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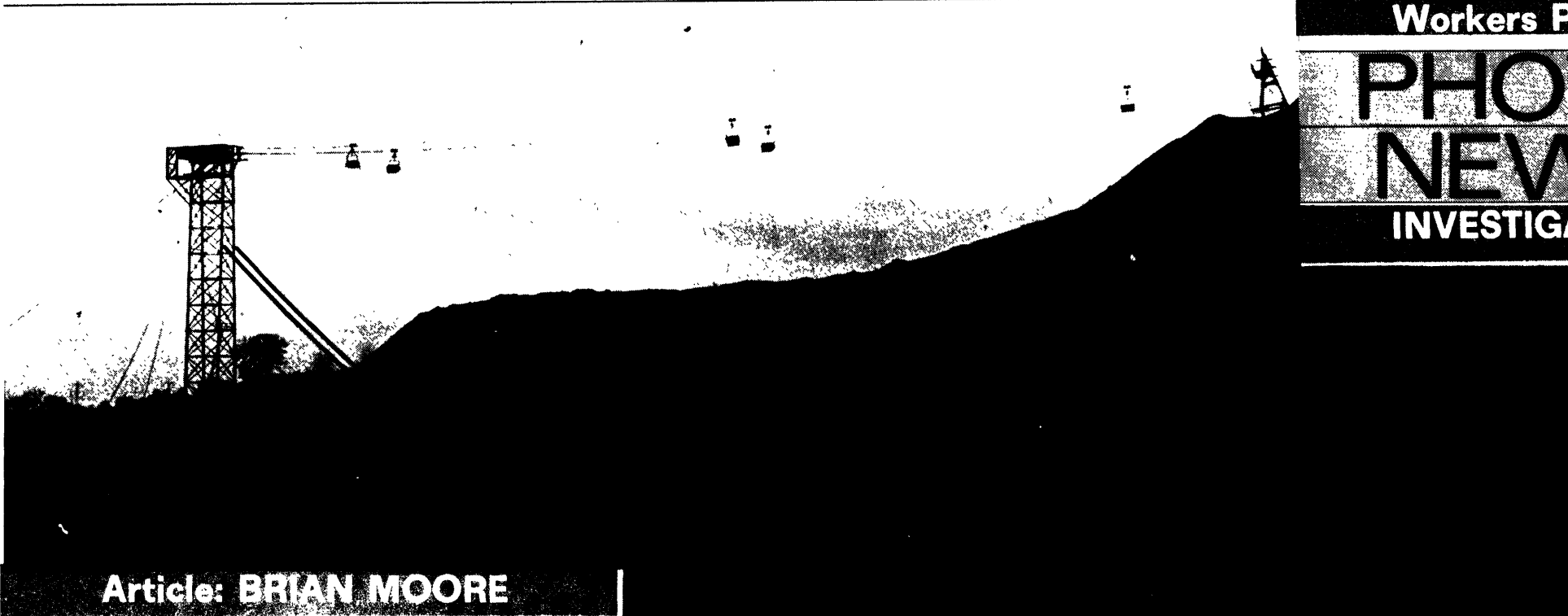
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The hall stands—a structure of turrets and battlements, wings and windows, rooms by the dozen—the home of a peeress of the realm.

Neighbours

Half a mile from Old Ollerton is New Ollerton, though the word 'new' belies its appearance. Neighbours, you might say.

Here the squat, perfunctory two-up and two-down of the NCB and council estates stretch as far as the eye can see; within walking distance of the pit, slag heaps for a view.

It is here the Nottingham miners live, with their wives and children.

A visitor from some other planet would no doubt be puzzled if it were explained that those men, who hew wealth out of the earth, receive so little of it, while those who supervise—or indeed those who do nothing—reap all the rewards. The absurdity could only bewilder.

Yet in 1970, the year of our Lord, that is still the case in these most productive pits in Europe.

The solitary main street is a bleak prospect. A line of shops, a cinema, where bingo is played every other night, and a few pubs. One smart fish-and-chip shop attracts the youth in the evenings, for there is little alternative entertainment.

Dominoes

The colliers drink in the pub, talk, play dominoes. Farther down the road is the Welfare, the centre of leisure life, with bars, games room and dancing.

Wherever 'swinging England' was supposed to have been, it certainly by-passed Ollerton.

The pit dominates everything. Life revolves around the shift, morning, night and afternoon.

Seven-and-a-half hours at the face and a 20-minute 'snap' break underground. A rotating cycle of 'mornings', 'nights' and 'afters' bewilders the digestive system and makes a regular sleep-pattern impossible.

The work is gruelling, exhausting and hazardous. One collier showed a hand that was cal-

OLLERTON



Drinking at the Welfare

loused, scarred and severed at every fingertip—all five of them were caught in a machine and stitched back on. Five weeks later he was back at the face.

Not to mention the effect of coal dust on the lungs.

But 'you can't live on a flat wage. A man must do overtime to live', says Mrs Sheila Shanks, wife of a loader gate face ripper at Bilsthorpe pit. 'You go to the shops every day and prices have gone up.'

She examines every shop the length of the High Street to find bargains. She has three children.

'He has to do a nine-and-a-quarter-hour shift to get a living wage. That's going back to the days of the ten-hour shift. 45 hours a week underground to earn the money.'

They had a week last year in Mablethorpe, their first proper holiday for some time. 'You've got to squeeze for a holiday,' said Mrs Shanks.

Killing

Her husband says his job 'never changed for 40 years and we're classed as power loading operators—a man with a shovel in his hand. The dust is killing the buggers. Dust on the lungs. It's never been mechanized.'

'You come to the point where you're buggered. You're using a shovel all day. When a bloke's on a shovel like that, when he's 45 he's getting past it.'

The lot of the surface worker is in many ways worse.

