jeopardise their considerable investments in southern Africa?

You also suggest that they 'raise funds to arm the African workers and youth and train them for the armed struggle'.

It is true that the struggle in southern Africa needs funds arms and training, but what about the struggle in this country? Don't you think your task is to raise funds (and use some of what you have) to buy arms for the British workers and youth and train them for the armed struggle in this country?

You must understand that the South African state cannot stand without the active support of the British state. That's why the revolution in southern Africa and ev-

ery other Third World country must be fought in the city streets of Europe (East and West), the USA and their allies.

Or don't you think there should be armed struggle on your doorstep?

Are you afraid to die, or is it because like the rest of the leftish middle class you don't want to demolish the house which you are aspiring to inherit from Maggie and Heseltine?

You talk a lot about revolution and the need to support armed struggle but always somewhere else, is that why you condemned the 'violence' of the miners?

Are you afraid that if you call for domestic armed struggle or violent action you will be unable to salvage the valuable family china from the ruins after the British working class and youth had got to it.

And all this talk about nails and staves in coffins. Are you expecting the British state to die of fright? Or old age? Or a sudden attack of guilty conscience?

If you really want to do something to help the Azanian freedom fighters, go to this British working class you talk so much about (if you can

find them after revolving in your armchair for so long) and prepare them for the inevitable confrontation with the state.

Go to this monolith you call the TUC, dispose of the fossils and disband it. And since you are so good at sabotage, you could train a few saboteurs to deal with those great British institutions you seem to hold so dear like the police, the armed forces, the civil service, financial institutions, insurance and banking systems.

Do that and you don't have to worry about liberating Azania or anywhere else in the world. That is what we call revolutionary internationalism not your 'let them fight and die over there' bullshit.

We suspect that you know the boat must be sunk, but because you fear not being able to swim, you join the rest of your family of parasites in tying down anyone who might rock it. From a comfortable 'middle-class' European armchair, all life is a class question.

Finally, we notice that although your article is based on an article about the Cultural Awareness Programme (CAP) and our campaign, you never once mentioned the CAP. But don't worry, we understand why you do those things. We don't take it personally, really.

We understand that it is so natural for you to assume that Africans can't do anything independently, so it must be the work of your ex-comrades.

After all this, Spartacus R, who keeps getting arrested for the campaign did not go to any of the universities you mentioned (in fact he didn't go to any university at all), so how could he, or any African person for that matter, be expected to have independent credible thought?

It is not entirely your fault that you think and act the way you do. But you can do something about it.

You don't have to preserve an inheritance that is detrimental to you. So wake up!

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Uranus moons

posing a problem

THE American spacecraft Voyager 2 should next week be sending back detailed pictures of the planet Uranus, its ring system and five known satellites. The best pictures of the planet and its nearest satellite, Miranda, will probably arrive on January 24, when the probe will pass within 81,500 kilometres of Uranus and a mere 15,000 kilometres of Miranda.

This amazing achievement — Voyager has been travelling through the solar system for eight and a half years and has covered 3,000 million kilometres — should displace 'Halley fever' for a while. Voyager 2, it will be remembered, sent back those stupendous pictures of the whirling clouds around the Red Spot of Jupiter in 1980 and the multi-zoned rings of Saturn the following year.

Uranus is a little-known planet, some four times the size of the earth.

Its vast distance from the earth means that very little information can be gained with certainty using earth-based astronomical or radio telescopes. The oddest thing known so far about the planet is that its satellites orbit the planet at right angles to the plane of its orbit around the sun.

The four major satellites, Ariel, Umbriel, Titania and Oberon, were discovered in 1781 and 1851, while the smallest and innermost, Miranda, was only discovered in 1948.

A paper in the most recent edition of 'Nature' highlights the difficulty of gaining accurate information over such vast distances without sending a probe out there to take a look. The paper concludes that the previous estimations of the masses of the satellites were so hopelessly wrong that they must be regarded as unknown.

Study

The scientists involved in the study are hoping against hope that Voyager will be able to supply this basic information on all five satellites during its fly-past.

Another advantage Voyager has over Halley's comet is that we don't need to wait as long for its next spectacular close encounter. If all goes well, it should be beaming back pictures and information from Neptune in August 1989.



The mosaic of the swirling clouds around Jupiter's Great Red Spot as seen from Voyager 2. Hopefully the cameras will still be running when the craft reaches Uranus next week



The scarred surface of Ganymede, the largest of Jupiter's moons. What will Voyager 2 find out about the moons of Uranus?

Science today

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

'Cry wolf' in bird's clothes

MANY SPECIES of birds which gather in mixed flocks to forage use the alarm calls of one particular species to warn of the approach of danger.

These 'sentry' species are rewarded by sharing the food, generally insects, which are flushed out by those birds which it protects.

