

More Scabs. The following are SOGAT 82 London Central Branch members all working in Fleet Street, who are still selling Murdoch's papers in their newsagents shops or news stands. These scabs are profiting while their fellow members are suffering from Murdoch's disgusting treatment.

K. Brown, 87 Higher Drive, Banstead, Surrey
D. O'Brien, 3 Wickstead Close, Bexley, Kent
T. Fullbrook, 17 Dahlia Drive, Swanley, Kent
G. Hurley, 13 The Knoll, Hayes, Kent
J. Hurley, 12 Ribston Close, Bromley Common, Kent
J. Marshall, 32 The Riding, Surbiton, Surrey
J. Newman, 328 Long Lane, Bexleyheath, Kent
K. Skevington, 38 Abbot Avenue, Raynes Park, Surrey
B. Wicks, 78 Portland Avenue, Malden, Surrey
E. Wicks, 163 Warren Drive, Sth Tolworth, Surrey.

Another Scab. G. Schooling (Wapping Fire Chief) drives a Vauxhall Cavalier - SRO 416W

Scab Job Changes. 1) Nick Lloyd, ex London Post to Daily Express editor.

2) Duke Hussey, ex Times director to BBC Chairman

"ONCE A SCAB, IS A SCAB FOREVER"

A First Impression of the new Daily Telegraph Building on the Isle of Dogs

To reach the new Telegraph building I travelled along the dark, depressing West Ferry Road. It was like driving through a long dark tunnel with the black sky above it for its roof.

On reaching the fortified entrance, I was approached by 3 security guards. Whilst one recorded my vehicle registration number, another was busily thrusting a card into my hand. "You've got to have one of these," he said. "Hand it in when you leave." Whilst he was talking, I could not help but wonder if he had ever *scabbed* on the gates at Fortress Wapping.

I was then allowed to drive on into the large warehouse type lorry park. Inside I was confronted by a battery of 15 loading chutes, each being painted in one of five colours. Of the 15 chutes, *only 3 were operational*. I hadn't been stopped for long when a security man passed by, speaking secretly into a walkie-talkie type radio.

I ventured across the yard towards a pair of red doors in the corner. I was met by familiar Fleet Street faces wearing unfamiliar expressions. Each man wore an ID card bearing his photograph. "We can't enter or leave without showing these," they laughed. One took the time to tell me that "Boycott Murdoch" posters had been removed from the walls. "It's a sacking offence now," he added.

Beyond the red door was the warehouse. Walls painted cream, the floor grey. I immediately noticed how few men were employed and how managerial types strutted around with a new found arrogance.

It was obvious that the workers had received little consideration in the building design. Modern technology had ousted any thought of people being involved. They were just regarded as a necessary commodity. Machine room personnel were moving around in uniforms of sky blue shirts over navy trousers. They looked more like Wormwood Scrubs inmates. Everywhere were badges stating a "New Spirit".

The canteen was austere, no pictures on the walls, no pot-plants on the floor. A few soft chairs were to one side. Elsewhere was the usual utility-type canteen furniture. Meanwhile, down in the loading area a wholesale driver was having trouble loading his van, trying to keep pace with the machinery. Bundles were falling on to the floor and then onto the ground. "Stop the belt." "Can't stop the belt," came the reply, "they won't like it." Spoken as if THEY were some supernatural being. It was THEY that were content in keeping the wholesalers waiting in Fleet Street for 3 hours, but would not now wait 3 seconds for him.

On leaving the plant, the same security guard approached me. "Where's your pass," one asked. "Can't find it," I replied. The guard looked at me furtively and with a reluctant voice said, "OK, you can go." I was granted my release, or should I say parole, as I was due back within 24 hours.

I came away thinking I had had an insight into life inside the SCAB FORTRESS, but could not help but feel that the place reminded me of an ABBATTOIR, with the smell of DEATH hanging in the air.

Saturday Afternoon, 4th October. Thousands, mostly youths from the socialist groups, march from near Aldgate East tube to Cable Street, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street. That the march did not join the picketing only hundreds of yards away was partly due to a failure of printworkers' organisation.

Income: £1 picket; £2 bookshop sales; £3 Natsopa m/c; 50p man in black; £1 cop's son; £4.60 Wednesday night pickets; 20p Big X; £7.50 Saturday night pickets; £2.50 NGA strikers.

Picket c/o Housmans Books, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX

Published by picketing print union members.



Picket

PART 4

28th July to 7th October
(includes Picket nos. 22 to 28)
plus 3 pages of additions previous parts

Picket,
c/o Housman's Books,
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London N1 9DX.

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109 Mon 11 May	Picket EETPU Scarborough	200 75,77
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239 Thu 18 Sep	Picket Byfleet TNT depot	100 168
240 Fri 19 Sep	LDC march (87th) Wapping	1000 165,168
241 Sat 20 Sep	Resident's march (88th)	1500 166
	March (89th) to Wapping	500 168
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additions to parts 1, 2, and 3

from Crowbar, squatters paper

from 7th February Militant



Sat. afternoon - Get a bus down to Cable St. from the Police Bill Demo with some ALF.

Past all that derelict warehousing and those friendly damp derelict smashed grim worn-out dangerous tower blocks, staring down... The picket (damp but not dangerous and grim, not derelict) hoves into view. We join a happy group of SWP'ers well over 200 yards from the main entrance of Murdoch's Folly. Watched the scab's putting up razor wire on the perimeter - one got all cut up on it, oh, how we laughed!

Strolled in a circle through the adjacent streets till 3 of us found a gap in the thin blue slime.... on onwards, on and on we arrived at THE GATE to a chorus of 'There's more than six of them now, Sarque! More than friggin' six! There were 300 filth-what the frig were they worried about!!

A hundred journalists watched our attempts to stop the traffic, rows of SPG lined the place.

A couple of cars are turned back but the articles from T.N.T. wouldn't heed our arguments as they sped in and out of the fortress.

That abominable plant dominated the surrounding like a huge crematorium suitable for dinosaurs, although burning the odd printer is well within its monstrous range of feudal conviviality!

T.N.T. are very worried that their vehicles are easy targets, as they poodle along on multi-drop runs throughout Britain - THEY ARE - IT'S SO EASY! So are the businesses who have T.N.T. Despatch Post franchises (typically car hire offices and photocopy shops displaying T.N.T. insignia) T.N.T. Bedford lorries are affected by stray gravel finding it's way down the oil filler cap (under the metal flap behind the driver's door) MURDOCH MUST BE STOPPED -

Give the scab's what they deserve in '86!!

11th February

Tuesday, 19th day of the strike. TNT set up an incident room to report attacks and intimidation of their scabs (from Counter Information).

19th February

Wednesday, 27th day. Printers and some local supporters, about 40 or 50 in all picket Northampton Mercury. Vans spray-painted "Scab".

nga
London Region
NATIONAL GRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION

News International Dispute

MARCH & RALLY
SATURDAY 1 MARCH 1986

Assemble:
TRINITY SQUARE, TOWER HILL 6.30pm

March to:
KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL PARK
FOR RALLY AT 8pm

Speakers:
Tony Dubbins General Secretary NGA
Aif Parish National Secretary NGA
Bill Booroff London Region Secretary

RATS
COMPLAIN
RUPERT'S
NOT ONE
OF US!

TIMES
SUNDAY TIMES
NGA
CHAPELS



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, LONDON DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE NEWS INTERNATIONAL LIAISON
COMMITTEE, BRANCH COMMITTEES AND CHAPELS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st 9pm
DEMONSTRATION
AT WAPPING

Prior to their own National Demonstrations members of the National Union of Mineworkers and Women's Support Groups will be joining the Wapping demonstration on Saturday, March 1st.

In addition, the London Region of the NGA have organised a March on the same evening.

In order to show maximum solidarity with the NGA and provide an appropriate welcome to the NUM, there will be a March and Demonstration of members in all Branches and Chapels in the London District of SOGAT.

Branches and Chapels are asked to give maximum support to this demonstration which will assemble in

LOWER THAMES STREET (Next to Tower Hill)
AT 9pm ON SATURDAY EVENING

Chapel and Branch banners should be brought.

Printed by THE GRAPHIC PRESS LTD, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000



was just a one-off, so the T&G allowed it to be distributed through the normal TNT depots.

Uncertainty

A week last Saturday the first lot of papers came out - News of the World and the Sunday Times - through the separate distribution network, and the new drivers were unsure what the situation was and crossed picket lines. Then came Ron Todd's announcement not to cross picket lines.

The biggest problem is that SOGAT members were accepting the Sun and the Times and Sunday Times and News of the World from the TNT vans and delivering them to the shops. It's difficult to persuade men who know they are going to lose their jobs if they don't deliver the stuff, to support a union, (ie SOGAT), whose own members are handling the papers.

There must be some input from the unions, they can't just expect people to go out on strike. They have got to explain the issues.

TNT are the

London
Machine Branch SOGAT '82
RALLY & DEMONSTRATION
WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 1986
Assemble Gough St., 8p.m. (BEHIND TIMES BUILDING)
March Off 8.30.
Rally: At Wellclose St., Wapping
March will be in three groups in
columns 6 abreast
FIRST GROUP, L.M.B.
SECOND GROUP, S.O.G.A.T.
THIRD GROUP Other Unions
and
Councils etc.,

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 1986

SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN IN PRINT WOMEN'S MARCH AND RALLY

Women in the print unions call on their sisters to support them in their fight for jobs and the right to belong to an effective trade union.

SATURDAY 8 MARCH

Arrive at 5.00pm, Lower Thames Street (Tower Hill end)
March moves off at 5.30pm. Rally at Napping 6pm

Speakers include:
BRENDA DEAN, SOGAT ANN LILBURN, WAPC

"I sat in the open squares of Wapping and up and down the streets I heard jubilation. That comes of your not giving up your demands, and now your work is undone, or done by hands that understand it not."

An extract from Samuel Pepys' Diary 1687

Sponsored by SOGAT, NCA, WAPC, SOGATC, Resources Rights Committee, Gender Leaders Labour Party, Teachers


SOSAT
London District Council

**Calls upon all supporters of the
Printworkers to attend a major**

**DEMONSTRATION
AT WAPPING**

TONIGHT **Saturday
15th March**
Assemble Tower Hill 8-30pm.

NEAREST TUBE TOWER HILL

A black and white illustration of a large crowd of people marching. Many are holding signs, some of which are partially legible, such as 'SOSAT', 'Printworkers', and 'Solidarity'. The crowd is diverse in age and appearance, and the overall scene conveys a sense of a large-scale public demonstration or protest.

CASUALS

*The London District Council
of SOGAT, have organised
a March and Rally....*

SAT 15 March 1986

*Your Casuals Strike Committee
urge you to meet at....*

TOWER HILL 8-30pm

*It is vital that you turn up
in numbers to demonstrate
and Picket at Wapping*

ALL CLERICAL MEMBERS
MASS DEMO
GRAMS INN ROAD
TUESDAY 1st APRIL
3 o'clock am.
BE THERE

★SOGAT★NCA★AUEW★NUJ★
NATIONAL MARCH
& RALLY
SUNDAY 6th APRIL 1986
 ★ IN SUPPORT OF PRINTWORKERS
 ★ IN DISPUTE WITH MURDOCH ★
 Rally at Trafalgar Square 3-pm
 Speakers will include Brenda Dean-
 Tony Dubbins - T.U. and Labour leaders
 Followed by a MARCH to WAPPING
 led by 6,000 SACKED PRINTWORKERS
 Trade UNIONS & SUPPORTERS are OFFICIALLY
 ★★ requested to give BATHING support ★★



DEFEAT MURDOCH
London Central Branch
SOGAT '82

*Calls on all supporters
and trade unionists
to join us in a*

**MARCH TO
FORTRESS
WAPPING**

Wednesday April 9
ASSEMBLE
8.30pm Tower Hill
March Off 9pm

Come and see for yourself

* SOGAT * NGA * AUEW * NUJ *

London District Council

Calls upon all supporters of the
Printworkers to attend a major

DEMONSTRATION

A T W A P P I N G

SATURDAY 12th APRIL

Assemble Tower Hill 8.30 p.m.

Nearest Tube Tower Hill

ordering us to leave. The excuse he gave was that women might get hurt. But many of us pushing and shoving and calling for reinforcements were women clericals and cleaners.

If he had run back and ordered those behind the barriers to come and join us we could have held the picket of the gate quite easily.

Once again the tactics of even active SOGAT officials snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

The example of the supposedly weakest sections of the strike—half made up by women—blockading the main gate for 25 minutes should have been used to mobilise for another morning picket the next day.

Instead there isn't to be another until this Wednesday, and not at Wapping but at Murdoch's now empty *Sun* building off Fleet Street.

And *The Syndicalist* reports:

In May 5 News International strikers visited N.E. England. When the delegation visited the Gateshead Council Incinerator, management there refused to allow the workers to meet the delegates on the premises. This resulted in a 24 hour strike by the back shifts at the Incinerator. (The Council is Labour-controlled).

● The massive police operation needed to control the

Wapping demonstrations is starving other London areas of officers. "The fact that 1,000 officers are regularly needed at Wapping means that there are fewer available to be deployed elsewhere," said DAC Jones.

violence trouble-makers but have also accused the police of over-reacting. A spokesman for SOGA '82 said: "Anyone who goes along to Wapping to promote violence is not welcomed by the printing unions."

"There is no doubt that some people do come in from outside who would like to see a big punch-up, but at the same time we have grave concerns about police tactics.

about 300 agitators were responsible for setting light to the fuse which started the bloody confrontation. "They came prepared with a horrific arsenal of weapons ready to launch a bombardment on the police," he said. During the disturbances, police "snatch squads" made a total of 84 arrests, but only 25 of those detained were printers. The print unions have consistently denounced the

WILL SMITH

by launching attacks on officers from among the crowds of legitimate demonstrators," he said.

Violence on the picket line reached a climax three weeks ago when 175 police officers and 38 other people were injured in clashes outside the News International print works in Pennington Street.

That night DAC Jones claims

BY

with the sole intention of creating as much disorder as possible."

He claims they are "professional agitators" from a variety of extremist groups including the Workers Revolutionary Party and Class War who work in small units to ferment violent confrontation.

"Their aim is to provoke a response from the police,"

A hard core of about 300 "rent-a-mob" demonstrators have been blamed for whipping up violence on the "Fortress Wapping" picket line.

The outside agitators, who have no connection with the print unions, have used the dispute as a vehicle to launch attacks against the police, a senior officer claimed this week.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Wyn Jones, head of the police operation at Wapping, said: "These demonstrators bear no allegiance to the printers. They come into the area

TWO hundred print workers marched along Bromley High Street to protest against News International boss Rupert Murdoch's sacking of 6,000 print workers, on Saturday.

THE LEADER, APRIL 25, 1986

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'RENT-A-MOB' BLAMED FOR VIOLENCE

BY WILL SMITH


London Region
NATIONAL GRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION

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Dispute
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AND
RALLY**

Saturday 22nd March, 1986

Assemble
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Speakers:
TONY DUBBINS General Secretary NGA
NORMAN ROBBINS
London Region Deputy Secretary NGA



Mob in orgy of destruction at Thetford TNT

Depot recovering after ugly attack

LIFE at Thetford's TNT transport depot returned to normal this week — just days after 200 dawn raiders smashed windows and burnt newspapers in an orgy of destruction.

The yard's general manager Andrew Turner told the Times: "Work continued as normal on the Friday, and now we are operating at full throttle very successfully again."

But TNT — one of Britain's biggest transport firms — say they are to install new security measures.

This Sunday the firm opens its doors for a family day. "We are not expecting any trouble at all," added Mr Turner.

That will be in sharp contrast to events on Friday night.

Then vandals caused an estimated £10,000 damage to the Howlett Way depot, in the early hours.

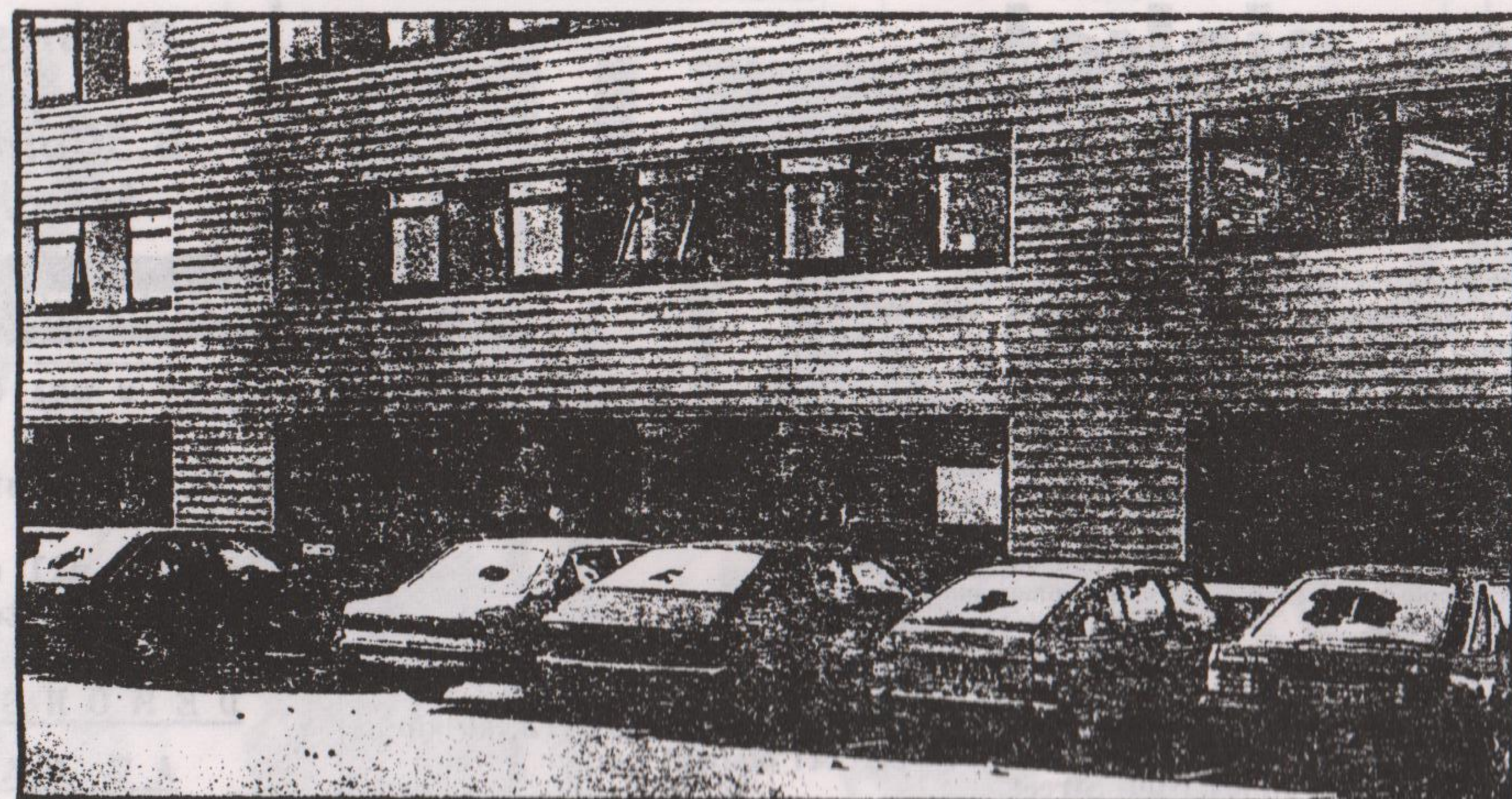
Police say that more than 200 people converged on the depot at 2.30 am, tearing down a perimeter fence and attacking TNT lorries and the employees' parked cars with bricks and stones.

The main office block was attacked with flares, but these did not cause any fire damage. Newspapers were removed from some of the lorries parked on the forecourt and set on fire.

The attack lasted about an hour. Half a dozen officers from Thetford police station rushed to the scene. Reinforcements from the Dereham sub-division were called for, but by the time they arrived the vandals had dispersed. Police say that no one was arrested.

Nightshift workers inside the depot found themselves besieged. Insp. Roy Wright, said that the vandals had been in "an ugly mood" and clearly intent on causing damage.

Both print unions, the National Graphical Association and Sogat, said that as far as they were aware, none of their branch members was involved.



The line of damaged cars after the disturbance at the Thetford TNT depot last week.

Step up in security

TNT's managing director, Mr Alan Jones, condemned the action of the mob of 200 people who converged on the plant causing £10,000 damage.

"It was disgraceful, and hopefully these criminals will be brought to justice," he said.

Mr Jones said that as a result of the attack, razor wire would be put around the perimeter fence, guard dogs would patrol the premises at night, and other

security measures would be taken. "I am very concerned for the safety of my staff, that is why we will be stepping up security to repel these vandals," he said.

Mr Jones praised the attitude of his staff, more than 30 of whom braved the assault on Friday morning.

"Our staff did a magnificent job. They delivered newspapers using vehicles with broken window screens. Using a patched up fleet, we managed to deliver all the

newspapers and my staff say they are not intimidated or deterred. In fact they are more determined to carry on with their job."

Mr Jones said that the Wapping News International dispute was the motive for the attack. "The attack is obviously connected with the print dispute at Wapping, but we are not connected with that. It is not our quarrel. We are a delivery company handling legitimate work, which is the transportation and delivery of newspapers."

MP queries police action

AN MP is questioning police handling of Friday's mob attack at TNT.

South-West Norfolk MP Sir Paul Hawkins is to contact the Home Office and Norfolk's Chief Constable.

He wants to know WHY no one was arrested during the disturbance. WHY Suffolk police were not asked to send reinforcements. HOW 200 people could gather at Thetford, apparently without being spotted.

Chief Inspector Peter Barnes replied to the MP's criticism by saying the location of the Thetford depot was ideal for the sort of well-organised and planned attack carried out. No arrests were made because it would have meant some of the few police officers at the scene would have been forced to leave, he said.



News Line

30th July



Militant



SOGAT casuals demonstrate down Fleet Street.

from the Guardian, 1st August

The High Court yesterday banned the NGA and Sogat print unions from attempting to blockade News International's Wapping plant, in east London. It said the number of demonstrators on roads outside the plant should be restricted to six.

However, to the evident relief of the strikers, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith has allowed the unions to continue regular marches and processions outside the plant if the demonstrators congregated in a square opposite the main exit at the end of them.

The orders also apply to three London Sogat officials — Mr Chris Robbins, Mr Bill Freeman and Mr Michael Britton. They face contempt fines if they now organise marches and fail to take practical steps to prevent violence and intimidation on them.

Mr Robbins said after the case: "The judge has stopped us from creating the conditions that lead to violence, but we have been trying to do that in any case for the past six months."