Mr Buglass is a wagon loader. He works a basic 36-hour week. He has a wife and three children. He makes £11.

'£11 with three kids, when I'm working. And when I'm off work I can't take home £16 10s from the assistance.'

He pays £1 17s rent for an NCB house.

'It's tied to the job. If you find another job, you've got to find another house.'

Mr Weaver is a surface worker at Thoresby pit, considered the most advanced in Europe.

He has a wife and two children. His basic rate is £15; £3 14s stoppages leaves him with just over £11 to live on and support a family.

OLD AND NEW

'The work we're doing for that is scandalous. You should see the muck and sludge we have to work in. There are two off this week with influenza from the damp.'

Side by side with the nationalized coalfields stand the Rexco processing plants in private hands.

A special arrangement exists whereby nationalized coal is sold to private enterprise at the rate of £5-£6 a ton. After processing, it is marketed at £24 a ton.

Showcase

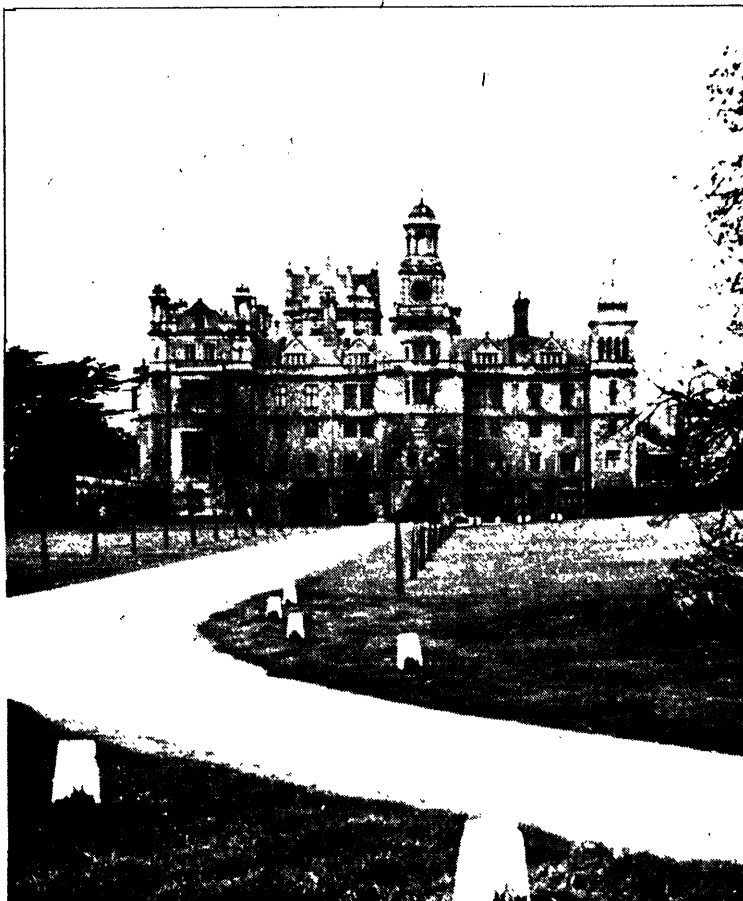
It raises the question for whose benefit were the mines nationalized.

Even in this showcase of British mining, the miners are far from getting their just deserts. Rather, wages are being held back to subsidize private profiteering.

As Ronald Barker, face worker, said of Robens:

'If he gave 10s when he'd won, what would he have to give with threatened strike action?' a question that certainly faces Nottingham miners as they decide whether to support the strike.

Meanwhile at Thoresby Hall...



Half a mile separates Old Ollerton and nearby Thoresby Hall and New Ollerton's NCB 'two-up and two-downs' and Council estates

Miner's wife Mrs Shellah Shanks



Wagon loader Mr Buglass (centre of picture) makes £11 a week—£5 10s less than when he's unemployed.

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TV SATURDAY

BBC 1

9.35 a.m. Square two. 10.00-10.30 Si dice cool. 12 noon Weather. 12.05 p.m. Space kiddies. 12.25 EdandZed! 12.45 Grandstand. 12.50 Football preview. 1.10, 1.40, 2.10, 2.45 Racing from Cheltenham. 1.25 Fight of the week. Heavyweight Championship of Europe. Jose Urtain v Henry Cooper. 1.55, 2.30, 3.05, 4.30 Motor racing from Thruxton. 3.40 International rugby union. An England XV v Fiji. 4.50 Results service. 5.20 Pink Panther show. 5.35 News and weather. 5.50 Wildlife safari to Ethiopia. 6.15 IF IT'S SATURDAY IT MUST BE NIMMO. Derek Nimmo. 6.45 DIXON OF DOCK GREEN. 'Waste Land'. 7.30 THE ROLF HARRIS SHOW. With guests Caterina Valente and Jack Jones. 8.25 SATURDAY THRILLER. 'Destiny Of A Spy'. With Lorne Greene, Rachel Roberts, Harry Andrews, James Donald, Patrick Magee and Anthony Quayle. A Russian spy is sent to Britain to persuade a scientist to defect to the East. 10.00 NEWS AND WEATHER. 10.10 WATCH OF THE DAY. 11.10 BRADEN GOES BACK TO CANADA. 11.40 WEATHER.

BBC 2

3.00-4.50 p.m. Saturday cinema. 'The Dolly Sisters'. With Betty Grable, June Haver and John Payne. Two girls rise from rags to riches. 7.10 WESTMINSTER. 7.30 NEWS, SPORT and weather. 7.40 RUGBY SPECIAL. 1871-1971, RFU Centenary Year series. The Fijian Tour, England (Under 25) XV v Fiji. 8.25 ONE PAIR OF EYES. 'John Steepling'. The painter and sculptor describes his approach to art. 9.15 CHAMPAGNE ON ICE. With Paul Anka, The Hollies and Dagmar Koller. 10.00 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. 'June 17, 1938-Evening'. 10.45 DISCO 2. 11.10 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 11.15 MIDNIGHT MOVIE. 'The Whole Truth'. With Stewart Granger, Donna Reed, George Sanders and Glenna Maria Canale.