A recent report in the scientific journal 'Nature' of two such 'sentry' species throws an unusual sidelight on the well-known phenomenon.

The white-winged shrike-tanager (*Lanio versicolor*) leads and guards a mixed species flock of insect-eating birds in the canopy of the Amazon forests of Peru; while the related bluish-ant shrike (*Thamnomanes schistogynus*) per-

forms the same task for flocks which inhabit the forest understorey.

Both bird species maintain the cohesion of the flock by repeated loud calls and are nearly always the first birds to give an alarm call at the approach of a bird-eating hawk.

A similar response has also been noted if a harmless but hawk-like bird flies past or even a dummy hawk is thrown towards the flock.

Both species, it is estimated rely on insects flushed by other birds for up to 85 per cent of their food. Mostly they use their superior speed and acrobatic skills to swoop from their look-out perches to snap up insects before the 'flusher' birds.

Only rarely have they

been seen to snatch a meal from the bills of the other birds. However the scientists involved in the study noted that in well over half the cases in which a 'sentry' species was in competition for an insect with another member of the flock, it would 'cry wolf' by making a call almost identical to the alarm call, momentarily distracting its competitor.

In the case of *Lanio versicolor*, over half of all the alarms raised was false (56 out of 104).

The scientists used playbacks to establish that the flock reacted in exactly the same way to both the genuine and 'crying wolf' calls by freezing or diving for cover.

This was particularly noticeable in birds that were not in the open and therefore could not verify for themselves whether a hawk was present or not.

The benefit to the sentinel is an obvious increase in its food intake, but what of the rest of the flock which has a portion of its food resource stolen?

The problem should be compounded with a sentinel which 'cries wolf' more often than sounding a real alarm. However, it seems that the potential penalty of ignoring a real alarm — ending up as a meal for a hawk — means that a few more lost meals is a small price to pay for their early-warning system.

Greenpeace ship quits Antarctic

IN THE aftermath of the sinking of the 'Southern Quest', a support vessel for the 'Footsteps of Scott' expedition, an Antarctic expedition organised by Greenpeace may have to be aborted.

The 'Southern Quest' was crushed by pack ice, but fortunately all the crew were rescued.

The Greenpeace ship 'M.V. Greenpeace' is re-

ported to be steaming north out of danger after encountering a barrier of ice around McMurdo Sound. The icefield extends for almost the entire length of Ross Island and the danger to the ship came from large chunks of ice breaking from the edge of the icefield.

The £500,000 Greenpeace mission was intended to set up a base 800 miles from the South Pole

and then declare the entire Antarctic continent a 'World Park'.

The major fear prompting their action is that exploitation of mineral reserves plus over-fishing could ruin the fragile ecosystem of the continent.

The threat of a major scramble for resources will escalate when the protective Antarctic Treaty runs out in five years' time.

Prof's oil slip

THE DIRE state of science research funding in Britain has been outlined by top scientists.

The entrepreneurial 'spivs' economy touted by Thatcher as the answer to the woes of bankrupt capitalist Britain has been castigated by leading academic Professor Denis Nobel. An Oxford physiologist, he is the spokesman for the 'Save British Science Group', an organisation backed by 1,500 researchers.

Although couched in terms of his hope that Britain could become a leader in advanced technology, if only . . . he does point out that what reigns in government science policy is anarchy.

Instead of a consistent science policy, Professor Nobel says, 'we have maximum chaos and the worst possible conditions for future planning.'

'We are not simply the only leading industrial nation to cut back on science investment, we have not

even done it in a planned way.

'The price of opting-out may be relegation to the status of an underdeveloped nation. North Sea oil has given this country a once-only chance to be among the leaders of the next century.'

'We must take it soon — or it will be too late,' he says.

Evidently he hasn't noticed that the fall in oil prices has already made it too late.

YOUR TV GUIDE



Bela Lugosi and Carol Borland in *Mark of the Vampire* Saturday, 11pm



Shirley Ann Field and Albert Finney in *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* Sunday, 10.15pm