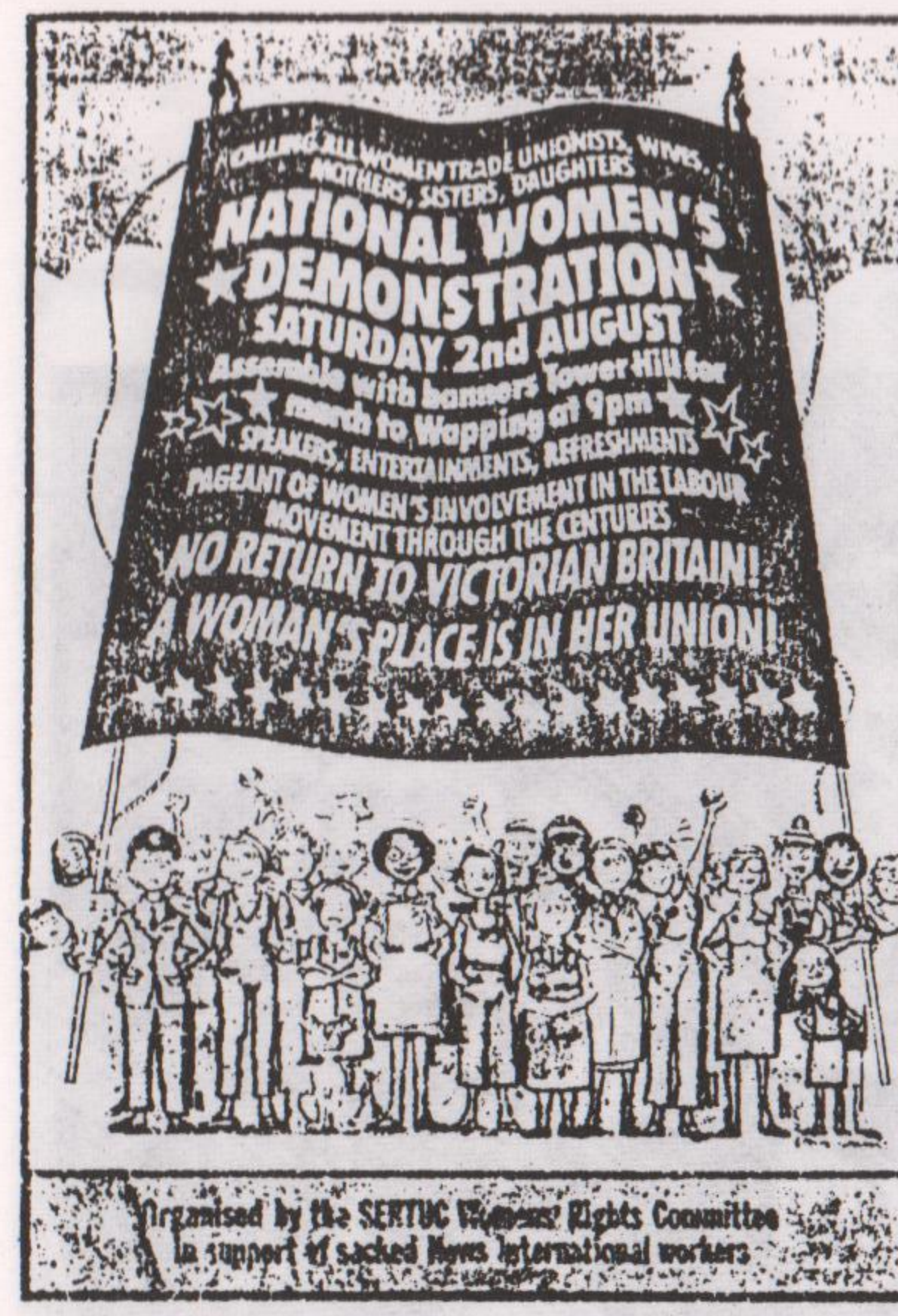
Morning Star Industrial Staff

PRINT UNIONS SOGAT 82 and the NGA yesterday gave undertakings in the High Court that they would not assist in disruption at transport depots distributing Murdoch's newspapers.

The undertakings were given to TNT Freight (UK), which took the unions to court following disturbances at their depots at Eastleigh, Hampshire and Thetford, Norfolk.

Both unions agreed not to assist, persuade or encourage their officers, members or agents to carry out acts of violence (to persons or property) or intimidate or abuse the company or its employees or directors.

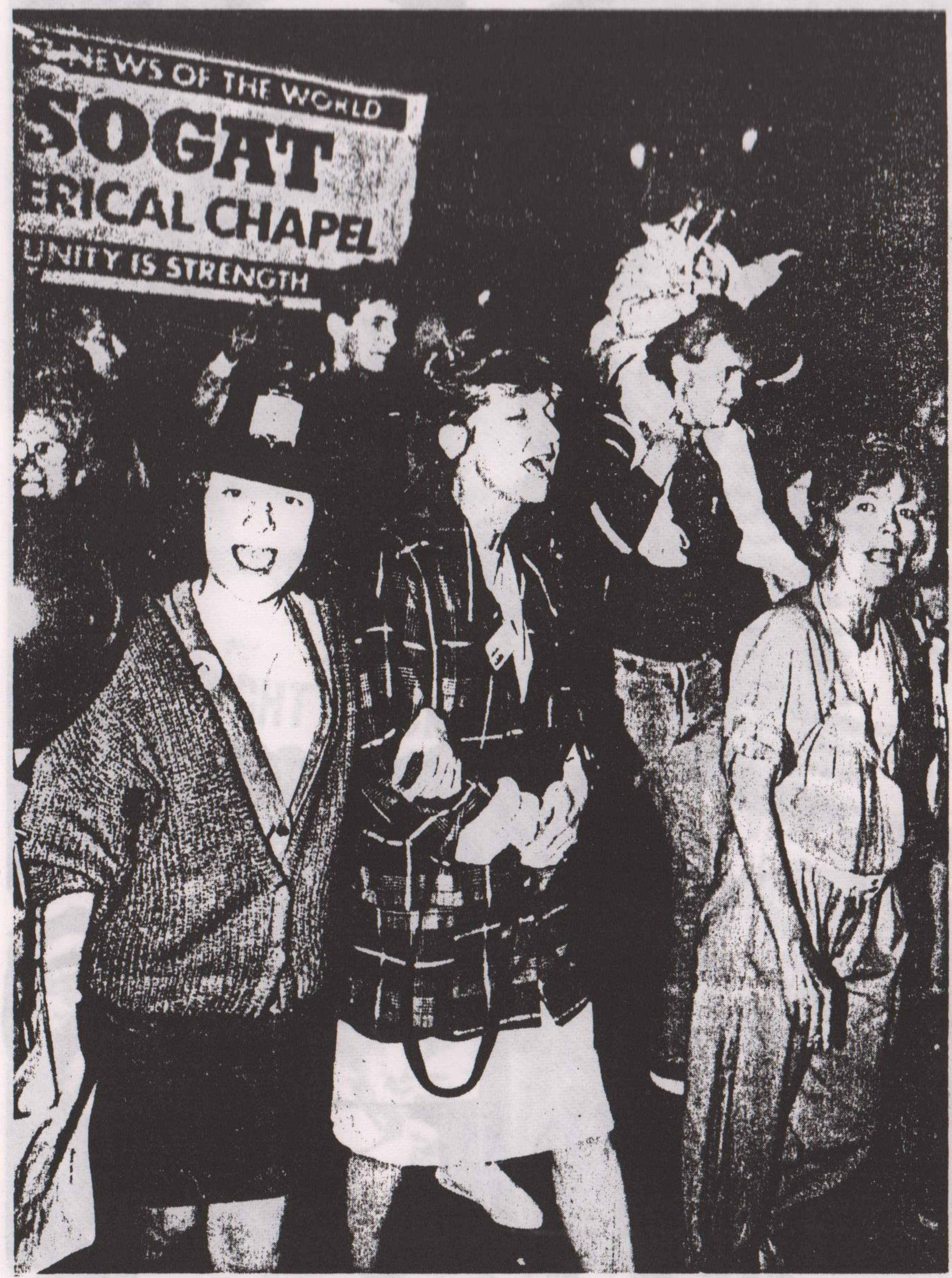




He's only a poor little scabbie,
He's face is all tattered and torn,
And he makes me feel sick,
So I hit him with a brick,
And now he don't scab any more.

O'h I'd rather be a PICKET than a SCAB,
O'h I'd rather be a picket than a scab,
O'h I'd rather be a picket, rather be a picket,
rather be a picket than a scab!

And the COPPERS are the biggest SCABS of all
O'h the coppers are the biggest scabs of all,
The coppers are the biggest, coppers are the biggest,
Coppers are the biggest scabs of all.



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HOME OFFICE
Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AT
Date: 8 August 1986

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Prime Minister about police operations at the News International plant, Wapping.

The role of the police in policing this, or any other industrial dispute, is one of neutrality as regards the parties involved and it is not the case that they are taking the side of the management of News International in this particular dispute. The duty of the police in situations of this kind is to preserve the peace, to prevent or deal with the commission of criminal offences and to ensure the free passage of the highway. As some demonstrators at Wapping have attempted to prevent newspaper distribution by blocking the road, have resorted to the use of violence and on occasion have caused damage to local property, the police have a clear responsibility to ensure that these activities are brought under control: it is, of course, for the Commissioner to decide on the tactics used to achieve these objectives. As a result, the police will be seen by some parties to the dispute as being biased in favour of News International management. But this is not the case.

You expressed particular concern about the use of officers in protective clothing. The Commissioner has made it clear that on no occasion are police officers at Wapping deployed in protective clothing or on horseback in order to provoke or intimidate demonstrators. Such officers are deployed only when the operational need for them has become clear. There have been a number of occasions when police officers have been violently attacked, the demonstration on 3 July being the most serious example. From the mastheads collected on that and previous occasions it is clear that some demonstrators have come to Wapping intent on violence. A total of 340 police officers have so far been injured, some seriously. Against this background the Commissioner is prepared to take all necessary steps to prevent his officers being the subject of avoidable injury.

You suggested in your letter that on some occasions police officers had used excessive violence against demonstrators. The Commissioner has said that it is his policy that his officers should carry out their duties with the minimum amount of force required to achieve their objectives. It is open to anyone who considers that a police officer has used excessive force, or has otherwise behaved improperly, to make a formal complaint under the statutory complaints procedure. This procedure ensures that all such complaints are fully and fairly investigated and subject to independent scrutiny by the Police Complaints Authority and, as necessary, the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The Home Secretary, of course, understands the concern felt by peaceful demonstrators who may not always be aware of the extent of the violence which has led to an increased police response. And while it is not for Ministers to comment on the issues which have given rise to this dispute, whatever the conduct of the News International management has been it does not justify the violence and disorder which has occurred at Wapping, which all reasonable people must surely deplore. Violence of this kind cannot be excused, whatever the strength of feeling of those involved and, as some of the trade union leaders have recognised, it does nothing to further the cause of those trade unionists involved in the dispute.

Picket

no.22

Friday, 8th August, 1986

Wednesday afternoon, 30th July, march

Fifteen hundred or so strikers and supporters began a march to Wapping starting near the Old Times building. Here the march filled Gray's Inn Rd for quite a while to yell at the strike-breakers. The demonstration proceeded to Holborn and then passed the Law Courts to Fleet St to remind other printworkers of the strike. A number came out to cheer the march which proceeded in no rush at all, arriving at Wapping three and a half hours after starting.

Later, in the evening, about 50 pickets gathered ad-hoc to march from Wapping to Tower Hill for the evening march, being hassled by the bosses hired thugs all the way trying to get the marchers off the street. Arrived to cheers of those assembled.

Wednesday evening, 30th July

Five to six hundred marched from Tower Hill to Wapping. About 10.30pm the marchers split into two groups. One group made its way to Virginia St to voice its distaste at the scabs inside and outside the scab newspaper plant. The other group of approximately 200 pickets started to march back along The Highway towards Tower Hill. They then turned right into the Minorities then right again into Prescott St and left into Mansell St. The march stopped here content at delaying the traffic and a double-decker bus. However it was then decided that more worthwhile targets passed through Aldgate, a mere 300 yards away.

The march again moved off. About 100 marchers were left by the time it reached Aldgate with approximately 50 police arriving on the scene trying to push the marchers onto the footpath in Braham St. The time was now 11pm. Within seconds a scab lorry appeared and was held up in the traffic. The marchers lost no time in swarming into the road to communicate properly with the scab duo. The scab lorry kept inching forward being encouraged by the police, "Don't stop, drive straight through them" with much waving of their arm's (as coppers often do!) Despite the marchers' efforts and with the help of Murdoch's infantry the scabs made good their escape. The police were proud of what they had done, and whilst relaxing and patting backs and busily shaking hands, we, the marchers were busily shaking the window grills of a scab coach 20 yards further on.

This really upset the law and they waded into us quite hard. However the scabs remained our captives for a good 2 minutes, and frightened scab faces could be seen cowering through the windows, before drawing their curtains for the night. Again, the police spoke the same words, "Don't stop, drive straight through them" and with their help the scabs scurried away along their well worn Rat Run. Two arrests had been made. With the large police presence the marchers left at 11.10pm, content in what they felt was a reasonable night's work.

Thursday, 31st July, Thetford

from Friday's Evening Standard, "A newspaper distribution base handling Rupert Murdoch's papers was attacked early today by a crowd of more than 200 ... threw bricks and stones, causing more than £10,000 of damage to the base in Thetford, Norfolk ... A dozen workers' cars and 15 delivery vans were damaged during an hour of mayhem in which attackers lit fires outside the depot and aimed flares at an office block. The crowd fled as police arrived but not before breaching the fence around the depot in two places. Inside the grounds attackers damaged vans and set fire to bundles of papers. No arrests were made."

Saturday, 2nd August, Wapping

Six thousand attended including the big women's march. As the march passed Wapping it was halted about 150 yards away from a double police line with horse backup blocking The Highway. Several hundred pickets moved up to the line ready to continue the march despite the lack of a clear plan. Marching incircles is not an alternative. This was the crucial time. In the event guess who moved in to drive away pickets with a speech. Speeches were begun in The Highway so the Socialists could fill the columns of their newspapers. Very well controlled. A large section of the demo reversed itself and marched back towards Dock St. Further down The Highway a good number of pickets had made their way to various exit routes used by scabs. Numbers were up on this march but pickets are left to themselves if they want to picket not protest. Later some made it to Commercial Rd and Cannon St Rd where a juggernaut was caught. It almost ran Murdoch's police transit off the road trying to escape. He must have had a cold drive to somewhere all his windows were missing. The small crowd that challenged the filth when they arrived in force made them retreat this time.

Sunday, 3rd August, Tudor St

In the early hours of Sunday a white mouse cruises slowly past the Mail building to deliver scab papers to Clan House 2nd Floor. The only challenge they got was one lone supporter. Apparently this is a regular drop but times may vary. Honest Mail workers band together. If you allow it on your doorstep it is inside too.

Tuesday, 5th August, march

The 68th march to Wapping. We arrived at Gray's Inn Road around 12.45. The crowd was impressive. Picket was assembled outside the Times building and during this time managed to put a few scabs off their lunch to say the least. Also one scab who had only been there a day and a half decided to pack it in and joined the picket line.

We were eventually moved to the other side of the road. The crowds were growing by the minute, both pickets and spectators. Word was passed around that we were marching to Wapping. At 2.05 a Sogat banner appeared to loud applause and traffic came to a standstill. Police seized the banner but returned it. They were going crazy radioing for assistance as pickets blocked the road and pavements. One picket spotted a scab mingling amongst us trying desperately to worm his way back into his hole.

Within seconds he was surrounded and boy did we give it to him! We marched from Gray's

Inn Rd through Holborn chanting and singing. Children lined the pavements handing out leaflets. We had a warm welcome along Fleet St as onlookers and supporters applauded us on our way. A cheery wave to our colleagues on Bouverie St was in order. All in all a good day, and now 3-500 marched out to Wapping, where else.

Wednesday evening, 6th August, Wapping

The 196th day of the strike. About 6-700 pickets marched and rallied. The fortitude, perseverance, bravery, stubbornness, patience and will to win of the strikers was in evidence. Pickets have excellent morale despite the large police presence and other problems.

Letter from a picket

You really are not doing much standing in Wellclose, organise a march, stay peacefully if you must, but at least do something other than stand in one spot. The police love that, easy to contain.

Notes:

- Special scab awards to Kinnoek and Livingstone for having articles in the Sunday Times.
- August 10th, Brands Hatch, there is a Sun Free Motor Race Day.
- The FT does not and has never used Bemrose pre-prints. That leaves the Express and Mail.
- The London Machine Branch has called off the picket of Bemrose, even though they say it is only temporary, while tactics are reviewed. The truth is plain to see, having made the opportunity to extend the blacking campaign, they do not have the courage to carry it through and black all Bemrose products being used in Fleet St. From the outset of this lock-out the need to enforce the blacking campaign has been one of the major failures. Murdoch could not get a paper out without the support and connivance of Fleet St and that is the thistle that they are not prepared to grasp. For the last eight weeks members of the Casual Chapel have carried out most of this picket. Three principled workers were sacked for refusing to cross.
- Excerpt from a letter, "last night (23rd) ... the 10-or-so of us from Bristol made a detour to the Old Sodbury TNT depot on the way back to see if there was anything going on there, which there wasn't; no picket of any kind and no lorries came our way."
- Wapping scab, Richard Goggin, The White Heart, Kneller Rd, Whitton, Middlesex.
- Were two scab Yates vans seen picking up at the Express?
- Judas and Scab were two of the words noted by the scabs in blue when mortally offended complainants told them that they were deeply offended and intimidated by these honest and accurate descriptions given by pickets at Wapping this week.
- Recipe for picketing: Add 99% boredom to 1% Russian Roulette, mix and stir well.
- Rumours are the work of the Company. Rumours are not fact.
- The courts are used to get the trade union leaders to police the ranks.
- The shops at Snodland are refusing to take papers from Murdoch due to picketing.



March to Wapping, 12 noon
Thursday, August 14th
from Thavies Inn
Holborn Circus

Residents March,
All pickets welcome
9pm from Glamis Rd
Saturday, 9th August



Southampton scabs: Mick, Neil, Paul, Bill & Anne Scanlon, 244 Bridge Rd, Bursledon; Nigel Diben, 377 Butts Rd, Sholing; Zollie & Tony Grean, 34 Lilac Rd, Swaythling; M. Mongan, 34 Menzies Cl, Lordshill, 737800; Nigel Alderslade, 55 Admirals Rd, Lock's Heath; Stephen Bingley, 261 Bridge Rd, Lwr Swanwick; Stephen Cole, 40 Fisher's Rd, Eling; Alan McCann, 35 Painswick Cl, Sarisbury Grn; Steven Seaman, 40 Cheviot Rd, Millbrook, 770468; Robert Paul, 85 Tangmere Dr, Lordshill, 734445; Geoff Clark, 41 Barnfield Cr, Calmore, 868558; Tony Atkinson, 19 Thornhill Pk Rd, Thornhill, 462965; Roy Wallace, 16 Brading Cl, Bassett Grn; Arthur Osbourne, 17 Cromarty Rd, Lordshill; Vic Booth, 31 BlueBell Rd, Bassett; Barry Moth, 493 Hinkler Rd, Thornhill; Joe Glover, 48 Burghclere Rd, Weston, 449190; Maurice Newman, 47 Chesil Ave, Bitterne; Barry Burton, 88 Swift Rd, Woolston, 442733; Stanley Dodds, 3 Broadway Pk, Stevenson's Cl, Wimborne, Dorset, 885399; Ian McRoberts, 30 Methuen Rd, Bournemouth, 020224758; Peter Griffiths, 79 Abshott Rd, Titchfield, Hants, 84984; Gary Rockett, 11 Birch Cl, Shirley Warren, Mickey Street, 42 Gordon Ave, Portswood, 552437; Gerry Swartz, 40 Taranto Rd, Lordswood, 789827; Alan Teare, 32 Menzies Cl, Rownhams, 734897; Rod "Squeak" Steel, 8 Lawson Cl, Swanwick, Lock's Heath 5938; Ross Blackwood, 2 Valerian Rd, Hedge End, Botley 4910; Jack Brown, 101 Bramley Cr, Sholing; Bill Cruse, 40 Churchview Cl, Southampton; Stewart Buchanan, 32 Milbury Cr, Bitterne, 445787; Neil Johnstone, 217 Kingsclere Ave, Weston, 438500; Garry Rogers, 180 Kathleen Rd, Sholing; Mick Lowman, 11 Havensstone Way, Swaythling 581853; Tony Cutler, Houseboat, Moody's Boatyard, Bursledon; Michael Staunton, 346 Bitterne Rd, Southampton, 441062; John Kehoe, 4 Crawte Ave, Fawley; Dave Small, 3 Longmore Cr, Sholing, 432029; Kenny Mathers, 254 Bridge Rd, Lwr Swanwick, Lock's Heath 2196; Mo Dryer & Mick Halliday, 242 Dridge Rd, Bursledon; Anna French, French's Grocery Store, Bridge Rd, Lwr Swanwick, Lock's Heath 3170; Alan Bevan, 35 Winnards Pk, Sarisbury Grn, Lock's Heath 3648; Gary Morgan, 6 Westbrook Way, Swaythling; David Pink, 22 Osborne Rd, Warsash; David McIntosh, 47 Arnheim Rd, Lordswood, 769037; Robert Avery 25, Woodpecker Way, Eastleigh; Colin Smith, 64 Diamond Rd, Bitterne Pk; David Hollins, 9 Outer Circle, Cuxford; Stephen Middleton, 8 Rosoman Rd, Sholing; Riccardo Woodier, 99 Havre Tower, International Way, Weston; Graham Easson, Wyndham Ct, near Southampton Station; R Kinch, 9 Nightingale Grove, Shirley; Noel Barrett, 49 Sandringham Rd, Bitterne 582372

Income: £2, 10p, 50p, 50p, 50p pickets; £5, £10 Sogat London Central Branch Officer; £1 Bristol; 50p, 10p Now Publishing; 50p unemployed minder; £1, £1 Sogat Rirma; £1, £5 NGA minder; £10 Manchester Strike Support Group; £4 NGA comps/badge table; £1 London Green-peace picket; £5 ST NGA machine; £5 Claimants Action Group Edinburgh.

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WAPPING POST

SATURDAY AUGUST 9

SUNDAY TIMES editor

Andrew Neil, who daily expects to be taken upstream to the Tower of London for fibbing about the Queen, is also in hot water with the leader of Her Majesty's opposition.

A furious Neil Kinnoek has demanded an apology from Neil because he says, the *Sunday Times* published his views on sanctions against South Africa — and deliberately made it look as though the Labour leader had written an article for the Wapping paper.

In fact, Mr Kinnoek's views had been taken from a speech he made to the Royal Commonwealth Society the Wednesday before. The *Sunday Times* printed a carefully edited version of the speech underneath a photograph with the words "Neil Kinnoek below expresses his views on South Africa".

Mr Kinnoek has in fact been outspokenly critical about Murdoch's sacking of the printworkers — and led the applause at Sogat's annual conference against "the scabs working for Murdoch's papers".

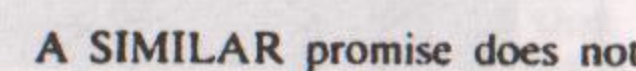
Mr Kinnoek's office has written to Andrew Neil demanding an apology and pointing out that if indeed they wished to present the speech as an article written

just for them a generous payment would be expected.

"The letter said, tongue in cheek, that if Mr Neil would like to make amends by sending a payment, we would make sure it would go to the appropriate body — the printworkers," said Mr Kinnoek's secretary.

It was *The Sunday Times* third disastrous mistake in three weeks — first it had to pay out £100,000 to Control Risk Ltd, then ended up with royal egg on its face over its hyped-up Palace report.

Little wonder the plummeting "quality" (circulation now down to 1962 levels) is being called The Blunderer.



A SIMILAR promise does not seem to be forthcoming from ex-printer minister Jim Callaghan, whose immortal quote, "Crisis, what Crisis?" revealed his total lack of awareness of the winter of discontent in 1978/79.

Reliable sources tell us that Sunny Jim has indeed sold his memoirs to the *Sunday Times*.

A spokesman for the Labour Party said he had no comment to make. Mr Callaghan's secretary was unavailable for comment.

A case of "Printers, what Printers?"

Telegraph

The *Daily Telegraph* is still pursuing its Dockland dream even though the cost of it finally broke the ownership of Lord Hartwell and the Berry family. The new proprietor, Conrad Black, the right-wing Canadian businessman, intends to see it through next year. Over £100 million has been allocated for the Isle of Dogs site and another printing works in Manchester using Web offset. The company is "contemplating" direct input.

Redundancies from a workforce of 3,300 are proceeding daily — 50 per cent of composing room staff have already gone. About 30 press men are now training on the Isle of Dogs. The foundry is being cut from around 96 to 16. Sogat machine room strength is to drop from 550 to 150. Ironically, while shedding staff and retraining compositors the *Telegraph* has had to employ sacked News International compositors on a casual basis. The redundancy budget is £40 million and severances of up to £45,000 are being paid.

The *Daily Telegraph* has set up a single-bargaining unit through a federated structure, linking Sogat, NGA and AEU. It is understood that the newspaper's management has dropped the threatened demands for legally binding arbitration.