ITV

11.05 a.m. RAC road report. 11.10 Music room. 11.35 Toolbox. 12 noon Wind in the willows. 12.15 p.m. Tennis. Dewar Cup semi-finals. 12.45 News. 12.50 World of sport. 12.55 On the ball. 1.20 They're off! 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Racing from Catterick. 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Racing from Windsor. 3.10 International sports special. Dewar Cup Finals Day. 3.55 Results, scores, news. 4.00 Wrestling from Brent Town Hall. 4.55 Results service. 5.10 Forest rangers. 5.40 Beverly hill-billies. 6.10 NEWS FROM ITN. 6.15 SATURDAY SPORTS NEWS. 6.30 EV. Kenny Everett with guests Dave Dee, Marjorie Proops, Stanley Unwin and Ena Baga. 7.00 NO, THAT'S ME OVER HERE. Ronnie Corbett. 7.30 GOLD DIGGERS IN LONDON. 8.00 HAWAII FIVE-O. 'Three Dead Cows At Makapu'. Part one. 9.00 FRAUD SQUAD. 'Whizz Kid'. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.10 THE FROST PROGRAMME. David Frost. 11.10 AQUARIUS. 'Catch My Soul'. 11.55 POEMS OF PRAISE.

REGIONAL BBC

Channel 12: 12.45 London. 5.15 Shane. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers in London. 6.45 London. 7.15 Film: 'Daring Young Man In Time'. With Joan Fontaine. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. WESTWARD. As Channel except. 11.50 Granny gets the point. 12.20 London. 6.45 News. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 WEATHER. HARBLECH: 12.15 Skippy. 12.45, Lon-

SUNDAY

BBC 1

9.00 a.m. Nai zindagi—naya jeevan. 9.30 Know how. 10.00 Si dice cool. 10.30-11.30 Morning service. 11.35 Men and materials. 12 noon Ask Zena Skinner! 12.25-12.50 Hardy heading international. 1.25-1.50 Farming. 1.55 The education programme. 2.20 Made in Britain. 2.29 News headlines. 2.30 Personal choice. 3.00 Golden silents. 3.25 Asterix the Gaul. 3.55 Sunday's adventure film. 'The Wonderful Country'. With Robert Mitchum, Julie London, Gary Merrill and Pedro Armendariz. 5.10 Here's Lucy. 5.35 Little Women. 6.00 NEWS AND WEATHER. 6.10 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks the question why. 6.50 SONGS OF PRAISE. 7.20 TOMMY STEELE appeals on behalf of King George's Fund for Sailors. 7.25 THE ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE. Including Max Bygraves, Andy Williams, Dionne Warwick, Caterina Valente, Marty Feldman, Leslie Crowther and Sandy Powell. 10.15 OMNIBUS. 'Robert Shaw—The Actor as Novelist'. 11.05 TWO PAIRS OF EYES. All Avison, Peterborough District secretary of the T&GWU and Richard Beacomb, chairman of Combox Ltd. with their viewpoints on industry. 11.35 WEATHER.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except: Midlands, E Anglia, North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland, SW, South, West, N.I. Weather over Wales: 2.30-3.00 Wildlife safari to Ethiopia. 3.25 Rugby union. 3.55 Swyn v glee. 4.20 The doctors. 5.05 Asterix the Gaul. 5.15-5.35 Trans-

BBC 2

7.00 NEWS REVIEW and weather. 7.25 THE WORLD ABOUT US. 'Roof of Japan'. The Japanese Alps. 8.15 MUSIC ON 2. 'Winterreise'. Winter journey. 9.35 CHILDREN TALKING. 'Ancient and Modern'. 9.45 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. 'The Reprieve'. 10.30 THE GOODIES. 11.00 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 11.05 FILM NIGHT.

ITV

11.00 a.m. Church service. 12.10 p.m. On reflection. 12.35 Music room. 1.00 Toolbox. 1.25 Granny gets the point. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 University challenge. 2.45 Big match. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 4.45 The golden show. 5.35 The Flaxton boys. 6.05 NEWS FROM ITN. 6.15 SEVEN DAYS. 6.55 STARS ON SUNDAY. 7.25 PLEASE SIRI 'Catch A Falling Drop Out'. 7.55 HAWAII FIVE-O. 'Three Dead Cows At Makapu'. Part two. 8.50 MANNIX. 'Licence To Kill—Limit Three People'. 9.50 POLICE 5. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.15 HAPPY EVER AFTER. 'The Ambassador'. 11.15 THIS IS... TOM JONES. 12.10 a.m. POEMS OF PRAISE.

REGIONAL ITV

Channel: 11.00-12.35 London. 2.03 progress. 2.45 London. 3.45 Seaway. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Tattered Dress'. With Jeff Chandler, Jeanne Crain, Jack Carson and Date with Danton. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Tycoon'. With John Wayne and Lorraine Day. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is... Tom Jones. 11.15 Avengers. 12 midnight Epilogue, weather. WESTWARD. As Channel except. 12.15-12.35 London. 1.30 Free and easy. 1.45 Farm and country news. 1.55 Acres for profit. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 WEATHER. SOUTHERN: 11.00-12.05 London. 12.07 Weather. 12.10 London. 1.30 Sara and Hoppy. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm

don. 5.10 Robin Hood. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 7.05 F troop. 7.30 Saint. 8.30 No. that's me over here. 9.00 London. 10.10 Adventures of Don Quick. 11.10 Name of the game. 12.35 Weather.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.15 Rhyfodd o fydd. 8.00-7.05 Arthur.