SATURDAY'S GUIDE

BBC1

8.30 Willo the Wisp. 8.35 Hunter's Gold. 9.00 Saturday Superstore.
12.15 GRANDSTAND: Introduced by Desmond Lynam (including 12.50 News Summary; Weather News); 12.20 Football Focus; Racing from Haydock Park (12.55 1.25 1.55); 1.10 Sports Round-up; 1.40 Rugby Union Preview; 2.10 Rugby Union: England v Wales; 3.50 Half Times; 4.00 Rugby Union: highlights Scotland v Wales; 4.20 Ski-ing; 4.40 Final Score
5.05 NEWS Weather News
5.15 SPORT (Regional variations)
5.20 JIM'LL FIX IT With Jimmy Savile
5.55 THE LATE LATE BREAKFAST SHOW With Mike Smith
6.45 LES AND DUSTIN'S LAUGHTER SHOW
7.20 STRIKE IT RICH
8.10 THE TWO RONNIES
9.00 NEWS AND SPORT Weather News
9.15 FILM: Coma (1977) With Michael Douglas
11.05 MATCH OF THE DAY Highlights from the Canon League
11.55 FILM: THE HORROR MOVIE Beyond the Grave (1973) With Peter Cushing, David Warner and Margaret Leighton
1.30 Weather; Closedown
SCOTLAND: 8.30 Mag is Mog. 12.15-5.05 Grandstand. 5.15-5.20 Scottish News and Sport
WALES: 5.15-5.20 Sports News Wales. 1.30-1.35 Weather for Wales; close.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.10 Open University. 1.30 Pages from Ceefax.
SATURDAY CINEMA:
1.55 RACHEL AND THE STRANGER (1948) A story of early pioneering days of the West. With Robert Mitchum, William Holden and Loretta Young
3.35 THE RED PONY (1949) John Steinbeck's tale about the trouble a pet pony brings to a Californian rancher. With Robert Mitchum and Myrna Loy
5.00 LARAMIE Western adventure
5.45 DEUTSCH DIREKT
6.10 HORIZON Genesis A tour of the world of embryology
7.00 NEWSVIEW
7.40-8.30 INTERNATIONAL PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF
8.30 TANGO MIO The history of tango, the dance born in the suburbs and backstreets of Buenos Aires, is traced in this Arena special
10.05 SATURDAY REVIEW The arts magazine introduced by Russell Davies
10.55 FILM INTERNATIONAL Little Ida (1981) A seven-year-old girl in occupied Norway finds herself ostracized by the local children on account of her mother, but little Ida herself doesn't even know what a collaborator means. With Sunniva Lindakleiv and Lise Fjeldstad
12.15 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.05 CHANNEL 4 RACING from Kempton
3.00 FILM: Rome Express (1932) A murder drama set aboard the Rome express. With Esther Falston and Conrad Veidt
4.40 CITY OF GOLD Narrator Pierre Berton recalls the town where he was born
5.05 BROOKSIDE OMNIBUS
6.00 FAMILY TIES Suzanne Takes You Down With Meredith Baxter Birney
6.30 NEWS SUMMARY Weather; followed by
CITIZEN 2000 Three Years On Documentary about children being looked after outside their home
7.30 ON A WING AND A PRAYER
8.30 ARTHUR AND PHIL Arthur and Phil take a look at the channel 4 archives. With clips featuring Tina Turner and Billy Connolly
10.00 HILL STREET BLUES Freedom's Last Stand With Daniel J Travanti as Captain Furillo
11.00 FILM: Mark of the Vampire (1935) A murder mystery about a vampire hunter. With Bela Lugosi and Lionel Atwill
12.10 FILM: Vampyr (1931) A young man is drawn into a nightmare of vampirism in a small French village. With Henriette Gerard and Maurice Schutz
1.30 Close

LWT

9.25 No 73 *Hang On*. 11.00 Terrahawks. 11.30 Mr Smith. 12.00 News from ITN. 12.05 Saint & Greavsie.
12.30 WRESTLING from the St Albans City Halls, Hertfordshire
1.20 BENSON Close Encounters On The Third Hole with Robert Guillaume as Benson
1.50 FILM: The Thief of Baghdad (1978) with Roddy McDowell
3.45 BOXING from the Omni Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia
4.45 RESULTS SERVICE
5.00 ITN NEWS
5.05 BLOCKBUSTERS
5.35 THE A-TEAM
6.30 COPY CATS With Bobby Davro
7.00 THE PRICE IS RIGHT with Leslie Crowther
8.00 HUNTER Fireman
9.00 ITN NEWS; followed by sport
9.15 TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED Parson's Pleasure with John Gielgud
9.45 ASPEL AND COMPANY
10.30 LWT NEWS HEADLINES followed by:
THE BRONSON MOVIE From Noon Till Three (1975) with Charles Bronson
12.20 MARLOWE-PRIVATE EYE The Pencil with Powers Boothe and William Kearns
1.20 NIGHT THOUGHTS; followed by Closedown

GRANADA

9.25 NO. 73 (Hold This). 11.05 The Greatest American Hero. 12.00 ITN News. 12.05 Saint & Greavsie.
12.30 WRESTLING
1.20 AIRWOLF
2.15 DOCTOR IN TROUBLE with Leslie Phillips and Harry Secombe
3.45 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BOXING The WSA heavyweight championship of the world with Tim Witherspoon v Tony Tubbs
4.45 RESULTS SERVICE
5.00 ITN NEWS
5.05 BLOCKBUSTERS
5.35 THE A-TEAM Uncle Buckleup With Baracus, Hannibal, Murdock and Face
6.30 COPY CATS With Bobby Davro
7.00 THE PRICE IS RIGHT New series
8.00 HUNTER Fireman
9.00 ITN NEWS AND SPORT
9.15 TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED Parson's Pleasure Cyril Boggis makes a handsome living from conning people
9.45 ASPEL AND COMPANY Michael
10.30 FILM: Puppet on a Chain A story of one man's fight against a highly efficient drug ring. with Sven-Bertil Taube and Barbara Parkins
12.15 HALL AND OATES IN CONCERT Late night music from the American singing duo
1.15 Closedown