Guardian

The *Guardian*, normally strapped for cash, has been inspired to go for the docks by its windfall in the Reuters share bonanza, estimated at £40 million. It is now hoping to make the move by next autumn, shedding 200 of 1,000 staff along the way. The journalists will stay in Farringdon Road. The *Guardian* hopes to complete the conversion to computer typesetting by early next year and has "an agreement in principle" with the NGA on direct inputting.

In the wake of Wapping, both the *Guardian* and the *Telegraph* have shown uncharacteristic

toughness in their approach to the unions: the *Guardian* management publicly applauded News International's flight to Wapping. Both newspapers, however, seem to have been more flexible in recent weeks. For example, like the *Telegraph*, the *Guardian* has apparently dropped its initial attachment to legally binding agreements.

Mail

The *Daily Mail* has also accelerated its move. Originally its proprietor, Lord Rothermere, planned a leisurely departure to the docks by 1988. Eddy Shah's *Today* and Wapping made the difference. The *Mail's* cloak-and-dagger bid to grab *Today* failed: had they succeeded in acquiring the sought-after colour presses this would have transformed the position. All hell may have broken loose.

Associated Newspapers, which own the *Daily Mail* and *Mail on Sunday* plus regional printing, says it is ready to spend over £100 million on the move. Mr. E.J. Winnington-Ingram, group finance director of Associated Newspapers, stated publicly to FOCs that if Rothermere did a Murdoch he would quit.

With group profits of over £20 million a year Associated had no difficulty raising the money for the move. It has plans for direct input — and sizeable cuts in the newspaper's 3,500 staff. Up to a third of the machine and publishing staff will be asked to leave. Redundancy terms are one year's pay plus a week for every year of service.

Observer

The *Observer*, under the bewildering ownership of Lorho's Tiny Rowlands, has revealed slightly more of its hand by the purchase of *Today*. Shah is on the way out. The colour presses and the regional print facilities are Tiny's prize.

The *Observer* has had computer setting since 1980. But

none of the newspaper's 600 staff are resting easy. Direct input and contract printing could cut staff even further.

Meanwhile, the journalists are growing restive over the expiry of the *Observer's* lease on its Blackfriars home. They fear they will wake up on day to find themselves in Battersea, near the dog's home.

Express

Those addicted to Fleet Street should pay court to the Express group, the only one without a rumoured riverside plan. Indeed, its chief executive, Roger Bowes, is on record as being sceptical about the cost benefits of new technology. On the other hand, United Newspapers, which wrenched control of the Express from Lord Matthews last year, is firmly committed to a more streamlined operation.

The Express group is going over to full computer typesetting and has almost completed a £60 million redundancy exercise, cutting its 7,000 workforce by almost a third. If Murdoch were to match this with comparable terms for workers displaced by Wapping the News International bill would be over £120 million.

All the redundancy comparisons point up the miserliness of Murdoch's offers to workers who have racked up huge profits on his behalf over the years. But redundancies do not deal with the issue of jobs. For all workers who want to stay in the newspaper industry, there is a message that now extends way beyond Wapping — organise and fight.

Pickets steal scene

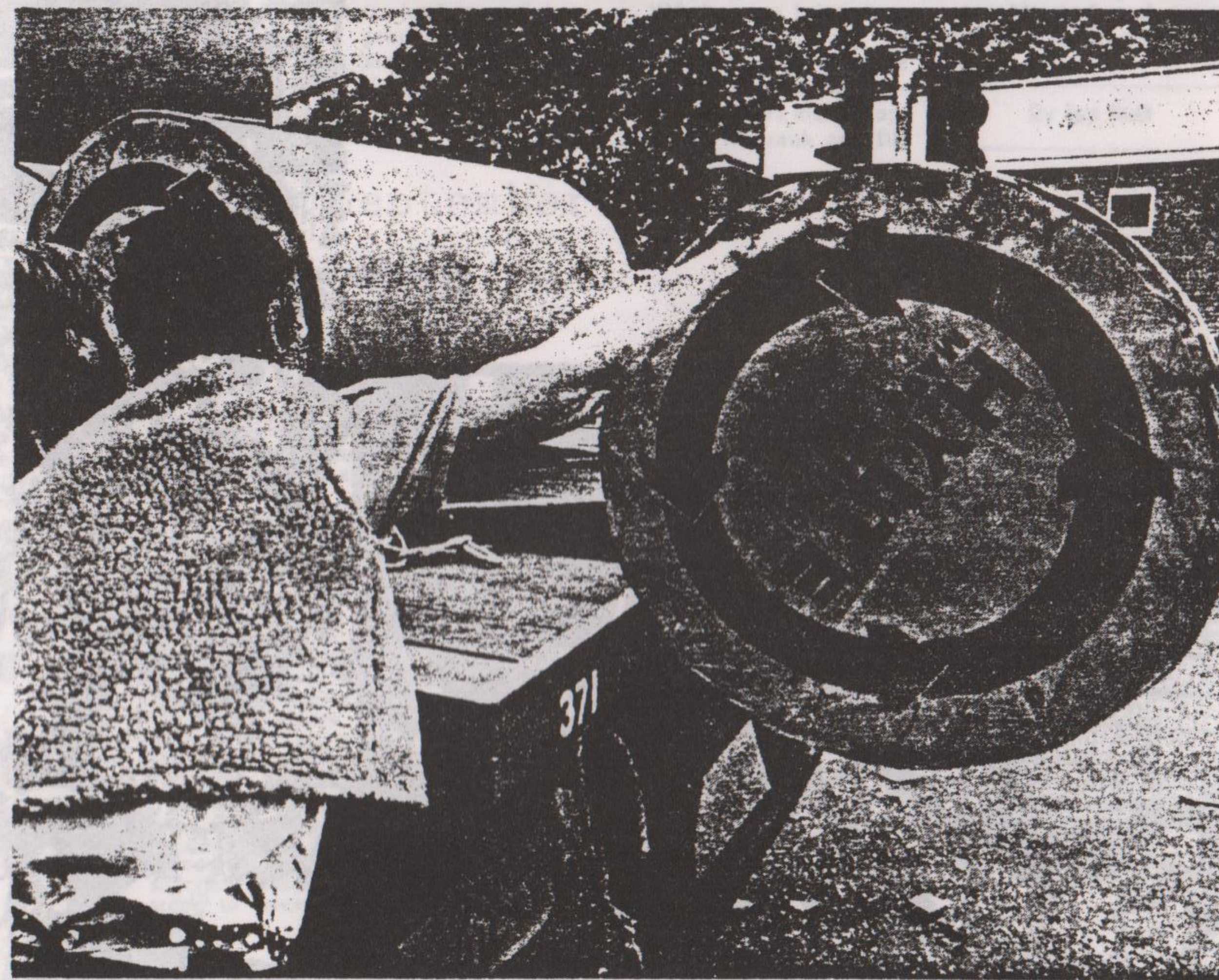


THE unwanted "Extras" ... Sogat demonstrators steal the limelight on location



AN UNPLEASANT incident occurred to mar Wapping Royal Wedding Day when a couple of plain-clothes police gatecrashers, including Det. Sgt. Theadgold, right, a former Evening News van boy, mingled among the marchers at Tower Hill between 8.15pm and 8.30pm.

They were asked who they were and why they were on the march. Photographs were taken and a few tussles ensued. Things became pretty tense until they were moved on. The happy atmosphere had been broken, however, and more tussles broke out as police became violent and the crowd responded in similar vein. Then fights broke out all over the place. One of the police land rovers nearly got turned over but drove off just in time. The march proceeded. There were two arrests of marchers. No police officers were arrested.



PIRATE station, Radio Wapping, had its own coup on the day of the royal wedding.

It broke through LBC's 97.3Mz frequency just as the commentator was saying: "The Archbishop of Canterbury is now kneeling before ..."

On came one of the printer's favourite marching songs to the tune of Pack up your Troubles: "If you think Rupert Murdoch is an old shithag, then smile, smile smile."

Transmission went on for 30 minutes, much to the delight of thousands of Londoners in East and north-east London.

British Telecom engineers and police radio experts scoured the East End in vain.



from Resident's Group leaflet

On Saturday 9th August 1986 at 9.30pm by the corner of Wapping lane and Pennington Street E.I. The Police Marched into and surrounded a group of residents who wished to deliver a letter to Rupert Murdoch, calling on him to settle the News International dispute by reinstating the printworkers and restoring full trade union rights.

The Police :

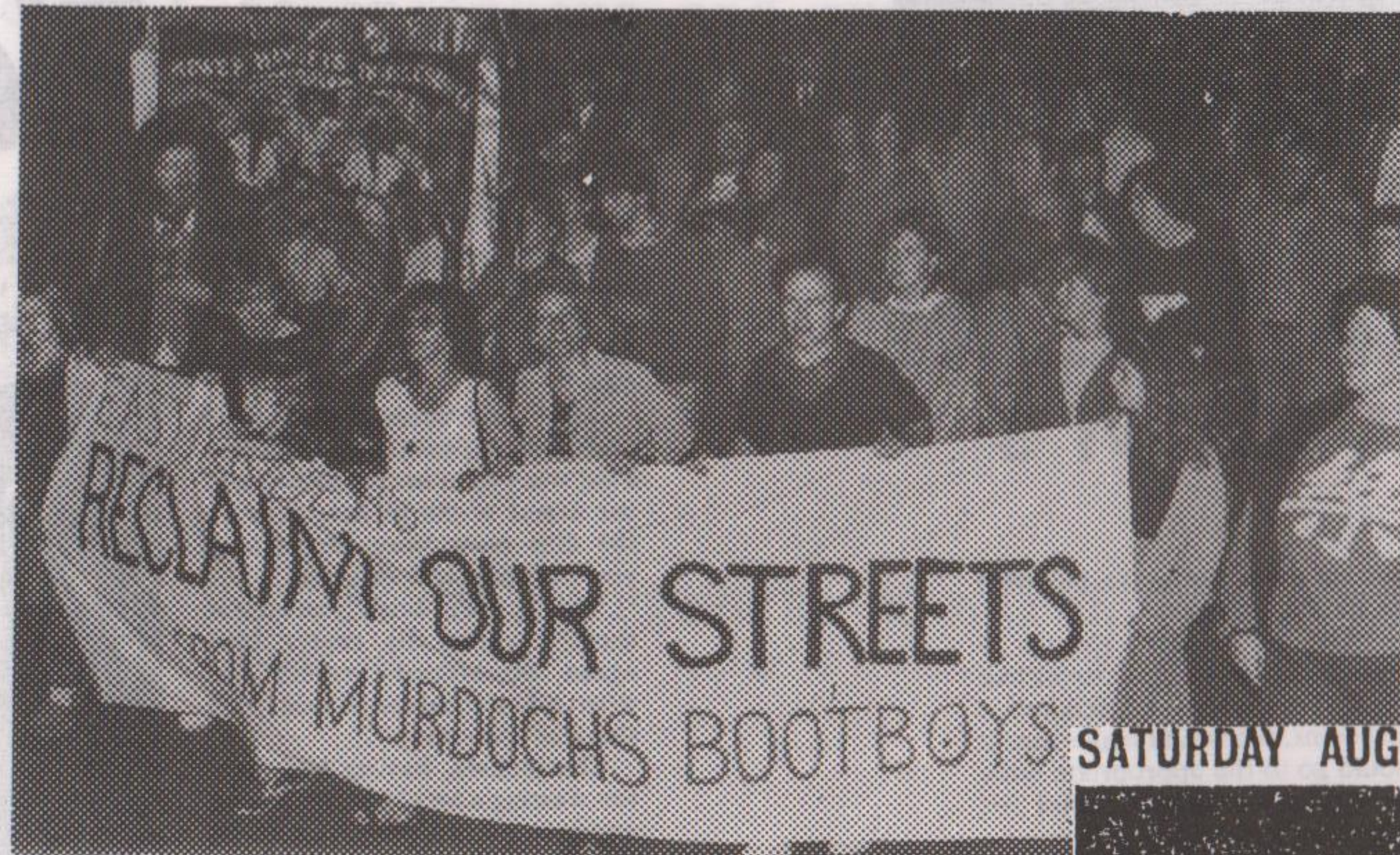
- * Beat down two residents.
- * Arrested two supporters.
- * Terrorised a local mother and her child by trying to pull the little girl behind police lines.
- * Reduced children, on the residents march to tears.
- * Tried to break up the march.

Because the residents wanted to march down one of their own streets that the police had designated a "Sterile Area" - a no go area in plain language.

This saga of Terror has its history in the policing :

- * Of the British Colonies.
- * Ireland.
- * Of the Miners Communities in the 1984/85 Strike.

It is the police "Only Doing Their Job" for our bosses, our answer should be to go on fighting for our rights and challenging police "Rules and Roadblocks". They physically beat us back on the 9th August, but they did not destroy our dignity or our March - we will breach their "No GO" areas and Murdoch's Fortress Wapping - Join Us!



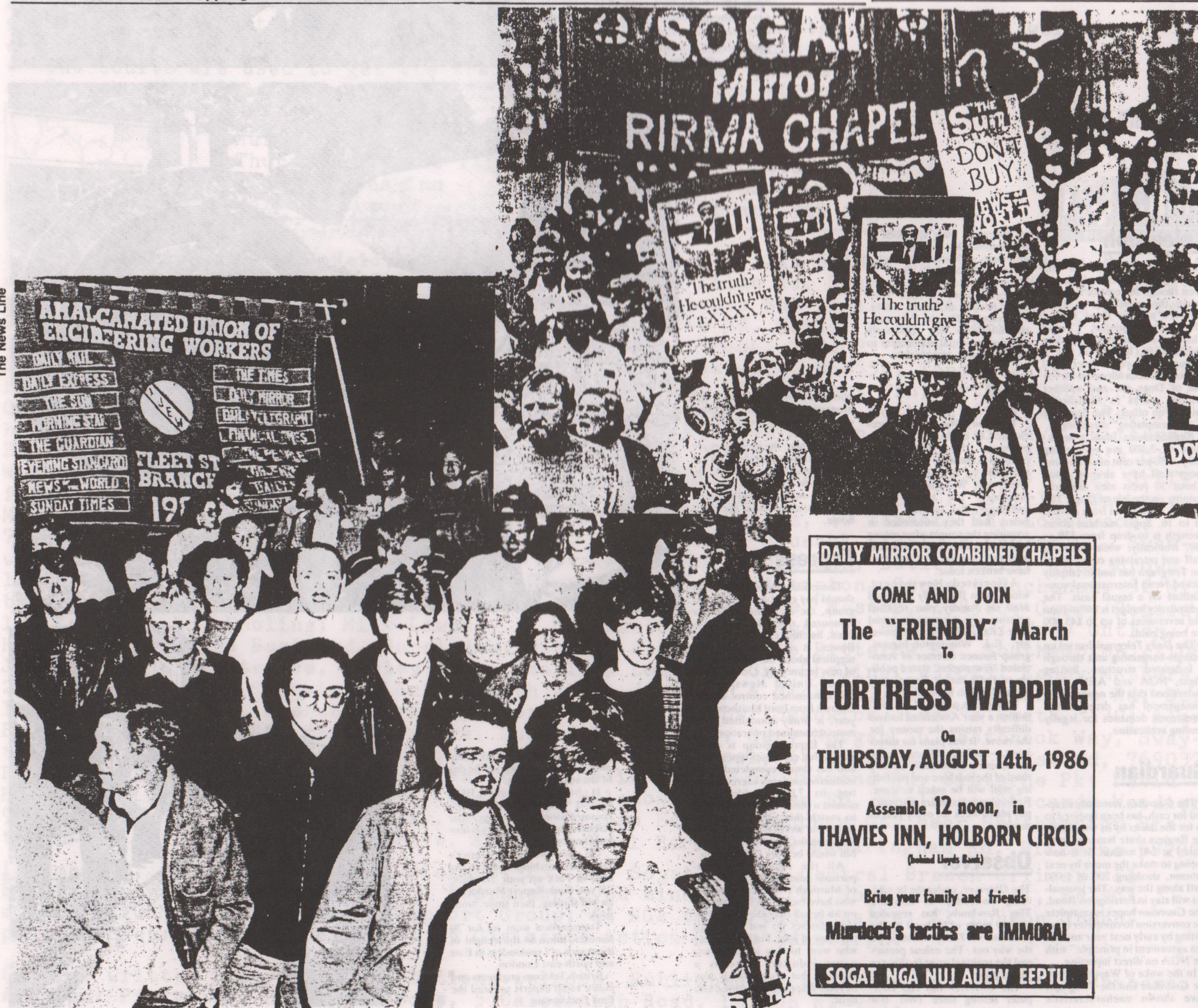
SATURDAY AUGUST 9th 1986



"MARCH AND RECLAIM YOUR - STREETS"

ASSEMBLE AT 8.30pm GLAMIS ROAD.
ALL RESIDENTS, WORKERS, TJS & COMMUNITY GROUPS UNITE.

RECLAIM THE STREETS.



DAILY MIRROR COMBINED CHAPELS

COME AND JOIN
The "FRIENDLY" March
to

FORTRESS WAPPING

On
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1986

Assemble 12 noon, in
THAVIES INN, HOLBORN CIRCUS
(Behind Lloyd's Bank)

Bring your family and friends
Murdoch's tactics are IMMORAL

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Morning Star

PRINT trade unionists Megan Dobney and Peter Lake stood firm in the High Court yesterday, refusing to promise to refrain from offences which they deny committing.

By ISOLDA McNEILL

Road/haulage firm TNT had hauled five printworkers into court seeking an injunction preventing them "inciting" or "participating" in pickets involving "unlawful acts."

TNT depots distributing scab papers printed by Rupert Murdoch's News International have become a focus for picketing by the printworkers Mr. Murdoch ruthlessly sacked seven months ago.

Evidence produced to the court in London yesterday by TNT alleged that there had been violent attacks on depots which "inconvenienced and threatened to disrupt" TNT's distribution service.

Affidavits were lodged by TNT's counsel which sought to implicate the five defendants, Ms. Dobney, Mr. Lake, Nicholas Basford, Sean Blackman and Peter Jarvis, in this violence.

Originally TNT also wanted an injunction against Mike Hicks, but was unable to proceed with the case against him as he is away and could not be served with a writ.

As the case began yesterday morning all five defendants maintained their position of refusing to give an undertaking not to carry out "unlawful activities."

Through their counsel all five strenuously denied the allegations against them.

"As a matter of principle it is unjust to pluck innocent bystanders off the street, serve writs on them and demand undertakings" was how defence counsel Tim Kerr put the case to the judge.

But as the hearing got underway, defendant Peter Jarvis offered an undertaking through his counsel not to commit unlawful acts.

Following the lunch-time recess, counsel for Mr. Basford

considerably narrower than the original injunction sought, it restrained them from assaulting the plaintiffs, damaging their property or goods, threatening to do so or inciting others to do so.

"I want to make it as clear as I can that I make no finding whatsoever that any of the defendants have done anything wrong," the judge stressed as he granted the injunction.

nonetheless gave undertakings not to commit acts which, in any case, they denied committing.

Peter Lake, accused of trespass and damage to a car at TNT's Thetford depot, produced proof to show he was at the time in London with a friend, and later at home with his wife and son. An affidavit from the TNT's security manager mentioned a charge of actual bodily harm against Peter Lake—but omitted to mention that he has been acquitted of this charge.

Ms. Beverley Lang, barrister for Megan Dobney and Peter Lake, had earlier applied for Ms. Dobney's case to be adjourned.

"Megan Dobney is awaiting trial on a charge of criminal damage, which she is strenuously denying, arising from a demonstration at Bradford's TNT depot. The only allegations against Ms. Dobney in this civil case relate specifically to that charge," she pointed out that Megan's defence against the injunction would involve her in exposing her defence for the criminal trial, thus prejudicing her chance of a fair hearing in Bradford. The judge refused the application.

By the time the judgement was delivered only Megan Dobney and Peter Lake had given no undertaking. The judge said he was surprised at this. He said that it was not his function to decide whether they had committed the acts claimed by the plaintiffs but to decide whether or not to grant an injunction restraining them from committing any such acts in future. The granting of an injunction was, he said, a matter of the "balance of convenience". Was it more convenient to TNT to have an injunction than it was inconvenient for the defendants to have one against them?

"Have I caused innocent defendants any serious prejudice in the meantime? The injunction restrains them from committing assaults which they say they have no intention to do," he decided.

Court case

Militant

AT LUNCHTIME on 13 August two police officers arrived at the home of Peter Jarvis, London NGA member and Militant supporter, and arrested him and his baby daughter, who he was minding at the time. Peter was held in custody for ten hours. This was an act of gross political victimisation.

TNT, the firm used by Murdoch for his scabbing operation, have issued a writ demanding an injunction naming Peter and five other print union members, restraining them from "encouraging", "participating in" or in any way "facilitating" any unlawful gathering outside TNT premises. This injunction is being sought in connection with picketing at a TNT depot in Thetford in Norfolk, although Peter has never been in Norfolk.

At the time of his arrest, the writ

had not actually been delivered to Peter. The police did not give any details of charges or particulars of their investigation, although they mentioned "criminal damage" done to property in Norfolk and that Peter had been identified by a TNT employee from photographs, supplied by TNT. This firm employs private detectives, who are involved in "finding evidence" against those with whom it is in dispute.

Demand release

On hearing of his arrest last Monday, National Graphical Association members, Labour Party members, councillors and MPs were in immediate touch with the police, demanding his release.

While supporting to the full his union's campaign over the Wapping dispute, there is not the slightest

shred of evidence that Peter Jarvis has been responsible for actions in any way unlawful. His friends and associates in the movement believe his arrest is due entirely to his political views, well known among print trade union members.

Even though the witness had seen the photograph of Peter, the police still tried to hold an identity parade. However, Peter and his solicitor objected strongly when it became clear that all the others on the parade were of a different dress and build. As Peter said, "I was in an old pair of jeans and an old sweater. All the others had neat dark trousers and white shirts. I stood out like a sore thumb". At the objections the police abandoned the line-up and, no doubt as a result of the many protests and phone-calls they were receiving, finally agreed to a release on bail.

The issue is not over however,

the police want to have further interviews and investigations. Workers will have to be vigilant to ensure that the police and Murdoch are not able to pin charges on a union activist picked out solely for his political sympathies.

Militant 29th August

FIVE PRINT workers were in the High Court on 18 August to oppose the granting of an injunction to Rupert Murdoch's scab delivery firm TNT. The five, including Militant supporter, Peter Jarvis, are accused of involvement in attacks on TNT depots in Maidstone, Luton, Bradford, Southampton and Thetford.

This civil action was merely the first shot in a legal offensive, not a trial of innocence or guilt. They were asked to give undertakings to TNT not to do a whole list of things which would have made it virtually impossible for them to continue activity in the dispute.

All opposed TNT's application. But it quickly became obvious that the judge was going to come down in the company's favour. Three of the printers therefore offered alternative,

limited undertakings, basically not to break the law, whilst making clear that this was in no way an admission that they had done so in the past.

The barrister for the other two pressed on to the bitter end but the judge ruled against them and awarded TNT the injunction.

National strike

Peter Jarvis thanked those who attended the lobby of the High Court and Old Street police station the previous Friday.

He explained why he had given an undertaking whilst protesting his innocence.

"This is an attempt to intimidate leading activists after print union leaders have backed down in the face of legal action," he said.

"The way to win this

strike is for the print union leaders to campaign for a strike of Fleet Street workers leading to a national print strike.

"If that was being done we could realistically be demanding action from the TUC and win solidarity action by printers making appeals to the rank and file

criminal act. Peter Jarvis and all those who rallied in support of him have been vindicated. The suspicion remains that the police, on the basis of an approach by TNT, arrested a union activist, and his three-year-old daughter, before they had any evidence, because of his involvement in the dispute. Had there not been such an immediate angry response from the labour movement, criminal proceedings might well not have been dropped.

even if the leaders refuse to support us.

"It is that campaign for mass action which we have to put our energies into to stop Murdoch and defend unionism in the print."