ANGLIA: 12.15 All our yesterdays. 12.45 London. 5.10 Ev. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers in London. 6.45 'The Star' film. With Gary Cooper. Confederate raiders have been intercepting Union Army horses in the American Civil War. 8.30 No. that's me over here. 9.00 London. 11.10 Name of the game. 12.35 Epilogue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12.15 Rupert Bear. 12.19 Joe 90. 12.45 London. 5.10 No. that's me over here. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers. 6.45 Jesse James. 7.15 Horoscope. 7.19 Film. 'Foreign Intrigue'. With Robert Mitchum and Genevieve Page. Murder and espionage on the French Riviera and in Vienna. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost, weather.

ULSTER: 12.30 Wind in the willows. 12.45 London. 5.10 Beverly hillbillies. 5.40 Sports. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers. 6.45 No. that's me over here. 7.15 Picture. 'Abandon Ship'. With Tyrone Power and Mai Zetterling. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost.

YORKSHIRE: 11.25 Casting around. 11.50 Toolbox. 12.15 Rupert Bear. 12.20 Skippy. 12.45 London. 5.15 Gun-smoke. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers. 6.45 No. that's me over here. 7.15 'Carry On Nurse'. With Kenneth Williams, Kenneth Connor, Shirley Eaton, Joan Sims and Charles Hawtrey. 9.00 London. 11.10 This is... Tom Jones. 11.10 Human jungle. 12.05 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.25 On reflection. 11.50 Toolbox. 12.15 Fireball XL5. 12.45 London. 5.10 Greatest escape on earth. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers. 6.45 News people. 7.35 No. that's me over here. 8.00 Film. 'Payroll'. With Michael Craig. A security van carrying wages is robbed and the driver killed.

TYNE TEES: 12.10 Rupert Bear. 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers. 6.45 No. that's me over here. 7.15 Horoscope. 7.20 Film. 'Quebec'. With Corinne Calvet and John Barrymore. In 1777 Canada is torn by rebellion. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. 12.10 Epilogue.

BORDER: 11.50 All our yesterdays. 12.20 Phoenix. 12.45 London. 5.10 12.20 Phoenix. 12.45 London. 5.10 12.20 Phoenix. 12.45 London. 5.10 12.20 Phoenix. 12.45 London. 5.10

SCOTTISH: 12.15 Rupert Bear. 12.20 Richard the Lionheart. 12.45 London. 5.5 Mad movies. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers. 6.45 No. that's me over here. 7.30 Film: 'Tarzan's Desert Mystery'. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is... Tom Jones. 11.10 Match report. 11.25 Late call. 11.30 Film: 'Son of Dracula'. With Lon Chaney Jr.

GRAMPIAN: 12.30 Stories of Tuktuk. 12.45 London. 5.15 Laredo. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold diggers. 6.45 No. that's me over here. 7.15 Movie: 'Ransom'. A rich industrialist is prepared to liquidate for a half billion dollars. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is... Tom Jones. 11.05 Match report. 11.25 Untouchables.

Brandt, Yul Brynner and Trevor Howard. 10.30-11.30 set in Second World War. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 12.10 Dan sylw. 1.00 Set 41 sylwedd.

ANGLIA: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.55 Weather. 2.00 Farming diary. 2.30 University challenge. 3.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 3.55 Match of the week. 4.40 London. 7.55 'The Yellow Rolls Royce'. With Ingrid Bergman. 10.15 This is... Tom Jones. 11.15 Festival cinema.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.30 Mr Piper. 1.45 London. 2.15 Star soccer. 3.15 'Impulse'. With Arthur Kennedy and Constance Smith. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Dunkirk'. Story of the British retreat. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is... Tom Jones. 11.15 Saint, weather. 11.15 Frost.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.35 Calendar. 1.55 Farming diary. 2.25 Soccer. 3.20 'Beyond This Place'. With Yul Brynner, Vera Miles, Emlyn Williams and Jean Kent. An American arrives in Liverpool to investigate the death of his father during the war. 5.05 Room 222. 5.35 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Saboteur—Code Name Morhuir'. With Marlon Brando, Yul Brynner, Janet Margolin and Trevor Howard. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-12 noon London. 12.10 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Interpol calling. 2.20 Football. 3.20 Quentin Durgens. 4.15 HR Puff-buff. 4.35 Cartoon time. 4.40 London. 7.55 Film: 'Rhapsody'. With Elizabeth Taylor. A young man's greatest ambition is to be a concert pianist until he meets Louise. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost.

TYNE TEES: 11.00 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.20 Football. 3.20 Champions. 4.15 London. 7.55 Film: 'Topkapi'. With Melina Mercouri and Maximilian Schell. Some thieves plan to steal a priceless dagger from an Istanbul museum. 10.00 London. 11.15 This is... Tom Jones. 12 midnight Joan Brockleby reads.

BORDER: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.50 Diary. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.20 Football. 3.20 Saint. 4.15 Ev. 4.45 London. 7.55 'The Saboteur—Code Name Morhuir'. With Marlon Brando, Yul Brynner, Janet Margolin and Trevor Howard. A wealthy German pacifist is sent to Tokyo in 1941 by British intelligence. 0.00 London. 10.15 This is... Tom Jones. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 12.10-1.25 London. 3.20 All our yesterdays. 3.50 Seaway. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Tin Star'. With Henry Fonda, Anthony Perkins and Betsy Palmer. 9.55 Hogan's heroes. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.10 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 12.10-1.25 London. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Training dog. 3.10 Movie: 'A Boy, A Girl and A Bike'. With John McCallum, Gordon Blackman, Patrick Holt and Diana Dors. Comedy. 4.45 London. 7.55 Cinema: 'Ziegfeld Girl'. With James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr and Lana Turner. The story of three Ziegfeld girls. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.10 Recognition.