SUNDAY'S GUIDE

BBC1

8.55 Play School. 9.15 Articles of Faith. 9.30 This is the Day. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 The Interview Game. 10.55 Deutsch Direkt. 11.20 Tele-Journal. 11.45 See Hear! 12.35 Farming. 12.58 Weather News for Farmers. 1.00 This Week Next Weeks. 2.00 Eastenders. 3.00 Bugs Bunny Double Bill. 3.00-5.05 Film Matinee: *Father Goose* (1964) With Cary Grant and Leslie Caron.
5.10 ALICE IN WONDERLAND
5.35 THE LIVING ISLES
6.15 YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT
6.30 NEWS weather
6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE
7.15 HI-DE-HI
7.45 BLUEBELL
8.40 MASTERMIND New Series
9.10 NEWS; Weather News
9.25 THAT'S LIFE
10.00 EVERYMAN
10.50 YOU CAN'T SEE THE WOOD David Bellamy's series about trees
11.15 GEORGE BURNS
12.05-12.10 Weather; Close
BBC WALES: 2.00-3.00 Weekend Rugby Union. 10.15-10.40 Tales From Wales. 10.40-11.20 Everyman. 11.20-11.45 You Can't See The Wood. 11.45-12.35 George Burns and other Sex Symbols. 12.35-12.40 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close.
BBC SCOTLAND: 12.35-12.58 Landward. 3.00-3.30 Tomorrow's World. 3.30-5.05 Sunday Sport-scene. 6.25-6.30 Appeal. 10.10-10.30 A Grain of Truth. 10.30-11.10 Voyager. 11.10-11.40 Indoor Football. 11.40-12.05 You Can't See The Wood. 12.05-12.10 Scottish News Headlines and Weather; Close.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.10 Open University. 11.45 Champion the Wonder Horse. 12.10 Windmill. 1.10 States of Mind. 2.00 International Rugby Special: Highlights. 3.00 International Tennis. 4.05 The Great Art Collection.
4.40 MUSIC BY HAYDN
5.05 A SINGLE MAN
5.45 SKI SUNDAY The Men's Downhill and Men's Slalom from Kitzbuhel
6.30-7.15 THE MONEY PROGRAMME
7.15 THE NATURAL WORLD Inside Stories Tonights film looks at the new techniques of studying animal behavior are shedding new light on how birds fly
8.05 COMRADES Master of Samarkand Tonights programme looks at Abdugaffar Khakkulov a Muslim who restores ancient Samarkand's mosques
8.45 THINKING ALOUD
9.30 ARCHITECTURE AT THE CROSSROADS Programme two in this ten-part series about architecture
10.10 FILM: The Silent Twins The story of identical twins who made a life-time pact of silence. With Shirley Ann Field and Sharon Parker
11.40-1.00 INTERNATIONAL TENNIS The Nabisco Masters final from Madison Square Garden, New York
1.00 Close

CHANNEL 4

1.00 IRISH ANGLE A look at the key candidates in the run up to the by-elections in northern Ireland
1.30 FACE THE PRESS
2.00 POB'S PROGRAMME
2.30 MATINEE FROM THE MET Tosca
4.40 WORLD WITHIN A RING (1976) A collection of cameos from Gerry Cottle's circus
5.15 NEWS SUMMARY Weather; followed by:
THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME
6.00 AMERICAN FOOTBALL The run up to the Super Bowl, presented by Nicky Horne and John Smith
7.15 ISAAC STERN IN DUBLIN
8.15 A SENSE OF PLACE A Private Resort Ulster poets re-explore the homes of their childhood
8.45 CHASING A RAINBOW The Life of Josephine Baker Documentary about the American cabaret personality Josephine Baker
10.15 FILM: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (1960) With Albert Finney as a feckless young Nottingham factory worker who is forced to face responsibility when he has an affair with a married woman, and is finally tamed by a suburban girl
11.55 FILM Footsteps (1974) Gemma Jones as a woman who lives a lonely life in a dilapidated boarding house and one day hears some footsteps in the room above
12.35 Close