By Ian Ilett

Morning Star 12th September

A HIGH COURT judge yesterday barred print union leader Mike Hicks from defending himself against allegations of criminal activity made by road haulage company TNT.

"The function of this court is to dispatch legal business rather than provide a forum," replied Mr. Justice Knox to SOGAT '82 executive member Mr. Hicks' request to make a statement to the court.

TNT, which delivers News International's scab newspapers, hauled Mr. Hicks into court to demand an injunction restraining him from assault, trespass, damage and intimidation at TNT depots.

Through his lawyer Mr. Hicks gave an undertaking that he would not commit any of these acts, stressing the undertakings

By ISOLDA McNEILL

was on the basis that he denied being engaged in any unlawful activity.

Mr. Justice Knox accepted the undertaking involved "no admission at all by Mr. Hicks of any allegations against him," but refused to allow him to reply to TNT accusations of illegal activities at TNT depots.

A request by Mr. Hicks' lawyer John Hendy for a speedy trial of the matter because of Mr. Hicks' "desire to clear his name as soon as possible" was rejected by the judge after opposition by counsel for TNT.

Mr. Hicks expressed his "outrage" after the hearing at being refused the opportunity to defend himself and said his solicitor would take all legal steps to press for a speedy trial.

Guardian

By Patrick Wintour.
Labour Correspondent

Two print workers were directed yesterday by the High Court to give undertakings not to assault employees or property of TNT, the newspaper distribution firm used by News International. Three other print workers gave similar undertakings voluntarily. None of the undertakings involved the print workers in any admission that they had attacked TNT depots in the past.

The orders were sought by TNT after employees claimed to identify from newspaper photographs the five print workers as having been involved in organised assaults on depots. The photographs were not taken at the time of the alleged assaults.

18th August

News Line



Guardian
21st August

TALKS aimed at resolving the bitter seven-month News International dispute have been agreed by the print unions and will take place in the next few days.

Making this announcement yesterday, TUC general secretary Norman Willis said the meeting will be attended by electricians' union EETPU and the four unions in dispute with NI.

These are print unions SOGAT '82 and NGA, the National Union of Journalists and engineering union AEU.

Mr. Willis revealed that the talks had been arranged through the EETPU whose members took on the jobs of the printworkers sacked by NI when it moved its printing operations to Wapping.

Mr. Willis stressed that the talks will take place without pre-conditions and had been endorsed by print union leaders meeting at Congress House yesterday.

Earlier yesterday morning sacked printworkers mounted a token lobby outside TUC headquarters as the TUC general council met.

The printworkers lobbied council members, urging them to support the NGA amendment calling for the expulsion of the EETPU which had been submitted for the forthcoming TUC congress.

Last week the general purposes committee at its congress arrangements meeting ruled this amendment out of order.

The sacked workers emphasised to general council members that there could be no acceptable settlement without jobs and union recognition for NI's dismissed workforce.

Picket no. 23

Wednesday 20th August

MURDOCH IS

BAD NEWS



THE Sun

NEWS OF THE WORLD

THE TIMES

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Fifteen local authorities from London to Bradford have banned the stocking of Murdoch's titles in the libraries ... Meanwhile amongst Chapels in Fleet St. Murdoch's titles continue to be handled in one form or another. In some cases they are distributed by our members; our members cut and file the titles for reference in libraries; journalists refer to and quote News International copy which is then set and printed by our members; and from News Agencies copy is relayed to Fortress Wapping ... now is the time for you all to act to eliminate this.
(from Clerical chapel leaflet)

Saturday night, 9th August, Wapping

The residents led off first. A very brave march of 75 was held starting at Glamis Rd and going west to Garnet, then south to come back up north along Wapping Lane, a well-known scab-terror route. At Pennington St the march attempted to continue east through a police line being reinforced up to thirty or forty. Only scabs/police have freedom of the Highway in Wapping and police waded into the pickets, arresting two or three, punching and pushing anything in their way, particularly incensing the pickets by molesting a young child in a pram. The march was driven up to The Highway where it continued its way westward being pushed about by ever greater numbers of bullies in uniform. What motivates this lot is to get paid to vent their hatred of workers - with impunity - and brass buttons thrown in.

The march continued westward and passed thru - to cheers - a large demonstration in the area just past the top of Virginia St where the residents would attempt to hand in a petition. On being told only a small delegation could approach the gates the petition was set alight in style.

From Tower Hill a large procession of several thousand had marched slowly to just past the Virginia St entrance to the scab plant. Speeches were made here in The Highway. Pickets left by the thousand.

But several hundred had made it out to Glamis, through police road blocks, there to greet a determined returning residents march about 11 or 11.30pm. A march began north on Glamis. Just as it got up 75 feet north on Glamis some scab lorries were making their run past on The Highway. The march went up to Commercial Rd and then west past Leman St to the roundabout at Aldgate and then went round the roundabout past Commercial St where most scab traffic passes through all the time.

The march continued round and then east along Commercial Rd. No lorries were sighted. They had been re-routed up Burdette Rd. At Sutton St a line of police strikebreakers in the road forced the march south and it returned via Cable St to Wellclose about 1.30am.

Wednesday night, 13th August, Wapping

About 700 marched from Tower Hill. Arrived just before Virginia St where police were prepared to marshall it off Highway. Instead reversed immediately and marched up Dock/Leman St past police station and up to roundabout at Aldgate, around and past Commercial St, the major scab route, then round to Commercial Rd where one scab juggernaut rushed past at speed on its way into the plant. The march moved forward but police strikebreakers kept a way clear for the scabs. The march continued with one empty scab coach passing by to jeers. When the march reached Sutton St a line of police were in the road ordering it to go onto the pavement. Instead it very swiftly moved into Sutton St and reassembled there, back through side streets where some local supporters joined in the march. Then back to Commercial Rd and then to Wellclose via Back Church Lane.

Thursday afternoon, 14th August

About 2000 marched from opposite the Mirror building. Just prior 50 Sogat Casual Machine had marched from Blackfriars to join up, on the way scabbing off Fleet House as sirens screeched up. Also present was a contingent from the Purnells strike in Bristol. The products the Purnells workers printed were Readers Digest, Womans Realm, Woman, Radio Times, Thomsons Catalogues etc. Scab work is being done at Carlisle Web Offset, Carlisle; Petties, Leeds; Cromer Works, Nottingham and Sun/Odhams, Watford. Strikers are bitter. Strikers blame Dubbins for the strikebreaking at Maxwell's plants.

Activists on the march were also mindful of the role of the Mirror building in smashing the recent strike at the People. So far Maxwell has repeatedly succeeded in playing one section of print union members off against another. There were shouts of you're next as the scheduled shutting of the Mirror building soon will mean another massive loss of jobs.

The march went down to Fleet St then out to Wapping. On the way a new chant could be heard, "Call the generals out on strike". The march paused several times to jeer someone reading a copy of the scab Sun in an office building or construction site until it was torn up.

Saturday night, 16th August, Wapping

2000 marched from Tower Hill. New song to the tune of I'd rather be a picket, "We want 40,000 coppers on the dole X4, We'll see how they like it on the dole X4." Police again moved their roadblock up this time, to just past Virginia. The Highway was cleared early.

Later in the night several small marches converged into Commercial St near Sutton. To the west an armoured scab coach was bricked. To the east another scab coach was caught, unable to reverse. Pickets ran forward rapidly. Moving faster than anyone else was one young picket. Uniformed



Picture: STEVE McTAGGART

Monday, 18th August, Gray's Inn Rd

Five hundred pickets rallied at the old Times building. Not only is the printers' strike the best show, it is the only show.

Pickets shouted scab at the strikebreakers for an hour or two then assembled en masse in the road for a march. This assembly was the best part. The march went down to Fleet St and out to Wapping, chanting and singing, spirits good despite the rain. The march took three to three and a half hours, as strikers continue to defy everything thrown against them.

- Scab has moved: Brian Smith, News of the World Machine Room Manager
old address: Ferndale Crescent, Canvey Island, Essex
new address: 10 Hadleigh View, Canvey Island, Essex
- Not a scab as stated in Picket no. 22: Tony Atkinson, Thornhill
- Journalists scabs: Bill Anslow, subeditor, 0449 740226
Nick Pitt, sports correspondent, 01 8744046
Bob Smith, artwork department head, 0322 20819
Bob Spivey, was deputy FOC, 07073 32810
- Scab journalist Sue Cook (letters lady) engaged to Mr. Rudy, owner of Gloriette Patisserie in Fleet St acquired country cottage in Whatlington, near Battle, Sussex
- Bouverie St scab: Harry House, 67 Trent Rd, New Southgate N14 449 6174
- Lee Rodwell, freelance journalist regularly scabs in Wapping, 28 Holnden Rd, North Finchley, London N12, 445 4648
- Coliseum coach scab drivers, Morry Rayner or Martin Wilkinson
- Parks of Hamilton, Scotland is the company supplying armoured-wire coaches, serviced at Wahl Coaches Ltd. at yard in 145 Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, London SE5, 733 1124.

OTHER KNOWN SOUTHAMPTON SCABS

K. Clayton, A. Anderson, W. Chandler, D. McInnes, B. King, T. Jenkins, D. Blaker, M. Enright, R. James, J. Campbell (Fareham), A. Firman, R. Gillman, J. Dunning, T. Foreman, G. Lloyd (Portsmouth), M. Downey, S. Mottram, P. Ricketts, P. Dowell, B. Linnington, P. King (Eastleigh British Rail AUEW member), T. House, G. Child, J. Thompson, J. Hewitt, A. Tracey, R. Veal, R. Emm, J. Gibson, K. Bowers & Mrs. Bowers, I. Bushel D. Cooper, J.D. Fry, I. Hardman, G. Highmore, A. Kennedy, A. Marshall, S. Mott, G. Osborne, A. Fry, E. Hale, N. Kingston, A. Marchant, R. Robinson, M. Shone, J.B. Williams, K. Addis, D. Boreham, S. Brown, M. Robinson, R. Smith, I.H. Thomas, R. Whitfield, M. Cummins, P. Elday, P. Jones, G. McNie, M. Coultas, S. Cross, K. Felix, R. Thompson, G. Pingree, M. Etherington, D. Sanger, J. Gosden, M. Stuart, H.G. Bishop, M. Folland, F. Reading, A. Brown, N. Connolly, D. Janaway, S. Johnson, M. Beckett, P. Mintram, D. Jones, W. Murray, P. Barnard, M. Thomas, S. & A. Bevis, G. Gale, P. Clayton, A.W. Perdue, G. Rayner, T. Gebbett, P. Betteridge, G. Brown, S. Durman, Sandra Gooding*, A. Kochanowski, A. Durman, G. Hedgeman, P. Thomas, P. Newton, D. Smith, P. Noyce, M. Sparshott, A. Price, J. Waugh, R. Cooper, R. Avery, S. Carroll, A. Edwards, P. Witt, D. Hollins, A.G. Lacy, Clare Ostler, Tanya Seaman, G. Sanders, S. Shaw, M. Revie, M. Gallup, Mr. & Mrs. M. Frecknall, G. Beresford.

(*dark-room manageress)



strikebreakers tried to push her away but she wasn't having any of it and continued her way. Pickets were all over, in the road, both sides, foot paths, thinking, acting as one. The coach was trapped for a while until it got away. Several hundred pickets began a march west on Commercial Rd but large police reinforcements pushed it off the road, arresting six.

● Congratulations to the "Thetford Brigade" on a job well done. The majority of the Exec are advocating no picketing, peacefull this and peacefull that, but Ghandi is dead and he did not get his settlement through his peacefull actions alone. It was the violence that he tried to stop that brought about his settlement, but in all honesty who will give a damn if all that is done is stand somewhere peacefully, causing no disruption to production, hindering nothing. The only time anyone of the bourgeois media has given this dispute a mention is through force either by the police or by the pickets.

● Experience: Picketing printers came into the strike largely without real picketing experience. During the miners' strike most activists were sucked into the fund-raising circuit. This robbed activists of essential picketing experience. Not so with the bosses and their hirelings. They come into this strike with all the experience of fighting picketing and a whole lifetime of rule. Experience in the strike has shown that it is only the most hardened and determined pickets who can be trusted to command.



He made a good living.

Above all the rest
And through strength in numbers
His job was the best,
The rest of the work force.
Who should have been glad
But they envied the good things
The bold Printers Had.

They led by example, by threat
and by might
To get a standard of living
That is ours by right.

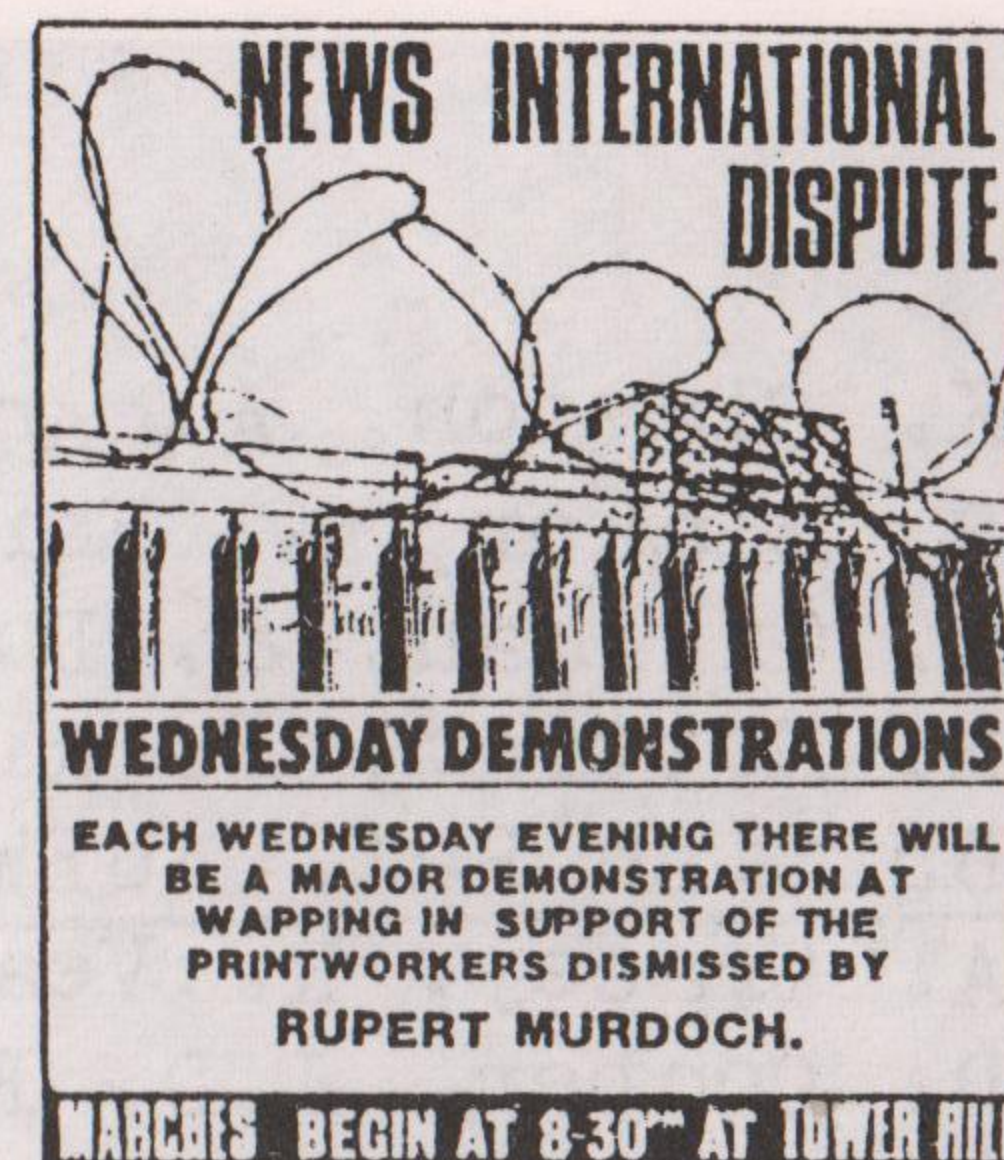
But the rest of the work force
They all just stood still
And watched as this standard
Went quickly down Hill.

The bosses connived and schemed
of a way
To get rid of the Printers
or lessen their Pay

But the bold Printer fights them,
And fights all the way.
But the rest of the Work force
They still stop away

Oh wake up you dreamers
Come down Wapping way
And fight with the Printers
For a much better day

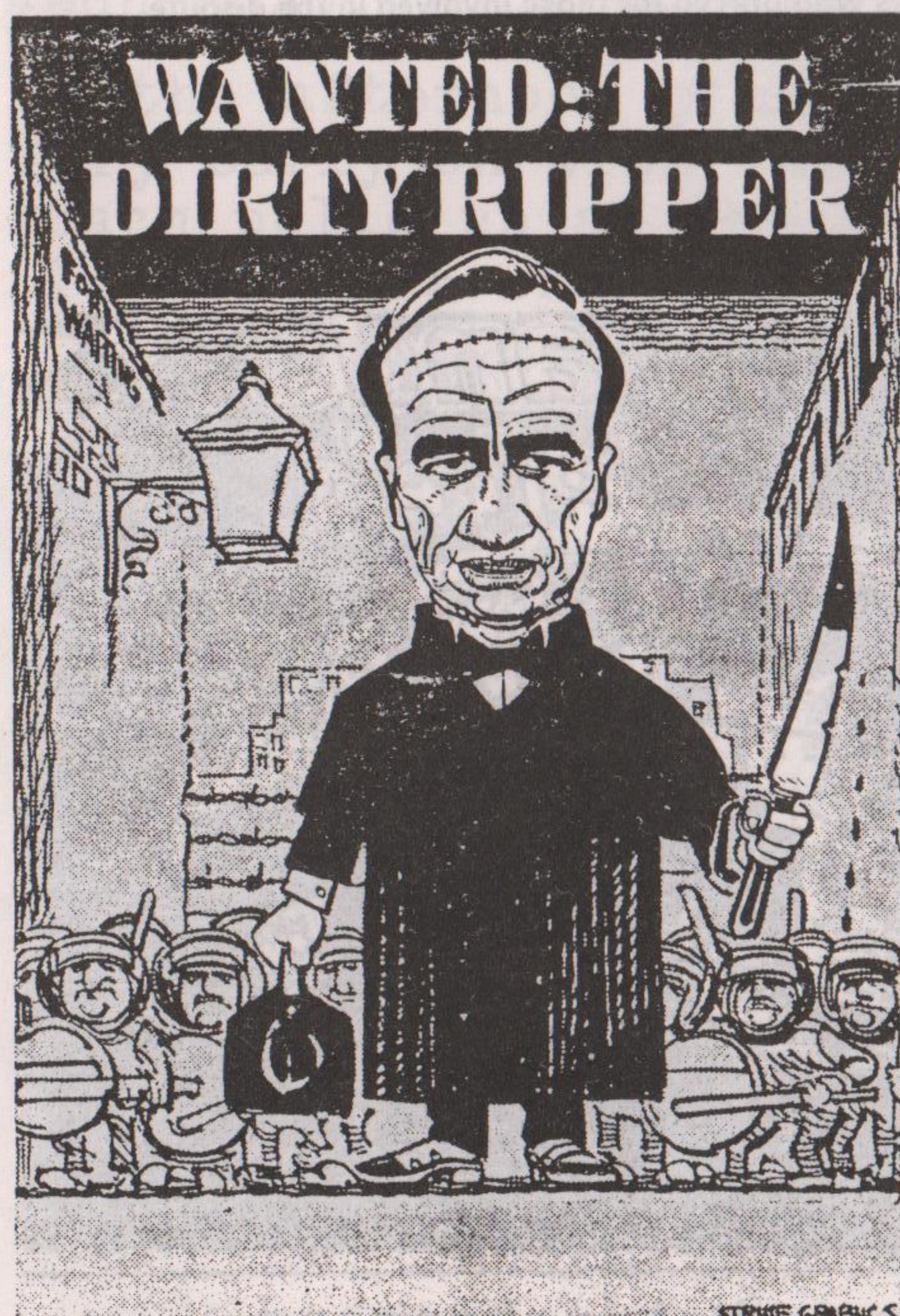
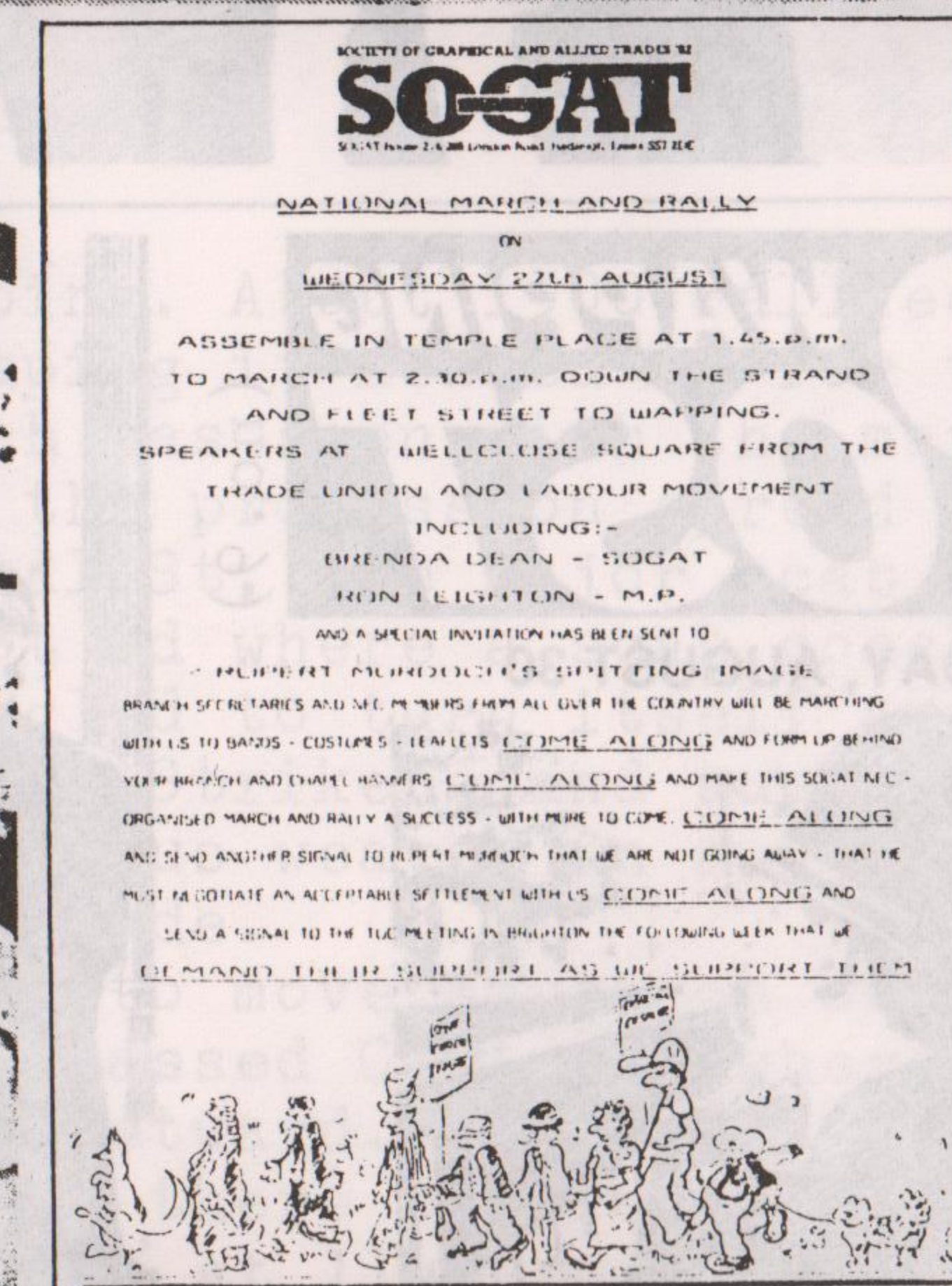
For if they are defeated,
They won't be the last
The bosses will get you
The Die will be cast.