Auschwitz re-visited?

HERR WALTER SCHEEL, who was an officer in Hitler's Luftwaffe (Air Force) during the Second World War, has now risen to become Foreign Minister in Brandt's W German cabinet. Despite being a member of the Free Democratic Party (the capitalist party which forms the minor partner to Brandt's Social Democratic Party in the coalition) he last week led the negotiations in Warsaw for a settlement with Poland.

During a break in the talks he travelled South to visit Auschwitz, site of the death camp in which over four million men, women and children were put to death by the Nazis. In the majority they were political opponents of Nazism or Jews who fell victim to Hitler's 'final solution', in the course of which six million European Jews were slaughtered.

As a gesture of reconciliation Scheel was accompanied to Auschwitz by Polish Prime Minister Jozef Cyrankiewicz, himself a Jew who was a prisoner there (No. 62933) after being arrested while working in the socialist underground in 1941.

But even as they travelled to Auschwitz the need for capitalism to use the worst extremes of barbarity and murder reasserted itself again in Germany.

RALLY At Wuerzburg a new political movement, called 'Action-resistance' claimed the support of 3,000 members.

Sponsored by the Nazi 'National Democratic Party' it recently held a rally in Wuerzburg and has pledged itself to prevent the ratification of any W German-Polish treaty.

In this they have the benevolent (if discreet) support of a number of right-wing Christian Democrats, who hope both to procure Brandt's fall and encourage the growth of the extreme right for use against the working class.

Strauss, the notorious Bavarian right winger, is known to be receiving both support and money from major W German industrialists for these purposes; and is on record as saying that he will restore his 'peace and freedom' to Germany 'with a machine-gun if necessary'.

EAST & WEST European REVIEW



Not so neutral

THE SWISS federal government has ordered the expulsion of three Brazilian political exiles, solely because of the opinions they have expressed. The three, Apolonio de Carvalho, Ladislav Dowbor and Angelo da Silva, were among the 40 political prisoners released by the Brazilian dictatorship and flown to Algiers as ransom for the kidnapped W German ambassador, von Holleben, in June. They were given permission to live in Algeria by the government and earlier this month visited Geneva, at the invitation of the Swiss League for Human Rights, to speak about the situation in Brazil. They were granted regular entry visas to Switzerland, but were expelled without warning earlier this week. In the communiqué from the federal 'Justice' Department explaining the step, they were accused of 'supporting the use of violence, in particular kidnapping people and hijacking aircraft, as proper and justified means of achieving their ends.'

'The Federal Council,' it continued, 'considers the presence of these foreigners on Swiss territory to be undesirable.'

And indeed, at meetings, press conferences and on radio programmes in Geneva they had described the political conditions in Brazil and the tortures inflicted in prison on hundreds of opponents of the regime and defended the use of force against such enemies.

In expelling them the Swiss bourgeoisie and bankers drop the facade of 'neutrality' and show precisely whose violence they condone. An entire Brazilian Embassy remains untouched in Bern, busily engaged in the political defence of the Brazilian government.

The action of the Swiss government—headed by a 'socialist' president, Tschudi—carries an important lesson for the European labour movement. Under the impact of the international crisis of capitalism, even the most 'liberal' and 'tolerant' regime is forced to prepare the means of political repression.

The Swiss government acts under pressure of the extreme right wing, now working along Powellite lines in a campaign against foreign workers in Switzerland. Their neutrality, in any case, has always had a reactionary edge.

For years the hired assassins of the Algerian colonialists and the French secret police operated with impunity from Switzerland to carry out their murder and abductions of Algerian nationalists fighting the French.

As long as they kept within the letter of the law in Switzerland the police turned a blind eye to them.

A canary sings

A CENTRAL figure in the bitter political attacks and counter-attacks being made upon each other by Italian Christian Democrats in connection with the recently-erupted Mafia exposures is national police chief Angelo Vicari.

It is very largely his information that has fuelled the forthcoming 'explosive' report of the Parliamentary Commission on the 'honoured society'.

The 'liberal' Christian Democrat (Cattaneo) who heads the commission has promised that it will name a number of the Mafia's political creatures. He has already publicly accused Ciancimino, recently elected Christian Democrat Mayor of Palermo (the Sicilian capital) of Mafia connections.

The move has produced a split in the party in Sicily, with a number of representatives refusing to vote for Ciancimino's city administration. The affair carries directly into national politics and has already embarrassed one of Ciancimino's associates, ex-national vice-secretary of the party Gioia.

But these public-spirited exposures leave several questions in the air. REPORTS Why, in previous years, has the Commission contented itself with slender three-page reports throwing next to no light on the activities of the Mafia and their influence in politics?

And given that sections of the Christian Democratic Party have decided they must (if only in self-preservation) open the issue, why has Vicari suddenly proved such a rich source of information? The change apparently came about at a session of the Commission approximately a year ago. Up till then Vicari had excused his inability to bring suspected Mafia assassins to book by pointing to the notorious reluctance of Sicilian courts to convict, or even hold in custody, people accused even on the strongest evidence.

And his explanations had been accepted. But at that session the questioning took a different turn. Why had he taken no action against the landowner Russo, widely believed to have organized the murder of Carmine Battaglia, the Mayor of Tusa? Was he aware that Russo was a close relative of Natale, Naples regional secretary of the Christian Democratic Party? Why had the police never even questioned Ciccio Vassallo, leading Palermo businessman reputed to be a Mafioso for over 20 years?

And what about the case of Luciano Liggio suspected of murdering a peasant leader in Corleone? Why were files on him sealed and marked 'To be opened only when he returns to compulsory residence in Corleone'? Why were arrest warrants against him not carried out, even when his whereabouts were well known to pressmen.