LWT

9.25 Wake up London. 9.35 Woody and Friends. 9.45 Snooper and Blabber. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Link. 11.30 A Heritage from Stone. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Smurfs. 1.30 Joanie Loves Chachi. 2.00 The Human Factor. 2.30 LWT News Headlines; followed by: Film: *Anzio* (1967) with Robert Mitchum.
5.00 THE RETURN OF THE ANTELOPE Castaways
5.30 BULLSEYE
6.00 ALBION MARKET
6.30 NEWS FROM ITN
6.40 HIGHWAY From Coleraine
7.15 CATCHPHRASE The game show introduced by Roy Walker
7.45 SURPRISE SURPRISE With Cilla Black and Bob Carolgees
8.45 CRAZY LIKE A FOX New comedy series with Jack Warden
9.45 NEWS FROM ITN
10.00 SPITTING IMAGE The ugly puppets show, portraying famous people
10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW Melvyn Bragg in conversation with Vladimir Ashkenazy
11.30 LWT NEWS HEADLINES followed by
THE SEARCH FOR WEALTH 4Were The Money Comes From
11.55 SHOW EXPRESS With James Last and his orchestra
12.20 Night Thoughts; Closedown

GRANADA

9.25 Max the 2000 Year Old Mouse. 9.35 Bish Achievement. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 A Heritage from Stone. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30 This is your Right. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Terrahawks. 1.30 The Fall Guy.
2.25 SUNDAY MATINEE Trouble in Store A comedy set in a large department store. with Norman Wisdom and Margaret Rutherford
4.00 THE HUMAN FACTOR
4.30 WISH YOU WERE HERE
5.00 THE RETURN OF THE ANTELOPE
5.30 BULLSEYE
6.00 ALBION MARKET
6.30 NEWS
6.40 HIGHWAY from Coleraine
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8.45 CRAZY LIKE A FOX Pilot episode for a new comedy-adventure series
9.45 NEWS FROM ITN
10.00 SPITTING IMAGE The return of the ugly puppet show portraying famous people
10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW Vladimir Ashkenazy in conversation with Melvyn Bragg
11.40 MARLOWE - PRIVATE EYE The Pencil The Syndicate has marked a victim for death
12.30 Closedown

SPORTS NEWS

Irish in a mess

BY SHAUN PHILLIPS

THE FOOTBALL Association of Ireland (FAI) have long been the laughing stock of their opposite numbers this side of the Irish Sea.

Now, however, they are plumbing new depths of ineptitude and stupidity in the appointment of a national manager following the departure of Eoin Hand last September.

When Hand decided to call it a day after the Republic failed to qualify for next summer's World Cup finals in Mexico, the FAI decided, quite rightly, to go for a man of experience this time.

Only Johnny Giles in the past three decades had any really managerial experience approaching international level.

Hand did make the most of a thankless job. But his only experience before being appointed five years ago was guiding Limerick United (now long gone) to the League of Ireland Championship.

Capped 19 times by the Republic while playing



JACK CHARLTON

with Portsmouth in the Football League, Hand lacked the kind of international experience which counts at such a high level.

The FAI decided to go for a 'foreigner' — someone from across the Irish Sea. And immediately the chance to manage the likes of Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton and Mark Lawrenson had many drooling at the thoughts of taking on the job.

The most illustrious of these was Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough. He went on record as saying that, man-for-man, the Irish were a better team than England. But his board of directors refused to let him go.

Then followed Jack



TOMMY DOCHERTY

Charlton, out of a job since walking out on Newcastle, Terry Neill who was sacked by Arsenal, and Manchester City's Billy McNeill.

The home-based contenders were led by Giles and also included the youth team manager Liam Touhy and Shamrock Rovers' boss Jim McLaughlin. By December, three months after Hand had gone, the FAI had seemingly 'settled on McNeill.

The former Celtic player looked to have the credentials. After all he had led the Glasgow club to success as captain in the 1967 European Cup final before going on to manage Clyde, Aberdeen (League Championship and Europe) and Celtic,



JOHNNY GILES

But while McNeill did fancy the job — on a part-time basis — the FAI appeared to neglect to approach his bosses, and after giving the situation due consideration they decided this week that it was not in the interests of the club.

On Thursday Tommy Docherty, the infamous Scot who has been out of work for 13 months, applied for the job, along with the former QPR, Crystal Palace, Charlton and Brighton manager Alan Mullery.

From Dublin comes the news that Giles and Charlton are now the frontrunners. But knowing the FAI they are presently permitting any two from three and hoping to come up with a result.

Pat bounces back

PAT COWDELL, the former European featherweight and super featherweight champion, will box at Doncaster on February 6.

It will be his first contest since being knocked out in one round by Azumah Nelson for the WBC world featherweight title in Birmingham last October.

Cowdell scotched suggestions that he would retire after that disaster because he has no intention of being remembered as a loser.

He has been given a clean bill of health by the doctors and if his Doncaster comeback is successful he will be in line for a fight for the British super featherweight title.