Income: £1 printer; £2 picket; £2 cab-
bie; 50p Sun publishing; £10 Sogat Ma-
chine Casual Chapel; £1 Sogat machine;
£3, 50p, £5 NGA machine; £20 print
anonymous; £2, 20p misc.; £1 Times Day
machine; £1.50 Workers Press; £1 inky;
£2 policeman's son.

Concise written reports necessary

Publ. by picketing print union members
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**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND
SOLIDARITY, JOIN THE MASS
MARCH TO WAPPING ON**

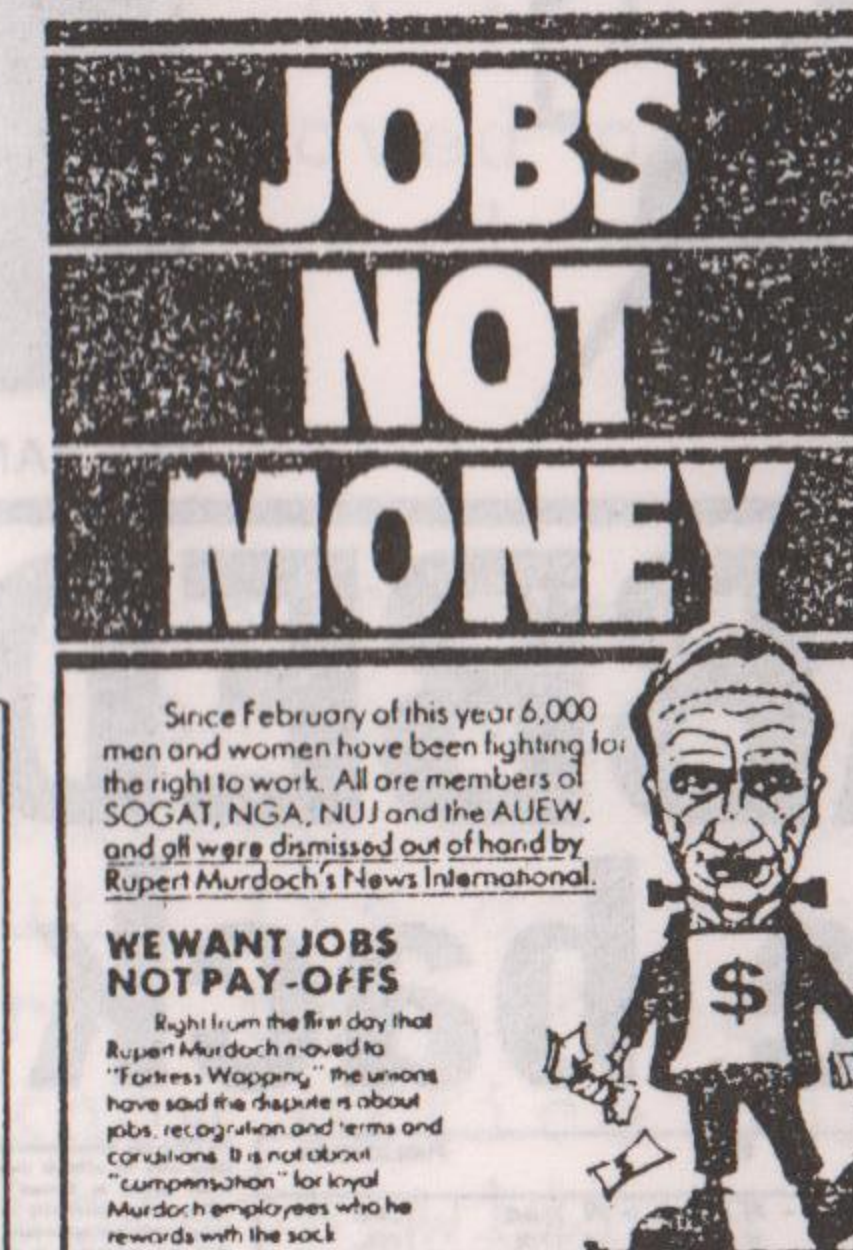
SATURDAY, 30th AUG.

**3pm, FLEET STREET
SALISBURY SQUARE**

**BRING FACTORY, BRANCH, DISTRICT
BANNERS, DEMAND THE RIGHT TO
WORK, AND UNION RECOGNITION.**

**SPEAKERS INVITED INCLUDE
PRESIDENT, GENERAL SECRETARY,
EXECUTIVE COUNCILMAN DIV. 7.
DIVISIONAL ORGANISER DIV. 25.**

ISSUED BY AEU NEWS INTERNATIONAL
STRIKE COMMITTEE



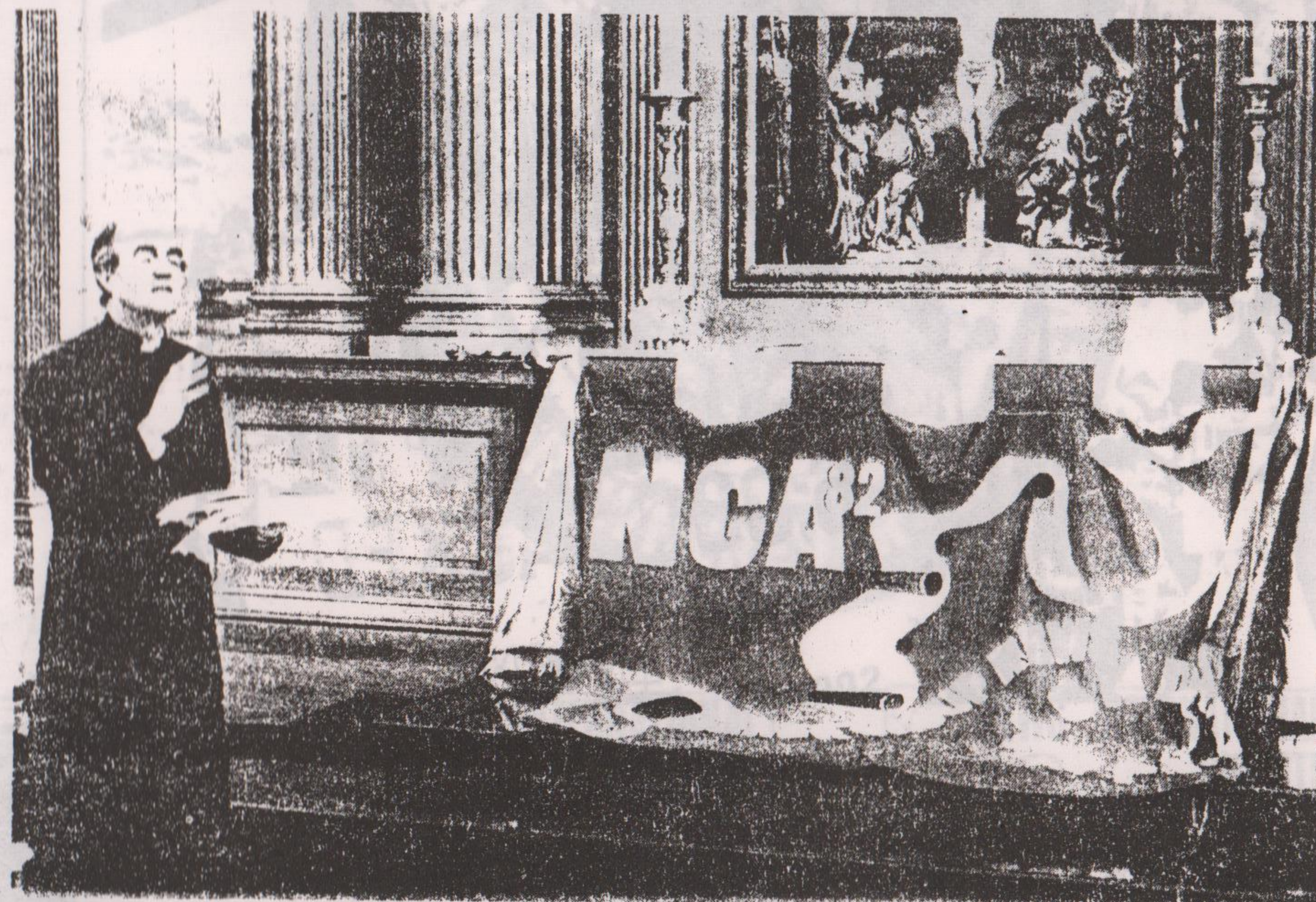
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WAPPING POST

(no.9)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30



THE BANNER: Blessed in the name of justice by Canon Oates who prayed for those involved in the dispute

From page one

SCABBED in the back

Bussed

There was little that was new about the way the bus was used in the dispute. The bus was used to transport pickets to the picket line. The bus was used to transport pickets to the picket line. The bus was used to transport pickets to the picket line.

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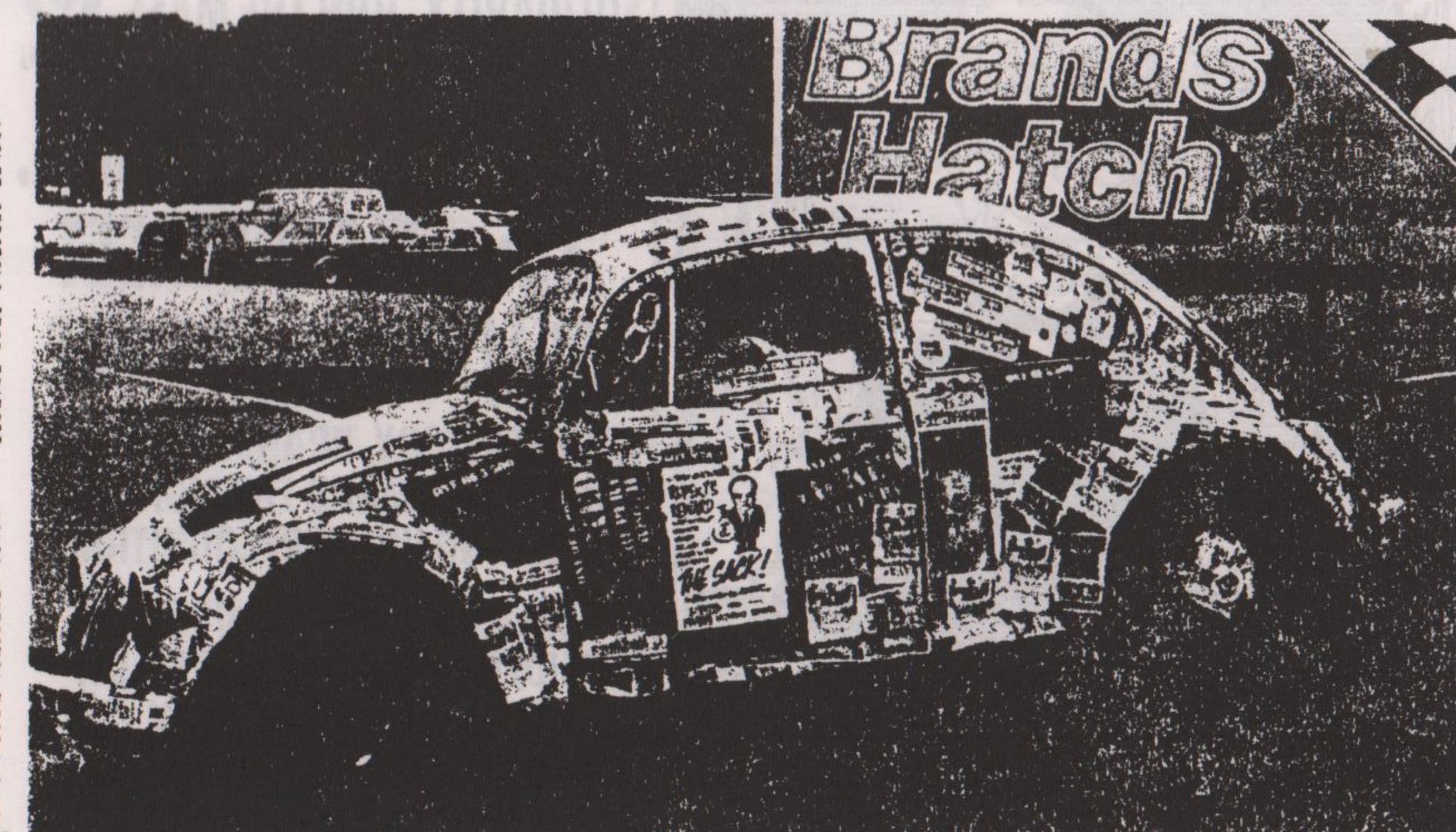
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BRIEFING OF ROTA

TO TAKE PLACE IN THE TRAINING ROOM THURSDAY MORNING



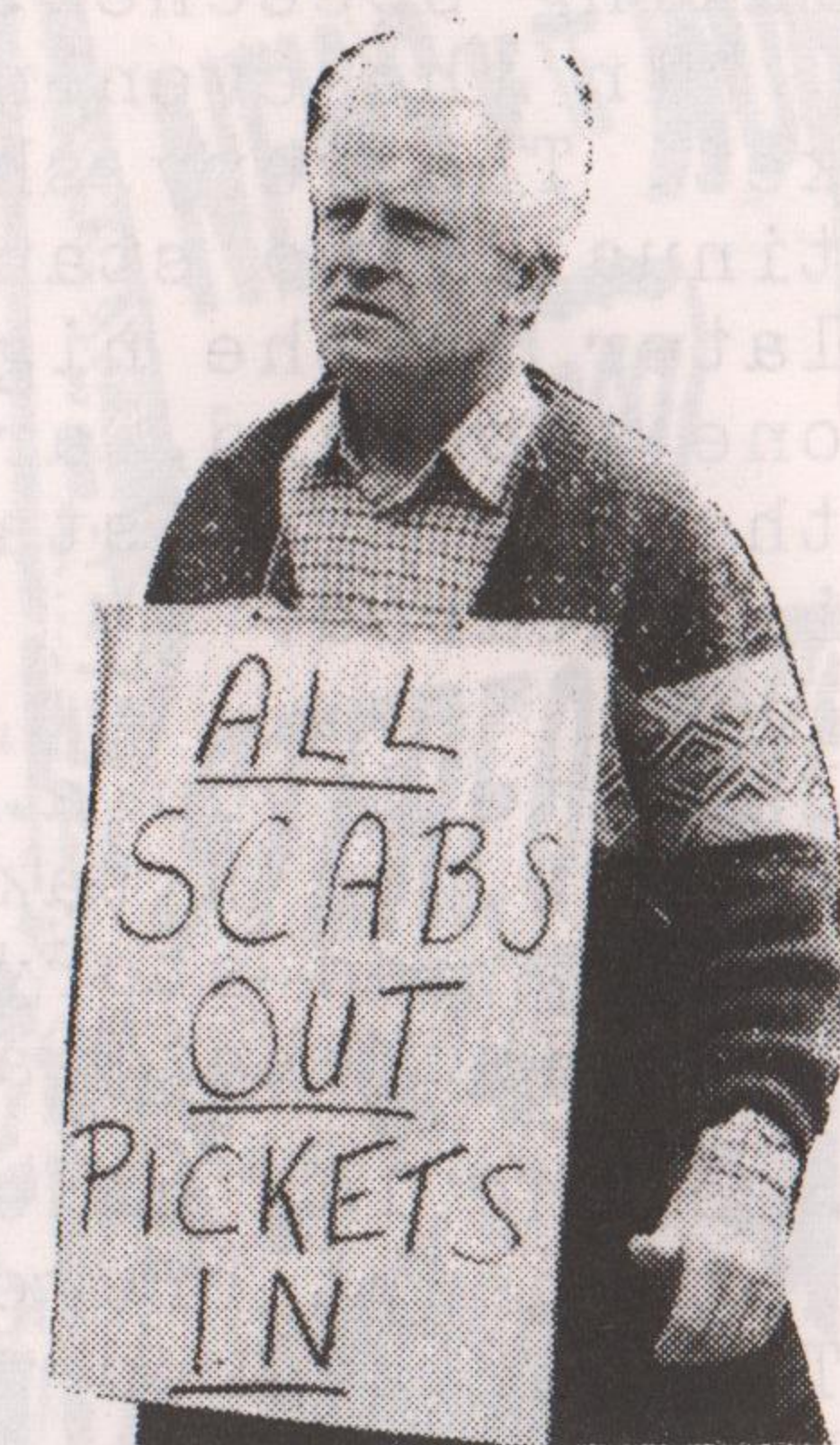
Picket no.24

Tuesday, 2nd September

Wednesday, 20th August

Several hundred of the staunchest marched from Tower Hill to Wapping. Police strikebreakers set up roadblocks in the side streets to prevent a repetition of last week's effective march to Aldgate. The march took place against the background of worry about the secret talks.

Upon arriving opposite the plant, marchers began to move up to the fence. Police, sensing that they were being outflanked, moved in to make an arrest lest an uppity worker get out of line. Pickets moved in to protect their own, suffering four arrests.



Saturday night, 23rd August, Wapping

The march assembled for the 77th trek to Wapping. About 1500 rallied. But instead of taking the accustomed route to Wapping it headed up for the Aldgate roundabout. The first armoured scab coach was seen with the march a little distance from Aldgate station. Here the procession spread right across the road. The march passed by Commercial St, the major scab route. Continued round to Commercial Rd and Cannon St Rd where a scab coach was coming right at the march. As the coach struggled to turn itself around pickets rushed forward to confront the thieves. Strikers and supporters managed to make their feelings known until the bus weaved in and out of traffic to make its escape. Some arrests were made.

Just afterwards the head of the march began to move south on Cannon St Rd rather than remain where it was. The march passed Cable St where mounted Kinnocks were lined up to block any progress eastward. Continued down to The Highway and then to Virginia. After an hour there cleared from road. Three scab juggernauts brought out Virginia St at 11.30pm. At 12.30pm a number of pickets moved out to Thomas More St anticipating a scab movement there. Six artics and some smaller vehicles moved out under police strikebreaker protection. Four arrests were made to clear the way.

Wednesday, 27th August

In the afternoon pickets assembled at Temple tube for a march to Wapping. Very early on with only a small number of pickets present, an armoured coach pulls up at the Temple. Overcoming hesitation and acting as a body, pickets give chase. The coach very hastily shuts its door and runs away.

About fifteen hundred assembled for the march thru Fleet St and out to Wapping. En route stopped at a well-known-by-know office building on the Embankment where someone tried to provoke the pickets with a copy of the Sun poking out from the safety of a window up several floors. The marchers decide to stop here. Police move in to make arrests and there is fighting. The arrests were apparently later released without charge to continue in the march. Police try to get the march moving again, summoning the stewards to bring this about.

Arriving at Wapping there are speeches in the park. Dean, as previously announced incorrectly, has not chickened out. She is heckled. She feels fortunate to be able to give a two minute speech. MP Leighton goes on for a while then hugs Dean to show "she has at least one friend here."

A few hundred stayed on for the regular evening march. Again there are roadblocks in the area but the march goes down St Katherine's way to be confronted with another cop roadblock at Tower Hotel. March finishes at Wellclose.

And we thought they were having us on about the banner being blessed.

Saturday, 30th August

In the afternoon there was a quick march of several hundred starting in Fleet St. Strikers did not want to undercut the evening picket. March was sponsored by the AUEW. Arrived quickly at Wapping to hear somebody or other making speeches.

In the evening two thousand gathered at Tower Hill for the regular picket. The very short march to Wapping took about two hours, stopping continually to stand in the road. Many drifted round the area. At Wellclose later in the night police try to clear the road. Clearly pickets, 500 to one thousand, are in no rush to move. Police form a knot of thugs to attack the most resistant point. Several arrests are made. After a while the road is cleared.

I'll tell you a story
And it won't take long
A very sad story
Of a lad that was wronged.

See the lad came to Wapping
With heart brave and true
To help sacked print workers
Defeat you know who.

Well the lad voiced his protest
Last May the third
But Murdoch and Hammond
Didn't like what they heard.

So along comes old Maggie
She decides what to do
Give extra powers
To her boys in blue.

See the pigs are the muscle
And Maggie's the brain
To destroy people's lives
Is the name of their game.

So into the demo
Did charge P.C. Bob
Coshing women and children
He's only doing his job.

Mary

If any Wapping picket needs a lift to spirits or morale after all this time take a look down by the barrier at Wellclose most nights of the week especially on march nights. There you will see a little frail old lady, slightly stooped. Usually accompanied by her daughters and granddaughters. She is a resident. She has been on the picket line from day one. She has been on the Fleet St marches to Wapping. She has always got a smile and a cheerfull word for anyone. She is an example to us all. I have seen her tired but she is tireless. In her efforts I have seen her cold, but her smile and her heart are as warm as coals. I have seen her afraid, but standing brave against all odds. This lady deserves nothing but the highest praise from us all. Long may she reign, my Queen of Wapping.

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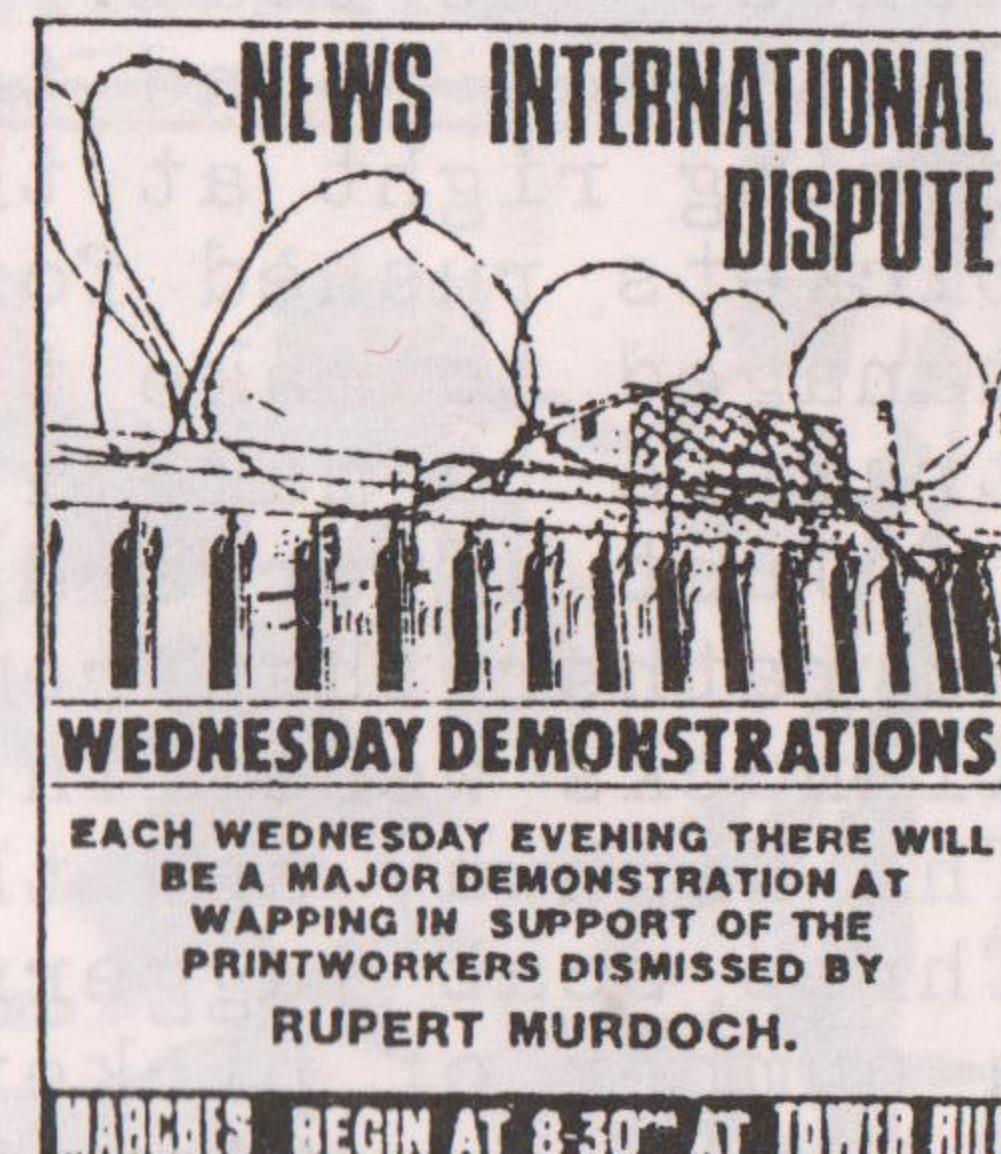
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Well our lad took a beating
All about his body and head
When he slumped to the ground
The pigs left him for dead.