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OUTCRY Whatever the motives behind these questions at that time, they took effect when gunmen mowed down four workers on a Palermo building site in December 1969. The outcry compelled Interior Minister Restivo to sit up. Henceforward the Commission was to insist on answers.

And the result was they got them, in embarrassing profusion. Vicari proved able to assist them in their inquiries to such an extent that their report, largely based on his expertise, is a document which promises a political earthquake not only among Christian Democrats, but also Social Democrats and Republicans (both parties voted for Ciancimino in Palermo).

The final version of the report has almost certainly not yet been decided. But 'justice' is likely to be done. What is really being discussed behind the scenes is not whether the report is dropped, but whose head will roll for the Party's sake.



Palermo's mayor Ciancimino.

Dutt and de Gaulle

THE Stalinist method of 'history' writing was exemplified by 'Morning Star' Foreign Editor Sam Russell in his potted biography of General de Gaulle earlier this week.

While chiding him for certain of his policies in later years, Russell is full of praise for 'the man who symbolized the struggle of the French people in their darkest days against the Nazi invader...'

Russell is referring to de Gaulle's decision to disown the Petain Vichy regime and throw in his lot with the allies against Germany. Says Russell: 'When Marshal Philippe Petain announced the surrender of France on June 17, 1940, General de Gaulle escaped to Britain, declaring that "France has lost a battle, she has not lost the war".'

But in 1940, and in fact right up to June 22, 1941, the Kremlin was on the best of terms with Nazi oppressors of France. This was the Hitler-Petain Pact, signed just prior to the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939 and shattered only by Hitler's onslaught on the Soviet Union nearly two years later.

So at the time of de Gaulle's flight to Britain—a shrewd move which helped to guarantee the continuity of capitalist rule in France whatever the outcome of the war—Stalinist policy was very anti 'Free France'.

In fact, Stalin maintained full diplomatic relations with the pro-Nazi Vichy regime while all the force of the Stalinist propaganda machine was turning on the forces gathering around de Gaulle in London. For example, in the Stalinist journal 'Labour Monthly' for November 1940, its editor, R. Palme Dutt wrote: 'The British Tory leaders... have chosen for their associates the super fascist de Gaulle for France.'

We await the next issue of Dutt's journal with more than usual interest.

'We won't be intimidated by NCB propaganda'—Scottish miners



Some of the striking Polmaise miners.

MINERS at Polmaise pit in Fallin, 12.3 miles from Stirling, Scotland, have remained out on strike for three weeks against every effort by the union leadership to get them back to work.

Polmaise pit remained out on strike for ten months in 1926, the longest for any colliery in Britain.

The strike committee vigorously denied allegations by Lord Robens that miners in Scotland had been physically intimidated to come out on strike.

'Smear' When pickets from Polmaise went to Bedlay pit, they were in fact given a share of

the 'pieces' and flasks of tea. The Bedlay miners invited the Polmaise pickets into their meeting where they decided for strike action.

John Watson, the pit delegate, attacked Robens' statement as a 'smear campaign against the miners'. Harry McGhie, a member of the strike committee, said the miners would not be intimidated by the barrage of propaganda.

Already, he alleged, the NCB had spent £20,000 in propaganda against the strike, in the form of pamphlets and letters.

'That could have gone into the miners' pockets, for a start.' He explained that miners' wages had been drastically reduced over the years and now was the time to take a stand. 'The union leaders have accepted pious resolutions at conference after conference, but have failed to take any actions.'

Productivity had increased tenfold since 1958, but wages have not. 'If we had been paid in line with productivity, we should have at least £40 or £50 a week today.'

Need money John Watson added: 'The period of negotiating for pennies and shillings is at an end. We will fight to the end for £5. The country needs coal and the miners need good money.'

The strike committee's wives all support the strike. Rents in the village have gone up this week by 3s 11d. John Watson spoke of the need for a general strike to defeat the Tories, the main enemy of the miners. 'But we will need a lot of hard-thinking as to where we will go beyond that.'

At the Polmaise report-back meeting after the delegate conference one speaker said: 'The Workers Press is the only paper giving full coverage and support to the miners' strike throughout the British coalfield.'

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Unions discuss denationalization

Private Post Office feared

JOINT ACTION against Tory denationalization threats is at present under discussion by the four-member Council of Post Office Unions.

Recent Ministerial statements have given rise to 'a considerable amount of consternation about what the government is proposing to do', a spokesman for the 112,000-strong Post Office Engineering Union told Workers Press yesterday.

Defeat Tories

FROM PAGE ONE
miners and the left, the Tory Cabinet hopes to recover from the councilmen's struggle by defeating the miners.

The fight against the anti-union laws is the same fight as the fight of the miners and the power workers. Every section of the trade union movement must be organized to support the miners' strike—transport workers, railwaymen, dockers must act in solidarity. The great danger at this stage is that by refusing to lead the militant struggles of their members, by making overtures to the government instead of mobilizing the whole movement against them, by denouncing the December 8 strike the trade union leaders will give the Tories the time they need to prepare a vicious right-wing force. Encouraged by Powell and his group, they would impose an extreme right-wing dictatorship on the working class. This must not happen. From today onwards, the campaign to force the trade union leaders to fight must begin in every factory and every union. Factory committees, shop stewards' quarterly meetings, union district committees and Trades Councils—all must plan immediately to lobby their union executives and demand they mobilize the whole strength of the unions against the anti-union laws.

Just as the Tories depend for their plans to work on the union leaders' class-collaboration, so we must break the deadlock of leadership in the working class. The working class wants to fight the Tories. Only the leadership is holding it back. They must be forced to the front, tested out in struggle, by the pressure of millions of trade unionists.

- Defeat the anti-union laws!
- All out on December 8! Not a 'protest', but the first step towards a General Strike to force the Tories to resign!
- Full support to the miners in their strike against the government!
- Lobby every trade union executive and force them to mobilize the entire working-class movement against the Tories!