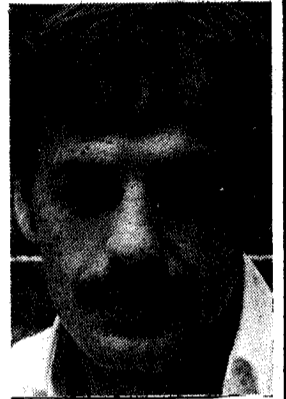
He will also seek to regain the European Championship which the EBU

took away at the end of last year because he failed to defend it on time. Cowdell has never lost a European title fight at either weight.

● **THE EUROPEAN** middleweight title fight, between Ayub Kalule of Denmark and Britain's Herol Graham, at Sheffield City hall, on February 5, is still one.

Kalule has complied with a European Boxing Union ultimatum and confirmed that he will go through with the fight on that date. Last Wednesday was the deadline and if Kalule had not given an undertaking by then to be in Sheffield, he would have been stripped of his title.

That would have cost him a 60 per cent share of the purse of more than £60,000 which promoter Barney Eastwood bid for the fight last summer. He could have had a consol-



PAT COWDELL

tion prize of a Commonwealth championship match with Tony Sibson later this month, but he cannot have both.

If Kalule, a former world light middleweight champion, successfully defends his title against the unbeaten Graham, a March fight with Sibson would become a certainty, with each man putting up a title.

Sibson, meanwhile, makes his return to the ring after an absence of 14 months, at Alexandra Palace, London, next Wednesday.

YOUR SPORTING WEEK

WEDNESDAY, January 8: Zimbabwe call off the final leg of the England 'B' team's cricket tour. The Soviet Union make it clear that they are not happy about taking part in the 1988 summer Olympics in Seoul. Chris Evert and John Lloyd announce that they will finally settle down in Florida, probably at the end of this year.

THURSDAY, January 9: Manchester United finally get to play their FA Cup tie with local Fourth Division club Rochdale and win 2-0 amongst rumours that Barcelona are chasing their striker Mark Hughes for next season. Earlier in the day Barcelona draw Juventus in the top tie of the European Champions' Cup quarter-finals. Britain's lone survivors, Aberdeen, take on IFK Gothenborg.

FRIDAY, January 10: Frank Bruno's fight against the white



JIMMY WHITE...A great victory

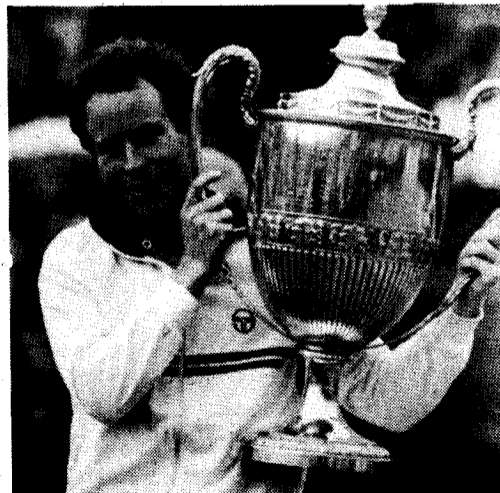
South African Gerry Coetzee comes under attack from the third world with threats that they may pull out of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. A 'sin bin' for soccer offenders is mooted at a meeting of the PFA, Football League, and the Managers' and Secretaries' Association in Manchester.

SATURDAY, January 11: Graeme Souness is

wanted by Fulham next season as their player-manager. Spurs go down 3-0 at home to Nottingham Forest amidst rumours that manager Peter Shreeve's job is on the line. Alf Ramsey reckons that Chelsea's Kerry Dixon is NOT the man to lead England in Mexico.

SUNDAY, January 12: Jimmy White collects

his first snooker Grand Prix title with a magnificent, last-frame victory over Cliff Thorburn. Paul Walsh, still on the transfer list, grabs two goals for Liverpool in their televised clash with Watford at Vicarage Road. In American Football the Chicago Bears steamroller their way into the Super Bowl final where they will meet the New England



JOHN McENROE...Training

Patriots. Mark Hughes announces that he wants to stay in England.

MONDAY, January 13: Another Manchester United player hits the headlines. Skipper Bryan Robson, missing for the best part of the season with a nagging knee injury, heads off to Amsterdam to a special clinic. John McEnroe admits



CHRIS EVERT-LLOYD...Retiring

that he is seriously considering taking up training.

TUESDAY, January 14: Mike England keeps his job as manager of Wales but on a much reduced salary. Birmingham are knocked out of the FA Cup at home to non-League Altrincham 2-1. The English Women's Cricket Association bans all those

players who have just returned from South Africa from representing them again. The approach made by two white South Africans to Millwall's black striker John Fashanu with an offer of over £300,000 to play in Sun City finally makes the Fleet Street press. It just goes to show we still get the important stories before the rest of them.