And because Murdoch hates unions
And Thatcher does too
Put them all on the dole
Is their one point of view.

So look to the future
When our lives start anew
After we've stuffed Rupert Murdoch
And stuffed Maggie too!



DON'T LET MURDOCH GET AWAY WITH IT.

use your brain while you still can.

if a friend offers you

SUN **NEWS OF THE WORLD** **THE SUNDAY TIMES**

Don't make the same mistake say no

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Morning Star,
8th September

A FRESH ROUND of talks aimed at resolving the News International print dispute lasted nearly seven hours yesterday at a luxury Heathrow Airport hotel.

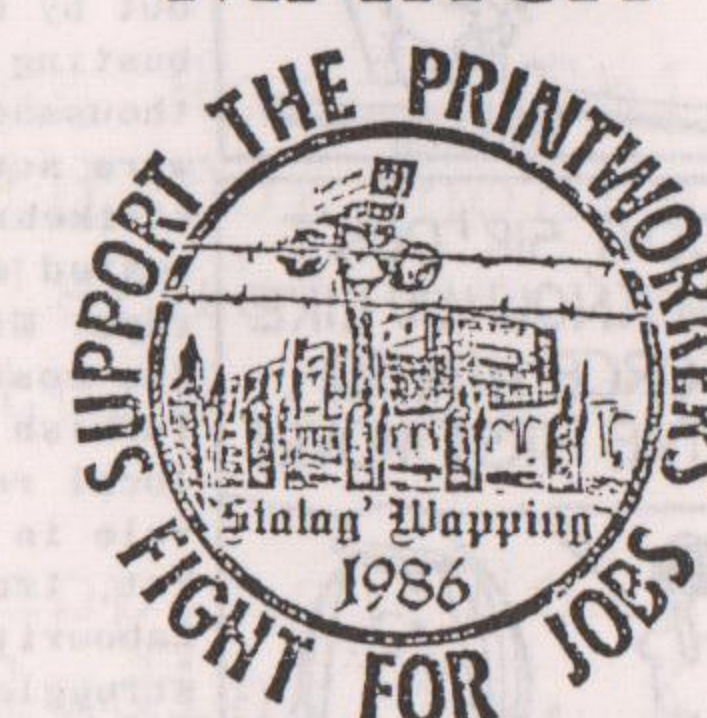
Leaders of the five unions involved in the 33-week strike met with company representatives led by NI globe-trotting chief negotiator Bill O'Neill.

Talks, which were shrouded in secrecy, adjourned with an agreement to re-convene this morning at a secret venue in London.

Greater London Association of Trades Councils

calls on all Trades Councils and trade unionists to

MARCH



Wednesday SEPTEMBER 10th
Assemble 8.30 Tower Hill

sticker

TRADE UNIONISTS BEWARE!

THIS COMPANY ADVERTISES

IN THE
Scab Sun

from Building Worker (rank and file paper), Autumn 1986

PRINTERS KEEP UP THE STRUGGLE

The News International Dispute is still the centre of struggle against Hammond's scab unionism. Murdoch is, no doubt, losing a few bob, in what he had hoped would be a quick and easy victory. The picketting has continued, both at Wapping and more successfully, 'guerrilla' pickets of depots all around the country.

Meanwhile, the Boycott campaign continues, of course. It's quite effective if you can prevent a retailer selling or getting his *Suns*, *Times*, or *News of the Worlds* once every so often. Even that can make his scabbing totally unprofitable.

Well at least we've got another reason to argue with our brethren who still buy the racist, rapist *Sun* and *Now*. Some printers have produced a weekly news-sheet *Picket*, throughout the strike. This totally unofficial publication gives a run down on the picketting and the events surrounding it. It also reflects the changing views and moods of the pickets.

It can only be a good thing that an honest attempt is made to portray what's happening on the front line and to focus attention on the kind of activities that are going to win the dispute. The one weakness of it is that it's producers have not used it to build a rank and file organisation, as an alternative to *Dean and Dubbins* and all the 'broad left' opportunists, who whose antics have shocked many workers who have turned out for the picketting at Wapping.

But that may not be entirely the publishers own fault. You

The publishers of this bulletin, though mistaken, are good pickets. In fact it was partially their insistence of the importance of picketing which helped lay the basis of *Picket*.

have to take into account the strongly 'inward-looking' and 'institutionalised' unionism in Fleet Street. This has been fostered by left opportunists for decades and probably has its roots in the 1926 General Strike sell out by the TUC. It has resulted, in the past, in the Fleet Street chapels failing to respond to the calls for solidarity from their brothers and sisters in the provinces.

That being said, the printers have shown themselves well able to engage in effective pickets at depots throughout the country. The *Picket* leaflet is ample testimony to this. And it would be well for trades unionists and and socialists to remember now, the massive financial solidarity for the miners during their year long strike and the fact that it was the *Sun* chapels that struck in support of the NUM and earned a retraction of at least a couple of scurrilous articles in the paper. In spite of the Kinnockite leadership of the print unions. And many trades unionists should realise that the SOGAT Clericals in particular are in need of money.

Nor would it escape *Picket* readers that Neil Kinnock actually wrote an article for the scab *Times*, quite early on in the dispute, along with Ken Livingstone...

Picket welcomes comments and contributions. It can send you the back numbers just published in pamphlet form, for a (generous) donation. Write to: *Picket*, c/o Housemans Books, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX.

SCABS OUT OF WAPPING MINERS OUT OF JAIL
BALLOT RIGGERS OUT OF UCATT

from Workers Hammer, September

Defeat at Wapping

I'M TRYING TO WRITE
PICK-UP A NOTE, BUT I
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY



DON'T DO IT, SIR! DON'T
LET HIM KNOW YOU LIKE
HIM! FORCE HIM TO
MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!



HOW DID YOU GET
TO BE SUCH AN
EXPERT, MARCIE?



ALL THE BEST
COACHES ARE IN
THE STANDS, SIR!



Over the last seven months nearly 6000 SOGAT and NGA printworkers have been locked out by Rupert Murdoch's premeditated union-busting mass sacking. Saturday after Saturday, thousands have converged on Murdoch's barbed-wire scab fortress, to confront an army of strikebreaking cops. Hundreds have been arrested and pitched battles fought with the cops. Miners, women inspired by the example of the coalfield women during the miners strike, Turkish and Kurdish contingents on May Day, local residents repulsed by the brutal cop rule in their streets have lent their support. Yet, trapped and strangled in a vice of Labourite treachery, this is a defeated struggle.

The printworkers' struggle against Murdoch's lockout has been strangled by Neil Kinnock's Labour Party, a sacrificial offering to the bosses to convince them that Labour in government can 'control the unions' and wage war on workers and the oppressed in the interest of the anti-Soviet war drive. From Brenda Dean and Tony Dubbins, to the Labour/TUC 'lefts' to so-called Communists like London SOGAT leaders Mike Hicks and Bill Freeman, Wapping has been run as the model Neil Kinnock 'strike'. The print union bureaucrats have done their best to make the weekly demonstrations nothing more than rallies for a next Labour government: the sacked printers are marched through the streets up to the gates of Fortress Wapping -- only in order to listen to speeches and march away again. 'Picket lines' that do not (and are not designed to) shut down production are not picket lines. A 'strike' in which production is never stopped is not a strike.

The miners understood that. For twelve hard and bitter months they fought scabs and cops from one end of the coalfields to the other. And that's why, even though they were finally dragged down to defeat by the same treacherous Labour/TUC misleaders, their union emerged proud and intact and their strike became a symbol of class struggle to workers and the

Wapping militants
after throwing back
bureaucrats' sellout
proposal; Labourite
misleaders, 'left' and
right, knifed their
struggle in order to
accommodate strike-
breaker Kinnock.



oppressed here and around the world. And since that time the labour traitors have worked overtime to bury the memory of that heroic struggle as some sort of 'unpleasant interlude' in their desire to maintain class peace at the expense of workers' livelihoods. So they have been busy 'mending fences': trying to repair torn and tattered illusions in Labourite parliamentarism and the bourgeois 'democracy' whose naked fist came crashing down on the miners and their families. So 'lefts' embrace rights, phoney revolutionaries applaud open reformists, self-styled 'Commun-

ists' suck up to Cold Warriors -- all in order to replace the Iron Bitch by Ramsay MacKinnock. Thus over Wapping we have seen a unity of 'lefts' and rights aimed at containing and defusing any possibility of militant struggle. Instead of appeals to the labour movement for militant solidarity, Dean and Dubbins have from the start pushed an impotent TUC-endorsed consumer boycott strategy intended as a diversion from shutting Murdoch's operation down tight. Scurrilous propaganda worthy of the National Front has been produced, railing

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Picket no.25

Monday, 15th September

Press Association Scabbing

In the heart of Fleet St there is scabbing going on at the Press Association.

Monday, 1st September, Brighton

Handfuls arrived outside Trades Union Congress at 8am to find we were allocated only 20 seats in the gallery. By 9am 3-500 outside hall as delegates start arriving. In all several hundred printers plus Silentnight strikers and others picketed and asked for support. Kept separate from delegates by a wall of crash barriers. While they are queuing to get in are met with a wall of sound from the pickets. The song which seemed to make most impact on the delegates in the morning was "Rupert Murdoch - Stick your money up your arse". Also favourite was "Eric Hammond - He's hiding behind the TUC." Usual songs but seeming a lot louder when sung in the confined space of the covered entrance. The weather is cold. Few delegates approached us. Some pickets allowed to approach the delegate queue. An EETPU delegate who went in about 9.30 was met not only with a volley verbally but also with eggs and handfuls of spoof Murdoch money. He literally ran in with police shielding him. Brenda Dean was jeered but managed to say a few words. Print Union fringe meeting hall only seated 250 so few pickets could get in. As Hammond had not appeared by 10.30 most of the pickets went to find somewhere for a breakfast, and it was at this time that the TNT truck came along the front and was shouted at, and then went around the corner where it had things thrown at it. The driver swerving about all over the place. Pickets who were able to get inside the building pursued Hammond whenever he appeared. The memorable sight was one picket pursuing Hammond with a rolled-up newspaper. During the day pickets went round town handing out leaflets, dispersing spoof money and putting up stickers. During the previous night hundreds had glued shut shopkeepers locks. Back at lunchtime to lobby delegates as they came out. As were told that there were not many people in gallery some of us tried to get in but were refused entrance even with Union cards. Back later at end of session to receive delegates as they exit.

Wednesday, 3rd September

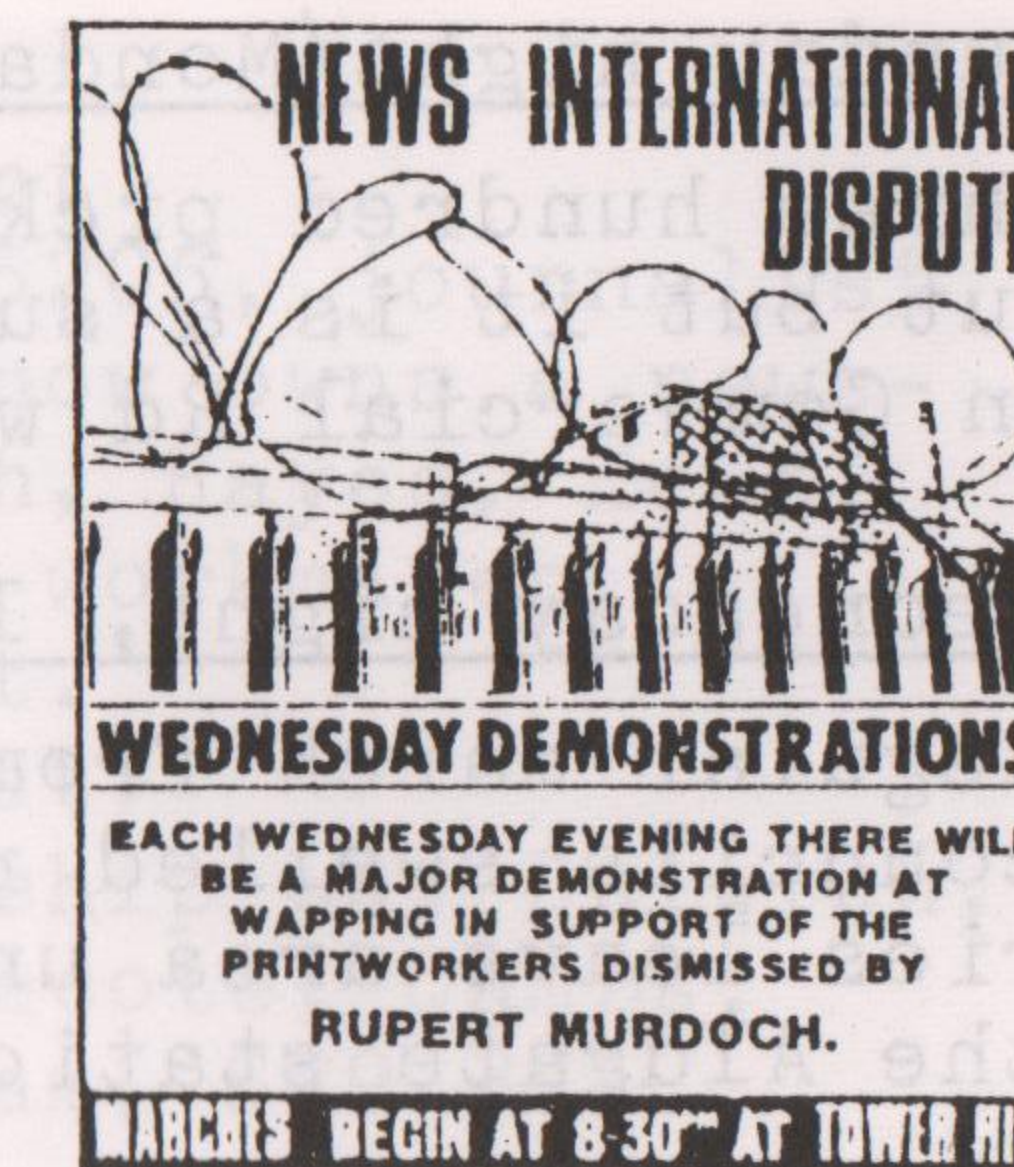
In the afternoon, a few hundred pickets rallied at Gray's Inn Road. This was the 224th day of the strike. An excellent picket was held for hours. Hooted and yelled at scabs, "thieves, Judas, low life" and "scab" in unison which can be heard for quite a distance. As the temperature dipped pickets worked out their inventory of winter clothing.

In the evening seven hundred made the regular march to Wapping. Police strikebreakers blocked all exit roads from The Highway, including St. Katherine's Way. On the march the fog horn was very good. Later police cleared the road under the orders to "gently move them off the road". When the boss says kill they do that, "gently" they have trouble with. Whatever the reasons for this sudden change (probably to do with the secret talks) the hostility of strikers to the police strikebreakers remains. As one said, "If I saw one of you lot dying in the gutter, I wouldn't lift a finger."

Saturday night, 6th September

2000 in march to Wapping. Not enough police in Mansell St to stop march if had moved there. Groups of pickets gathered out along The Highway. One arrest. Picketing has been undercut. Five arrests later when police cleared road at Wellclose. Five lorries bricked in the area. Several vans done too.

Guess who was carrying the national NUJ banner? Andrew Drummond who went in to Wapping took his £2000 blood money and continued scabbing while his girl friend was a loyal Sogat striker. Later sacked anyways.



Sunday night/Monday morning, Wapping, 7th September

Three hundred pickets assembled at 2am. The move to the gate has not worked out but it is a successful picket. Later a scab lorry is seen driving west on Commercial Rd with a one foot wide hole in the front screen.

Wednesday night, 10th September

Regular march from Tower Hill. One hundred supporters from London trades councils swelled ranks to 700 on this the 84th march to Wapping. Scab lorries leave area unescorted. It's about time to start some marches from the Aldgate stations.

Friday morning

Scab buses pelted with eggs at pick up point.

Friday, 12th September

It always rains in Wapping, or so I do hear tell, but on the scabs boat outing it rained like merry hell. It showered old tomatoes and drizzled ink bombs too, then missiles miscellaneous came pouring from the blue. The eggs came flying downward, phlegmatic comment too, so eat your heart out Murdoch, pickets rain dance too!

Saturday night, 13th September

1500 marched from Tower Hill in the rain. Later several lorries bricked.

Selections from "A Year Of Our Lives" about Hatfield Main Colliery, Duns-croft, near Doncaster.

A Bridge Too Far.

When it became obvious to all that the British Steel Corporation was still producing steel and not simply safe-guarding their furnaces and coke ovens, as they had agreed in return for a dispensation to be supplied with coal and coke; the supply from our pits working voluntarily to keep our side of the bargain was halted. BSC, who had used the first months of our strike to consolidate their position, then followed by running scab lorries to carry imported coal and Orgreave coke to the Scunthorpe plant.

With only three roads into the area it was possible for the police to adopt a policy of turning back to Yorkshire, any miners found trying to picket the wharfs. (Incidentally, ordinance survey maps of the area with minor routes, etc. were withdrawn from all Scunthorpe and surrounding district shops). The lorries were allowed a fairly free run, soon the residents along the route to the steel works were to complain of the coal dust on the grass verges and of their children being blackened on their way to school.

Watching the convoys of lorries was a depressing sight for any miner, particularly one who lived in Scunthorpe. But there was a glimmer of hope, the one other thing that the steel plant required in bulk was iron ore, and this was moved by rail from the port of Immingham. If this could be stopped, so could the production of steel. It seemed as though the corporation had more than enough coal to safe-guard against damage to the furnaces and coke ovens. Another benefit for us was that the iron ore was of too high a density to be carried by the smaller ships travelling up the Trent.

Remembering the solidarity given by sections of Railworkers at Coalville and St. Pancras and Kings Cross, we decided on a phone call to the area secretary of the railworkers at Immingham.

When asked what sort of feeling there was for the miners at his branch, the answer was 'Sympathetic'.

A few days later it was arranged for other Hatfield men to meet in Scunthorpe, we were going to picket the ore trains!

After trying to locate the most strategic bridges over which to drop our specially prepared 'picket' banners, we decided it would be easier for a train driver to respect our picket line if he had not already travelled the twenty odd miles to Scunthorpe. With this in mind we took off for Immingham. This was new ground for us, and at first we were going to picket the ore terminal itself and actually made a sortie around the dock fronts, but seeing that it was on dock land, which was private and patrolled by police, we had to look elsewhere. This was how we came to be on the railway bridge at Eastfield Road (what became known to the pickets as 'A Bridge Too Far'). A banner was hung over the bridge to show that there was an NUM picket. Again a phone call was made to the home of Joe Paget, the area secretary, to inform him that we had mounted a picket about two miles from the terminal.

Back at the bridge, the first train had stopped, loaded with 1200 ton of iron ore, the driver and the guard refusing to cross a picket line. They said that this was one of 13 trains a day that carried ore to Scunthorpe. An engine was brought up, and the train was pulled back to the terminal to the accompaniment of loud cheers. The only people on the bridge that morning not knowing what to do, were the police. They wanted to move us on, but having no reason to do so, they tried to keep the number down to six, only to find that the majority of people on the bridge were reporters from the press, radio and T.V.

There was tremendous solidarity, only two trains were to leave the terminal in the next eight months, with only four pickets on at a time (24 hour cycle). Even when BSC caused a national dock strike by employing scab labour to load iron into lorries at the ports. With the failure of the T&GW to use this dispute to strengthen the National Dock Labour Scheme when BSC again used scab labour, this time at a Scottish port, Immingham did *not* come out, and the dockers there loaded ore into scab lorries.

The railworkers, with all this pressure, stood firm on the basic Trade Union principle: YOU DO NOT CROSS PICKET LINES.

The Way I Saw It.

Not being a man of words I find it hard to do an article, but I feel nevertheless that it is something I must do. To put over my side, point of view and feelings, so others may see.

We had been on strike for a good few weeks and I had not done anything to forward the strike. I had done the garden, done the garden, and done the garden.

So I decided (with a push from my wife):- 'Up off your arse boy and get out, do your bit. The lads out there are getting knocked from pillow to post.'

The TV and the papers were telling us one thing, and the lads were telling us the other. So I rang up the Welfare and found out what I had to do.

For a long time I had not got up that early, but up I got, off I went onto the line. It was a strange and frightening day that started an education that will stay with me for a

long time.

We went round parts of the country that I did not know was there, back roads, lanes and tracks. All this to get past the police who were doing their best to stop us letting the scabs know how we felt about not giving us support that was rightfully ours. The way we were restricted and oppressed I will never forgive, or forget EVER. But we must never forget the people who DID give us support.

I had been out on the lines for a time, still managed to keep the car on the road. When a call came, could I take Will Moore to Bradford, I wanted to go tell others of the lies and perversions that they were being fed, from the point of view of one who had seen some of it. Off we went. More education; I found out first hand we *were not* alone. Others were in on the fight. The lift I got from that day was great, but there was more to come.

At a meeting in the Welfare, I was asked if I could go down to London. I said yes, off I went with me bag down to the big city. It was a lot different from Bradford. For one thing, a lot more people in meetings. Bradford I had adressed twenty to thirty, but now I found 100 or more (heart in the mouth) but I did it.

I now found myself out on the streets with a bucket in my hand. The response was fantastic. The young, the old, the white and the black, the workers and the unemployed, they all give and wished us well and hoped we would win. I had been told about support we were getting but to see, feel it first hand is something I will never forget.

Yes, a lot of good people live in London, but then again you find the bad one, but a lot more good than bad.

I returned to London again in fair weather and in foul, the support was still there and growing along with the old die-hards, the back bone.....the workers.

Names I could tell you, but the list would be lang, and oh so lang, I may miss a few, but not many, for they all have a place in my head and in my heart.

Pride of place must go to my wife, who not only gave me support and backed me all the way, but got and did something to help all of us, and not just sit it out and moan. The commitment, drive, force she put in was great to see. The force was such that Luke Skywalker or Darth Vader would have loved to have it, being greater than their 'force'.

A behemoth* had risen, along with many others. I would not like to stand in opposition to such drive. She was and still is committed. Side by side or out on our own we were in this fight together.

I was in London the day it was announced that we were going back to work. It was a black day for me. To see men crying in the streets, we have been betrayed. Worse was to come. I had taken a knock but my wife had taken it worse than me, devastated but moreit was painful for us and still is. The return to work was a killer. The first time we went down Tony Clegg was there, so I turned around and went home. The next time no Tony and the men went in. It hurt me to see the men going down the lane knowing mates had been left outside, it was wrong, still is and always will be.

I did not return for a few weeks. For on that day in London, the 'boys in blue' had banged me against a column outside the TUC H.Q. and put my ribs out (very painful).

On reflection, I was lucky I went out and did something. I believe that we were beaten, not by the activity of the few, but by the inactivity of the many. So next time (and it must come) don't be doing the garden all the time or watch TV all the time. Give some time to where it matters, it's not easy, but it's good and next time WE WILL WIN.

*Behemoth: A mythical creature of awesome and terrible power, unstoppable in pursuit of its ends.

THE AUGUST INVASIONS.

In August the Coal Board, in joint organisation with the police, decided to take the offensive. They had successfully (more or less) blocked the picket advance into Nottingham and the southern coalfields. The daily skirmishes were costly in injury and manpower, so someone decided to counter-attack. This was to take the form of a scab at every colliery. If they could put a scab in every pit, the propaganda teams they had employed on the TV and Radio and in the Press could crow that every pit in Britain was working! Finding a scab, especially in Doncaster was to be difficult, but the objectives nonetheless, apart from the propaganda one, would also have the advantage of tying down the pickets to their own back yards, and it would give an excuse for outright occupation of the militant heartlands by riot police.