A chorus of lies

FROM PAGE ONE
Minister Mr Carr to the Institute of Directors on November 6: '... no part of our society can do more than make a temporary gesture of refusing to co-operate.'

The only answer to the witch-hunt is for miners to step up the struggle in the NUM to throw out the leadership and replace it with a leadership that will not hesitate to accept the political challenge presented by the NCB and the Tory government.

Branches of the All Trades Unions Alliance must be built in every mining district of Britain.

A thing to tell the miners would be the greatest defeat for the Tory government and would make its resignation highly probable.

- Down with the witch-hunt!
- Fight for a miners' victory!

Work study slashes dustmen's jobs

REDUCTIONS in labour force of 16 per cent in refuse collection and 50 per cent in street sweeping and gully cleansing operations followed work-study exercises at Thornorton Cleveleys Urban Council, Lancashire.

According to a report in the current issue of 'Target', the British Productivity Council journal, refuse collection from 10,500 houses was originally carried out by two teams each of seven men and one driver.

A team of one collector and one driver dealt with trade refuse.

Following a work study, one team was cut from eight to four men.

Eventually one team alone, plus one man on bulk collection will carry out all the work.

On the sweeping and gully cleansing side, work re-arrangement will eventually result in a cut from eight to four men.

The report states that re-employment and natural wastage eliminated the need for redundancy and an incentive bonus scheme increased earnings by one-third.

Mechanization
Introduction of mechanization combined with work study prepares for the elimination of thousands of jobs, particularly those which have previously been available to older workers.

Nor can the workers remaining feel secure.

Councils are continually on the lookout for methods and machines which will 'cut labour costs' and the Tories will certainly promote the taking over of direct works by private contractors once the work is a paying proposition.

Creeping

This is a kind of creeping denationalization already under way in several state enterprises—including some Gas Boards—and could soon threaten thousands of nationalized-sector workers' jobs.

Yet union leaders in the Post Office are themselves only too willing to sign away jobs in cost-cutting productivity deals.

The PEOU journal article already referred to goes on to boast that 'the productivity of Post Office engineers is now running at four times the national average.'

It backs this up with a quotation from a 1967 progress report prepared by the late and unlamented Department of Economic Affairs, which reads '... PEOU leaders, far from resisting changes, are prepared to take the initiative in suggesting improvements themselves.'

It is to be hoped that this eagerness will not extend to advising Chataway how best to denationalize.

Repression

Hussein is assisted in preparing his repression by the agreement Arafat signed in September, which imposes a mass of restrictions on the military strength of the commandos.

He is aided also by the Egyptian government's support for 'consolidation' of the eastern front against Israel—under Hussein's leadership.

The fact that the Jordanian army is receiving massive United States military supplies—and there are persistent allegations of Israeli support for Hussein's troops during the civil war—does not appear to prevent the Egyptian leaders pressing for support of this plan.

Conspicuous

Arafat himself is touring the Arab capitals trying to win support against Hussein with conspicuous lack of success.

Under intense US pressure, many of the Arab states appear to be moving towards some form of compromise with Israel.

Gen Dayan's speech at the weekend, outlining a plan for partial withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied territories, is part of this campaign.

Credit

To strengthen the Israeli position, the US Senate this week voted another massive arms credit to finance sending 60 tanks and fighter-bombers to Israel. Total credits voted this week run to over £200 million.

Aided by the compromise policies and the treachery of the nationalist leaders, the US is systematically tightening the noose around the commandos.

The full fruits of Arafat's treacherous treaty with Hussein are only now becoming apparent.

GM deal approved

UNION leaders from General Motors plants across America yesterday approved a new contract to end the eight-week strike against the world's largest car manufacturer.

It still has to be ratified by almost 400,000 workers at the company's US plants.

A similar agreement is being drawn up for Canadian employees.

The new contract represents a considerable gain for the tenacious GM strikers' struggle.

Wages and fringe benefits will rise by more than 15 per cent above the present £1 15s 2d over the next three years.

Workers with more than 30 years' service will be able to retire with a £208-a-month pension.

Life insurance will be raised to \$14,500 (£6,050).

Other benefits are believed to include a cost-of-living clause, which allows wages to rise in line with government living-cost statistics, and four weeks' holiday after 20 years.

Hussein noose tightens

Ultimatum to Jordan-based Iraqi troops

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

JORDANIAN premier Wasfi es Tell has ordered the Iraqi government either to withdraw its troops from Jordan or place them under the command of King Hussein, Beirut newspaper 'Al Kifah' reported yesterday.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

'Victory to the Miners!' 'Force the Tories to resign!'

DAEGENHAM: Wednesday, November 18, 8 p.m.: Mash Green School, New Road.

SOUTHALL: Tuesday, November 24, 8 p.m.: Community Centre, Bridge Road.

NORTH LONDON: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.

WILLESDEN: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Labour and Trades Hall, High Road, N.W.10.

WEST LONDON: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Prince Albert Pub, Balfe Street, Kings Cross.

SE LONDON: Thursday, November 26, 8 p.m.: Artichoke Pub, Camberwell Church Street, Camberwell Green.

SW LONDON: Tuesday, December 1, 8 p.m.: Prince Albert Head, Falcon Road, Clapham Junction.

ACTON: Tuesday, December 1, 8 p.m.: Rocket Pub, Birkbeck Road, W.3.

Unpublished

Jailed in 1965 because his plays had a 'patently anti-Soviet and pornographic character' he was later exiled as a 'parasite' to Siberia where he worked as a shepherd and a drover on a collective farm.

The story of his exile is in his book 'Involuntary Journey to Siberia'.

At the end of 1966 he was allowed to return to Moscow and worked as a Novosti press agency journalist, specializing in theatre and the arts.