A REAL IRISH JOKE

Ireland's managerial dilemma — page 11

Longer tour

THE SRI Lankan Cricket Board has lengthened the England 'B' cricket team's tour by more than 10 days to make up for the loss of matches in Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

The controversial tour was thrown into disarray just over a week ago when the cricket associations of Zimbabwe and Bangladesh decided to cancel their ends of the three-country tour because four of the English party had sporting links with racist South Africa.

The Test and County Cricket Board could have saved these two legs of the tour if they had instructed the four culprits to sign letters stating that they would never play in the racist state again.

POOLS CHECK

DIVISION I

(3pm unless stated)

- 1 Birmingham C v Everton.....
- 2 Coventry v Watford.....
- 3 Leicester v Arsenal.....
- 4 Liverpool v W Ham.....
- 5 Luton v Aston V.....
- 6 Man Utd v Nottingham.....
- 7 QPR v Newcastle.....
- 8 Sheffield v Oxford.....
- 9 Southampton v Ipswich.....
- 10 Tottenham v Man C.....
- 11 WBA v Chelsea.....

DIVISION II

- 12 Brighton v Middlesbrough.....
- 13 Carlisle v Blackburn.....
- 14 Charlton v Leeds U.....
- 15 Fulham v Barnsley.....
- 16 Huddersfield v Crystal P.....
- 17 Hull v Oldham.....
- 18 Norwich v Portsmouth.....
- 19 Shrewsbury v Sheffield U.....
- 20 Stoke v Bradford.....
- 21 Sunderland v Millwall.....
- 22 Wimbledon v Grimsby.....

DIVISION III

- 23 Blackpool v Reading.....
- 24 Bournemouth v Derby.....
- 25 Bristol v Darlington.....
- 26 Bury v Chesterfield.....
- 27 Cardiff v Notts C.....
- 28 Doncaster v Newport.....
- 29 Gillingham v Lincoln.....
- 30 Plymouth v York.....
- 31 Rotherham v Bolton.....
- 32 Walsall v Bristol.....
- Wigan v Swansea.....
- Wolverhampton v Brentford.....

DIVISION IV

- 33 Aldershot v Rochdale.....
- 34 Hartlepool v Cambridge.....
- 35 Hereford v Mansfield.....
- 36 Northampton v Burnley.....
- 37 Peterborough v Preston.....
- 38 Southend v Crew.....
- 39 Torquay v Scunthorpe.....
- 40 Wrexham v Swindon.....

SCOTTISH PREMIER

- 41 Aberdeen v Midlothian.....
- 42 Dundee Utd v Clydebank.....
- 43 Hibernian v Celtic.....
- 44 Motherwell v Dundee.....
- 45 Rangers v St Mirren.....

SCOTTISH DIV I

- 46 Ayr Utd v Hamilton.....
- 47 Clyde v Forfar.....
- 48 Dumbarton v Brechin.....
- 49 Falkirk v East Fife.....
- 50 Kilmarnock v Airdrie.....
- 51 Montrose v Partick.....
- 52 Morton v Alloa.....

SCOTTISH DIV II

- 53 Albion v Meadowbank.....
- 54 Berwick v Queen's Pk.....
- 55 Dunf'mlin v E Stirlingshire.....
- Queen S v Raith.....
- St Johnstone v Stranraer.....
- Sten's'mr v Cow'beath.....
- Stirling v Arbroath.....

Hammers' Anfield examination

IRON'S TEST

BY A SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEST HAM'S Championship credentials have been under scrutiny almost every week since they moved into the First Division's top six at the start of November.

But if one match can be said to be a test of strength of a title challenge then it is today's — away trip to Liverpool.

The very thought of this particular fixture would normally send a shiver of apprehension down the spine of the Upton Park staff and supporters. West Ham last won at Anfield in 1964 when Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters netted in a 2-1 victory. They have not scored there since drawing 2-2 in 1976-76 and their most recent record is disastrous — five successive defeats with 17 goals conceded, including a 6-0 drubbing two seasons ago.

So what is different this season? For a start, 20-goal Frank McAvennie. The irrepressible Scot has already shown Liverpool that he can do by scoring twice in a 2-2 draw at Upton Park in August.

But on Saturday, West Ham may need to rely more on qualities which have largely been overlooked in the wake of Supermac's arrival.

The Hammers boast the best defensive record away in the division this season, having conceded a miserly 11 goals on their 13 trips which have resulted in six wins and four draws. Manager John Lyall underlined the fact. 'Frank has been getting a lot of publicity — and rightly so — but goalkeeper Phil Parkes and the defence deserve plenty of credit as well.