When the day dawned we were taken somewhat by surprise, we were waiting to go off flying to some other pit in Doncaster when the news came, that two had gone into Hatfield. The news spread like wildfire, and so did the fury.

A small crowd of police were in the pit yard, about an equal number of pickets. The branch delegate and the chairman went down to see the management to ask to speak to the people who had gone in (also of course to identify them). The scabs refused. The pickets felt we ought to charge the police then and there and strike while the iron was hot.

Scabs:

Chris Babcock, 5 Bosville Ave, Bosville Rd, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Brian Forbes, 50 Potters Lane, New Barnet, Herts, 01-449-5205, journalist.
Ben Grossman, Times night publishing for about 30 years, now owns a news-agency at Hayes News, 3 Station Building, Station Approach, Hayes, Kent, 01-462-5106, now sells all Murdoch titles and scabs on ex-workmates.

Nick Harling, Wimbledon, 947-4294, Times sports journalist.

Mike Rowbottom, Herts, 0279-503927, Times sports journalist.

Clerical Scabs: Tony McLean, telephone reporter, 191 Lordship La, Dulwich.
Fred Allen 0934-210464, "Ingle Nook", 99 Highfields, Caldecote, Cambs.

Alan Alltimes, corres. mangr., 506 Footscray Rd, New Eltham, SE9 3VA.

D Asirvathan, 138 Bulstrode Ave, Hounslow Ctl, Middlesex.

Pat Ashton, 4 Colean Ct, Madeira Ave, Bromley, Kent,

S Avty, 59a Matilda St, London N1.

Chris Bamping, 92 Greenhayes, Ave, Banstead, Surrey, 647-1794.

Martin Barber, 47 Douglas Dr, Stevenage, Herts, 61177.

Frank Barrow, 220a Croydon Rd, Priory Clse, Berkenham, Kent, 658-1467

Linda Bartlett, 20 Blenheim Ct, Main Rd, Sidcup, Kent.

Chris Bedford, 76 Nelson Rd, New Malden, Surrey.

Peter Bourhill, 26 Roberts Ct, Maple Rd, Penge Selo, 659-8067.

Leisa Brace, 20 Welfside, Sandwich, Kent.

Alan Bunting, 55 Boundry Rd, Eastwood, Leigh-On-Sea, Essex, 0702-522938.

Alan Butcher, 12 Beech Hse, Manor Rd, Sidcup, Kent, 302-9140.

D Carr, 59 Blannere Rd, London SE9, 859-3580.

Scab of the week: the Spartacist League (publishes Workers Hammer) for printing a picture from the Sunday Times -with credit - and you can be sure they didn't steal the paper. Article claims that what we have at Wapping "are not picket lines" making a slanderous allusion to "real" pickets, the miners. Print pickets are second to none. The reason this lot doesn't know it is they have scarcely been out to Wapping and NEVER on the front lines. Famous scabs: Ian Botham, Alex Higgins, Eric Bristow and Jim Callaghan.

With numbers so evenly balanced, the truncons were already out, it was obvious it would be a very bloody confrontation. The officials were against a charge at that time. Before much else could be done police reinforcements started to arrive from Manchester, and they set about pushing, kicking and jostling the pickets out of the pit lane, in the style of the National Guard in Harlem, they shouted 'Go home' to men who had been bred and born in that village.

It was obvious that the community had to be aroused, and loudspeaker vans toured Duns-croft, Stainforth, Thorne and Moorends, urging every available person, men and women, every fit person to head for the pit gates to defend the strike against the police and scabs. Within minutes people were streaming from every direction toward the pit, women with their children, a team of young BMX riders from Thorne, the buses were full, and people hitherto uninvolved left the club and made for the pit. In the meantime, initial fights had broken out between the riot police and the small picket. The pickets made a valiant charge against massive numbers, and, advantage of weight aside, the Manchester police force had reacted with heavy brutality, there was a number of injuries. There was confusion and disagreement between the branch officials, one set pulling the men back to the Welfare and talking about meeting the gaffer, the others still touring the villages and urging all to descend upon the pit. While the latter was proceeding, massive numbers of riot vans started pouring into the village, school kids stood and jeered, women shouted as the police poured by, the police shouted obscenities and stuck two fingers up at the kids. The scene was set.

ACCOUNT OF INVASION.

As the village folk assembled in their hundreds, the women from the support groups led them in the singing of solidarity songs, an old woman walked straight up to the riot shields and said: "There's nen of ye, would come from ahind there and fight our lads one to one like men. Any of wor men could fight ye lot, in fact ah'll fight ye meself!"

An old chap taking her side, proudly displaying his NUM badges, waving his walking stick in the air and denouncing them all as cowards and 'bosses lackies!'

The Union secretary, Peter Curran was escorted through the police ranks to talk to the personnell manager and then successfully to one of the scabs. He agreed he had caused all of them old mates of his to have been beaten, he had made a mistake, he would rejoin the strike if there was no further action taken against him. This was only half way through the shift.

The branch officials addressed the men from a nearby wall, there was some disagreement, but generally it was accepted that this man walking out to rejoin the strike was a propaganda victory for us. We would not abuse him, we would instead part and form two ranks and turn our back on him as he emerged. So it was, flanked by the secretary and the personnell manager he walked through the (almost) silent crowd. As he emerged from the ranks of men, the women had no such restraint and ran after him calling him every form of abuse they could lay their tongues to.

The rest of the day while the folk waited for the other scab to come out there was running skirmishes here and there, particularly round the tip. The young miners, accompanied by the BMX Brigade and scores of young children would swarm up the tip, closer and closer to the rear of the colliery. Each time they drew too close the doors of the riot vans down in the colliery car park would open and, shields glinting in the sun, three abreast, the robotoid ranks would march up toward the sound of the jeering pit youth. Sometimes the crowd would back off and the ranks would stop, sweating in the sun, motionless, then retreat. An hour later the surge of youth would spread quickly towards the washer and suddenly riot vans, lights flashing, sirens sounding, would bump out from cover and charge the crowd, a hail of stones and rocks, the police vehicles swerve and bump, the crowds close in whooping, and the landrovers retreat chased by an army of small children, then a rush from below, and a determined sort of riot police rush out to cut off the youth, a brief stone throwing defensive action, then a mixture of panic and mad comedy as the crowd realises that this charge is in earnest. The crowd take off, half of them straight down against the railway lines, pursued by police in black pyjama suits, train passengers stand at the windows and stare as hundreds of young people run across the lines in front of the train, and round the sides, while screaming police flood down the embankment, impervious of the spectators. Down the other side of the tip the bulk of the crowd runs back toward the village pursued by police jeeps and snatch squads, hysterical laughter, youngsters falling down and rolling, village dogs joining in the romp and here and there a few gypsies horses frightened by the confusion gallop along in the middle of the throng. It is just like a game of chase, but with deadly penalties for the losers. Just as the crowd starts to reach the bottom of the tip a big

convoy of police vehicles, dog vans, horse boxes, and jeeps is passing along the road. To the cops in the convoy it looks like an ambush as hundreds of youngsters suddenly appear and let fly with a massive cannonade of bricks and scrap metal. The deluge is such that the lead vehicles swerve and mount the pavement, some collide, the back doors of the last two vans swing open and the police prepare to dive into the crowd, the open doors however, are the best thing that's happened all day and an accurate stream of half bricks belts into the backs of the vehicles. Doors are grabbed shut as young heroes and heroines rush at the doors, horns are sounding, shouting and hurried departure as the convoy, beating out a drum roll of bouncing bricks flies down the pit lane. Then renewed and more serious panic as it is suddenly realised that in the joy of taking the convoy by surprise the snatch squad and shield carriers are down the tip and almost upon us. There is mad flight over walls, into houses where people have come to watch us at their doors, small bands dash up the side streets and down the back lanes so commonly visited in earlier games of chase, out onto the main street to try and mingle with the crowds. Meantime small squads of sweating police patrol the streets, pointing truncons at people in their gardens, grabbing youths sitting on walls and pushing them around. They ARE an occupation force, they jump over walls, swagger up to front doors.....they are an armed mass in an unarmed field of resentment. As they swagger out of the side streets, some wave their truncons over their heads in a 'come and get it' fashion, others smack the stick into the palm of their hand in a gesture of a club hitting a head. Fear now in the belly of some kids. Younger ones now being dragged into houses by their frightened parents, older youths ordering younger ones 'away home, there's going to be trouble'. Some children, mixed up with exhilaration, exhaustion, mortal fear and a confusion of thoughts simply burst into tears or laughter.

There is a lull.

As the day drew on, activity started to hot up down the pit lane, there was a rumour through the crowds, a pressing forward, the police started to 'tool up'.....the scab bus was coming out. In the wings the riot cops began pointing their truncons at various folk in the crowd, picking their targets, visors were down, shields held up.

The tactics of the Doncaster pickets have always been to do the unexpected, to take the cops by surprise. With this in mind, we organised a sit down in the middle of pit lane. This was meant as a tactical device to obstruct the bus coming out, and to make its' progress so slow the village folk could let the scab on board exactly what we felt about him. It was also meant to take away the excuse the cops had for breaking skulls. The logic was that the cops would be forced to lay down the shields in order to pick up or drag away the miners sitting in the road. This would stop them wading in and meantime give the scab a heart attack by preventing him from being whisked away rapidly through the village. The order came: "SIT DOWN". It was not a very popular one, the pickets felt vulnerable on their backsides with the riot shielded cops towering above them, truncons drawn.

Still, they sat. Many of them, anyway. Others withdrew to the sidelines. Among the squatters were old retired men, and kids not yet left school.

The frenzy of police activity was reaching the time, the inspector came out with his loud-hailer: "Disperse".....no movement; "Disperse".....still no movement. "All right, if you won't move, we'll have to move you!" And with that the snatch squad police in the black cat suits dived out and started grabbing youths from the sides. In an instant all was chaos, truncons flaying left and right and a major push forward by the police, men and boys struggled to get to their feet to get away, many were caught with their backs to the advancing police still sitting down. A young boy on a bike had been going past the lane just as the charge started, he was swept from the bike, and it lay abandoned. A few bricks and bottles were hurled to steady the advance and give the lads a chance to get away, but the police were in full charge. Women and children scattered, old folks were hit, and some lay in gardens, the police were determined to wipe the people off their streets. In the middle of all the furore the scab bus inched its way out of the pit lane and away off to Belton where Mr Freeman, Hatfields' number one super scab lived.

Later, as police held control of the lower part of Emerson Avenue and the pit lane, the windows in the pit club went through, one lump of concrete thrown through the window was so big that it could only have been hurled from immediately outside, i.e. where the cops were.

As they patrolled the streets, swinging the truncons, women folk stood in the gardens and mocked the cops, cheeked them up, while in return the police issued streams of foul abuse.

The pickets had used a big frame tent as a shelter at the top of the pit lane. With that ground now held by the police, the tent mysteriously took fire, the first of three attacks upon picket shelters, the last one with a wooden hut on site, came as police threw rocks at the hut, this being admitted by the investigating sources.

Notes:

- Came into the strike with peacetime generals. You won't go wrong if you follow the ordinary pickets who always know what is to be done.
- Mass picket of Syston TNT, Leicestershire, Saturday, 20th September.
- Oxford regular picket, meet 10pm, Saturdays; Gloucester Green Bus Station, pick-up point for the TNT depot.

● Wapping scab in charge of machines, Wally Edmunds.

● Catering manager scab, John Stew.

● Wapping 481-4100, Rupert Murdoch ext 5310

Bruce Matthews ext 5309

Andrew Neil ext 5640

Tudor Hopkins ext 5640

Bernie Clifford ext 5026

ex-Sogat clerical, Frank Barrow ext 4284

Paul Clatworthy ext 4287

Terry Hobart ext 4288

Yvonne Kingdom ext 4274/5

Ron Pike ext 5953

Les Tanner ext 4282

Shirly Margolis ext 5345

● from a Kent newspaper

HATE mail, threats and thefts have forced B. Hill newsagents to keep early morning vigils on deliveries of *The Sun* and *The Times*.

The shopkeepers are suffering from a backlash of local feeling provoked by the News International dispute at Rupert Murdoch's controversial Wapping plant.

● 6am to 7am approximately every morning there are about 8 scab vans in cafe beside rail bridge in Wandsworth Rd, vans left unattended.

● TNT lorries have been seen unloading and transferring papers to "white mice" in Alexandra Park, N22 at 5am. Haringey council own park.

● Bad apple department; A picket relates the story of one copper new to Wapping who had not realised his job was to get the lorries out.

● Rupert Murdoch's daughter lives in Fentiman Rd, London SW9 and can be seen in the butchers shop at the Oval opposite St Marks Church in SW8.

● Greetings from Rottingdean. The south coast is recovering after the visit of printworkers kids who were in the rest home for a holiday. Rottingdean and the surrounding area's are now fully aware of what's going on down at Wapping. Stickers, posters and leaflets adourn the area. A few incidents occurred as when a lorry driver who kept flashing the Sun to the kids had rubbish tipped in his cab. Also most newsagents had other tabloid dailies placed on top of the Sun. Also the row in the local swimming baths between local kids and parents and printers kids and their parents with which printers were called Eastend scum. The spirit of the children was an inspiration to us all and if this was as strong in us adults it would be welcomed. The children would also like to say a thank you to all who organised, donated and put up with them for their two weeks stay at Rottingdean Home.

● letter: The Picket is always read. The ones that are accounts are better than those with boring political generalisations.

Income: £43.52 NoW Publishing chapel collection; £7.40 Southampton; £4 NGA strikers; £6, £6 S. Mirror warehouse; £2 cop's son; £1 Sogat member; £1 half-wit; £4.67 bookshop sales; 50p a body; £2 working member; £5 NGA minder.

Part 3 of the book available, send £1 in stamps to address below

Picket

c/o Housmans, 5 Caledonian Rd, Ldn N1
Publ. by picketing print union members

The manager of Lavells, Main Road, Biggin Hill, now gets up at 3 am to gather in the bundles of papers as they are delivered. Since January he has been combatting dawn raids which have left his copies scattered across the road.

Posters

Posters stuck on his shop window have increased in their sinister tone — the latest daubed on the back: "We know where you live and we are

coming to get you and your family. See you soon."

Lin Good, manageress at Findlays, has had her bundles stolen on three occasions. *The Times* and *The Sun* were littered across nearby Sunningdale Avenue and dumped in dustbins.

The same problem was reported by Brenda Dudley of Rosehill Newsagents, Rosehill Road.

Four close-circuit cameras costing £1,000 have been installed by Nacem Karim, a partner at Lusted Stores in

Lusted Hall Lane, Biggin Hill.

Security

"We have taken the most stringent security measures. If anyone else wants us to help them with this problem, we would be happy to give them some advice," added Mr Karim.

He made the investment when delivery drivers were threatened on the first day of the News International dispute.

NEWS INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE

SATURDAY DEMONSTRATIONS

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MARCHES BEGIN AT 8.30 PM AT TOWER HILL

2pm March from
Temple tube
to Wapping
19th September

Wednesday evening



News Line

MARCH & RALLY

**FRIDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER**

ASSEMBLE 1.15 PM

ARUNDEL STREET, WC2

MARCH LEAVES 2PM

March through Fleet Street to Wapping

Rally Wellclose Square

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

BRENDA DEAN TONY DUBBINS

HARRY CONROY

Sponsored by Labour District Council (SOGAT) (CIS, CNU, RCU, etc.)

London Reg. no. 1011 (Soc. 1011) (Soc. 1011)

London Branch 811 (Soc. 1011) (Soc. 1011)

Printed by the News International

Morning Star,
20th September

PRINT union SOGAT general secretary Brenda Dean faced heavy criticism from representatives of Fleet Street members on Thursday night when she informed them of the executive council's decision to ballot members on Rupert Murdoch's offer to the sacked workers.

Ms. Dean agreed to call for trade union support for the demonstration at Wapping on September 27 called by the Liaison Committee for the defence of Trade Unions, if it is stewarded by SOGAT members.



RESIDENTS SUPPORT THE PRINTWORKERS

JOIN THE PRINTERS AND
TENANTS DEMONSTRATION!

ASSEMBLE: GLAMIS ROAD/HIGHWAY E1
8.30pm, SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

TO MARCH ON
FORTRESS WAPPING!

NO
STERILE AREAS
IN TOWER
HAMLETS!



Resident's march
at Wapping Lane



25p
**WAPPING
Post**
(no. 10)
SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 1986

THOUSANDS REJECT OFFER

On September 25 a mass meeting of sacked printworkers passed a resolution in which they totally rejected "the latest final offer from News International".

The resolution went on to call for "an escalation of the dispute" and the expulsion of the EETPU from the TUC.

The meeting was called as part of a campaign to achieve a rejection by the sacked strikers of the latest News International offer.

A spokesman said "the thousands present were clearly not interested in compensation and recognition for scabs." The meeting called on the TUC and other unions "to actively support the Wapping dispute."

A FORTRESS Wapping embarkation point on Friday, the police van, the RIRMA "Scabs' Night Out" ran into September 12 looking forward to their boat trip "reward" for 50 sacked printworkers and their supporters interrupted the scabs' jolly jaunt on the Thames at Charing Cross pier. The scabs, escorted by only three policemen, arrived at the

Pickets, determined to give them a warm reception, gathered at the pierhead at 7.05pm greeted the arriving inhabitants of the Fortress with a hail of flour bombs, bags of ink, tomatoes and oil. Two minibuses of would-be sailors, late arrivals, took one look at the scene and hurriedly departed. At one point pickets seized the gangplank, hoping to make the scabs walk it, but the arrival of police reinforcements forced a retreat and the boat left the pier half-empty. The pickets then surrounded

Meanwhile every bridge along the Thames was invaded by police looking for pickets who were attempting to continue the barrage as the boat passed beneath. The pickets, returning to the pier at 11pm were told that the boat had been forced to dock on the other side of the river and the man tidying up said if he'd known they were Murdoch scabs he'd never have allowed them to hire the boat. As we go to press we're not sure whether the boat was the Marie Celeste or the Titanic.

**LIAISON COMMITTEE
FOR THE DEFENCE OF TRADE UNIONS.**
NEWS INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE.

NATIONAL MARCH & RALLY
in support of the
6,000 SACKED PRINTWORKERS
on
SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 1986

ASSEMBLE TOWER HILL AT 7.30pm
MARCH TO THE FORTRESS - 8.00pm

COME IN YOUR THOUSANDS, BRING YOUR FAMILIES,
BRING YOUR BANNERS: SHOW MURDOCH & MAGGIE
THAT THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT
JUST LIKE THE PRINTWORKERS WILL NOT GO AWAY.

NATIONAL T.U. & LABOUR SPEAKERS
UNITED WE CAN WIN

SOGAT - NGA - AUEW - NUJ

Picket no.26

Sunday 28th October

The "East London Advertiser" claims to represent real Eastenders. This newspaper recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. It did so with a pull-out supplement outlining major events in recent East End history. It showed this and it showed that. But nowhere, not once, in not one single half inch of column space, did it say a single thing about Cable Street and about East London's magnificent turnout to block Moseley and his marching Fascists in the 1930s. Lies, damned lies, and journalism.

Reading an account of recent excavations, in a copy of "The London Archeologist". Unlikely though it may seem, this august publication contained information that is of interest. It refers to a site that lies on Ratcliffe Highway, directly south of St George's in the East. What was that site? It was the sight of a Fort. Not, as you may suspect, some ancient ancestor of Rupert Murdoch's "Fortress Wapping". No, this is another fort. It is a fortification erected in 1642, at the start of the English Civil War. Or - let us not distort history - at the start of the English Revolution.

Suffice to say that in 1642, the people of London (sick to the back teeth with the corruption, greed and idleness of the Royal Court, the King and his hangers-on) drove the King out of London. But in order to ensure that he never returned they set to building a wall, a massive military defence all around the City of London. This wall was enormous. It was massive. It was made of earth and stone, with an accompanying ditch. On its outside, it was eighteen feet high. It was nine feet thick at its base. And it was eighteen miles long. It ran from Wapping, all round through Mile End, Brick Lane and Whitechapel, right through to Westminster and Vauxhall and then back, on the other side of the river, to Rotherhithe.

Writers of that period describe how 20,000 people - approximately a tenth of the population of London at that time, picked up shovels and earthbaskets and went, every day for months, to help build this wall. Imagine what an incredible fact - of resistance and of struggle - that must have been.

John Milton, writing in 1644, describes how the people of London laboured not only in defence of their city against Royalists, extortionists and oppressors, but also to build a new world, a world of freedom and ideals;

"Behold now this vast city, a city of refuge, the mansion-house of liberty, encompassed and surrounded with God's protection; the shop of war hath not there more anvils and hammers working to fashion out the plates and instruments of armed justice in defence of beleaguered truth, than there be pens and heads there, sitting by their studious lamps, musing, searching, revolving new notions and ideas, wherewith to present, as with their homage and their fealty, the approaching reformation; others as fast reading, trying all things, assenting to the force of reason and conviction."

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Saturday 4th October 12.30pm
Aldgate East tube
March to commemorate battle
of Cable St 50 years ago
organisers plan some kind of
march towards picnic/speeches

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**CASUAL
MARCH**

TO SEABS AT 2.30pm ON
**FRIDAY
3rd OCTOBER**

LONDON MACHINE UNATTACHED
CHAPEL INVITES
ALL PRINTWORKERS
TO OUR TRAFFIC
JAMMING MARCH

ASSEMBLE AT THAMES INN
HOLBORN NEAR MIRROR BUILDING WITH BANNERS

Wednesday 17th September, Wapping

The evening march went off as scheduled on the 238th day of the strike. Five hundred made the trek to strengthen the picket lines. Pickets discussed how to overturn the ballot; how to shore up and strengthen the will of the weaker elements in the strike, extend successes in picketing and isolate national leadership of the union.

Thursday 18th September, Surrey

from the Saturday Guardian, "Two policemen and a lorry driver were injured when their vehicles were attacked during Thursday night with petrol bombs, bricks and nails by 200 pickets demonstrating about distribution of News International newspapers. Police were called as the crowd gathered at the TNT lorry depot on the Brooklands industrial estate in Byfleet, Surrey. Missiles were hurled into the compound."

"Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians union, the EETPU, was yesterday barred from an electrical workers' conference in Oslo after being barracked outside the hall by Norwegian printers protesting at the EETPU's role in the Wapping dispute."

Friday 19th September, Wapping

Good spirit as over a thousand striking printers and supporters marched from Temple tube in the afternoon. As it passed thru Fleet St groups of workers assembled in front of their temporary workplaces to cheer the marchers on. When the march arrived at Wapping the arranged speakers didn't have the nerve to show up.

No Surrender

Saturday 20th September, Wapping

While 400 pickets took part in the regular bash from Tower Hill, local residents led printworkers and other trade union members in the third march organised by Tower Hamlets Printworkers Support Group. About 1500 set off from Glamis Rd along The Highway to Butchers Row then west down Commercial Rd, then south on Cannon Street Rd past the Cable Street Mural to King David Lane and onto The Highway again. The march arrived and stayed at Wapping Lane some time to jeer the assorted low-life from Fortress Wapping as it scuttled off at speed through the back streets of Wapping to escape by Thomas More St and St Katherine's Way, possibly later than usual. After the local march had returned to Glamis Rd to hold a brief vigil before dispersing several groups of pickets took up positions in the area to stone and harass vulnerable scab vehicles throughout the small hours, unmolested by the scum. The hapless bluebottles were given a comprehensive run-around. Frayed tempers frequently snapped and several local residents were stopped from going home by the police.

Wednesday 24th September, Wapping

In the daytime several residents stand for an hour at Wapping Lane to scab off the strikebreakers.

A slow march to Wapping from Tower Hill in good weather. Yet another solid response to TUC 5 proposal to surrender. No matter how neutered these marches have become thru Co-operation with the police, these marches are still necessary as an efficient way of bringing numbers to the picket line.