Discontent

He sees growing discontent inside the USSR, but considers that neither the working class nor the intelligentsia will be able to bring about fundamental changes.

The bureaucracy persecutes him as it persecutes everyone in the USSR who dares to try and answer the burning questions facing Soviet society.

NO REPEAT

The speed with which the latest trial has been completed and the fact that it took place with the minimum of publicity indicates that the Soviet bureaucracy is now attempting to ensure that the outcry which followed the trial of Daniel and Sinyavsky will not be repeated.

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WEATHER

NORTHERN districts of Scotland will have snow showers, with a few sunny intervals.

Showers of sleet or snow will also occur over N Ireland, NW England, Wales and SW England, but there will also be sunny intervals.

SE Scotland, E and NE England, E Anglia, the Midlands and SE England will be mainly dry and sunny, with only a few isolated showers.

It will be generally cold.

Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Rather cold and changeable, with snow at times in the N, chiefly over high ground. Frost at night in most places. Becoming less cold later.

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Amalrik-Three years' hard labour



Amalrik

Critical pessimist

ANDREI AMALRIK was born in 1938, the son of a Moscow historian and archaeologist.

A student at Moscow University in 1959 and 1962-1963, he was expelled for his work on 'The Normans and Kievan Russia', which implicitly criticized the chauvinist-inspired Stalinist rewriting of early Russian history.

He then worked in various jobs and wrote several plays, including 'East-West' about relations between the USSR and China. None was published.

During this period he wrote 'Will the USSR survive until 1984?', which sets out his views on the Soviet Union's future.

In 1968, he picketed the British embassy in protest against the sending of arms to Nigeria during the war with Biafra.

Secret police later had him removed from his press agency job and he became a postman.

More recently, in expectation of further imprisonment, he has spent his time growing tomatoes and cucumbers.

Amalrik is not a Marxist. His book is extremely critical of the Stalinist bureaucracy, but pessimistic about the future.

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with the United States and other imperialist forces, Mr Gorton has, Father Christmas-like once again, taken the voter on his knee and explained just what happened there.

He has, for example, promised an increase in the social welfare service; a big increase in the number of kindergartens; efforts to tackle the problem of long-term nursing home patients, and low income families with young children.

The government's attention to these fields up to now has been noticeable for its absence, except for the derisory 50 cents (4s 8d)-a-week rise in old-age pensions.

Mr Gorton has not so far made it clear to the electorate just when they can expect the bag full of goodies. It could be Christmas Eve, it could be the New Year, it could be any time.

On the issue of Australia's involvement in Vietnam, along

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contorting under American hands, or the 'defended' people in their 'pacified' villages.

Getting back nearer home again the Prime Minister warned workers that they must not be naughty and demand a 35-hour-week.

The fact that the leader of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU), Bob Hawke, has called 1970 'The year of the 35-hour-week', does not appear to have convinced Mr Gorton at all.

He claims that the country cannot afford such a thing and the ones to suffer, if it was attained, would be those on superannuation and fixed incomes.

This will be recognized by British workers as a brother cry to the one put out by the British Labour Party when they were in power—'let the lower-paid ones catch up!'

They never do of course and the ruling class has no

Support for 'Cancer Ward' author

BY PUBLICLY declaring his support for Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the world-famous 'cellist' Mstislav Rostropovich has struck a powerful blow against the Kremlin bureaucracy.

The author's brilliant novels 'The First Circle' and 'Cancer Ward' were banned by the Soviet censor and later published in the West.

He has been constantly vilified by the bureaucracy for accepting the 1970 Nobel Prize for literature.

As a close friend of the writer, Rostropovich writes in an 'Open Letter' sent to four Soviet journals: 'I know many of the works of Solzhenitsyn. I like them. I consider that he won the right through his suffering to write the truth as he saw it and I see no reason to hide my attitude towards him at a time when a campaign is being launched against him.'

Experience

Solzhenitsyn's many years' experience in Stalinist labour camps became the central theme in many of his major works.

Rostropovich recalled how two other renowned Soviet musicians—the composers Prokofiev and Shostakovich—had been attacked in Stalin's time, but were now officially recognized as great artists:

'I recall the past not in order to grumble, but in order that in the future, let us say in 20 years, we will not have to hide today's newspapers in shame.'

In a scathing attack on bureaucratic control over Soviet culture, the world-famous 'cellist' asked:

'Explain to me please, just why in our literature and art so often people absolutely incompetent in this field have the final word.'

Rostropovich revealed that following the award of the 1958 Nobel Prize to Boris Pasternak for his novel 'Doctor Zhivago', he was instructed to make a speech attacking the book 'which at that time I had not read.'

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Rubin held

YIPPIE leader Jerry Rubin was arrested in Belfast yesterday by Special Branch detectives.

The Home Secretary had decided to make deportation orders against Rubin and one of his companions on the ground that their continued presence was not conducive to the public good.

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Speakers will be from the Pilkington Rank and File Committee

LATE NEWS

'DRASTIC' POLICIES FORECAST
Mass unemployment and other 'drastic' policies might be needed unless British economic performance improved sharply. O.E.C.D. economist Derek Robinson said yesterday.

Clark predicted unemployment, rises 'not of 1 or 2 per cent, but on a scale not seen for more than 30 years... the pound will also be in danger if Britain continues as badly as at present', he added, referring to the low growth-rate compared with other advanced industrial nations.

His devaluation prediction echoed Oxford economist Oliver Clark told BIM meeting yesterday.

JORDAN AND IRAQIS (See this page)

Amman, Nov. 13—Authorized sources said today that the Jordanian government had no information on a newspaper report that Premier Wasfi Tell had told several Arab states that if Iraqi troops in his country were not placed under King Hussein's command Jordan would be compelled to ask for their withdrawal.

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