'We shall go to Anfield in very good spirits, determined to do ourselves justice. But we appreciate the size of the task. Having seen Liverpool at Watford last Sunday and at Spurs in midweek, I can only say they produced magnificent



JOHN LYALL . . . Going for a result

second-half performances.

While Liverpool (third) and West Ham (fifth) battle it out on Merseyside, leaders Manchester United will hope to protect their five-point cushion at the expense of visiting Nottingham Forest.

United looked to be slipping around Christmas, but successive wins

against Birmingham and Oxford United have put them back on course.

Forest, meanwhile, will want to get back in Brian Clough's good books following their FA Cup defeat at Blackburn — and at home to PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday night, the first foreign team to visit England since the UEFA ban.

The FA Cup is a subject to avoid at Birmingham these days. Non-League Altrincham's 2-1 victory there last Tuesday night was the latest chapter in a sorry story so far this season.

Then on Thursday afternoon manager Ron Saunders called it a day and resigned. This afternoon the lowly Blues are at Goodison Park and look to have little chance of interrupting second-placed Everton's five-match unbeaten League run.

West Brom, five points adrift of Birmingham at the foot of the table with only two wins all season, should make ripe pickings for fourth-placed Chelsea, who are looking for their fifth away victory.

Of the other strugglers, Ipswich, Oxford and Aston Villa all face difficult away trips to Southampton, Sheffield Wednesday and Luton respectively, while Coventry and Leicester may move a little nearer safety at home to Watford and Arsenal.



FRANK McAVENNIE . . . Can he break West Ham's Anfield duck?

Shreeve on the brink!

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

PETER SHREEVE'S job is on the line as Tottenham go into this afternoon's League match at home to Manchester City.

Two successive home defeats and a lucky FA Cup replay victory over lowly Oxford United have left Shreeve on the brink of the big push as manager at White Hart Lane.

Tottenham are tottering in 11th place in Division — an incredible 20 points behind League leaders Manchester United — and now only a good run in the FA Cup can help them save face this season.

Shreeve is not completely to blame. A series of injuries to key players has not helped his cause. But too many of his glittering stars have turned in too many dull performances lately.

'Peter has got a job on his hands lifting the players now — and if he can't then it may see him pack-



PETER SHREEVE . . . On the brink

ing his bags at the club,' a source close to the Tottenham board told Workers News yesterday.

'It's a real test of character for him and Peter must put his foot down now and show the players who is boss at the club. The fans are staying away and the manager has got to get the results to bring them back quickly.'

Shreeve was considering some major team surgery before naming his squad to take on City this afternoon. One of the first to lose their place could be the former England central defender Graham Roberts who the

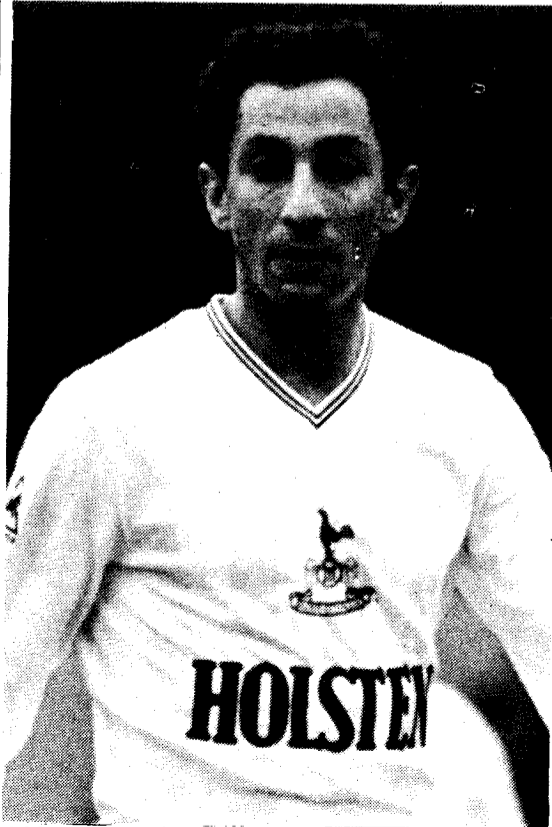
manager blamed for two of Liverpool's goals in midweek in the Super Cup.

His central defensive position could be filled by 17-year-old John Polston. 'The time is right for some of the reserve team to prove themselves, my first team regulars are struggling at the moment,' Shreeve said on Thursday.

'Graham's form this season has been erratic and I would have to fault him for two major errors of judgement against Liverpool.'

Injuries to Chris Waddle and Danny Thomas rule them out and on Thursday Osvaldo Ardiles revealed that he would have to go back into hospital for a hernia operation.

Tottenham will be looking for a morale booster against City before preparing for their fourth round FA Cup clash against Notts County next Saturday — a tie that could very well dictate Shreeve's future with the club.



OSSIE ARDILES . . . Another operation