Thursday 25th September, meeting

About eleven or twelve hundred rallied at Westminster Central Hall to oppose the deal. Most sections of the strike are involved in this meeting but there are also some other meetings to oppose the deal.

Thursday 25th September, Wapping

Going down to Wapping for a few hours even if it is "boring". More boring to stay at home. Feel better for it. "Scab".

Friday 26th September, Wapping

Assembled at Tower Hill in the morning for a surprise march. Scab bus loading up. Several pickets rush up to confront it but pulls away. 2-250 fill street for an impromptu march. Scab bus coming by. Pickets try to stand in front of it and kick and pound on the sides but gets past. Lone police van follows, revving up engine to try to provoke the pickets, instead it breaks down twice. March proceeds along The Highway, then north on Ensign and east on Cable, down Cannon St Rd to The Highway again and over to Wellclose. Ranks are showing, Candidates have not. Police strikebreakers are concentrated in Virginia St.



Saturday 27th September, Wapping

Thousands from Socialist groups swell the 92nd march to Wapping. Unfortunately they don't stay long. Later the police make some arrests when pushing a few hundred off The Highway at Virginia St but an hour later it is retaken for a brief period as police numbers dwindle. Later numbers of pickets congregate at several points, including one hundred at Wapping in the middle of the night to jeer scabs. The police strikebreakers have trouble getting their lorries out as several juggernauts are bricked several times.

South Wales Echo 27th August

Union order printers to scrap demo

HUNDREDS OF South Wales print workers have been told by their union to stay away from Wapping this weekend.

The Wales and the West branch of SOGAT '82 had planned a march and rally on Saturday at News International headquarters.

But they have been ordered by their national president to cancel the demonstration at Mr Rupert Murdoch's London printing plant.

A local official said there was a worry that another union were holding a rally on the same day and any trouble could mean "legal ramifications" for SOGAT.

A High Court judge

recently banned them from mass picketing and restricted protests to six pickets at the main entrance.

Withdrawn

They were also warned about organising demonstrations or marches which involved "commission of wrongful acts" like nuisance or obstruction.

A letter cancelling this weekend's rally has been

issued from the Wales and the West branch headquarters at Pontypriid.

It says that the event — previously sanctioned by the union's head office — had to be called off because permission had been withdrawn.

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers are organising a demonstration on Saturday afternoon.

A spokesman for the SOGAT branch said they were "more than disappointed" by the head office instruction and would be seeking a detailed explanation for the last-minute decision.

About 500 people were expected to travel from South Wales and the West Country for a protest including a march from Tower Hill to Wapping — the centre of the row over the sacking of print workers.

- Corrections to previous issue:
 1. scab Martin Barber has moved
 2. scab Alan Alltimes has left Wapping
 3. scab Alan Butcher has moved
 4. Wally Edmunds is in charge of maintenance not machines
- Letter from Bristol:

Western Webb Offset used to print Murdoch's News of the World at a factory off Bath Rd. in Bristol until flying pickets from Wapping stopped one whole delivery losing them the contract. This was well over 2 months ago so it's old news, but when somebody found another disused building of theirs it seemed an ideal place to squat for a benefit towards the printers struggle.



Early on picketing in Bristol

- Clerical scab: Gerry Antill, 3 Milton Cottages, 109 Butchers La, Meworth, Kent
- Times NUJ scab: Clifford Longley, 24 Broughton Rd, Farnborough, Kent, 0689 57812
- EETPU scab worked as a milkman for the Co-op before recruitment to Wapping; Peter Drinkwater, 6 Pondercroft Hatfield, Herts 63781

Concise written contributions welcome

Income: £5 NGA minder; £5 Southampton; 60p Leicestershire; 50p picket; £1, £13.50 NGA strikers; £2.67 bookshop sales; £5.90 clerical strikers; 30p green; £5 whip; £5 ST NGA machine; £25.50 sales of part 3; £10 S. Mirror warehous; 27p machine striker NoW; £2 casual machine; £2.52 ST machine strikers; £5 Corby

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LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE PRINTWORKERS

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... AND AT THE TUC CONFERENCE

On the Monday morning of the Brighton TUC conference delegates' attention was drawn to the lobby outside in support of the printworkers and calling for sanctions against apartheid.

In spite of this being a large and militant lobby LGSP was disappointed to see two large photographs stuck onto the Sunday Times NGA banner. The photographs were of Andrew Neil (the Sunday Times editor) posing with the late Vikki de Lambray (the gay socialite). Several gay and straight people on the lobby asked the printers holding the banner to remove the photographs pointing out that they were offensive and anti-gay. They should just have concentrated on Andrew Neil - a boss who hates trades unions and gays. The LGSP member in the lobby reminded the printers there of how we had supported them - fundraising, picketing etc. And he asked for them to show solidarity with us and remove the offending posters. The printers accepted this and the photographs were removed. The banner was later shown on national TV minus the photographs. We felt this was a great step forward and something of a victory. Trade unionists are starting to see that the rights of lesbians and gay men are a serious issue, but it is still clear that we have to fight all the way to get and maintain them.

RIGHT ROYAL POLICE CHARGE

July 23rd was a special day for both striking printworkers and LGSP. We had gathered at Wapping to oppose not just the sacking of 5,600 printworkers but also the sham of the royal wedding, including the total disruption of central London with full police co-operation.

As vast sums of money were being spent on a couple of parasites' celebration of heterosexuality and privilege (the royal wedding) thousands of workers have been dumped on the dole, to join the millions already on the poverty line. Fortress Wapping celebrates the marriage between the British State and multinational business corporations.

On July 23rd the first march left Lower Hill at 11am taking the police by surprise and blocking the entrance of the scab plant for several hours. The LGSP banner was late but made up for lost time by leading an impromptu march of 600 printworkers and supporters to Wellclose Square and nearby streets. It was an event in itself to have a lesbian and gay banner leading a group of striking workers.

In spite of the carnival atmosphere the police made their usual point - a mounted charge on the marchers. These brave helmeted boys entered the true spirit of the wedding with the royal wave, truncheons in hand.

DANGER: POLICE AT WORK

As lesbians and gay men we have always been wary of the police. So their activities at Wapping have been of great concern to us. When LGSP first put in an appearance at a Wapping demonstration we knew that if the printworkers decided to turn against us we could not look to the police for help. In the event we were well received by the printworkers and they have been grateful and appreciative of our support.

The issues of policing at Wapping are fundamental to this dispute and yet are broader than most are prepared to acknowledge. When the police have rioted, intimidated and harassed the strikers and their supporters this has only ever been condemned in the context of a simple trade union local dispute.

The increased politicization and militarization of the police have come about through non-trade union situations. Many of the tactics seen at Wapping - snatch squads, baton charges and the use of cameras and surveillance equipment - have been learnt in Northern Ireland. And they have been perfected and refined in our inner city riots. The police are now in a position to harass and intimidate any group they want - all in the name of law and order.

The political parties, Labour included, have ignored these threatening developments. Labour has ignored the dangers in an effort to remain "respectable". They have concentrated on attacking the waste of resources, of how we should have local policing. Residents of the local boroughs - especially black people - are well aware of police harassment on their streets. They are probably grateful for Wapping in taking some of the local police off their streets on Saturday nights. It is time for people to recognise the links between groups under attack - lesbians and gay men, blacks, the working class and the unemployed - whether or not they are involved in a trade dispute.

4th October

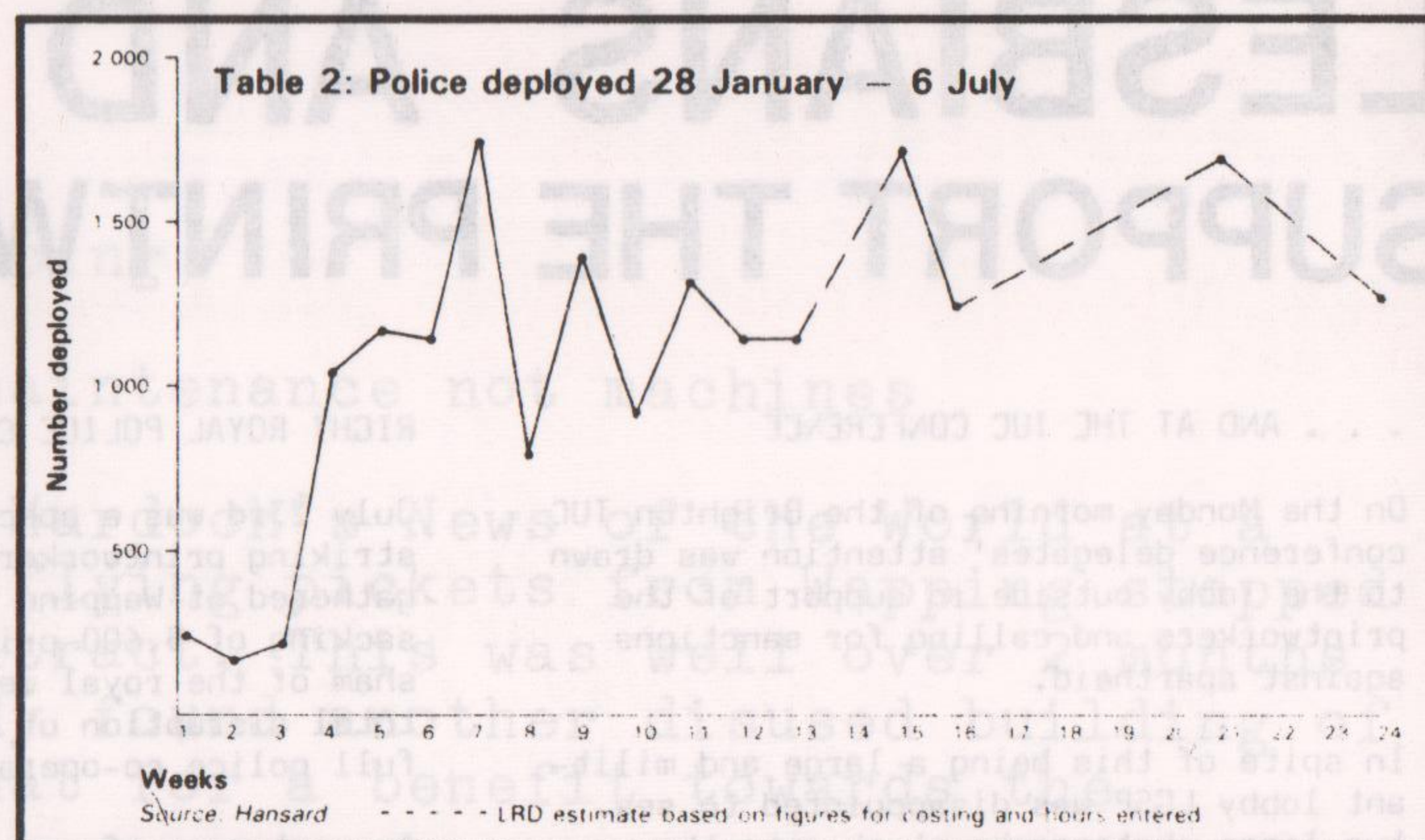
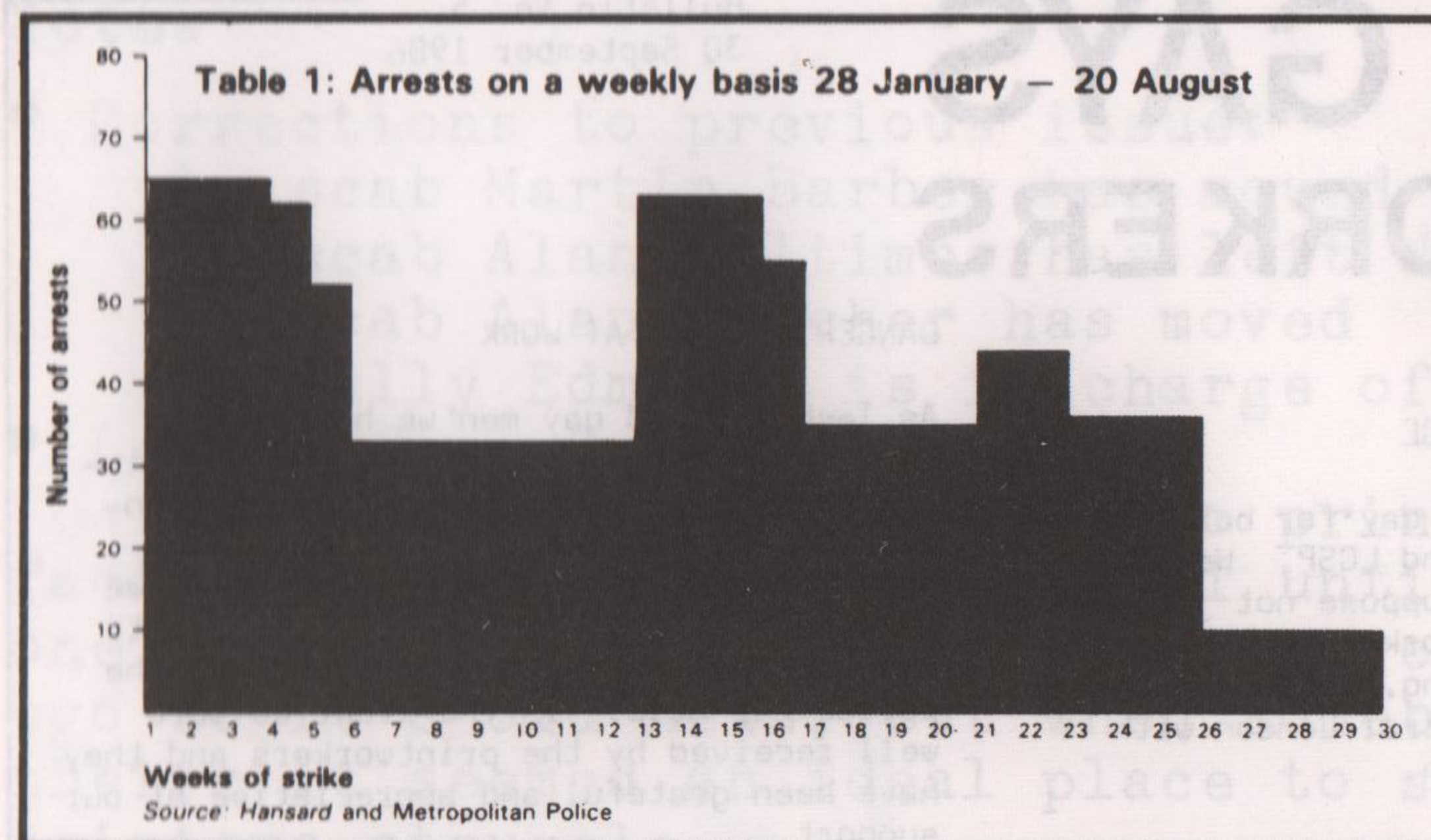


Morning Star

HIGH COURT, STRAND
THURSDAY, 2nd OCT., 10.30 a.m.
TWO MIRROR N.E.A. GRAPHICS CHAPEL
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FOR DEFENDING TRADE UNIONISM
COME ALONG AND SUPPORT
TOM HARRISON
& **BILLY WELLS**
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THEY NEED YOUR MORAL SUPPORT!!
BE THERE!



News Line



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Telegraph, 7th October

Sogat 'vote to accept' Murdoch peace offer

By Tony Macquire, Industrial Staff

THE 4,000 members of the largest print union, Sogat '82 are believed to have voted narrowly to accept Mr Rupert Murdoch's £58 million peace offer to end the protracted Wapping dispute.

More selections from "A year of our lives"

PICKETS

The purpose of this book isn't to tell the tale of the pickets, their heroism, their tactics or the things they encountered.....that will come out in the next one. Suffice to say, from the day the call first went out for pickets, to the day we finally marched back to work, Hatfield pickets put up a show second to none, indeed their positive and daring approach had made them nationally respected.

Our 'flyers' were from the start in the teeth of the struggle and as such, they took a heavy toll of casualties and arrests. From the first unofficial day of picketing with the Armthorpe lads, almost for the first five months of the strike, the two sets of pickets fought side by side. In the early months of the strike, the pickets were directed by federated H.Q.s, each more or less within their own autonomy of direction and planning, only calling upon each others resources when assistance was required or a big joint venture planned. The Doncaster planning centre was virtually the centre of the storm troops, it had almost twice as many as the next biggest force of pickets, and three times more than the North Yorkshire centre. Within the Doncaster hard-corps, Armthorpe and Hatfield were regarded as the 'crack' troops.

However, it wasn't too long before the police became aware of this fact, and set up their own tracking unit, which would hold itself in reserve for the appearance of the Hatfield and Armthorpe men, and deploy some of their hardest characters to the scene. For this reason the Doncaster H.Q. had to forcibly split up and realign the two branches for no other purpose than to give them a rest from the continuous rough treatment they had been receiving for weeks without respite.

Considering those facts and the earlier targeting of Hatfield as a hotbed of revolution in 1974, it was not surprising (in retrospect), that when they planned to take in the token scabs, they would come with an army of screaming psychopaths. They chose to invade Hatfield on the 21st of August and Armthorpe the day after, on the 22nd. When they came, they were fully aware that the strength of the miners rested in the unstinting support of the community. In their eyes, therefore, the community at large, the women-folk, the children and the local shopkeepers, were also the enemy. They would be shown no more mercy than the pickets themselves when the time came.

The slow witted among the coterie of 'left groups' to intervene into the dispute, and to pass judgement since it ended have only seen the 'sharp end' of the struggle as being relevant. The clashes with the forces of law and order, the 'Mollie McGuire's' and the scenes which predominated the T.V. screens had largely been the scenes which had predominated their thinking also. They had seen these street battles and acts of defiance to the States' forces as the most important examples of class action. More far sighted folk, among them, some of the local anarchists around 'Black Flag' etc, have seen that it was the community response at large which was indicative of advanced working class resistance.

Although the passage of time will doubtless leave the scenes of Orgreave and Ollerton fresh in the mind; the ways in which tens upon tens of thousands of people lived and organised themselves for a full year, will fade from the collective memory. Yet this village, and these others around the pit became the frontier of working class resistance.

How did the vast majority of people live for twelve months with nothing, or next to nothing in terms of welfare and state aid? How did they feed themselves, organise their lives, still manage the odd beer and the social? Ask the question now of friends and neighbours, and they invariably say "I hardly know myself!" But organise they did, more importantly, they didn't adopt an 'every man for himself' attitude, but organised collectively, for each other. Showed that in the teeth of overwhelming opposition from the outside, when the people, women, children and men stood together, they could take it on and still come through it smiling.....just!

The Scab Watch Team.

A major component of minimising the number of possible scabs was the scab patrol. The community was a strength of the strike, a person standing among his workmates and neighbours was part of his character and life, to abandon the community and cross the line was to take a violent turn against the community. It was a great deterrent. Scabs would of necessity go to extraordinary lengths to avoid detection, not greatly because of the threat of violence, but rather the threat of lifelong social ostracism. The scab patrol was 50% detection and 50% treatment. It would identify possible waverers, certain men would test out the water by talking about ragging the strike in and going back to work, just to see what sort of reaction they would get. Some people were isolated and particularly vulnerable

Picket

No. 27 4th October 1986 5.00pm

N.O.W. Who pulls hardest gets most of the blanket

Football Results

FIRST DIVISION			MULTIPART LEAGUE		
1 Chelsea @ Charlton 1	14 Bradford @ Sheff. Utd 1	26 Chester @ Bris. C 3	38 Bangor Gainsborough	SCOTTISH FIRST	
2 Coventry @ A. Villa 1	15 C. Palace @ Millwall 1	27 Darlington @ Bournemouth 3	39 Burton Barrow	49 Airdrie @ Q. of S 3	
3 Everton @ Arsenal 1	16 Huddersfield @ Derby 0	28 Doncaster Carlisle OFF	40 Hyde Marine	50 Clyde @ Morton 2	
4 Man. City @ Leicester 2	17 Hull @ Ipswich 1	29 Gillingham @ Bury 0	41 Rhyll Morecombe	51 Dumbarton @ Partick 2	
5 Norwich @ Q.P.R. 0	18 Reading @ Blackburn 0	30 Port Vale @ Fulham 1	42 Southport Matlock	52 Forfar @ Dunfermline 3	
6 Nottm. Forest @ Man. Utd 1	19 Shrewsbury @ Grimsby 1	31 York @ Mansfield 3		53 Kilmarnock @ E. Fife 1	
7 Sheff. Wed @ Oxford 1	20 Sunderland @ Portsmouth 0			54 Montrose @ Brechin 2	
8 Southampton @ Newcastle 1	21 West Brom. @ Oldham 0	FOURTH DIVISION			SCOTTISH SECOND
9 Tottenham @ Luton 0		32 Burnley @ Preston 4	SCOTTISH PREMIER		
10 Watford @ West Ham 2	22 Blackpool @ Walsall 1	33 Cardiff @ Crewe 1	43 Aberdeen @ Motherwell 2	55 Albion @ Berwick 0	
11 Wimbledon @ Liverpool 3	23 Bolton @ Notts C 1	34 Hereford @ Peterborough 0	44 Celtic @ St. Mirren 0	56 Alloa @ Queen's P 1	
SECOND DIVISION			45 Clydebank @ Dundee 2	57 Arbroath @ E. Stirling 0	
12 Birmingham @ Barnsley 1	24 Brentford @ Newport 0	35 Northampton @ Aldershot 2	46 Dundee Utd. @ Falkirk 0	58 Cowden @ M'dowbank 2	
	25 Bris. Rov. @ Chesterfield 2	36 Orient @ Southend 0	47 Hamilton @ Hibernian 4	— St. Johnstone @ Stranraer 3	
		37 Rochdale @ Exeter 0	48 Hearts @ Rangers 1	— Sten'muir @ Raith 2	
				— Stirling @ Ayr 1	

Saturday 27th September Additional. Later at night, scab white vans bricked in several places. News received (though scarce) of picketing successes in Brixton.

Monday 29th September. The Southampton (EETPU) Scab Coach arrived along the Embankment spat on time. By the Temple Inn, one or two heavy stones were thrown. The driver stopped just past the red traffic lights. The doors opened and the scabs rushed to get off, to waylay the so-called villains, when from Temple Avenue and John Carpenter Street more pickets (or so-called villains) emerged with even more, heavier stones to lash at the scabs. Immediately the doors slammed and the infamous scab driver sped off. What the driver did not know was that there were more pickets along the Embankment, and once through the Blackfriars Underpass, more pickets were smashing the front windscreen, and his radio would not work through the Underpass. Every picket escaped un-nicked, and the windowless scab coach arrived (on time) at Wapping.

The Lofty Heights. A short while ago, "Lofty" attends a Print Workers' strike fund-raising benefit. Next thing, he's jilted. This week on morning TV, he was interviewed, and as soon as he said he supported the printers, the interviewer cut off.

Blackpool Trip: Wednesday 1st October. In the early hours of last Wednesday, a small but determined crowd eagerly awaited the arrival of their anticipated executive coach to Blackpool from Britannia Street. On boarding, all hopes of a luxury trip were soon dispelled. The video was not working, as was the toilet, and coffee and tea-making facilities.

Stops along the motorway soon got the message as to our object. Stickers and leaflets appeared in all the usual places. Arriving at Blackpool about 11.45am, we quickly made our presence felt, dispersing with newsagents placards advertising the merits of reading the *Sun*.

Outside the conference we set up shop and distributed leaflets, bags and hats, and put our message to the locals. *Sun* readers in Blackpool were not hard to find. They seemed around everywhere one looked. On visiting a club, a member counted 25 reading Murdoch's Wapping rubbish.

Cross talk to a group of electricians ended with a victory for SOGAT, when gave them some home truths. The Blackpool police, although still our enemy, were much more bearable than the Met filth.

A special mention should be given to two young sons of a member who travelled with us. They quickly learnt the whipround we had for them, spreading the word among the Blackpool crowds. It was suggested we borrow the 12 donkeys on the beach, take them back to Wapping, put on our visors and storm the gates. A contented and tired bunch arrived back at Kings Cross about 11.15pm, with another job well done.